

# Regarding Roses

## Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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## President's Message By Pat Stanford

January 2012

I wish all of our Tallahassee Area Rose Society members a happy and prosperous New Year. I hope it will bring many beautiful roses to your gardens!

I'm not real big on making resolutions. (I have been known to break them - so I won't ask you to make any either). Instead, how about making a commitment? A commitment to come to meetings. A commitment to be involved in a committee and to learn something new. A commitment to *teach* what you know.

I am looking forward to a busy and productive year for our society. The Board has met and we feel that we have gotten off to a great *start* in filling our committees. Several of you answered the e-mail I sent right after the year began.

Thank you! This is repeated in this newsletter on page 3.

While our big event is our rose show in October, I think we have scheduled some very informative programs for our monthly meetings.

We plan to have a pruning demonstration, garden visits and the annual picnic.

We will continue care and maintenance of the Peace Rose Garden in the chain of parks that begins with replacing ALL of them. More on that later.

Finally, I want to extend our sincere welcome to all of our new members. We look forward to seeing you and our continuing members at our meetings this year.

*Pat Stanford*

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### January Agenda

- You may bring your 2012 membership dues to the meeting.
- Report of the happenings at the DSD Mid-Winter meeting.
- The Peace Garden rose plants are coming. There will be an update on plans and the progress to date.
- More information on the Old Garden Rose Sale will be presented. Get your questions answered.
- Learn more about the Culture of Old Garden Roses.
- If you have input for programs that would interest you or activities for the society, please share them.
- Meet the new members of the board and the newly appointed Committee Chairs.

### Society Meeting

Date: Thursday, 19, 2012

Time: Time 7:00 p.m.

Place: Jubilee Cottage at Goodwood Museum and Gardens

Program: John Sullivan will be giving us an update on the roses at Goodwood. Find out what the volunteers have been doing and what plans and events are coming up.

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## My Favorite Rose— Sterling Silver By Sue Hansen

When asked to pick my favorite rose, I know which one comes first to mind, but then I hesitate. I love Scintillating, which I have nicknamed "Peppermint Patty" because of the red and white stripes. And I love Tahitian Sunset, which I call "Flo" because of the vibrant, warm colors

somehow make me think of the waitress Flo on the TV show Mel's Diner. But closest to my heart is *Sterling Silver*, because it was my mother's favorite rose. She grew hundreds of hybrid teas at our home in New Jersey, and won many prizes. She often set the dinner table (continued on Page 2)



*Sterling Silver*  
(Hybrid Tea)

### Special Notes

- Volunteer at Goodwood Saturday mornings 9:00 a.m. till noon. Contact John Sullivan, joh4@aol.com for more information.
- Attend DSD Mid-Winter Meeting "Champions of Roses" in Gainesville, FL.

### ***My Favorite Rose*** (continued)

with a vase of roses. I struggle to grow hybrid teas here, wrestle with the conflict of wanting to be environmentally friendly and avoid the use of chemicals. But if I could grow *Sterling Silver*, I think I would.

### ***Goodwood Rose 2012 Sale***

The Goodwood rose volunteers are finalizing plans for the 2012 sale. The plants look great! You may contact John Sullivan at 850-727-8636 or joh4@aol.com for more information. We plan to have a listing of plants at the meeting. There are some new varieties offered as well as the tried and true favorites. The sale will begin Saturday, February 11 at 9:00 am. The sale continues on Friday and Saturday mornings until plants are sold.

### ***January Consulting Rosarian Report***

*By Bill and Mary Maud Sharpe*

We like January because it gives us a chance to start over with a new year and new plans for our roses. We have resolved to do a better job of taking care of our roses and are looking forward to a great spring bloom. Last year we planted two Peggy Martin roses (the rose that survived Katrina) and they have just recently had a couple of blooms. It is hard to believe this rose is beginning to bloom in December/January.

January is basically planning and get ready time for rosarians in our area. Decide which roses you will keep and which new ones you will add to your garden. Order or purchase new roses early for best selection. If you plan to move any of your roses to a new location, our dormant time late January or February is best. Cutting extended roots with a shovel prior to moving is generally recommended. Take as much surrounding soil as you can as you make the move. Remember to water well.

Inventory your tools and supplies and make your purchases for the growing season. Check your sprayer and your irrigation system (if you have one).

Resolve to keep records of when and what you use for fertilizers and spray materials. Records are better than memories.

Please wait until mid February to prune roses. You'll be glad you did.

If you have questions, ask other rosarians at the meeting. They will be pleased to share their experiences with you.

### ***DSD Mid-Winter Meeting***

"Champions of Roses" will be hosted by the Bradenton-Sarasota Rose Society and will be held January 13-15, 2012 in Gainesville, FL. TARS Bronze Medal winners, Jim and Martha Dooley, will be recognized at the Saturday banquet. There is an exhibitor's workshop planned for Friday afternoon and a consulting rosarian school on Sunday morning. We are glad that some of our members are planning to attend.

### ***Minutes of The Tallahassee Area Rose Society, November 17, 2011***

The monthly meeting of the Tallahassee Area Rose Society was held at 7:00 pm at Goodwood Museum and Gardens in the Jubilee Cottage. President Bill Dority presided. The minutes of the October 20 meeting were approved as presented in the newsletter. The Treasurer's report was also accepted as presented. The president urged members to attend the mid-winter meeting of the DSD to be held in Gainesville on January 13-15.

Stan Rosenthal, Leon County Extension Service, presented the program on soils and their importance in growing quality roses. He had soil test kits available and discussed the importance of soil testing. He answered member questions.

The president presented the TARS member of the year award to John Sullivan. The president also presented the ARS Bronze Medal recipients for the year, Jim and Martha Dooley, with certificates and medals.

The election of officials for the 2012 year was held. Jennie Myers, a member of the nominating committee, presented the committee's report: President—Pat Stanford, Vice-President—Marilyn Watson, Secretary—Lennie Kennedy, Treasurer—Mary Maud Sharpe, Board Members—Carlos Boueres, John Sullivan and Bill Dority (Past President). The report was accepted and the nominees were elected by acclimation.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm and members enjoyed refreshments. During the refreshment time a workshop was presented on ways to test soil for proper drainage.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary Maud Sharpe*, Acting Secretary

### ***Peace Rose Garden***

We have ordered thirty two new *Peace* rose plants on fortuniana rootstock from Cool Roses. They will be delivered to us at the DSD Mid-Winter meeting in Gainesville. The date for reworking the beds and planting is Wednesday, February 1. Volunteers are needed. Contact Jim and Martha Dooley 850-342-1711 or Bill and Mary Maud Sharpe 850-878-9625.

### ***How to Protect Your Roses In Winter***

There will be handouts with tips on what to do before and after cold winter nights.

### ***Dues are Due***

Dues for 2012 are due and a membership form is enclosed. We hope that you will join us for an exciting year of rose programs and activities that the board has planned. Remember to invite others to visit our meetings and activities. Everyone who loves roses is welcomed to be a member. Trial membership in the American Rose Society is free to new members of TARS.

## ***Message to Members***

This message was e-mailed to members earlier. President Pat Stanford would like input from all members and it is therefore included in "Regarding Roses". Please respond to her as soon as possible.

Happy New Year Everyone!  
I wish for a very happy and prosperous year for us all.

You are probably NOT thinking of your roses much right now or our dear Rose Society, but would you take a moment to think about where you might like to *serve* in our Society this year? Do you have a talent or ability that you feel is not being utilized as a TARS member? Are you curious about learning something new?

Your board of directors has met to begin our task of putting talents and abilities together with the various committees that we need to have a successful year. We would like to know if you have a desire to fill one as chair or member **OR** if you have done so last year, if you would like to continue.

### **Brief descriptions of these are:**

**CR (Consulting Rosarian)** – secures current list of all CR's from ARS to maintain a current list, notifies TARS CR's that it is time to re-certify and when the opportunities to do so are; reminds CR's to turn in Roses in Review; remind CR's to send in a yearly CR report to DSD Chair; hold meetings with the CR's to discover opportunities to speak at local events, recruit new CR's and schedule CR's to write articles for the newsletter and/or other publications of TARS; to present programs; also be available at TARS meetings to answer questions regarding rose horticulture problems.

**Door Prizes** – Provides or otherwise obtains 2 door prizes for each monthly meeting (One for visitors/new members and one general door prize). The general door prize should coincide with the workshop portion of the monthly meeting for added interest and fun.

**Education/Info** - Maintains an accurate list of rose-related organizations & companies to get info & products for all public TARS activities; Collect & store Handouts, catalogs, membership forms, etc for all TARS activities; Provide and info table at monthly meetings.

**Historian** - Records events and history of TARS (**this has been started on the website**) – need pictures and publicity articles from all media; Keeps copies of all newsletters, articles written in other areas written by TARS members; Keeps photos taken at events; Keeps a TARS "Memory Book" to bring to meetings upon request.

**Hospitality** – Responsible for enlisting help and coordinating refreshments at the monthly meetings; organizes and enlists help at the annual Picnic held in May.

**Member** – Coordinate "membership events" to attract rose growers to visit/join our Society; Provide name tags at all meetings; Have membership forms and TARS brochures available at all public functions of TARS.

**Programs** - Obtains speakers/programs for regular meet-

ings and also special events approved by the Board.

**Publications** – Responsible for all publications of TARS (yearbook, rose show schedule, tour books, newsletter and other publications or mail-outs the Board approves); Distribute these publications to members in cooperation with the Board.

**Publicity** – Responsible for publicity for ALL events with local media to include newspaper, TV, radio, magazines; Publicizes monthly meetings and special events open to the public in any of the above; Supplies local media with info and photo ops well in advance of the event for best coverage possible. **A list has been started by one of our members with contact info for local media, which you will need to update as you discover changes.**

**Rose Tour** – Selects at least 4 well kept gardens in different neighborhoods; Responsible for the descriptions of the gardens and does the mapping, general directions and any other info included in the tour book; Works with Publicity Chair to promote this event; Provides tour signs and picks them up after the event.

**Rose Show** – Notifies ARS of the show date; Order supplies in conjunction with needs of various show committees, Oversees the monthly progress of all show committees; Oversees set-up and tear down of the show; Furnishes list of winners to ARS & DSD bulletin editor. **A notebook will be provided you to help you with tasks.**

**Website** – Work with members to provide additional information for the website. This was started and maintained by a member who has logged MANY hours on it. **While this member will continue, he would appreciate a hand with obtaining photos of TARS events, and member gardens as well as other areas. If you are interested, I will ask him to contact you.**

PLEASE check out our website if you have not already done so: [www.tallahasseearearosesociety.org](http://www.tallahasseearearosesociety.org)

Please see me or one of the board members at the January meeting. We'd like to get these committees finalized before the February meeting.

Thank you.  
See you at the January meeting!

Pat Stanford  
2012 TARS President

### ***Hospitality Committee***

If you would like to help with refreshments at the January meeting, please contact Martha Dooley, 850-342-1711 or [jkdoley@embarqmail.com](mailto:jkdoley@embarqmail.com). The "goodies" are always good and we want to thank members who have shared "goodies" at prior meetings.

**Perseverance is not a long race. It is many short races one after the other.**

*Walter Elliot*

## Upcoming Society Programs

**January 19:** John Sullivan will highlight the Old Garden Rose project, opportunities to volunteer and discuss the upcoming February sale.

**February 16:** Sue Hansen will present a profile of her gardening efforts. This will be the second in this series of garden profiles.

**March 15:** The Society CR's will give you tips on growing better roses and will take questions from the membership.

**April 19:** Arranging roses that anyone can do

**May 17:** (No Planned Program) Covered Dish Picnic

## Calendar of Local Society Events

**January 19—Society Meeting**

**February 16—Society Meeting**

**February 18—Pruning Demonstration**

**March 15—Society Meeting**

**April 19—Society Meeting**

**May 6—Open Gardens**

**May 17—Society Covered Dish Picnic**

## Rose Shows:

**April 27-28-Thomasville 91st Rose Show.** Contact Rick Thomas 800-234-9536, e-mail rthomas@rose.net.

**October 27-28—Tallahassee Area 28th Rose Show.**

## DSD Events:

**January 13-15—DSD Mid-Winter Meeting**

**“Champions of Roses”- Gainesville, FL.** Contact Vincent Celeste, 941-358-6991, vincentceleste@verizon.net or Connie Vierbicky, 941-922-6006, gatorrosequeen@verizon.net.

**DSD Judging School-** Date and Location TBA soon.

## ARS Events:

**June 1-3-ARS Multi Regional Arrangement Judging School-Franklin, TN.** Contact Sandy Dixon, 904-778-2887, e-mail sandydixon@comcast.net.

## Information

**The Tallahassee Area Rose Society meetings** are at 7:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month except June, July, and December at the Jubilee Cottage, Goodwood Museum and Gardens.

**Membership:** Annual dues are \$10 individual, \$15 joint. Contact the treasurer, Mary Maud Sharpe, 850-878-9625, WJMMSHARPE@AOL.COM

**The Deep South District** of the ARS issues a quarterly E-mail copy of the Bulletin for \$10 a year or \$25 for three years. Printed copies are \$15.00 a year or \$40.00 for three years. Kay Harrell, DSDBulletin@fairmarsh.com

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