

Regarding Roses

Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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President's Message By Bill Dority

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Hang on folks, the seed of an idea is bursting forth for our Historic Society. So, grab hold for the ride or else you are "gonna" miss out on all the fun. It goes like this. Our October meeting is dedicated to the TARS Rose Show, right! Well, we are ready, right! So why not take advantage of the occasion and turn the meeting into a members show to demonstrate and learn the basics of "exhibiting and being a winner" in the Rose Show. The society will provide the fundamental tools, such as vases, entry tag, etc. The members are asked to bring as many of their roses as they can. The roses can be any types or varieties such as Hybrid Teas, Grandifloras, Floribundas, Old Garden Roses, Climbers, Shrubs, Polyanthas, Miniatures or whatever. They must have official approved

exhibition names to be entered. Mister Lincoln, Carefree Beauty or Mrs. B. R. Cant are three correctly named examples. A red rose, Katy Road Pink or a medium pink rose won't hurt. There will be members who can help you identify your rose if you don't know the correct name. We have a goodly number of experienced show people and some ARS judges that will help turn this event into a "Learning by Doing" experience. Our regular meetings start at 7:00 pm. To do all that needs to be done for this occasion, I suggest that some of you, if you can, get there earlier to help setup. I'm planning to get there as soon after 6:00 pm as my daughter can afford. This will be the first of a continuing set of programs on and off site dedicated to

the culture of roses, including soils, pruning, demonstration, open gardens, making arrangements, etc. Try it, you'll like it! Get back to me now.

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Schedule for Society Meeting Rose Show

There are eight classes in horticulture and two classes for arrangements. See the enclosed information about the show. This will help you in deciding which classes to enter. You may enter as many classes as you wish. In classes 1-3 you may make more than one entry, but the entry must be a different variety. Classes 4-7 are limited to one entry per exhibitor. Come, get your questions answered and have fun.

Society Meeting	
Date:	Thursday, 20, 2011
Time:	Time 7:00 p.m.
Place:	Jubilee Cottage at Goodwood Museum and Gardens
Program:	Members only Rose Show—Learn how to exhibit roses. Get tips from the pros. Pat Stanford, show chairman, presenter.

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My Favorite Rose— Papa Meilland By Karen Jackson

For more than 30 years the charm, beauty and fragrance has made *Papa Meilland* my favorite rose. This variety is a wonderful beauty and perfume-producing machine. It has everything you wish for in a rose—beauty, fragrance and vigor. It is a dark red hybrid tea first intro-

duced in 1963 by the Meilland Company of France. *Papa Meilland* is known for its strong old rose fragrance which neighbors claim to be able to smell from 20 feet as they walk by the garden. Flushes of blooms repeat about every six weeks. Bloom may start (continued on Page 2)



Papa Meilland
(Hybrid Tea)

Special Notes

- Volunteer at Goodwood Saturday mornings 9:00 a.m. till noon. Contact John Sullivan, joh4@aol.com for more information.
- Plan to exhibit and volunteer to help at the TARS rose show.
- Go to the DSD Convention and Rose Show in Tampa, November 11-13
- Attend DSD Mid-Winter Meeting in 2012.

My Favorite Rose (continued)

in March and continue until December. The color lightens to a medium red during the summer and the fragrance diminishes a bit. It is a vigorous grower with blooms on long stems and seems to be disease free in Tallahassee. It does not need spraying. It requires full sun. Some of the bushes in my garden are 12 years old and thrive on occasional organic fertilizer. Currently there are 10 foot branches with buds on some of the bushes. The hips are quite large so should lend themselves to making rose hip jam, but I rarely leave a bloom on a plant so have never had enough hips to make a batch.

Papa Meiland has gone in and out of fashion over the years. I first bought plants from the Pickering Nursery in Ontario, but they are no longer available there. It is difficult to propagate, but is still available. Every year I add a few more.

This fall there have been numerous chrysalis of the monarch butterfly on the underside of the leaves. Happily, the caterpillars prefer butterfly weed to the roses so satisfy their appetites. Hummingbirds check out the blooms as well but move to the blue salvia nearby for nectar. I grow them with a dark blue salvia and white impatiens. When all goes well, I have a red, white and blue flowers for the celebration of Independence Day and Bastille Day.

I keep small vases of *Papa Meiland* roses as sweet companions by the front door to greet my guests and energize my students for their lessons, by my reading chair, by my sewing table and in my center hallway so that I can have a whiff whenever I go from one room to the other.

Help at the Show and Donate Awards

Call Pat Stanford at 850-519-3745 to volunteer to help at the show and to donate show awards.

Goodwood Rose Volunteers

The Goodwood rose volunteers are now moving rooted plants to larger pots. You may contact John Sullivan at joh4@aol.com for more information. The sale will begin Saturday, February 11, 2012.

DSD Convention and Rose Show

We hope that many of you are planning to attend this DSD event. You should have received a registration form earlier, but we will have extras at the meeting just in case you have misplaced it. The Tampa Rose Society has made every effort to keep the price as reasonable as possible and has planned a great weekend of programs, rose show, garden tours, good food and just fun with fellow rosarians. The annual business meeting of the district will be held.

The Rose Tip Workshop for October

Learn to make "wedges" and how to use them. You'll need a supply for exhibiting at the show. This will be held during refreshment time. Supplies are provided.

Minutes of The Tallahassee Area Rose Society, September 22, 2011

A regular meeting of the Tallahassee Area Rose Society was held at 7:00pm at Goodwood Museum and Gardens in the Jubilee Cottage. President Bill Dority presided. President Dority welcomed all members and visitors to the meeting, The Secretary's minutes for the August 18, 2011 meeting were approved as presented in the newsletter. The Treasurer's report was presented and accepted. The Treasurer stated that the Society had 105 members. President Dority discussed the "Roses in Review" survey being conducted by the American Rose Society and urged all members to complete the survey by September 26, 2011. Member Jennie Myers announced the memorial service for Bill Kerber scheduled for Sunday, September 25, 2011. Members and visitors were invited to attend. Jennie said that member Karen Jackson would be playing the harp as part of the memorial service. Mary Maud Sharpe stated that a new class had been established in the rose show to honor Bill Kerber, called the William T. Kerber Perpetual Trophy. Mary Maud asked members to contact her to receive a copy of the show schedule. Brochures about TARS to for publicity for the show are available. President Dority stated that those members wishing to donate monies to Goodwood Museum and Gardens in honor of Bill Kerber should indicate that the gift was for this purpose. Mary Maud Sharpe discussed the status of the Goodwood old garden roses sale in February 2012, stating that a list of available roses was already being prepared. Pat Stanford, the Chairman of the 2011 TARS Rose Show, said that someone was needed to chair the committee to procure awards for the show. Members were asked to contribute awards, to give money for awards, or to find donors to help in this area.

President Bill Dority presented a program about profiling his rose garden and passed out handouts about this. The profile was quite extensive, including a map of the garden, a listing of every rose in the garden, and cultural practices used in maintaining the garden. There were many questions from the audience and much discussion. President Dority then had a drawing for door prizes, announcing that the two door prizes were garden signs and a package of worm castings.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm and members enjoyed refreshments. During the refreshments and socializing time, a mini workshop was presented on doing garden profiles and composing kits to give out to new members (including a welcome packet of printed materials and a partial kit for persons wishing to exhibit roses).

Respectfully submitted,

Lennie Kennedy, Secretary

Rose Show Luncheon Invitation

A luncheon form is enclosed for you to respond to Isabelle de Sercey. We hope you can come.

October Consulting Rosarian Report

By Hank Rosen

Welcome to October! Some of your best roses of the year are just ahead of us and should be ready for the Tallahassee Rose show on October 29 and 30 at the Doyle Conner Building on Conner Blvd.

We are now enjoying some very pleasant cooler weather especially in the early mornings and late evenings. This weather is about perfect for us rosarians and our roses alike. Our roses at this time of year are larger and more vibrant with color. All of our tasks seem easier now that the weather is cooler.

Most of our afternoon humidity and showers are gone and as such we need to make sure our roses are well watered. Check every day or so to make sure your soil is damp and water if necessary.

October is the last month that you should be using granular fertilizer. I like using a 16-4-8 mix with 50% slow release nitrogen. This fertilizing should have been done very early in the month. Later in the month and at least two weeks before the show, use a 20-20-20 liquid fertilizer or a bloom booster such as 9-59-8. These fertilizers will amplify the roses' size and color and improve the foliage as well.

Continue to spray on a 10-14 day schedule to keep insects, mites and fungal diseases at bay. I recommend only spraying the buds and blooms with an insecticide as this is where the little creatures hide and do the most damage.

October is also a good time to assess the quality of the bushes you have grown this year and decide which ones have done well and which ones need to be moved elsewhere in your garden or shovel pruned.

Finally, enjoy your roses to the fullest and we look forward to seeing everybody at the show! We even have a category for the novice who has never won a blue ribbon in a rose show.

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 at the Best Western—Gateway Grand. A registration form is enclosed. The speakers are Satish Prabhu, Stephen Hoy, Lynn Griffith, David Clemmons, Sandy Lundberg and Steve Jones. All are experts and you will learn much from their presentations. Bronze Medal winners 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. Plan to go.

Election of Officials

The annual election of officials will be held at the November meeting. Frank Parker is chairman of the nominating committee. Contact him with suggestions for officers and board members at 850-893-9740 or stagerider@earthlink.net.

How to be a Winning Exhibitor

Learn How to Grow Good Roses—Learning to grow good roses is a work in progress. Learn the basics and then continue to do the things that have proven successful for you. It is better to have fewer roses and take care of them well, than to have too many roses and not give proper care. Be sure to label each variety with the correct ARS exhibition name. Roses are disqualified if not properly named.

Read and Understand the Schedule—It is very important to read and understand all the rules governing the show. If you have questions ask the show chairman or the classification chairman.

Selecting Blooms—The blooms from your garden that you plan to exhibit at the show should be as perfect as possible. The form should be typical of the variety and generally as symmetrical. Blooms need to be fresh and if stamens are showing they need to be fresh with no discoloration. The petals should have substance. Follow the schedule to be sure your roses are in the form required for the class (exhibition, open or most perfect form of beauty).

Cutting and Storing Blooms—Cut your blooms as near to the show date as possible. However, they may be cut earlier and stored in a refrigerator. Be sure to cover all blooms that are stored to retain substance (this is not necessary if using a florist refrigerator). Refrigeration may change the color of some varieties. It is advisable to use a preservative if blooms are cut early and stored. (Four tablespoons of vinegar, four teaspoons of sugar and one half teaspoon of bleach in one gallon of water works well). Keep all foliage which will not be below the top of your container. Clean foliage if spray materials are evident. Use a mild detergent solution. Protect foliage by wrapping (waxed paper works well) so that there are no tears in the leaves. If you need to remove any outside petals, gently rock them so as not to leave any evidence of removal. In removing petals balance the removal so that the bloom retains its symmetry.

Transporting Blooms—Carry your blooms to the show in a suitable container. Handle blooms very carefully. Do not allow your blooms to become bruised.

Plan Your Entries—Select which blooms will be entered in the classes you plan to enter. Obtain entry tags ahead of time and fill them out before the day of the show if possible. Use pencil to print cards legibly. Use preprinted address labels for name and address. This will save you time on show day.

The Day of the Show—Plan to arrive at the show early so that you will have time to enter all of your blooms. If you need help don't be afraid to ask. Select the proper container for your bloom(s). You may use a wedge to position your specimen in the container. To help open blooms gently blow into them. For floating exhibits, plan to enter them last as they may tend to sink with time. Attach your completed entry tag and take your entry to the classification table. Good luck!

Upcoming Society Programs

October 20: Pat Stanford, TARS 2011 Rose Show Chairman, will be helping us understand what happens on show weekend. Bring roses and learn the basics of exhibiting.

November 17: Stan Rosenthal, Leon County Extension Service, will be discussing soils and their importance in growing quality roses.

January 19: Pam Greenwald, Angel Gardens, Alachua, FL, will present the highlights of her work in Europe this past summer.

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

Calendar of Society Events

October 20—Society Meeting

October 29-30—Annual Rose Show

November 17—Society Meeting

December—No Scheduled Meeting

January 19—Society Meeting

February 16—Society Meeting

Rose Show: Fall

October 29-30—Tallahassee, FL. 27th Annual "Celebrating with...Wine and Roses" Contact Pat Stanford, 850-519-3745, wordhacker@centurylink.net.

DSD Events:

November 11-13—DSD Annual Convention and Rose Show—Tampa, FL. Contact Walt Pilat, 813-818-7686 or trs.wpilat@verizon.net.

January 13-15, 2012—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. Hotel reservation cut off date 12/13/11.

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

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