

Regarding Roses

Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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President's Message By Jan Godfrey

August 2017

I went to my first Consulting Rosarian School on the 17th of June. I learned a lot about what it means to be a Consulting Rosarian and the duties involved. I also met a very interesting group of rosarians and thoroughly enjoyed the workshops. Many thanks to Mary Maud Sharpe for all the work organizing the School and to Bob Schelhorn for providing the yummy lunch.

I was out of town for 10 days and while I was gone, we received 5" of rain. It was surprising to see that my roses did not suffer. On the contrary, they seem to be using the fertilizer given during drier times. There is now new red growth on the canes and lots of new buds. Their foliage even looks good considering it has been quite some time since they were last sprayed.

Princesse de Sagan

(China bred in France in 1887) is my favorite rose this month. She is very healthy, has lovely foliage and constant bright red blooms. She is growing in a large pot just in front of the house and it is so nice to come home to such a colorful welcome.

I am looking forward to the upcoming August meeting. The program is "Summer in the Rose Garden—Problems and Solutions". I am anticipating a lively discussion among the rosarians about what's going on in their particular gardens and what they are doing to maintain their roses. **Please** bring a rose (happy or sad), a picture or anything to do with growing roses and your garden.

The ARS Deep South District conference is right around the corner—October 27-29. If you would like to volunteer to help, please get in touch with Mary Maud

Sharpe, 850-878-9625 (wjmmsharpe@aol.com).

Hope to see you and one (or more) of your roses on the 3rd. It will be fun to discuss one of our favorite topics—roses and how our gardens grow.

"What a lovely thing a rose is!"

— Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

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*Enjoy the little things,
For one day
You may look back and
Realize they were
The big things.*

Robert Brault



Princesse de Sagan
(China)

almost thornless.

Many of you may be growing it. As you have read in the president's message it is a favorite of Jan Godfrey. It does well in our area and you may want to consider adding it to your collection of old garden roses to use for landscape, cutting and fragrance.

August Meeting

Date: Thursday, August 3, 2017

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Jubilee Cottage, Goodwood Museum and Gardens, 1600 Miccosukee Rd., Tallahassee, Florida

Program: "Summer in the Rose Garden". Discussion will be moderated by President Jan Godfrey. See president's message for more information. Bring roses and be prepared to tell what you do now in your garden.

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Special Notes

- Volunteer at Goodwood Saturday mornings 9:00 am till noon.
- Volunteer at the Peace Garden the first Wednesday March through October beginning at 9:00 am. Contact Mary Maud Sharpe, 850-878-9625, wjmmsharpe@aol.com

Thought You'd Like To Know— Princesse de Sagon

Princesse de Sagon is a dark red china by Dubreuil and introduced in 1887. The blooms are crimson shaded with purple and are double cupped medium size. The growth is vigorous and it has a sweet fruity fragrance. It reblooms well throughout the season. Another feature is that the plant is

Goodwood Roses

The Goodwood volunteers report that roses have done well. If you would like to volunteer in this propagating program come to Goodwood on Saturday mornings from 9:00 am till noon. We have recently added new volunteers to the Goodwood group and would be pleased to have others. There is always something to do. For more information contact any of the regular volunteers:

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There are still plants available and will be sold each Saturday from 9:00 am till noon. Please let others know about these plants. Some plants are being reserved for planting at Goodwood. We'll keep you updated about the new rose planting there. At the present we are working on selecting and establishing a good workable irrigation system. We are hoping to have the plantings done soon so that there will be roses to see this fall during the DSD Convention and Rose Show during the garden tours on Sunday.

If you have cuttings that you are willing to donate, please do. We need to increase our inventory of different varieties.

CR / Exhibitor's School

This proved to be another successful event. The attendance was good and two persons took and passed the test. One of these new CR's is Seymour Rosen a TARS member. Final certification is expected from ARS soon. Congratulations Seymour! There were 24 attending and Bill Dority, Montine Herring, Bob Schelhorn, Mary Maud Sharpe and John Sullivan who are TARS CR's updated their certification. There were seven other CR's from other societies who also updated their certification. The school was hosted by Pensacola, Tallahassee Area and Thomasville rose societies. It was great that Karen Barnes, one of our former members, who has recently moved back to Florida and is now a member in Pensacola was one of the program presenters. Other presenters were Wayne Myers, John Sullivan, Mary Maud Sharpe and Glenn Schulman. Thanks to Bob Schelhorn who prepared lunch for the attendees. Tentative plans are to host an exhibitor's school in June 2018. You will hear more later. These schools are a great time to learn more about our rose hobby and to get to know other rosarians as well.

IFAS Workshop

Recently there was an afternoon workshop in Quincy at the Research Center on rose rosette, other diseases and pest of roses. There was a visit to the greenhouses where experimental work is carried on by Gary Knox and his associates. There were members of our rose society that attended as well as rose society members from Thomasville, Pensacola and nursery personal.

Tallahassee Area Rose Society Picnic

May 4, 2017, Jubilee Cottage,

Goodwood Museum and Gardens

There are no recorded minutes from the May Picnic. A good time was had by all. The food was outstanding! Plan to be there at this event next year!

Convention and Rose Show

In 2017 the Tallahassee Area Rose Society and the Thomasville Rose Society will be hosting this annual event. Plans are being made and we will need your help in making it a success. This event will be in October (dates are 27-29) and will be our TARS rose show as well as the district show. The district officials will help with plans since this is a district event. Recently there was a meeting of interested members of Tallahassee Area and Thomasville rose societies to work on plans for this convention. Thanks to all of the members who came and shared their ideas and to members who have volunteered for specific assistance. We will be contacting other members soon. We will need all the help you are willing to offer. There will be activities on Friday afternoon and evening, the rose show, speakers and awards banquet on Saturday and the tour of gardens on Sunday morning. This will be a great opportunity to attend an annual district convention since there will not be out of town travel. Let's make this a memorable one! Our theme is "Treasures of Today from Yesterday".

Contact the co-chairmen Mary Maud Sharpe, Tallahassee Area Rose Society, 850-878-9625, wjmmsharpe@aol.com or Montine Herring, Thomasville Rose Society, 229,872-3316 for more information and to volunteer.

Roses In Review (RIR)

Yes, it is time again when reports are due on rating roses. Information is included in the July/August issue of American Rose. The results of these evaluations help others in selecting roses for their gardens. The cut off date is September 26. You may use the online survey at www.rose.org or you may submit paper forms to DSD RIR Coordinator, Cindy Dale, 306 Wintney Way, Peachtree City, GA 30269-3248. Results will be in the January/February 2018 issue of American Rose and will determine ratings in ARS Handbook for Selecting Roses. We plan to have paper forms at the meeting. Please participate.

Deadline for September Newsletter

The deadline for submitting information for the September Regarding Roses newsletter is August 24, 2017. Mary Maud Sharpe, telephone, 850-878-9625, e-mail, wjmmsharpe@aol.com

*"No one is useless in this world
Who lightens the burdens of another."*

Charles Dickens

August Consulting Rosarian Report

By Mary Maud Sharpe

Summers in our area can be very hot and this makes it hard on us and our roses. Roses will be smaller than the spring bloom. One of the things I can remember is hearing Margaret Hardin say “In the spring and fall we grow roses and in the summer we grow bushes”. This is very true and so in the summer take care of your rose bushes. They will need lots of water. We do have summer showers, but they are generally not sufficient to supply all the water your plants will need. If you have an irrigation system this will help greatly, but hose watering is just fine. It will give you time to look at your roses and see how they are doing in the heat. There is always a need to fertilize and this should be done on a schedule. Be sure to water both before and after applying. Spraying and/or using Bayer 3 in 1 is also necessary. Roses need to have a good amount of leaves to produce blooms and roses are best with good healthy disease free foliage. Deadhead by keeping the old spent blooms cut from your plants. If plants are producing seed pods it sends a signal that your plants should stop blooming. Remember to share your blooms with others. They will enjoy them! In late August or early September do a cut back, but not a heavy pruning so that you will again have a wonderful fall bloom to enjoy and enter in fall shows. Follow that same routine care that you gave your plants in late winter and early spring. As Margaret said grow bushes this summer. Work in the cool of the day.

“Work is much more fun than fun.”

Noel Coward

Visit Web Sites

There are three web sites that will be helpful to you and give you valuable information about your rose growing hobby.

First is the Tallahassee Area Rose Society (tallahasseearearosesociety.org) which has news about our local society. There you will be able to gain knowledge about the society, upcoming events, history of the society, helpful advise on rose growing and much other information.

Second is the Deep South District (deepsouthdistrict.org) which has news of happenings at the district level, listings of officials, consulting rosarians, horticulture and arrangement judges and a host of other interesting information.

Third is the American Rose Society (rose.org) which has national event happenings, many publications on line such as guidelines for judging horticulture, arrangements and photography as well as contacts information for officials, sources of supplies etc. Most information is available to anyone and some to Members only.

Visit these web sites often for the latest local, district and national information and contacts.

Summer Care of Roses

Most of us know what to do for summer care of roses, but knowing and doing are two different things. During the hot humid summers we as well as our roses get stressed.

Roses need to be checked often—daily if possible so that problems can be corrected before they become out of control.

Watering

Roses may need extra watering during the hot summer depending on the rainfall. Roses need water to be able to take up needed nutrients. A rose that is well hydrated can also resist diseases easier. Give your roses good deep watering to promote deep root growth. Frequent light watering promotes shallow roots and make plants depend on more frequent watering. If your soil is well prepared and drains well, it is almost impossible to over water. Mulching helps to prevent evaporation, retains moisture and prevents caking of the soil surface. It is recommended that overhead watering be done early in the morning so that the foliage will dry quickly.

Disease and Pest Prevention

Aphids are generally a spring pest, but thrips and spider mites can be a disaster in your garden. Thrips attack the blooms and spider mites attack the foliage. Blackspot and powdery mildew are the most prevalent diseases. Blackspot comes during periods of humid and rainy weather. Powdery Mildew prefers warm days and cool nights. A jet of water may be enough, but a chemical spray may be necessary. An alternative is to use Bayer 3 in 1 as an insect and disease control. It comes in both liquid and granular form. Always follow direction on the label of any spray or product that you use.

Feed Your Roses

Roses are heavy feeders and you should continue your fertilizing program throughout the summer. Sometimes midsummer gets overlooked. There are many different fertilizers to choose from granular, liquid, organic or slow release. Roses prefer a balanced fertilizer where N-P-K (nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium) ratios are fairly even. Choose a fertilizer low in chlorine if possible. Fertilizer is generally applied every 4—6 weeks. Remember to deep water roses the day before fertilizing and after fertilizing. Summer care should also include adding more organics to the soil.

Deadheading

Deadheading is the removal of old spent blooms from your plants. This will encourage your plant to begin another bloom cycle. This will also continually prune and shape your plants. Use a quality pair of bypass pruners with sharp blades. Rose leaves develop with sets of three, five, even seven or nine leaflets. The five leaflets are where you want to prune. It is recommended to cut 1/4” above an outward facing leaflet and at an angle facing downward toward the center of the bush. Cut back to a pencil size growth so that the wood is strong enough to support a new rose.

Your roses should bloom all summer and fall!

Upcoming Society Programs and Events

August 3—Society Meeting— “Summer in the Rose Garden”

September 7—Society Meeting

October 5—Society Meeting

November 2—Society Meeting

December 7—Christmas Social

DSD Events

DSD Convention and Rose Show—October 27-29. Tallahassee, FL

ARS Events and News

Four month trial memberships are still being offered by ARS. You get free access to the monthly bulletins and two issues of the American Rose magazine plus much more. There is much interesting information in the ARS magazine such as news from ARS, articles on varied rose topics, beautiful photos, national, district and local events and much more.

Visit the ARS website www.rose.org there is valuable information for local society members. As a member you have access to the members only information in addition to information for all who visit the site.

Publications such as Horticulture, Arrangement and Consulting Rosarian Manuals are available for reference and download. The Rose Registration Listing is also available.

ARS e-mails members the publication of ARS & You.

Information: www.tallahasseearearosesociety.org

The Tallahassee Area Rose Society meetings are at 7:00 pm on the first Thursday of the month except June and July 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 copy of the Bulletin. It is available though e-mail to all ARS members. A black and white copy is also available to members who do not have an e-mail address. Make check for \$10.00 to Deep South District and mail to Kay Harrell, 121 Shore Rush Circle, St. Simons Island, GA 31522-1420

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