

Regarding Roses

Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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President's Message By Jan Godfrey

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Editor's note

I am sorry to let you know that our President Jan Godfrey has been quite ill for the past few days. Her president's message will resume in February. Jan reports that hopefully she will be recovered by then. Vice-President Ann Stevens will preside at the January meeting.

If you have suggestions for programs or events for the coming year, please contact Jan.

She sends her best wishes to everyone for a great New Year.

"What a lovely thing a rose is!"

— Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

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2018 DSD Mid-Winter Meeting

The dates are January 19-21. We hope that many of our members will plan to attend. The theme of the meeting is "**Focus on Roses**" and you will hear many rose speakers. Plan to make entries in the photo contest. Included are a photo workshop and contest on Friday afternoon, a welcome reception and supper, Saturday speakers, raffle, awards dinner, vendors and Sunday a consulting rosarian school. For more information see contact information on the registration form. A Registration form and a listing of program is enclosed. It is not too late to plan to go.

The host societies are Wiregrass (Dothan) and Pensacola. They have planned events and activities for a fun filled weekend. Contact information is on the registration form.

TARS Board to Meet Soon

The 2018 TARS board will be meeting soon to finalize events, committees and other items of business for the year. If you have ideas of things you would like to have the society undertake this year please contact the president or any member of the board with suggestions. It will be greatly appreciated. The rose show will be our major event for the year and we will need the help of all members to make it a success. The dates will be October 27-28 so that reserve them now. Suggestions for activities may be repeating events from the past or things we have never tried. Program subjects will be welcomed. If you have a committee you would like to be a member of, volunteer now.

January Meeting

Date: Thursday, January 4, 2018

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Jubilee Cottage

Program: "A Year of Roses" - A power point program with member participation for what to expect and what to do in your garden each month of the year. This will be a sharing of what definitely works in our individual gardens and what works for other members in their gardens.

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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, wjmm-sharpe@aol.com

Thought You'd Like To Know— Babies Blush

Babies Blush is a light pink hybrid tea introduced by John T. Smith in 2013. The parents are Crystalline and Donna Darlin'. The blooms are 4-4 1/2 inches and are full with a slight fragrance. The foliage is medium green. The plant has moderate upright growth. It was a court winner in the recent

District/Tallahassee rose show. The exhibitor's were Bill and Jill Chappell. K and M nurseries has this rose and if you are looking for a new pink for your garden, it might be a good try for the coming season. It would make a great Valentine's Day gift for someone who loves roses.



**Babies Blush
Hybrid Tea**

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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The Annual Plant Sale is Saturday, February 10 from 9:00 am till noon. Please let others know about these plants. Some plants are being reserved for planting at Goodwood. We are continuing to work on the new rose planting there. We are hoping to have the plantings done soon.

Past TARS Bronze Medal Recipients

1993	Anna Price
1994	Bill and Mary Maud Sharpe
1995	William T. Kerber
1996	Margaret Donaldson
1997	Sam Cunningham
1998	Stuart C. Smith
1999	No Award
2000	Vasta Yarbrough
2001	Jim Myers
2002	Joe Dawsey
2003	Oline Reynolds
2004	Hank Rosen
2005	Sylvester and Martha Jean Woodward
2006	William E. Price
2007	Nell Cunningham
2008	Bill Dority
2009	Lennie Kennedy
2010	Rick Thomas
2011	Jim and Martha Dooley
2012	Frank Parker
2013	No Award
2014	Pat Stanford
2015	Robert Schelhorn
2016	John Sullivan
2017	Montine Herring

Tallahassee Area Rose Society December Holiday Gathering

(There are no Official Minutes)

A special "Thank You" to Jan Ignash and her husband David who hosted this event at their home on December 7, 2017.

It was announced that Montine Herring was the recipient of the 2017 ARS Bronze Medal award for outstanding service to the society. She will be further honored at the upcoming DSD Mid-Winter meeting. Congratulations to Montine! We are grateful to her for her many years of service to the society.

The food was great and the fellowship will long be remembered.

Tips on Sharpening Your Clippers

1. To do a professional cleaning and sharpening all parts of the clippers should be taken apart and cleaned thoroughly. You will need a small wrench to loosen the nut. Lay the parts out so that you will remember exactly how to put them back together. All parts should be cleaned to remove any grim and also any plant sap or tar that has collected. "Goo Gone" may be the best, but any good solvent can work.
2. Most clippers are bypass and only the cutting blade should be sharpened. If clippers are extremely dull, start with a small file to begin the sharpening process. Use one stroke – not a back and forth motion. For finer sharpening continue with a whetstone, very fine sandpaper or special tape with a fine abrasive.
3. Use white grease (buy at local hardware stores or auto supply stores) on the inside part of the blades and wipe off excess.
4. Reassemble the clippers and adjust the tension on the nut so that the clippers move freely, but are firmly tightened.
5. The test is to try to cut a piece of regular letter paper. If you have done the process properly your clippers are ready to prune your roses without damaging the plant canes. You may have to adjust the tension.
6. Congratulations!

Dues are Due

A membership form is enclosed for your 2018 dues to the society. There is a slight increase which was approved by the membership at the November 2017 meeting. If you have questions contact the Treasurer Mary Maud Sharpe. Contact information is on the form.

Deadline for February Newsletter

The deadline for submitting information for the February Newsletter is January 19. Please send to the editor Mary Maud Sharpe at wjmmsharpe@aol.com.

January Consulting Rosarian Report

By Mary Maud Sharpe

Happy New Year and Happy Rose Growing in 2018. As I write this it is cold outside and our roses should be experiencing dormancy, although I thought I saw a little bit of growth recently on a hybrid tea bush. It has probably been killed now by the cold. Last year I experienced so many weeds even using newspaper in the beds that this year I'm trying cardboard to see if that will solve the weed problem. The layer of cardboard is being covered with bed mix from Graco in Cairo and pine straw. I should know fairly soon if I've made a good decision (Hopefully so). We have had enough rain for the cardboard to be thoroughly wetted. I heard of others doing this in beds, but not specifically roses. My advise now is to wait and see if it works. I'll keep you posted.

I do hope that many of you are planning to get some new plants for existing bed or new beds. It is always interesting to see if the new varieties are as good as the photos in both color and form.

Now is a good time to check your irrigation system, if you have one to be sure that it is working properly.

Check on all the supplies you will need later in the year. Sharpen your clippers as next month is pruning time. Resist the effort to prune too early! It can be very tempting if we get some warm weather soon.

Remember the Old Garden Rose Sale at Goodwood Museum and Gardens is mid-February. Save somewhere in your landscape to add several for your spring bloom.

Check with any of the society ARS Consulting Rosarians should you need advise. They are listed on page 4. They will be pleased to share their experiences with you. May this year be a great year for you and your rose growing hobby! Remember to share with family, friends and neighbors. A beautiful rose can put a smile on some ones face.

Tetanus What You Should Know and What You Should Do

All gardeners should be aware of some basic facts about tetanus and make certain that their tetanus immunizations are current. The wound need be no larger than a thorn prick to harbor bacteria to produce the toxin which is very poisonous. In recent years approximately 11% of reported tetanus cases have been fatal. The highest mortality rates are in unvaccinated persons and persons over 60 years of age. Tetanus, also called lockjaw is a medical condition characterized by a contraction of muscle fibers. The incubation period is usually about 8 days, but may be as long as several months. There is no blood test that can be used to diagnose tetanus. Diagnosis is made from symptoms. It is best to prevent tetanus by vaccination. The CDC recommends that adults receive a booster vaccine every ten years. Some doctors recommend boosters every five

years. It is standard practice to give a booster if persons are uncertain of when they were vaccinated. Tetanus occurs in soils rich in organic matter. Tetanus is often associated with rust, especially rusty nails. This concept is misleading, but the rough surface of rusty metal provides a habitat for *C. tetani* endospore and the nail may puncture the skin and allow endospore to enter the wound. When tetanus infection does occur, it is highly lethal. If a tetanus develops in an person who has not been immunized, the fatality rate runs from 45 to 55 percent with the best hospital care. Always consult your health care provider for more information. Never neglect a wound. Keep your booster vaccinations up to date! It is easy to protect yourself.

2018 Resolutions

There has been a lot said for the advantages of New Year Resolutions and comments that they are too hard to keep. Many of us do not follow through as we should, but to get a chance to start anew has a certain appeal especially to rosarians since it is a new year of rose growing. So here are a few for you to consider.

- Grow better roses.
- Remember the things that worked in the past and plan to do them again.
- Learn something new!
- Find a mentor and don't be afraid to ask for help and advise.
- Keep a calendar of what you do and when you do it to use as a reference for future activities and to remind you of things you should do and when.
- Buy at least one new rose.
- Plan to rejoin TARS and attend all the society meetings if possible. Meet a member you do not know well and visit with them.
- Get one new rose book.
- Volunteer to help on a society committee.
- Visit your rose garden more frequently just to see and smell the roses.
- Share roses with others—neighbors or friends.

You can think of other resolutions. Add them to this list and don't worry if you don't keep all of them, just start the new year with enthusiasm for your rose growing hobby and enjoy it to the fullest! May 2018 be a good year for you and your roses.

***“People with clear, written goals,
accomplish far more
in a shorter period of time
than people without them
could ever imagine.”***

Brian Tracy

Upcoming Society Programs and Events

January 4—"A Year of Roses"—What to Do and What to Expect from your Rose Garden each month (Power point and member participation)

February 1—"Recommended OGR's for our Area" (Available at Goodwood) - John Sullivan

March 1—"How I Grow Roses" - Cheryl Gibbons

April 5—"Art / Roses"

DSD Events

DSD Mid-Winter Meeting—January 19-21, 2018, Best Western, Gainesville, FL hosted by Wiregrass and Pensacola Rose Societies.

ARS National Miniature/Miniflora and DSD Convention and Rose Show—May 4-6, 2018. Jacksonville, 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 \$15 individual, \$20 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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