

# Regarding Roses

## Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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## President's Message By Jan Godfrey

February 2018

I am sorry I could not be present at the January meeting and missed writing my message last month. Unfortunately, my Lyme disease symptoms flared up and it took me a while to get over them. It is cold outside this week! As soon as it warms up enough to be outside, it will be time to prune the pear and persimmon trees.

Most of our gardens did well this year but the rose bed that is close to the east side of our house fared the best. It has been the most disease free and has bloomed and grown well throughout the seasons. The garden is surrounded by long needle pines and is well protected from the weather. Our newest garden is also doing quite well and is located on an east facing slope at the end of the field. Of course, not all is well in the gardens. Three of the

roses will be moved this year—all were planted in exactly the wrong place. Also I think two may be dying, both are Carefree Beauty, aka Katy Road Pink, (Shrub 1979). They are both planted in different areas so I wonder why they are both not well at the same time. I am always learning from these bushes—they keep me on my toes.

Archduke Charles (China 1825) grew more and put on more blooms than any other year since we planted it. So did Napoleon (China 1835) and Marie Pavié (Polyantha 1888). I believe that they enjoyed the mix of fish emulsions, kelp and humic acid that was given to them most weeks. Hank Rosen, who has been growing roses (mostly Hybrid Teas) for 40 years, says if worms are present, you must be doing something right, so keep it up. I have worms!

No roses are blooming at present but the bulb plants (daffodil and narcissus) have been blooming since November and will continue through March. What pleasure they give me. I find them to be deliciously fragrant. When brought inside, the heady fragrance fills the house.

Mary Maud, Montine and Seymour went to the DSD Mid-Winter Meeting in Gainesville January 19-21. Montine was honored as our Bronze Medal recipient.

I am particularly looking forward to this month's program. OGRs are my passion and I enjoy hearing about them anytime. John Sullivan will be at the meeting to talk about them including some of the varieties to be sold at the February Rose Sale.

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### February Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, February 1, 2018  
**Time:** 7:00 pm  
**Place:** Jubilee Cottage  
**Program:** John Sullivan will be speaking on Old Garden Roses. He will share his love of them with us and also let us know what is in store for the sale on February 10 at Goodwood. He has a number of Old Garden Roses in his home garden and has been a Goodwood volunteer for a number of years.

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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—Cramoisi Superieur

This fine old rose has velvety, rich crimson blooms that have a silvery reverse. The blooms have a fruity fragrance. The form is cupped. Like true Chinas it is considered ever blooming. The leaves are small and dark green. The growth habit of the plant is upright and can grow to be quite tall and

wide. It is sometimes called Agrippina and is found in country gardens in the south. It is a beautiful landscape plant which provides color. This is one of the plants that will be at the Goodwood sale. It is available in a limited quantity. You might like it as an addition in 2018.



*Cramoisi Superieur*  
(China)

### ***President's Message (Continued from page 1)***

Looking forward to seeing you all on February 1<sup>st</sup>.

"The red rose whispers of passion,  
And the white rose breathes of love;  
O, the red rose is the falcon,  
And the white rose is the dove.

— John Boyle O'Reilly

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### ***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 1:00 pm. Please let others know about these plants. An inventory list from October is enclosed. The list will be updated before the sale, but this will give you an idea of the varieties that will be available. Some plants are being reserved for planting at Goodwood. We are continuing to work on the new rose planting there. We are still hoping to have the plantings done soon.

#### **Note:**

The Goodwood Volunteers will be presenting the first Friday program on roses at Goodwood Museum and Gardens at Jubilee Cottage on February 2 at noon. There is no charge and you may bring your own bag lunch.

### ***Exhibitor's School***

The society is considering co-sponsoring with the Pensacola rose society a school to be held in mid-June here at Goodwood. It would be for exhibitors in rose show who exhibit in horticulture, arrangements and photography. We need your feedback to know if you would be interested in attending so that plans can be made. There would be no registration fee. The school would be held on a Saturday and would be scheduled to last about four hours. Contact president Jan Godfrey or Mary Maud Sharpe. See contact information on page four. In 2017 we sponsored a CR school that was well attended.

*"I am a slow walker, but I never walk backwards."*

Abraham Lincoln

### ***Tallahassee Area Rose Society January***

January 4, 2018, Jubilee Cottage, Goodwood Museum and Gardens

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Ann Stevens at 7:12p.m. with seven members present. The cold kept many at home and President Jan Godfrey was ill. There were no minutes from the December meeting as that was our annual holiday party.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Mary Maud Sharpe and approved by those in attendance. Total paid for 2017 was 55 members. We currently have no expenses outstanding.

The Convention and Rose Show registrants were only about 70 people and not the 100 we had hoped for so we did not make money. All expenses have been paid with donations making up the difference, and this will be reported to the Thomasville Rose Society as well as the Deep South District.

Goodie Bags left over from the Convention and Rose Show were given out to all who wanted them.

The program speaker was Mary Maud Sharpe who had prepared a PowerPoint presentation of "A Year of Roses" but had to resort to notes as the projector would not work with her computer. She shared what should occur each month in your garden to have the best roses possible.

The door prize was awarded, and members enjoyed refreshments and fellowship.

Respectively submitted

*Pat Stanford*

Secretary

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

An additional membership form is enclosed for your 2018 dues to the society. If you have all ready paid your dues please disregard this form. If you have questions contact the Treasurer Mary Maud Sharpe. Contact information is on the form. We hope that you are planning to join us for another year of meetings and other activities. A gift membership to the society would make a great gift to a gardening friend.

### ***TARS Needs Your Help***

The board will be meeting soon and the president will be appointing committees to carry on the work of the society. If you would like to help with membership, program, hospitality, annual show or any of the other on going activities please let president Jan Godfrey know. Her contact information is at the end of her president's message.

### ***Deadline for March Newsletter***

The deadline for submitting information for the March Newsletter is February 15. Please send to the editor Mary Maud Sharpe at wjmmsharpe@aol.com.

## **February Consulting Rosarian Report**

By Mary Maud Sharpe

February is the time to get serious about your roses for 2018. Hopefully you have been planning, getting the supplies you will need and waiting for the weather to warm so that you can begin work in your garden. Don't let a few warm days fool you—winter is not over yet. If you have purchased new plants and they are potted, I would suggest that you wait until at least mid-February or early March to plant in the ground. Pots can easily be moved into a protected area such as your garage over night if the temperatures are predicted to be very low. Get a soil test done to see how you should amend your current beds. The extension office has kits that you can easily pick up. Be sure that your clippers are sharpened and ready for pruning. Pruning is the major task for February. Start mid-February and plan to have your pruning done by the first of March. See the special article in this issue of the newsletter. You can also ask experienced rosarian and CR's at this monthly meeting. It is generally recommended that you fertilize when new growth appears. Remember that water is the most important thing that roses need. Be sure that your roses are watered regularly even during the winter months. Plan to add some new varieties to your garden. There are so many to choose from that it is hard to decide just what you want. If you are looking for Old Garden Roses, come to the Goodwood rose sale on Saturday, February 10 at 9:00 am. Local nurseries have plants and K & M Roses (KandMroses.com) will ship fortuniana rootstock plants. Since the winter has been quite cold and the roses have experienced dormancy, they should be ready soon for their new spring growth. Give them all the tender love and care you can and they will reward you with beautiful blooms.

### ***Pruning Roses***

#### ***Why, When and How***

ARS has the Consulting Rosarian Manuel available on their web site and it is free for download. You may visit it for general rose information and the section on pruning is especially helpful. There is much more information available on pruning in books and on the internet.

Most plants and especially roses are improved for another year's growth by pruning. It is an age old art. These are the points of why we prune.

- To correct, adjust and modify the size and shape of rose plants
- To keep plants blooming all summer
- Remove dead branches
- Allow better air circulation
- Rejuvenates your rose bush

In our area it is generally recommended that rose be pruned mid-February (Valentine's Day) to early March. Generally then new growth will not be killed by very cold weather. This timing will usually bring blooms in mid to late April. If you have a frosty morning it is best

to wash off the frost before the sun melts it to save the new growth.

The tools you will need are hand clippers, loppers and saws. Clippers are the most important and the tool most used. Invest in a good pair that fits your hand. Clippers come in several sizes. Loppers are used to cut larger canes and some have extension handles that give you more leverage. Pruning saws come in different sizes and some fold. They are useful for large canes. There are even wire saws for hard to reach canes that need to be removed. Be sure to keep all your clippers, loppers and saws clean and sharpened.

Wear a good strong pair of thick leather gloves that are puncture proof. Rose thorns can be wicked.

When beginning pruning, cut away dead wood first. Healthy wood is a white core after the cut is made. This will give you the chance to look at the canes that are left and decide which ones to keep. Shape your plant. The center of the plant should be open. Most instructions tell you to find a dormant eye and cut at an angle. Be sure to remove any twiggy growth and suckers. Any wood left should generally be the size of a pencil. The size of the plant should be reduced. Some plants require more pruning than others. Do not prune drastically for the first couple of years of growth. Experience is a great teacher.

Clean your beds of all debris and especially old leaves. All materials should be bagged and discarded as trash. It is a good idea to use a dormant spray such as lime sulfur as soon as you have pruned. Spray both the plant and the beds.

Specific types of roses will require slightly different approaches to pruning. Generally hybrid teas will require more drastic pruning and other varieties such as floribundas, miniatures/minifloras, old garden roses, shrubs and climbers are best shaped.

Pruning gives you new spring growth and wonderful spring blooms.

### ***ARS National Miniature Conference & Rose Show***

#### ***DSD Convention and Rose Show***

A registration form is enclosed for "A Run for the Roses" to be held in Jacksonville, Florida, May 4-6, 2018. Early registration must be postmarked on or before February 1. This is a chance to attend a national event plus our annual district event. Contact information is on the registration form and DSD members are asked to donate monies, raffle items, hospitality goodies and help with the rose show and other activities. See more information on the DSD web site. Plan to go!

*You have brains in your head.*

*You have feet in your shoes.*

*You can steer yourself in any direction you choose.*

*You're on your own and you know what you know.*

*And you are the guy who'll decide where to go.*

Dr. Seuss

## Upcoming Society Programs and Events

**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”**

**May 3—Covered Dish Picnic (Members and Guests)**

### ARS/DSD Events

**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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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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