

# Regarding Roses

## Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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## President's Message By Jan Godfrey

March 2018

I certainly enjoyed last month's program. It's great whenever John Sullivan talks about Old Garden Roses because I always learn something different about them.

I am becoming more interested in found roses from old cemeteries and homesteads. Louis Philippe (China 1834) was one of the roses found in many graveyards and home sites in the South. Some of the other names it is known by reflect this—Charleston Graveyard, Florida Rose. It was one of the first roses I planted and I have enjoyed its fragrance, color, bloom form and the hardiness of the bush for many years now. This year we are planning on planting a small hedge of them along our driveway.

We had several roses in pots that needed to be planted and a few roses that needed to be transplanted. We had prepared the transplants by digging a circle around them early in January. We used some earthworm castings in the new holes and then watered with SUPERthrive. Just after they were placed in their new homes, we received 4" of rain. All of those plants are happy and showing signs of red growth. It's always exciting when the new growth breaks forth after the winter months.

It's February so I know everyone has been busy, busy, busy working with their roses. I know I always enjoy getting the garden ready for the spring bloom. At our next meeting, Mike Hagerud from Esposito's

Garden Center will be discussing alternative soil amendments. Our soil is sandy loam, so I am always looking for products to enhance its quality for growing roses. Mike's presentation and discussion will be very informative and I hope to see you March 1.

*"You can complain because roses have thorns, or you can rejoice because thorns have roses"*  
— Pablo Picasso

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*"I am always ready to learn although I do not always like being taught."*  
Winston Churchill



*Elfinglo*  
(Miniature)

### Thought You'd Like To Know— Elfinglo

*Elfinglo* is a miniature, which is often referred to as a micro-mini, one half inch in size and with 33 petals. The color is listed as mauve as the blooms are a red-purple. It was introduced in 1978 by Ernest D. Williams. It has a moderate fragrance. The foliage is small and glossy and the bush has

compact growth. You may remember seeing it at the Deep South District / TARS rose show last October. It was the winner of the Judge's Challenge class and the exhibitors were Bobbie Reed. If you are interested in miniatures for your garden you may want to add *Elfinglo*.

### March Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, March 1, 2018  
**Time:** 7:00 pm  
**Place:** Jubilee Cottage, Goodwood Museum and Gardens  
**Program:** "Alternative Soil Amendments" will be discussed by Mike Hagerud from Esposito's Garden Center. You will want to be there to learn how to make your soil more friable. Soil preparation is a very important part of growing good roses.

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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

### ***Goodwood Roses***

The Goodwood volunteers report that the rose sale went 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 was Saturday, February 10 from 9:00 am till 1:00 pm; however, there are still plants available. 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 still hoping to have the plantings done soon.

#### **Note:**

John Sullivan presented the first Friday program on old garden roses at Goodwood Museum and Gardens at Jubilee Cottage on February 2 at noon. Thank you John for doing this presentation!

### ***ARS/DSD Judging Schools***

The society is considering co-sponsoring with the Pensacola rose society judging schools to be held in mid-June. The event would also be for exhibitors in rose show who exhibit in horticulture, arrangements and photography. The school would be a district event and conducted by the district chairs for horticulture, arrangements and photography. We need your feedback to know if you would be interested in attending so that plans can be made. The school would be held on a weekend and each session would be scheduled to last about four hours. Attendees who would like to become judges could take the required ARS test. 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.

### ***Peace Garden***

Yes, it is time again to do maintenance on the Peace Garden. Volunteers plan to meet and prune on Wednesday, March 7 at 9:00 am. We'll be doing other work such as weeding, applying Bayer's 3 in 1, etc. The garden is located at the east most end of the chain of parks in downtown on Park Avenue. Mark your calendars and come if you can. The group meets each month during the growing season on the first Wednesday to care for this garden. Usually we complete work in approximately an hour. Cookies and drinks are provided to help you regain your energy. It is a good way to get to know other society members. Come and join us!

### ***Tallahassee Area Rose Society Minutes***

***February 1, 2018***

#### ***Jubilee Cottage, Goodwood Museum and Gardens***

The meeting was called to order by President Jan Godfrey at 7:05p.m. with thirteen members present.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Mary Maud Sharpe and approved by those in attendance.

Total paid members so far this year prior to tonight is 26. There are no expenses outstanding at this time.

A motion to move the time up a half an hour for the May picnic (serving at 6:30 pm) was made by Hank Rosen and seconded by Judith Thompson. Motion carried. This will allow light for the whole of the party.

The business portion was adjourned at 7:12 p.m. John Sullivan was the program speaker who used a PowerPoint presentation of "Old Rose classes Teas and Chinas". He reminded us that these are very disease resistant roses that do well in our area.

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

Respectfully 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.

### ***Thomasville 97th Rose Show***

The Thomasville Rose Society is making plans to celebrate the 97th annual rose show. It will be held in the Big Tent downtown on Friday, April 27 and Saturday, April 28. Entries are received from 7:00—10:00 am on Friday. There are horticulture, arrangement and photography classes to enter. There is a class for any rose that you grow. Plan to take your best blooms and be a part of this event. There is a special ribbon cutting for the show and a parade through downtown. There are also other events during the week. Rose show schedules will be available in early April and we plan to have them at the April TARS meeting.

### ***TMH Cancer Center Pruning***

Monday, February 26, Tuesday, February 27 and Wednesday, February 28 at 9:30am. Volunteers needed.

### ***Deadline for April Newsletter***

The deadline for submitting information for the April Newsletter is March 22. Please send to the editor Mary Maud Sharpe at wjmmsharpe@aol.com.

## ***February Consulting Rosarian Report***

By Mary Maud Sharpe

Our winter has been a rather unusually cold one and we hope that with the recent warmer weather that winter is over. There are signs of spring with many of the flowering trees blooming. However, there is no assurance that old man winter is gone. A heavy frost may do damage to tender growth. One of the best ways to avoid damage to tender growth is to sprinkle with water very early and wash away any frost. Generally the recent rainfall has provided sufficient water for gardens. As soon as plants leaf out be ready to begin your regular routine spray program. Trying to correct a problem after it occurs can be disastrous. There are many products on the market that can be used. Read the labels carefully and use only those products that you need and in the correct amounts. More than recommended is not a good idea. Abide by the safe handling rules and be sure that handling of insecticides and pesticides is correct. Remember to take care of yourself as you take care of your roses. Visit your garden often to check for insects or diseases that can be devastating if not corrected.

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

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

“A Run for the Roses” will be held in Jacksonville, Florida, May 4-6, 2018. This is a chance to attend a national event plus our annual district event. Contact information is on the registration form you received earlier 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!

### ***Common Sense Tips on Chemical Safety***

- \* Educate yourself on proper safety practices.
- \* Purchase only what you need for a particular pest or disease which you have properly identified. Seek help if you need it.
- \* Use the least toxic product for control.
- \* Read the product instructions that give you helps that you may need.
- \* Follow all the instructions.
- \* If a mask is required—use one.
- \* Use chemical resistant gloves.
- \* When you have finished, wash your clothes and/or shower if recommended.
- \* Chemicals should be stored away from children and pets and locked. An outdoor shed is better than your home or garage.
- \* Purchase small amounts.
- \* Apply chemicals only when necessary
- \* The key is to use good common sense.

## ***Let's Talk About Soil and Water***

Soil is the home for your roses. Soil gives them their water, nutrients and holds them in place. A good soil is made up of 45% inorganic materials, 5% organic materials, 25% air and 25% water.

The inorganic part of soil is made up of sand, silt and clay. Sand is a very large particle, silt is a medium-sized particle and clay is a very small particle. The proportions of 40% sand, 40% silt and 20% clay are ideal. This is generally referred to as loam. Sandy soils require more frequent watering and fertilizing. Clay soils tend to have poor drainage. Loam soils have good water retention and drainage.

The organic part of the soil is made up of living and dead portions. The dead organic portion of the soil includes both the decomposing organic matter and the resulting humus. The living portion of the soil includes life ranging from microscopic size to animals. Some of the living parts of the soil can be destructive, but most contribute to a healthy soil.

Most of the air plants need they get from the leaves, but roses cannot grow in water saturated soil because oxygen is important to support the living organisms in the soil and the plant roots.

Plants need water which they get through their roots. Water is the major component of photosynthesis, is used in transpiration to cool the leaves, transports nutrients throughout the plant and makes the cells stiff. The type of soil you have will influence the amount of water needed so that water is available, but soil is not saturated.

The balance between air and water is very important and may be difficult to maintain. Too much water is not good for roses. The saying that roses don't like wet feet is true. Drainage is very important and many rosarians have better plant growth in raised beds because of better drainage. There are simple tests that you can do to determine the drainage of your soil. (See the ARS Consulting Rosarian Manual—rose.org)

To solve soil problems it is best to have a soil test done. The Leon County Extension office has test kits available. The cost for the test depends on the information requested and is reasonable. You may use a home kits to test pH and there are also meters and test strip you may use. Professional help is usually the best.

Soil pH is defined as the acidity or alkalinity of the soil. Nutrient availability is affected by the pH of the soil. The recommended pH is 6.5. In alkaline conditions pH can be lowered by adding sulfur to the soil. In acidic conditions limestone can be added to raise the pH. Generally dolomitic limestone is the best to use.

Organic amendments will slightly lower the pH of the soil and corrections may not be needed. Chemical fertilizers may lower the pH significantly and corrections may be needed more frequently.

All gardening is a work in progress. Growing good roses can be work, but it is well worth the effort to have beautiful, fragrant blooms to enjoy and share with others.

## Upcoming Society Programs and Events

**March 1—“Alternative Soil Amendments”** - Mike Hagerud, Esposito’s Garden Center

**April 5—“Art / Roses”** - Mark Fletcher

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

### ARS/DSD Events

**ARS National Miniature/Miniflora and DSD Convention and Rose Show**—May 4-6. Jacksonville, FL

**ARS/DSD Judging Schools**—Mid-June. Contact Mary Maud Sharpe 850-878-9625 or wjmmsharpe@aol.com

### 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

**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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