

# Regarding Roses

## Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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## President's Message By Jan Godfrey

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Hi everyone. I'm back from the frozen north. I had my first experience with a blizzard and all the damage snow can do. I am glad to be back in Florida.

I was saddened to hear that Bill Dority is no longer with us. He was always willing to share and taught me so much about growing Old Garden Roses. I will miss him.

My OGRs have really grown a lot and look very healthy with lots of fragrant blooms. All the ones we transplanted do not appear worse for wear and are thriving with lots of new growth.

Yay, no more fire blight on our pear trees or the roses close to them. Thank you Jan Ignash! We have been spraying the mixture she recommended once a week and the plants really appreciate this combination. It is not only an anti-blight agent but also acts

as a fertilizer. Many of the ingredients of the spray were talked about by our speaker last month, Butch Osterby (really sorry I missed it, the topic was one I am most interested in). Mix the following ingredients in 1 gallon of non-chlorinated water and spray all parts of the plant—stems, leaves and branches.

- 2 tsp. seaweed
- 1 tbsp. fish emulsion
- 2 tbsp. Azomite
- 1/8 tsp. SUPERThrive
- 1/2 tsp. molasses

If you're wondering what Azomite is, so was I. It is an OMRI certified nutrient that can be used in organic gardens of all kinds. It contains a number of rare earths as well as a large complement of trace elements and other minerals. It has so many uses that I only chose a few to mention—enhances nitrogen fixation, helps enhance manganese and iron absorp-

tion, helps plants contend with stress and inhibits fungal growth. I am planning on using this recipe ongoing because of how happy the roses are. I just ordered a 48 lb. bag from Amazon.

Marie Pavie (Polyantha 1888) has always been a bit puny but this year it has put on a foot of new growth covered with vibrant leaves and buds. It would be lovely if I was able to show it at the Thomasville Rose Show this year (April 27-28).

I have really been looking forward to this month's program— Art and Roses! We are sure to enjoy it and learn about a wonderful subject. Thank you Ann Stevens for arranging it. Hope to see you April 5.

I know everyone must be enjoying their roses as I am mine.

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### April Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, April 5, 2018

**Time:** 7:00 pm

**Place:** Jubilee Cottage, Goodwood Museum and Gardens

**Program:** Art and Roses presented by Mark Fletcher. You will learn how to look at your roses through the eyes of an artist and fully appreciate the beauties that they are. See special note on page 2 for more information about this month's program.

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## Thought You'd Like To Know—Lindee (Polyantha)

*Lindee* is a found rose and believed to be a polyantha. The blooms are double, white and in clusters. The blooms are very fragrant and have a honey scent which is unusual for polyanthas. It repeats blooms and grows as a rambler. The plants are small and make good container growers. The foliage

is dark green and small. It is known to do well in southern states and is an easy plant to grow. It is recommended for beginners. It can be found at Goodwood. Cuttings are rooting now. You might want to put it on your wish list to add to your garden soon.



*Lindee*  
(*Polyantha*)

### 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

### ***President's Message—Continued)***

“There is simply the rose; it is perfect in every moment of its existence.”

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

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(See Program Note Below)

### ***Goodwood Roses***

The Goodwood volunteers report that if you would like to volunteer in this propagating program come to Goodwood on Saturday mornings from 9:00 am till noon. There is always something to do. For more information contact any of the regular volunteers:

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There are plants available. Please let others know. 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.

### ***Notes for April Program***

“Art and Roses” is the focus for the April meeting. Discussion and Hands-On Activity will be led by Artist Mark Fletcher.

Bring a rose or two and take a look from the Artist's point of view.

Drawing helps discovery—there may be more to your flower than you knew.

Mark Fletcher BFA, MFA, has been a long-term Artist-in-Residence for the State and National Parks. His ecologically-concerned art is in National/Museum collections. Mark currently teaches art through the Tallahassee Senior Center and Tallahassee Museum. His artwork is primarily inspired by plein-air outings and he leads World-wide Sketchcrawl events.

The demo piece by Mark Fletcher for the presentation will be the society door prize.

*“Start by doing what's necessary;  
Then do what's possible;  
And suddenly you  
Are doing the impossible.”*

St. Francis of Assisi

### ***Tallahassee Area Rose Society Minutes March 1, 2018***

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

The meeting was called to order by Secretary Pat Stanford at 7:04p.m. with twelve 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 is now at 46. There are 73 people currently on the mailing list. We currently have no expenses outstanding.

The business portion was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Butch Osterbye was the program speaker who spoke about organic gardening using composting, worm castings and other manures. Humic acid either liquid or granular makes a nice compost tea. He reminded us to make sure to water in the morning, so the leaves have time to dry and to keep a journal so we can see how our roses re performing throughout the year. The presentation brought many questions and was enjoyed by all.

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

Respectfully submitted

*Pat Stanford*

Secretary

### ***. Peace Garden***

Yes, it is time again to do maintenance on the Peace Garden. Volunteers met and prune on Wednesday, March 7. We'll be meeting on April 4 for maintenance. 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!

### ***Hospitality Committee***

Refreshments for April Meeting

What a delight to sample new treats at the March TARS meeting! Thanks to Pat Stanford, John Sullivan, and Bob Schelhorn for providing the refreshments. In response to Jan Godfrey's request, I have agreed to coordinate volunteers for the April meeting as well as the fall meetings. So, if you are willing to provide a goodie (sweet, savory, beverage) for April, please call me at 850-342-1711 or e-mail to mbdooley@embarqmail.com or text to 850-294-4016. Mary Maud has agreed to continue to provide paper products. Thanks!

### ***Deadline for May Newsletter***

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

## ***April Consulting Rosarian Report***

By Mary Maud Sharpe

### ***April in Your Garden***

This is probably the most exciting month of the year for rosarians. This year the winter was quite cold and recently we have had some mild days so roses will soon be in full spring bloom. Plants are full of new leaves and buds. The Cherokees and some other old garden roses have bloomed. It appears that the danger of frost has past, but we still have some cool mornings. Study the schedule and find the classes in which you will have entries. Pay particular attention to the challenge classes. For Floribundas remember to pinch out the center bloom so that the spray will have a better overall appearance. The other blooms will fill in the gap. You can also remove side growths for the entries that should be one bloom per stem. You will need to do some grooming on the bush as well as final grooming of your specimens. Thrips are one of the things to watch for at this time of year. Should you see blooms beginning to have brown damage spots it will be too late. Prevention is much better and there are several products (Orthene for example) that you can use to mist the buds.

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

The society is considering co-sponsoring with the Pensacola rose society judging schools to be held either in mid-June or early fall. The event would also be for exhibitors in rose shows 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.

### ***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.

### ***K and M Roses***

Jim Mills plans to be at the Thomasville rose show on

Friday, April 27 and he will be delivering special orders. Contact him at 601-420-0208. He will bring other plants too.

### ***Why We Show Roses***

The major activity each year for the rose society is the annual show. It is not easy and there is a lot of work; however, there are many rewards and you are helping the society to make the public aware of roses. It is the society's way to encourage others to grow and appreciate beautiful roses. The show has roses at their very best and can encourage other rose growers to grow better roses. The more you do for your roses the more they will reward you. Roses are beautiful in a garden and are also beautiful displayed in a container or in designs done with roses. You will find both at the show in addition to photographs of roses. You will also learn by entering roses and presenting them at their best. When you show roses you learn from other exhibitors some of the many tips on exhibiting and growing better roses. Rose growers are willing to share their "know how" with you—just talk to them. The exhibitors who put the most effort into their roses are the winners. Showing rose will teach you to do the things you already know how to do and to do these things well. Showing rose is not for everyone, but showing rose can make you a better rose grower. At the show you will meet some wonderful people. It may be that growing roses make people nice or that nice people grow roses. Either way the friendships you will make are lasting. Lastly you will have a lot of fun at the rose show. The anticipation and the excitement make for a great day. There never seems enough time to do all the preparation you would like to do. Some roses are not quite open enough and others open too quickly. No matter if you win or lose the beauty of the many roses at a show is exquisite!

### ***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!

### ***Thanks to Hank***

On Saturday, March 24, Hank Rosen presented a workshop on growing roses at Esposito's Garden Center. The workshop was titled "Roses 101" and was well attended. Hank not only gave attendees excellent information on growing rose, but spread the word of the Tallahassee Area Rose Society with brochures and handouts. Thanks Hank for sharing your love of roses!

## Upcoming Society Programs and Events

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

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

**June and July—No Scheduled Society Meetings**

**August 2—TBA**

## ARS/DSD Events

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

**ARS/DSD Judging Schools—Mid-June or early fall.** 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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