

Regarding Roses

Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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President's Message By Jan Godfrey

May 2018

Thank you Ann Stevens for arranging the program and speaker, Mark Fletcher, for last month's meeting. I really loved the hands-on experience of drawing our own individual pictures of roses after Mark's informative talk and presentation. I left feeling that I had another way of "seeing" roses.

What a surprise when I found new red growth and buds beginning to form on three plants in my garden that had not bloomed before. One rose, I have no idea about; it seems to have volunteered. I am really looking forward to seeing what the blooms look like. The two others that are exhibiting signs of blooming are Sidonie (Bourbon 1846) and Sarah Van Fleet (Hybrid Rugosa 1926). They have been in the garden for several years and it will be lovely to experience their blooms for the first

time.

The 97th Thomasville Rose Show is April 27—28. I am really hoping that I will have roses to show this year. If not, I have certainly been enjoying the profusion of blossoms over the past few weeks.

One of my favorite places to be is in the big white tent at The Thomasville Show between 7:00 and 10:00 a.m. It is inspiring to see all the rosarians intently preparing their roses for entry into the Show.

I hope many of our members will exhibit in Thomasville. Everyone should experience the fragrances, colors and shapes of the roses when first entering the big white tent. Enchanting!

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

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

Thought You'd Like To Know—White Success

White Success is a hybrid tea that was introduced by Robert G. Jelly in 1985. It is a white and/or white blend which is very full with 40+ petals. The blooms are large 4-5 inches and are high centered. Although it has no fragrance it reblooms well. It has showy blooms in spring, summer and

fall. It does best in full sun and is good for exhibition and as a garden cut flower. Its parentage is Bridal Pink x seedling. It has stood the test of time and is a good all round white to add to your garden. Give it a try. We think you will be pleased to have it in your garden.

Jan Godfrey

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TARS Board to Meet During the Summer

The TARS Board will be meeting during the summer to plan the society events for the remainder of the year. They would appreciate input from the members with ideas for programs and activities.

It is through sharing rose experiences that we learn from others. Let us know what you want to learn more about your rose hobby.

If you know of speakers you would like to have as a program guest, let us know that as well.

Contact information for TARS Board members is shown on page 4.



White Success
(Hybrid Tea)

May Picnic

Date: Thursday, May 3, 2018
Time: Serving at 6:30 pm—come early for set up.
Place: Jubilee Cottage Grounds, Goodwood Museum and Gardens
Picnic: There is no planned business just good food and fellowship with other rose lovers. Family members and guests are welcomed. There are more details on page 2. Remember to contact Martha Dooley to let her know you plan to come.

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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 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.

E-Mail Addresses

On occasions the society finds it convenient to contact members by e-mail. The list needs to be updated. If you have an e-mail that you are willing to share, please send it to wjmmsharpe@aol.com and we promise it will not be given to others, but used within the society. Since the DSD Bulletin is now online it could be easily shared through e-mail to all members. We do plan to share the next copy of the Bulletin which should be issued soon with members who have given us e-mail addresses. Many of you may all ready be receiving it from the district.

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!

May Society Picnic

The annual TARS picnic will be Thursday, May 3, at Goodwood Museum and Gardens. Hopefully the weather will be good and we will plan to eat outside Jubilee Cottage under the big tree there. Come early as serving time is planned for 6:30 pm. Hopefully members will be able to get home before dark. This annual event is for family members too. There is no planned business—just good food, fellowship and fun. The society will provide the entrée of barbeque chicken (cooked by Bob Schelhorn), beverages and paper goods. Members are asked to bring their favorite side dish or dessert. Please contact Martha Dooley, by Tuesday evening, at 850-342-1711 home phone, 850-294-4016 cell phone or e-mail either jkdooley@embarqmail.com / mbdooley@embarqmail.com to let her know you plan to come and the number of persons attending. This will greatly help with set up and food preparation.

Remember that the society will not meet during the months of June and July.

Tallahassee Area Rose Society Minutes

April 5, 2018

Jubilee Cottage, Goodwood Museum and Gardens

The meeting was called to order by President Jan Godfrey at 7:30p.m. with fourteen 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 54.

We need to pay for the following: ARS Insurance, ARS Membership, DSD Garden Fund in honor of Bill Dority.

The business portion was adjourned at 7:45p.m.

Ann Stevens introduced the speaker, which was Mark Fletcher. Mark is a teacher at the senior center and showed us his style of beginning to draw various things in nature. Everyone was given pencil and paper and were challenged to draw one of the many roses on our tables. Everyone made a valiant effort to draw their flowers and many of us went around looking at others work. We have a lot of budding artists!

The presentation 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 to do spring maintenance on the Peace Garden. Volunteers met and prune on Wednesday, April 11. We'll be meeting again on May 2 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—Martha Dooley

If you are willing to provide a goodie (sweet, savory, beverage) for August, 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 August Newsletter

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

Invite Others to Join TARS

Invite others you know who are interested in roses to come and join us for the programs we are planning for the remainder of 2018. Offer to bring them with you. Send their names to the editor and we'll gladly add their names to the mailing list to receive “Regarding Roses”.

May Consulting Rosarian Report

By Montine Herring

Now that the Thomasville Rose Show is history it is time to enjoy the fruits of our labor. We should be enjoying the second flush of our blooms.

Some things to-do during the month of May are to continue to deadhead to keep our bushes healthy. A menace to watch for is spider mites. They usually appear the last of April or the first of May. They appear on the underside of the leaves and will defoliate the plants if not controlled. Wash the underside of the leaves with a water wand of a strong stream of water is effective but using a chemical spray such as Avid, Floramite SC or Shuttle SC have been very effective for me. Whatever product you use, please read the direction on the label and use the recommended amounts. Take a good shower after spraying.

The rose plants need to be well watered before and after you fertilize and before you spray. When it is hot and dry I water twice a week. It is almost impossible to over water and don't be afraid to get water on the leaves—the plants love a bath. The mulch needs to be thick enough to keep the beds cool and weeds to a minimum. Keep a calendar of what you are doing in your garden—the following week we may have forgotten. Whatever your rose schedule, just be SAFE AND CONSISTENT with your program. Have a great summer.

ARS/DSD Exhibitor/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 celebrated the 97th annual rose show. It was held in the Big Tent downtown on Friday, April 27 and Saturday, April 28. Donna Harrell, a Thomasville member won the queen, princess and a court of honor. Ralph and Jean Stream won the queen, king a princess of miniatures and of minifloras. Martha and Jim Dooley won the hybrid tea spray with Pat's Choice, the climber with Don Juan and floater with Mister Lincoln. We are so proud of the Dooley's.

Summer Care of Roses

What to do now to have beautiful bloom in the fall

Begin to shape your plants. Each time you cut roses you are pruning. During August begin to cut back longer stems. Cut out dead wood anytime and especially late summer.

At the end of August do pruning for fall. Cut back no more than one third of plant growth. Pruning should not be as severe as in the spring. Later pruning will result in tender growth going into winter. Cut back gives larger fall blooms.

Follow similar routine as in spring for fertilizing. Fertilizers containing nitrogen can be applied until early October. Plants need to be hardened off and develop dormancy before winter cold.

Continue weekly spray program. Spraying is a must as many pests may over winter.

Plan for new beds and plantings. Late summer / early fall is a good time to plan for moving plants, adding and preparing new beds. Evaluate the plants you have and select new ones if necessary.

Landscape with different types of roses. Read books and visit other gardens. You can make your garden more interesting with the many types and growth habits of roses. Mass plantings make a bold statement. Many roses especially miniatures and minifloras are good as a patio potted roses.

Yes, water, water, water. Water well if rain is not sufficient. Do not over water. Use a rain gage. Check your plants regularly by feeling the soil. Remember to water both before and after fertilizing and before spraying.

Enjoy your rose and share with others! Plan to enter the fall Society show the end of October.

TARS 2018 Annual Show

Reserve the last weekend in October for the 2018 annual TARS rose show. We hope that many of our members will be exhibiting this year. Plan to attend the judging school in June to learn all the tips you can. The schedule will be similar to previous years, so study the classes and plan those you can enter. Mark your calendar now and join us in supporting this annual event to introduce the public to the world of roses and how they too can enjoy roses in their gardens.

Thanks to Bob

Bob Schelhorn has agreed to do the entrée for the picnic! Members are always in for a treat when Bob is cook 'in. Thanks Bob for doing this. We are soooo lucky to have you as a member.

*“An error doesn't become a mistake
Until you refuse to correct it.”*

Orlando A. Battista

Upcoming Society Programs and Events

May 3—Covered Dish Picnic (Members and Guests)

June and July—No Scheduled Society Meetings

August 2—Program 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. 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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