

# Regarding Roses

## Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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## President's Message By Jan Godfrey

September 2018

Oh the dog days of summer! I was working out in the garden early one morning, around 7:30. I decided to sit awhile and enjoy the cool and overcast morning. It was very quiet but as I sat there more and more insects were heard and seen. The garden was coming alive as the day warmed. Before long, there appeared so many butterflies of different colors and sizes and the sound of bees and other insects visiting the roses and wild flowers grew louder and louder. It was really pleasing to see the huge variety of beneficial insects buzzing about.

I am happy to say that the things that have been attacking my roses all summer have started to slow down and disappear. The black spot is harder to find and the signs of chili thrips have lessened. I haven't had as much trimming back of new growth. I am

going to continue the spraying program that I've been using lately. I've been using Spinosad twice a month and something new to me—Suffoil-X. Also Green Cure weekly as well as feeding with fish emulsions and other natural goodies. They all seem to respond but interestingly, some varieties are much more healthy than others, such as in my garden, Mrs. B. R. Cant (Tea 1901), Pink Pet (Polyantha), Princesse de Sagan (Tea 1887) and Champneys' Pink Cluster (Noisette 1811).

Thank you Hank Rosen for talking to us about when and what to do to get our roses ready for the fall bloom and Rose Show. Hank is full of information and is always willing to share. His August program answered quite a few of my questions.

This month's program is to "Share What's Happen-

ing in Your Garden". Please bring a rose or two—fragrant would be nice but anyone you feel like is fine. Also, bring any photographs you would like to share. I really enjoy these discussions with the group. I do believe that we can all learn a lot from each other's experiences.

The DSD is having a Horticulture Judging Seminar (free) Saturday, September 22, at the Thomas County Library, 201 N. Madison Street in Thomasville, Georgia from 9:30 am – 3:00 pm. Included will be a session on judging of photography entries. If you have any interest in being involved please get in touch with Jim Small, 321-662-1292, jsmalljr@cfl.rr.com, to let him know you will be attending.

Don't forget that our

### September Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, September 6, 2018

**Time:** 7:00 pm.

**Place:** Jubilee Cottage, Goodwood Museum and Gardens, 1600 Micosukkee Road, Tallahassee, FL

**Program:** "Share What's Happening in Your Garden" will be a discussion of members of how gardens have survived the summer. Bring a favorite rose to share. Photos are also acceptable. Be prepared to tell why you grow it.

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### Special Notes

- Volunteer at Goodwood Saturday mornings 9:00 am—Noon and third Wednesday 9:00 am.
- 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—Nancy Jean

*Nancy Jean* is one of the most beautiful colored roses and was hybridized by the late Vernon Rickard. It is good for exhibition as all most all blooms have perfect exhibition form and tight centers although they are sometimes sunken. It is a large miniature and does better if sprayed

for mildew and black spot. This apricot blend was introduced in 2004 and has won queens across the country in local and national shows. If you like miniatures you will love *Nancy Jean*. Miniature roses do well as container plantings.



**Nancy Jean**  
(Miniature)

***(President's Message—continued)***

Rose Show is coming up October 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to volunteer, please get in touch with Ann Stevens 850-576-1800, stevensann@yahoo.com or Mary Maud Sharpe, 850-878-9625, wjmmsarpe@aol.com. I always enjoy helping as there are so many things to do and it is a fun time being around our Society members.

Hope you and your roses are faring well during these hot and humid days. See you on Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup>.

“The fragrance always stays in the hand that gives the rose.”

— George William Curtis

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***Goodwood Roses***

The first phase of replanting the roses at Goodwood is completed. Stop by and see the new plantings at the south of the reflection pool. An irrigation system has been installed and is operational. Maintenance includes removing deadwood and spent blooms, fertilizing and pulling weeds. Work is usually completed in an hour on third Wednesday monthly at 9:00 am. If you would like to help with maintenance come and join us. The Goodwood volunteers report that if you would like to volunteer in the propagating program come to Goodwood on Saturday mornings from 9:00 am till noon. We are accepting and would appreciate cuttings. For more information contact any of the regular volunteers:

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There are plants available. Please let others know.

***Hospitality Committee—Martha Dooley***

If you are willing to provide a goodie (sweet, savory, beverage) for September, please call me at 850-342-1711 or e-mail to mbdooley@embarqmail.com or text to 850-294-4016. Thanks to all who have volunteered in the past!

***Deadline for October Newsletter***

The deadline for submitting information for the October “Regarding Roses”, the society newsletter is September 20. Please send information to the editor Mary Maud Sharpe at wjmmsarpe@aol.com.

***Tallahassee Area Rose Society Minutes***

***August 2, 2018***

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

The meeting was called to order by president Jan Godfrey at 7:07p.m. with eleven members present.

There were no minutes from previous meetings, since summer hiatus. Last event was summer covered dish.

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 62. We have only one expense that being a check to Goodwood in the amount of \$250. Our society dues to ARS is also currently paid. The Exhibitor’s School was covered by member donations from the three sponsoring societies.

All were encouraged to either donate items or money for the awards for this year’s show. There are some prizes left from last year. All hands will be needed for the show.

It was noted that Jim Small will no longer chair of district horticulture judges following the national ARS meeting in late October; JoAnne Maxheimer will take over as Horticulture Chair while Sandy Dixon will take over as Arrangements Chair. Jim will, however present a seminar on judging for horticulture judges Saturday, September 22 in Thomasville, Georgia. and any rosarians are welcome.

We were told that there would be no DSD Convention this fall. This annual event was held at the ARS Miniature / Miniflora National in Jacksonville in May.

It is time for Roses in Review and even if you don’t have the new varieties, just filling out a form helps.

We were reminded that volunteers maintain Goodwood gardens on the third Wednesday of the Month and the Peace garden on the first Wednesday of the month.

A request for program ideas was addressed and one came up and that was “Roses around Town”, where we can take photos of roses around town and send to one person to compile a list and slide show.

The business portion was adjourned at 7:20p.m.

Jan Godfrey introduced the speaker, our own Hank Rosen, who gave a talk on “The Summer Care of Roses” which was all about what to do now to have beautiful blooms in the fall. The presentation was enjoyed by all, with many questions and comments throughout.

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

Respectfully submitted

*Pat Stanford*

Secretary

***Peace Garden***

Yes, volunteers are continuing to meet and take care of the garden each first Wednesday of the month at 9:00 am. Plan to come and join us. Cookies and drinks are provided to help you regain your energy. You will find it is a good way to get to know other society members. We are usually finished in an hour.

*“The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing.”*

## **September Consulting Rosarian Report**

By Seymour Rosen

### **Unwelcome Garden Guests**

The torrential rain and high humidity of the last two and one half months has left as distant memory the several weeks of hot and dry weather that Tallahassee experienced during the end of May and early June. This weather was the favorite scenario for an invasion of spider mites which are not insects but relatives of the spider (arachnids). They feed by sucking sap from leaves—eventually defoliating the plant. My “Julia Child” plants, all of which are planted consecutively on my walkway, were affected. The leaves turned brown and under magnification I could readily observe the 1/2 mm mites scurrying on the underside of the leaves. I directed a forceful spray of water to the underside of the leaves and repeated it several times. I obtained and used Floramite SC, a miticide that kills the adults as well as the eggs, recommended by Hank Rosen. Insecticidal soaps and oils are also effective. Remember not to apply treatments in the heat of the day and keep the roses well hydrated before spraying so that they are better able to withstand any side effects from the spray. Use broad spectrum insecticides only when absolutely necessary to avoid killing the enemies of the mite such as lady bugs. It is a good idea to spray miticide during the winter to kill mites hiding in your garden. Fortunately all my Julia Child roses recovered fully and continue to be a great asset to my rose garden.



Photo by Seymour Rosen shows devastation of Spider mites

### **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. 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. Jan Ignash, 360-485-7435, Jmignash@gmail.com and Ann Stevens, 850-576-1800, stevensann@yahoo.co, are co-chairs for the show. We have just learned that Jan and David will be moving back to Tampa soon. Mary Maud Sharpe 850-878-9625, wjmmsharpe@aol.com will fill in for Jan after she leaves. Contact them and volunteer to help.

## **DSD Horticulture Seminar**

This event is designed for horticulture judges to meet the audit requirement for judges; however, anyone interested in learning how roses are judged is welcome to attend. Photography judging is to be included. It will be held on Saturday, September 22, 2018 at the Thomas County Public Library, 201 North Madison Street, Thomasville, Georgia. The session is from 9:30 am until 3:00 pm. There is no charge. You are asked to register so that supplies and space will be provided. A form was sent to you earlier and you may contact Jim Small, DSD Chair of Horticulture Judges, (321-662-1292), jsmalljr@cfl.rr.com, if you have questions. This is great opportunity to learn what the judges are looking for in a winning exhibit and travel distance is not too long. We hope that you will plan to attend. There will be a horticulture and arrangement school soon if you are interested in becoming an ARS judge.

### **Roses in Review**

It is not too late for you to review the rose you have in your garden and report to Cindy Dale, DSD Chair or report on the ARS web site [rose.org/rir](http://rose.org/rir). Cindy will be pleased to help you. You may contact her at [rose-pro@bellsouth.net](mailto:rose-pro@bellsouth.net). Information was sent to you with the August “Regarding Roses”. These reviews are the basis for the “Handbook for Selecting Roses” which will be published early next year. Your input is very important and is truly appreciated. You do not need to be a member of ARS to participate in this review. There is more information on the web site. The score range is 0.0 to 10.0 with 10.0 being the perfect rose. You may review roses you have seen in other gardens. If you do not grow the roses listed you are still asked to make a report and check the appropriate boxes. Consulting and Master Rosarians are urged to participate. The more participation the better the reviews and the more useful the handbook can be to members and the public when selecting new plants to add to their gardens.

### **To Do List for September**

- Remember that cut back date for fall bloom is Labor Day! Pruning should not be as much as early spring pruning. Be sure to remove dead wood and extra tall growth.
- Fertilize for great fall blooms.
- Continue spray program or apply Bayer's 3 in 1 if you only have a few plants.
- Water well and frequently. Usually rain is not as generous in the fall as in the hot summer months.
- Remove the center bud in sprays.
- Take photos of blooms to enter in show.
- Visit your garden frequently to avert problems before they get out of hand.

*“I never learn anything talking. I only learn when I ask questions.”*

Lou Holtz

## Upcoming Society Programs and Events

**September 6—“What’s Happening in Your Garden”,** Member participation. Please bring a rose or two to share.

**October 4—“Edible Flowers and Creativity with Roses”** presented by Lynne Schaffer.

**October 27– 28—Annual Rose Show,** Doyle Conner Building, 3115 Conner Boulevard, Tallahassee, FL

**November 1—Review and Evaluate the Show**

### ARS/DSD Events

**ARS/DSD Horticulture Judging Seminar—** September 22, 2018 in Thomasville, GA. Contact Jim Small, 321-662-1292, jsmalljr@cfl.rr.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](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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