

Regarding Roses

Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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President's Message By Jan Godfrey

December 2018

This year's Rose Show had a smaller number of roses than usual but the ones on display were, as always, beautiful. We added a new Section called Name That Rose which allowed entry of any unknown rose for identification by the Society, Judges and public. A red and white rose with an incredible fragrance was in this class and remains a mystery; even the judges didn't know its name. Thank you Mary Maud and Ann and all the other many volunteers who made this Show a success. A particular thanks to Bob Schelhorn, the lunch you prepared was enjoyed by all.

Most of my gardens have been cleared of tree debris from Hurricane Michael. Many of my Old Garden Roses are blooming stronger than I've seen them for some time. They all have new growth and blooms.

Georgetown Tea (Found Tea) and Harper's Rose (unknown) were blooming before the storm and have been blooming since. Harper's Rose is a very healthy bush and always has one or more extremely fragrance blooms. It's been hard not to pick the flowers, even though I know I shouldn't. I was lucky with all the trees that fell into my rose gardens, no roses were damaged although my trellis is now a pile of twisted metal.

With all the new growth and blooms at the moment, I have decided to continue to spray for prevention of black spot and blight on my roses and pear trees during the winter. All of my fruit trees are confused and have put on flowers since the storm. The only trees that seem not to be fooled are my Japanese persimmons. One "benefit" of the storm has been the large supply of

pine straw for mulch—all my bushes are well mulched and ready for the winter rest.

I am looking forward to representing our Society as President again this year—I hope to get more involved in learning how the Deep South District and ARS function and how they can help our Society grow.

Our Holiday Party is Sunday December 9th at 3:00 p.m. at Gerard and Marion Nimis' home at 2105 Miller Landing. This is a very important gathering because we are presenting awards to our new Master Rosarian, Robert Schelhorn and to this year's TARS ARS Bronze Medal winner. I always enjoy our gatherings, such great food and fun spending time with fellow Society members. So, bring a dish to share (Continued on page 2)

Thought You'd Like To Know—White Christmas

Did you know that there is a Christmas rose? Well there is and it is registered as "White Christmas". It was bred by Howard & Smith in 1953 and introduced in 1962. It is white or white blend with a strong fragrance. The blooms are large and double with 17 to 25 pet-

als. They are high-centered form. It blooms well throughout the season. It is probably hard to find, but is still available. It may be worth your effort to search and find it. It was quite popular years ago and did well in local gardens.



White Christmas
(Hybrid Tea)

December Party

Date: Sunday, December 9, 2018

Time: 3:00 pm.

Place: Home of Gerard and Marion Nimis, 2105 Miller Landing Toad, Tallahassee, FL

Party: Master Rosarian Bob Schelhorn and Recipient of 2018 ARS Bronze Medal Award will be recognized. Gumbo and salad will be provided. Members are asked to bring appetizers, side dishes or desserts.

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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

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and come join other rose nuts.

I hope that more of our members will attend our meetings in the coming year. I am looking forward to the many upcoming informative programs. I'd also like to invite anyone who has an idea for a presentation or program to give me a call. We are always looking for new ideas.

Hope to see you at the Holiday Party December 9th and the next regular Society meeting January 3.

Don't forget that all the latest information is on the website www.TallahasseeAreaRoseSociety.org

"To smell a rose is to teach the soul to skip..."

— C. Joy Bell C.

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Goodwood Roses

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. We worked in October, but will give the roses a rest until February when we will be pruning. 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. Although it is late in the year, 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.

DSD Mid-Winter Meeting

This meeting will again be held in Gainesville, Florida and the Tampa Rose Society will be the host. It is not too late to plan to go. You should have received registration and event forms earlier. The distance is short travel and the informational programs are great. There will be vendors with products you will need for your gardens this spring. There are old friends to visit with and new friends to meet. Society ARS Bronze Medal winner for 2018 will be recognized at the Saturday evening dinner. If you have attended in prior years you know that this is one of the best district events of the year. If you will be a first time attendee you will want to be one of the regular attendees in the future.

Tallahassee Area Rose Society Minutes

November 1, 2018, Jubilee Cottage
Goodwood Museum and Gardens

President Jan Godfrey called the meeting to order and presided. She welcomed those present.

The minutes of the October 4 meeting were approved.

The treasurer's report was given by Mary Maud Sharpe and was also approved. Some show expenses are still pending. It was noted that future membership dues received will be credited to 2019. It was also noted that the SunTrust bank will be closing the Apalachee Parkway branch in January and moving to a new nearby 3098 location also on Apalachee Parkway.

The society has accepted the invitation of Marion Nimis to host the Christmas party. It was decided to change the date from Thursday regular meeting time to December 9, the following Sunday afternoon so that hopefully more members could attend.

President Jan Godfrey explained her excitement of her winnings at the recent show and thanked members for their help in making the show a success.

Other comments were that the newspaper gave us good publicity. There were more visitors on Saturday than in prior years. Both set up and take down went well. The society was fortunate to have some outside exhibitors that brought many exhibits. The weather cooperated with near perfect days. The lunch by Bob Schelhorn was a hit and thanks was extended to him. More donation of awards would have been appreciated.

The Co-Chairmen thanked members for their support.

The meeting adjourned and members enjoyed delicious refreshments and fellowship.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Maud Sharpe

Acting Secretary

Healing Garden

This garden is located at the TMH Cancer Center and is near to Goodwood. The garden features many old garden roses that were donated by Bill Dority and planted there several years ago. They are doing quite well and you might want to stop by for a visit. There are other plantings too. They are cared for by a garden circle and other volunteers who meet frequently. If you would like to help you may contact Maye Walker 850-385-1352 or mayewalker@comcast.net.

Below is a recent photo of the Louis Philippe rose bush.



December Consulting Rosarian Report

By Hank Rosen

December is a time for the rosarian to relax and take it easy in the garden. You will need to keep watering unless there is at least 1.5 inches or more of rain per week on your garden. If you like, you can stop spraying for fungus for a couple of months. If you are compulsive or have a lot of black spot, then you can always spray as necessary. Keep your roses well mulched to keep the roots warm as we will be experiencing some freezing temperatures. Four or five inches of pine straw or oak leaves should do the trick.

December is a good time to do an inventory of your garden chemicals and make a list of what you need to purchase for next spring. Remember that all chemicals have a "shelf life" and generally are only viable for five years or less. Be sure and check the literature as new products are coming out all the time and might make your job easier or more efficient. This is also a good time to inspect and clean your sprayer and other gardening tools for a long winter's nap!

Look online or order rose catalogues from vendors and spend your time relaxing with a good cup of coffee or tea picking out new bushes you have got to have for the next growing season. You will probably need to do some "shovel pruning" of old and nonproductive bushes to make room for the beautiful new ones. If you have not already done so, run a soil test and when you receive the results, follow the recommendations to have your garden pH ready for next spring.

Be sure to write a letter to Santa requesting what goodies you would like for the next growing season!

Merry Christmas and a Happy rose growing New Year.

ARS Bronze Medal Award

Annually the society board of directors select the recipient for this prestigious award which is to be presented at the December holiday party of the society. The recipient has been selected by the board of TARS. This recipient is also honored at the mid-Winter meeting of the Deep South District. The certificate reads awarded to (Recipient) for Outstanding Service to Tallahassee Area Rose Society. The medal and certificate is to be presented by President Jan Godfrey. We hope you will plan to be there to congratulate the 2018 recipient

Ideas for Meeting Programs and Activities

At a recent meeting of the TARS Board there was discussion of programs for the coming year. This is your society and the board would welcome your ideas. Programs can be of subjects we had had in the past as ideas are constantly changing. Some can be fresh new ideas that we have not tried. Let President Jan Godfrey know. Her contact information is on page 4. We will try and find knowledgeable presenters. However, if you know of presenters that would be helpful too.

Gardening Gifts from Santa

This is a list of suggestions you can ask Santa to bring you for your rose gardening in 2019. Make sure you get your list to him in time for Christmas delivery.

- A new pair of leather gloves for your early spring pruning.
- A rake with long wire tines to use in replenishing and adding new pine straw mulch. (One like Jim Dooley has)
- New rose plants! (Especially ones you don't have such as miniature and miniflora ones so that you can enter those classes in the show next year)
- A calendar with plenty of writing room for your rose activities such as when you fertilize and/or spray.
- Permanent labels for the plants that you now know, but may forget their names.
- A good easy to use edger to keep grass from invading your rose beds.
- A wide brim hat to protect you from the sun.
- New bud vases and other containers so that you can enjoy your roses as cut bloom inside your home.

You can add to this list as you surely have other wants. Thus list can also be used for holiday gifts for you gardening friends. Visit the local nurseries they have an endless supply of gift ideas for gardening folks.

Deadline for January Newsletter

The deadline for submitting information for the January "Regarding Roses", the society newsletter is December 20. Please send information to the editor Mary Maud Sharpe at wjmsharpe@aol.com or mail to 7020 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, FL 32311-4122. Contact by phone at 850-878-9625.

A Special Thanks to Officials and Volunteers

We are grateful to The TARS Officials for the past year of leadership of the society activities. We can be proud of the accomplishments of the society during 2018. Members of the rose society volunteered, contributed and established the roses beds at the pool area at Goodwood. Volunteers continued to care for the Peace Garden. The society co-sponsored the Exhibitor's School in June. We held the 34th annual rose show. We have propagated roses for the old garden rose sale in Mid-February. To our leadership and to the many volunteers "Thank You."

Let Christmas Begin

O Candle from heaven,

Come warm us again.

Come and shine in our darkness.

Let Christmas begin.

Joseph M. Martin

Upcoming Society Programs and Events

December 9—Holiday Party—Home of Gerard and Marion Nimis, 2015 Miller Landing Road, Tallahassee, FL. Sunday, December 9 at 3:00 pm. ARS Certificates and Awards to be presented.

January 3—“New Plants to Consider and Why the Choice of Fortuniana Rootstock”. Mary Maud Sharpe

February 7—“Pruning and Other February To Do’s in Your Garden”. Hank Rosen

March 7—“Basic Care of Roses”. Bob Schelhorn

DSD Events

January 18-20, 2019—DSD Mid-Winter Meeting

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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:

Web Site: www.tallahasseearearosesociety.org

Meetings: 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

DSD Bulletin: 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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