

Regarding Roses

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President's Message By Jan Godfrey

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(Editor's Note)

There is no President's Message for the January issue of the "Regarding Roses". President Jan Godfrey has been quite ill during the holidays. Her message will return next month. You may contact her at 850-442-9076 or JanieG@tds.net.

We hope that you will enjoy this article on Fortuniana Rootstock. It is timely since our program this month includes information on this subject and there has been interest from members in the past.

Fortuniana

(Summary of Information based on comments from Jim Mills of K and M Roses)

Fortuniana is the preferred rootstock for grafted roses grown in the south. It is resistant to nematodes. Nematodes are in

most southern soils and they attack the roots of roses and may destroy them. Fortuniana is also resistant to other root diseases. The root system of fortuniana is fibrous and extend out from the plant for a massive root system. Blooms on the plant will be larger and plants produce more leaves. Plants are also larger and rootstock is winter hardy after the first year.

Fortuniana rootstock roses are grown and sold in containers and should be planted the same depth as they are in the containers. The graft union should be above soil level. It is a good idea to use a small amount of time release fertilizer in the bottom of the hole before planting. Adjust the height of the plant to the hole and fill the hole one half full of soil mixture. Water and let drain. Fill the hole completely, water and allow to drain. Imme-

diately stake each bush. A four foot rebar is suggested and tie above the graft with strips of panty hose. This will protect the graft during strong winds. Add more time release fertilizer and also Milorganite. Add mulch such as pine straw.

Fortuniana plants require water and regular watering is very important to your roses. Check your soil by sticking your finger in it. If the soil is damp no need for more water. A watering system that you can adjust is best; however, watering with a hose is also good.

Fortuniana plants are heavy feeders and a regular fertilizer program is required. They will need nutrients to produce many bloom through out the bloom season. Fertilizers and water go hand in hand.

January Meeting

Date: Thursday, January 3 2019

Time: 7:00 pm.

Place: Jubilee Cottage, Goodwood Museum and Gardens, Tallahassee, FL

Meeting: Master Rosarian Mary Maud Sharpe will present the program on "Roses You Should Consider for your Garden and Why you Should Buy Fortuniana Rootstock Plants Rather Than Other Rootstocks". There will be time for questions.

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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— New Year

Yes, there is a rose named *New Year* and since that holiday will come soon we thought you would like to know. It is a grandiflora hybridized in 1982 by Sam McGredy IV and introduced in 1983. It won the AARS award in 1987. The bloom size is medium and the color is an orange blend. It has 20

petals and a light fragrance. Because of the petal count it opens quickly. The foliage is large and dark green. There is also a climbing sport. Its growth habit is like a shrub and it does better in full sun. Give it a try in your garden? You may like this grandiflora



New Year
(Grandiflora)

More Rose Information

How to Prune Your Roses in February and other spring-time to do's by Hank Rosen will be the topic of the February program and Care of Your Roses by Bob Schelhorn will be the March program. Plan to be there.

Goodwood Roses

If you would like to help with maintenance come and join us. Maintenance includes removing deadwood and spent blooms, fertilizing and pulling weeds. Work is usually completed in an hour on third Wednesday monthly beginning at 9:00 am. We will begin activities again in 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. We are repotting rooted cuttings. For more information contact any of the regular volunteers:

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The plant sale is Saturday, February 9 beginning at 9:00 am. Plants will be available on future Saturday's until they are sold. Please help us spread the word and 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 you 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.

Hospitality Committee—Martha Dooley

If you are willing to provide a goodie (sweet, savory, beverage) for 2019 meetings, 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 on the sign up sheet.

Tallahassee Area Rose Society Minutes

There are no minuets for the December party which was held at the home of Gerard and Marion Nimis on Sunday, December 9 at 3:00 pm. The Bronze Medal Awards for 2018 were presented to Gerard and Marion Nimis and the Master Rosarian Award was presented to Robert Schelhorn. Congratulations to these members. Good food and fellowship was enjoyed. This gathering completed the rose events for 2018.

TARS 2019 Membership

A 2019 membership form is enclosed. You may bring your form and dues to the January meeting or mail to the treasurer. Contact information is on the form. We ask that you complete the address and e-mail information so that the society records may be updated and current. We do hope that you are planning to join us for another year of TARS activities.

Suggested Roses

Select your roses now, plant in mid-February. If you are buying grafted roses consider the advantages of fortuniana rootstock and ask if you are unsure. Listed are some varieties to add to your garden unless you already have them.

Hybrid Teas—Double Delight, Elina, Gemini, Kardinal, Louise Estes, Mister Lincoln, St. Patrick, Veterans' Honor.

Grandifloras—Gold Medal, Queen Elizabeth.

Floribundas—Europeana, Hannah Gordon, Iceberg, Julia Childs, Lady of the Dawn, Sunspite.

Climbers—Peggy Martin (a found rose)

Shrubs—Ballerina, Dortmund, Molineux, Polar Express, Prosperity

Old Garden Roses—Belinda's Dream, Green Rose, Lady Banks, Louis Philippe, Mrs. B. R. Cant, Old Blush, Pink Pet, Souv. de la Malmaison.

Polyanthas—Mlle Cecile Brunner, The Fairy

Miniatures—Bees Knees, Fairhope, Joy, Mary Maud.

Minifloras—Conundrum, Whirlaway.

There are many other varieties and rosarians have favorites of color or form that appeal to them. Try some varieties that you don't have and enjoy their spring bloom.

Deadline for February Newsletter

The deadline for submitting information for the February "Regarding Roses", the society newsletter, is January 24. Please send information to the editor Mary Maud Sharpe at wjmmsharpe@aol.com or mail to 7020 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, FL 32311-4122. Contact by phone at 850-878-9625.

*"They invented hugs
To let people know
You love them
Without saying anything."*

Bill Keane

January Consulting Rosarian Report

By Mary Maud Sharpe

Happy New Year and Happy Rose Growing in 2019. January is planning and preparation month for rosarians. Plan changes you would like to make for your garden, by replacing older plants that have not done well or adding new one that you have been wanting. Prepare new beds! Buy supplies you will need such as fertilizers and spray materials. Clean your tools. Do a soil test and add lime or sulfur if needed to adjust the pH. Attack winter weeds that seem to appear each year and get mulch ready. Do a dormant spray such as lime sulfur. Good planning and preparation is the key to good roses during bloom time. The things you can do ahead of time will help later when you are busy doing the many things that need to be done. Planning and preparation pay big dividends in growing good roses.

I do hope that many of you are planning to get some new plants for existing bed or new beds. It is always interesting to see if the new varieties are as good as the photos in both color and form.

Remember the Old Garden Rose Sale at Goodwood Museum and Gardens is mid-February. Save somewhere in your landscape to add several plants. Now is a good time to check your irrigation system, if you have one to be sure that it is working properly.

Check on all the supplies you will need later in the year. Sharpen your clippers as next month is pruning time. Resist the effort to prune too early! It can be very tempting if we get some warm weather.

Check with any of the society ARS Consulting Rosarians should you need advice. They are listed on page 4 and will be pleased to share their experiences. May this year be a great year for you and your roses! Remember to share with family, friends and neighbors. A rose can put a smile on their face.

Tetanus What You Should Know and What You Should Do

All gardeners should be aware of some basic facts about tetanus and make certain that their tetanus immunizations are current. The wound need be no larger than a thorn prick to harbor bacteria to produce the toxin which is very poisonous. In recent years approximately 11% of reported tetanus cases have been fatal. The highest mortality rates are in unvaccinated persons and persons over 60 years of age. Tetanus, also called lockjaw is a medical condition characterized by a contraction of muscle fibers. The incubation period is usually about 8 days, but may be as long as several months. There is no blood test that can be used to diagnose tetanus. Diagnosis is made from symptoms. It is best to prevent tetanus by vaccination. The CDC recommends that adults receive a booster vaccine every ten years. Some doctors recommend boosters every five years. It is standard practice to give a booster if persons are uncertain

of when they were vaccinated. Tetanus occurs in soils rich in organic matter. Tetanus is often associated with rust, especially rusty nails. This concept is misleading, but the rough surface of rusty metal provides a habitat for *C. tetani* endospore and the nail may puncture the skin and allow endospore to enter the wound. When tetanus infection does occur, it is highly lethal. If a tetanus develops in an person who has not been immunized, the fatality rate runs from 45 to 55 percent with the best hospital care. Always consult you health care provider for more information. Never neglect a wound. Keep your booster vaccinations up to date! It is easy to protect yourself. (This is reprinted as a reminder)

2019 Resolutions

There has been a lot said for the advantages of New Year Resolutions and comments that they are too hard to keep. Many of us do not follow through as we should, but to get a chance to start anew has a certain appeal especially to rosarians because it is a new year of rose growing. So here are a few for you to consider.

- Grow better roses.
- Remember the things that worked in the past and plan to do them again.
- Learn something new!
- Find a mentor and don't be afraid to ask for help and advice.
- Keep a calendar of what you do and when you do it to use as a reference for future activities and to remind you of things you should do and when.
- Buy at least one new rose.
- Plan to rejoin TARS and attend all the society meetings if possible. Meet a member you do not know well and visit with them.
- Get one new rose book.
- Volunteer to help on a society committee.
- Visit your rose garden more frequently just to see and smell the roses.
- Share roses with others—neighbors or friends.

You can think of other resolutions. Add them to this list and don't worry if you don't keep all of them. Start the new year with enthusiasm for your rose growing hobby! May 2019 be a good year for you and your roses.

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 recipients selected by the board of TARS for 2018 were Gerard and Marion Nimis. These recipients are 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 medals and certificates were presented by President Jan Godfrey at the December Christmas Party. Congratulate to Gerard and Marion, the 2018 recipients.

Upcoming Society Programs and Events

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

April 4—TBA

May 2—Annual Picnic

June and July—No planned meetings

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 Cir-

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