

Regarding Roses

Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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President's Message By Jan Godfrey

February 2019

I'm sorry to have missed last month's program about the Fortuniana rose (Hybrid Banksia circa 1840). I would have loved to have learned more about this Old Garden Rose. Last year I decided to plant one—such a lovely small white flower that has a wonderful fragrance and grows extremely vigorously.

Our party in December at the Nimis' home was a lot of fun. We had great conversation, delicious food—including Bob's amazing gumbo—and an incredible view of the sunset over Lake Jackson. An important event of the evening was the presentation of the Master Rosarian certificate to Bob Schelhorn. I am so proud of him for the ten years he has written articles, presented programs and given rose culture advise to members. He was the bronze medal

recipient in 2015. He has made more contributions to the Society than I have space to write about. Way to go Bob!

The other highlight of the evening was the presentation of the ARS Bronze Medallions to our hosts Gerard and Marion Nimis. They have both contributed significantly to the Society. Marion has guided me and been a great help during my presidency. Thank you so very much Marion! Being President for three years is no small feat. Gerard worked tirelessly redesigning and recreating our web site. As webmaster, he continues to keep the site up to date with meeting announcements, news, pictures and other resources. The website is something our Society can be proud of. They have also both been active in setting up, breaking down and volunteering at the Rose Show. I personally

appreciate all the help and support they have both given me over the two years that I have been President. Again, I am so proud of both of you and the awards could not have gone to more deserving members.

Since the hurricane downed so many trees, I have a lot more sunshine. I planted perennial rye to take advantage of the sun and to provide a lovely green carpet to look at and keep the soil in place. Does lots more sun also mean lots more roses?

I have been preparing for spring by putting diatomaceous earth around the roses. Hopefully this will stop the Chilli Thrip larva before they swarm and start destroying my roses again. I have also started a spray routine for black spot (GreenCure fungicide) and fire blight (Fertilome) (Continued on page two)

February Meeting

Date: Thursday, February 7, 2019

Time: 7:00 pm.

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

Meeting: Consulting Rosarian John Sullivan will present the program on "Why, When, and How to Prune Your Roses for Spring Bloom". Even if you have pruned before come and get special February to do tips from John. 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— Xander

Xander is a newly hybridized rose by Al Whitcomb and is a beautiful single. It is a seedling of La Marne. It blooms in clusters. The stamens are a beautiful golden yellow and the petals are white.

It was given to rosarians as one of the door prizes at the DSD mid-winter meeting. We have one for

Goodwood and hope to soon have it available as one of the varieties. The photo came from a bloom of the plant. Al decided on the names since there are few roses that begin with "X".

Put it on your list of a must have rose to add to your garden in the future.



Xander
(Polyantha
Seedling of La Marne)

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Fire Blight Spray). I don't usually spray in the winter but with the unseasonable new growth and blooms, I thought it would be prudent.

As I said above, I have roses blooming. The most prolific at this time is the Harper rose (unknown). It has never stopped blooming—what an amazing plant. I wish I knew what it is—maybe next year I will remember to bring a bloom for identification at the Rose Show. It resembles Souvenir de la Malmaison (Bourbon 1843)—a small bush with blooms that have a lovely strong fragrance and many pink petals.

I am looking forward to the meeting on February 7th when John Sullivan will present a program on getting ready for the spring bloom. I always learn something new from John, so bring your questions. Hope to see you there.

“It is the time you have spent on your rose that makes her so important.

— Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

Jan

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 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. If you can come on sake day that would be a great help. We need many folks to answer questions and help load plant in vehicles. .

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.

“Use the talents you possess; the forest would be very silent if no birds sang there except those that sang best”

Henry VanDyke

Tallahassee Area Rose Society Minutes

Minutes, January 3, 2019, Meeting

Jubilee Cottage, Goodwood

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Ann Stevens at 7:15 p.m.

There were no minutes for the delightful December holiday party that was held on Sunday, December 9, 2018, in the lovely home of Gerard and Marion Nimis.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Mary Maud Sharpe and was approved by those in attendance. There currently are 64 paid memberships. Members are encouraged to find a friend and to bring them to a TARS meeting. Mary Maud passed out a couple of handouts from the recent show about growing roses and about TARS that might be of interest to prospective members. Also mentioned was the District meeting that will be held in Gainesville January 18-20, 2019.

Mary Maud presented an interesting and informative talk accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation on roses that do well in the Tallahassee area. Roses growing on fortuniana rootstock are particularly well suited here. The fortuniana root stock is more resistant to nematodes, which can produce nodules on the roots and cause stress to the plant. Nematodes can be a big problem in sandy soils, but the condition can be treated. Fortuniana roses have a very unique, easily identifiable leaf appearance, and they have an attractive white flower (currently rated as an 8.0 rose). The graft of grafted plants should be maintained above ground, and one should be on the look-out for fortuniana growth stemming from the rootstock. All the grafted roses from K&M are on fortuniana rootstock. Nelson Roses in the Ocala/Orlando area and Cool Roses also sell roses grafted on fortuniana rootstock.

A few of the features roses in Mary Maud's presentation include: Elina, a yellow hybrid tea (rated 8.4); Kardinal, bright red, not a large flower, 8.4; Mr. Lincoln, rated 8.3, but that doesn't keep very well; St. Patrick, yellow, 8.3; Veteran's Honor, which is better than Mr. Lincoln and is rated at 8.4.

Grandifloras that were mentioned include Gold Medal (8.3) and Queen Elizabeth. Grandifloras generally have no more than three blooms per stem and are not as good for exhibitions.

Floribundas generally have more blooms per stem and are relatively short bushes. Sunsprite is a floribunda that does well in this area.

A couple of Old Garden Roses that do very well in this area are Belinda's Dream (8.4) and Lady Banks. Among the miniature roses, Bees Knees, an orange-yellow rated at 8.3, is good for show, as is Fairhope, rated at 8.1, that has pretty white/light yellow flowers.

One of the roses presented in her talk was a very pretty one, named Mary Maud. Mary Maud and Ann are experimenting with grafting roses in order to produce more Peace rose plants. Mary Maud gave a brief demonstration on doing grafting and noted that one needs a grafting knife for this procedure.

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm, for a splendid variety of treats offered by Mary Maud Sharpe, Martha Dooley, and Ann Stevens.

Respectfully submitted by

Janet Newburgh, TARS Secretary

February Consulting Rosarian Report

By Mary Maud Sharpe

We hope you have planned the changes you wish to make in your garden for the spring. Now is the time to put those plans into action. The local nurseries have plants and it is time to begin planting, pruning and all the other routines of watering, fertilizing, spraying and replacing mulch. There is a hint of spring in the air. Some flowering trees are blooming. Pruning is the most important task and it needs to be completed usually by the first week of March in our area. There are general rules that need to be followed, but each plant grows differently and each rosarian has their own approach and guidelines. One rule is don't worry after you have pruned because you can't put a lopped off cane back on the bush. Very rarely will a plant die from pruning. Generally it seems to give them the energy to come back and begin their new growth. There have been volumes written about pruning and it is worth while to read articles by other rosarians. However, if your way is working, stick to it. Come to our February meeting and program! Contact any of the Consulting Rosarians for help.

DSD/CR School

Mark your calendars now for the DSD/CR school to be held here in Tallahassee on Saturday, June 22 at Jubilee Cottage, Goodwood Museum and Gardens. This is your chance to become an ARS Consulting Rosarian or update if you are all ready a CR. It begins at 9:00 am and lunch will be served. The program is four hours. There is no charge unless you decide to take the test. There is a \$10.00 fee to ARS for the test. The test is open book. You may attend just for information if you like. The Pensacola and Thomasville Rose Societies will be co-host with TARS. We did this earlier in 2017 and it was quite successful. Please help us spread the word and tell others. There is always something new to learn and the discussions as well as the presentations are great! There are several requirements that you must meet to take the test. We'll share those with you soon.

Restoration of ARS Gardens In Shreveport

Plans to restore the gardens are underway and there is a short video that we will be sharing with members at a later meeting so that you will see the layout and plans for the garden. Societies and individual are being asked to donate monies for this project. The gardens have many events and visitors each year.

Tips on Sharpening Your Clippers

To do a professional cleaning and sharpening all parts of the clippers should be taken apart and cleaned thoroughly. You will need a small wrench to loosen and the nut. Lay the parts out so that you will remember exactly how to put them back together. All parts should be cleaned to remove any grim and also any plant sap or tar that has collected. "Goo Gone" may be the best, but any good solvent can work.

Most clippers are bypass and only the cutting blade should be sharpened. If clippers are extremely dull, start with a small file to begin the sharpening process. Use one stroke – not a back and forth motion. For finer sharpening continue with a whetstone, very fine sandpaper or special tape with a fine abrasive.

Use white grease (buy at local hardware stores or auto supply stores) on the inside part of the blades and wipe off excess.

Reassemble the clippers and adjust the tension on the nut so that the clippers move freely, but are firmly tightened.

The test is to try to cut a piece of regular letter paper. If you have done the process properly your clippers are ready to prune your roses without damaging the plant canes. You may have to adjust the tension.

Congratulations! Your clippers are ready to use to prune your roses.

TARS 2019 Membership

A membership form is enclosed if you have not yet paid your dues for 2019. You may bring your form and dues to the 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.

DSD Mid-Winter Meeting

Cheryl Gibbons, Montine Herring and Mary Maud Sharpe attended this weekend of events in January. As expected the programs were great! The fellowship with other rosarians was delightful and a good time was had by all. Our new district director, Cindy Dale was welcomed and the Tampa Rose Society is due a "Thank you" for being the host

Deadline for March Newsletter

The deadline for submitting information for the March "Regarding Roses", the society newsletter, is February 21. 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.

"Sometimes your joy is the source of your smile, but sometimes your smile can be the source of your joy." Nhat Hanh

Upcoming Society Programs and Events

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

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

April 4—TBA

May 2—Annual Picnic

June and July—No planned meetings

DSD Events

June 22—Consulting Rosarian School, Jubilee Cottage, Goodwood.

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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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