

Regarding Roses

Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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President's Message By Jan Godfrey

March 2019

Although I could not be at the program led by John Sullivan, I know it was informative. I learned something without being there. He said he goes to the Dollar Store when his clippers start to get dull and replaces them. No sharpening necessary. I'm going to do that from now on, especially since I haven't learned to sharpen my own. Thank you John, I always enjoy your programs! You are so creative. I am also sorry I missed the refreshments...I heard it was a buffet of delightful treats.

I rode around today to see the beautiful green color of the rye, vetch, cleavers and other early spring plants. My native plum trees are in full bloom, as are the violets. It was very pleasing as I have not been able to get out much. I am sorry to say that a few of my roses were lost from a combination of the hurricane and

last summer's blight attack. I hope that I will be able to replace Rêve d'Or (Noisette 1869), Souvenir de St. Anne's (Bourbon 1916), Mme Joseph Schwartz (Tea 1880), and Prosperity (Hybrid Musk 1919) from the Goodwood Rose Sale. The rest of the rose gardens seem to be thriving with lots of new growth.

I have begun planning the new plantings for the front of our house to replace all that was lost in the storm and to take advantage of the newly sunny area. I hope to use native flowering shrubs and traditional Southern plantings like banana bush and sweet shrub. Maybe even a rose or two—Louis Philippe (China 1834) comes to mind. I also will be starting a new daylily garden, so I would love to hear from anyone who has some to share.

Our March program will be Rose Care presented by

Master Rosarian Bob Schelhorn. I am sure it will be informative and fun. Marion Nimis has volunteered for refreshments, so maybe we will have some English fare. I hope to see you March 7th.

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

— Antoine de Saint-Exupéry
Jan

March Program Notes

Bob Schelhorn, a longtime member of TARS is going to be giving us an overview of basic care of roses. Don't miss this chance to get those questions answered from an expert grower and exhibitor that you can't find in books or on the internet. There will be time for questions and answers and you will learn much from the discussion on basic care.

March Meeting

Date: Thursday, March 7, 2019

Time: 7:00 pm.

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

Meeting: Master Consulting Rosarian, Bob Schelhorn, will be telling us the basic care of roses. Learn how to make rose care easy and have the best roses you have ever grown. Bob can tell you how to grow a "Queen" of show.

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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—Zephirine Drouhin (A Climbing Rose)

Zephirine Drouhin is an old rose that was registered in 1868, but is still one of the best climbing roses in rose gardens and is not that hard to find or hard to grow. The ARS handbook rates it 8.0. The blooms are fragrant and are medium sized semi-double loose petaled. The color is medium pink.

It can be grown as a pillar, over an arch or as an open shrub.

It was introduced by Bizot and is classified as a bourbon. It is a recurrent bloomer and the foliage is soft, light vigorous and semi climbing. It would add height and much color to your garden.



Zephirine Drouhin
(A Bourbon)

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 began activities again in February when we pulled winter weeds. For more information contact any of the regular volunteers:

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The plant sale was Saturday, February 9 and some varieties are sold out. Plants will be available on future Saturday's until they are sold. Please help us spread the word and let others know.

DSD Judging Schools for Horticulture and Arrangements

There is a DSD Horticulture and Arrangement school planned for June 1-2 in Thomasville, Georgia. If you have been thinking about becoming an ARS Judge this is a great opportunity to attend either or both of the schools. Even if you do not plan to be a judge you will learn much about how roses and arrangements are judged so that you can become a better exhibitor. The school will be under the leadership of Joann Maxheimer, DSD Horticulture Chair and Sandy Dixon, DSD Arrangement Chair. More information will be available soon for you to register and attend. Mark your calendars now.

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.

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

Minutes, February 7, 2019, Meeting

Jubilee Cottage, Goodwood

Due to the illness of President Jan Godfrey the meeting was called to order and presided by Vice-President Ann Stevens at 7:15 p.m.

Mary Maud Sharpe was asked to be acting secretary for the meeting.

Treasurer's report was given by Mary Maud Sharpe and accepted. There are a total of 28 members paid for the current year. The SunTrust bank has moved and is open at the corner of Apalachee Parkway and Capital Circle.

The availability of Jubilee Cottage for both the April and May meetings has been resolved so no dates for society activities will need to be made.

Ann Stevens announced that the Goodwood Rose Sale will be Saturday, February 9. There are many varieties available.

John Sullivan presented the program on "Pruning Roses" and gave many tips and suggestions of what he has found to be successful. He had clippers, etc. that he uses. He demonstrated pruning techniques on potted plants to show us how and where to cut. He referenced the ARS Consulting Rosarian manual as a guide. Question and comments were made by members.

The meeting adjourned and members enjoyed refreshments and fellowship.

Respectively submitted,

Mary Maud Sharpe

Acting Secretary

TARS Peace Garden

You will want to know that the City of Tallahassee has contacted the rose society and has offered to buy and plant all new fortuniana rose plants for the Peace Garden and to replant them. They have also offered to spray for us too. This was too good an offer and we are accepting their help. Brenda Pratt will be supervising this project and will keep in touch with the society. We will in turn keep you informed of the progress. The Peace Garden was established a number of years ago when Stuart Smith was our president and has been carried on as a project for the society. It was dedicated on the 50th anniversary of the peach rose. We even had an article of the dedication published in the ARS magazine (One of the many past accomplishments of the society.)

Deadline for April Newsletter

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

March Consulting Rosarian Report

By Mary Maud Sharpe

Our winter has been a rather unusually one and we hope that with the recent warmer weather that winter is over. There are signs of spring with many of the flowering trees blooming. However, there is no assurance that old man winter is gone. A heavy frost may do damage to tender growth. One of the best ways to avoid damage to tender growth is to sprinkle with water very early and wash away any frost. Generally the recent rainfall has provided sufficient water for gardens. As soon as plants leaf out be ready to begin your regular routine spray program. Trying to correct a problem after it occurs can be disastrous. There are many products on the market that can be used. Read the labels carefully and use only those products that you need and in the correct amounts. More than recommended is not a good idea. Abide by the safe handling rules and be sure that handling of insecticides and pesticides is correct. Remember to take care of yourself as you take care of your roses. Visit your garden often to check for insects or diseases that can be devastating if not corrected.

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 already 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.

*“One way to keep momentum going
Is to have
Constantly greater goals.”*

Michael Korda

Feeding Your Roses

Roses are like us they like food to eat and something to drink on a regular basis. When and how you fertilize and water your roses is very important. The six most common nutrients in decreasing order that plants get from the soil are:

- Nitrogen for growth of tall strong canes, good blooms and rich dark green foliage. Nitrogen should be in proper balance in the soil. A lack or an excess of nitrogen can be harmful. Additions of nitrogen must be transformed so that they are available to the plants.
- Potassium which promotes root growth and bloom color.
- Calcium holds cell walls together and promotes stability and early growth. Makes a sturdier plant.
- Magnesium promotes chlorophyll formation and interacts to produce greener foliage and healthier, disease-resistant plants.
- Phosphorus stimulates root growth, producing quality plants and big blooms. Also hastens plant maturity, adding to winter hardiness.
- Sulfur is the raw material for amino acids and proteins needed for plant health. Also lowers pH.

The minor micronutrients elements iron, manganese, boron, zinc, copper, molybdenum and chlorine are generally present in a well-prepared fertile soil.

The availability of nutrients is affected by the soil acidity. The soil acidity is measured by the pH of the soil on a scale of 0 to 14 with the ideal range for roses from 6.0 to 6.5. This ideal range is the point at which most nutrients are available to our roses. Usually pH tests will be lower than the recommended range and dolomitic lime will be need to raise the pH. A form of sulfur is used to lower the pH. Adjustments may take some fertilizers which are organic (from once living organisms) and inorganic (chemical) are available in many forms. Examples of organic fertilizers are cottonseed meal, blood meal, alfalfa meal, fish emulsion, manures, compost and sewer sludge. Organic fertilizers will take longer to effect plant growth, but tend to last longer. Inorganic chemical fertilizers are salts and come as many materials and are listed as ingredients on the product. Choose fertilizers that are low in chlorides which are especially injurious as soil become dry. Fertilizers with a form of nitrate can have an almost immediate effect on plants. Other forms will generally take longer. Remember the rule of watering both before and after applying fertilizers and wash the foliage to remove any dust from the materials you use.

Plants drink their food and sufficient water is a must. Rainfall is generally not sufficient for our roses.

Upcoming Society Programs and Events

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

April 4—“Poetry and Roses”. Charles Hazelip

May 2—Annual Picnic—TBA

June and July—No planned meetings

August 1— TBA

DSD Events

June 1-2—**Horticulture and Arrangement School**, Thomasville, Georgia, (See page 2 for more details)

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

(See page 3 for more details)

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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