

Regarding Roses

Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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President's Message By Jan Godfrey

April 2019

Bob Schelhorn was ill and unable to do the program on rose care last month. Mary Maud stepped in and did the program with a PowerPoint on Rose Care. She was glad to answer all of our questions. Thanks Mary Maud! After the presentation, the group discussed the option of having the "Regarding Roses" newsletter sent to members via e-mail if they prefer.

This month we had the largest bloom we have ever seen on Mrs. B.R. Cant (Tea 1901). I was absolutely thrilled and wished I could show you a picture of it. Many of my roses are blooming well right now. Alister Stella Gray (Noisette 1894) has never bloomed in my garden. It has grown a great deal but no blooms. John Sullivan told me to fertilize it a lot more. So this year, I am going to try that and hope for a bloom. Mary Maud

(Miniature 1999) also has larger and more blooms than usual. I have realized that I was not feeding them enough. Also, since the storm all my roses are getting a lot more sunlight.

Nut grass is getting out of control in my gardens. Time to go to war. I wonder if I'll win? The black spot and blight seem to be pretty well under control at the moment—so only one battle at a time right now.

Ann Stevens has planned a really interesting program this month—Poetry about Roses. I am really looking forward to this as I enjoy poetry and especially if it is about roses.

Don't forget our spring gathering at Goodwood on May 2 at 6:00 p.m. It will be great to enjoy each other's company and the delicious food brought by our members. Hope to see you April 4th and in May. *"It is the time you have*

spent on your rose that makes her so important.

— Antoine de Saint-Exupéry
Jan

April Program

The program is about roses in poetic works. Charles Hazelip leads a group "Poetry for the Love of it" which was organized in Tallahassee in 2011. They meet at the Tallahassee Senior Center twice monthly. Ann Stevens has been the contact person from TARS. We think you will be thrilled to learn of this local group and learn more about roses and poetry. Roses have been cherished and loved for many years.

*"A rose is a rose,
is a rose,
is a rose."*

Bashyam Narayamam

Thought You'd Like To Know— Candella

Candella is a red blend hybrid tea by Sam McGredy IV in 1990. The blooms are large and double. The foliage is large, dark green and glossy. The plant has bushy growth habit. The recent speaker at the Spring Garden Symposium brought and gave Goodwood a plant. He was

very complimentary of the plants that are at Goodwood. This is a new variety to many of us and thought you would like to know of it. You may want to find a plant for your garden. Perhaps the Goodwood volunteers would be willing to share wood from their plant.



Candella
(A Hybrid Tea)

April Meeting

Date: Thursday, April 4, 2019

Time: 7:00 pm.

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

Meeting: "Poetry and Roses" with Charles Hazelip and his group of poets will inspire us through their love of poetry about roses. Come and learn to love your roses even more as this group of poets does reading for us about our rose hobby.

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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

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. For more information contact any of the regular volunteers:

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The plant sale was great, and there are some plants still available. 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.

Deadline for May Newsletter

The deadline for submitting information for the May "Regarding Roses", the society newsletter, is April 18. 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.

Tallahassee Area Rose Society Minutes

Minutes, March 7, 2019, Meeting
Jubilee Cottage, Goodwood

The meeting was called to order by President Jan Godfrey at 7:14 p.m. Mary Maud Sharpe, Acting Secretary for the February 7, 2019, meeting, presented the minutes for that meeting; they were approved by those present.

Mary Maud presented the Treasurer's report, which also was approved by those in attendance. She said that, so far in the year, there are 29 paid members. A check for \$180 was cut for Gerard Nimis for his work on the TARS website, and \$50 was sent to the Deep South District as dues for the year. Donations to help with the renovation of the ARS gardens are requested. Donations should be sent directly to Kay Harrell, DSD Treasurer, so that she can keep a record of how much has been contributed to this fund.

Mary Maud reported that \$3,500 was collected for Goodwood roses, at \$8 per plant, at the Saturday morning sale. Goodwood was very pleased. Thanks to TARS members who helped with the sale.

The suggestion was made that TARS members be given the option of receiving the TARS newsletter, "Regarding Roses", by e-mail rather than by U.S. Mail. This suggestion was well received by those present. Hard copies would continue to be sent to those who do not choose the e-mail option for receiving the TARS newsletter.

TARS will hold a Consulting Rosarian School on June 22, 2019. All are invited to attend, and only those taking the written test will be charged the ARS fee for the test. Notice of this school will be sent to ARS Headquarters and DSD for approval and publication.

The DSD will hold Judging Schools on June 1-2 in Thomasville, Georgia. Joanne Maxheimer will chair the horticulture school, and Sandy Dixon will chair the arrangement school.

In follow up of plans for the City of Tallahassee to replant the downtown Peace rose garden, Mary Maud indicated that Brenda Pratt, who is in charge of city roses, was having trouble obtaining Peace roses to replace the existing plants. The plan is to replace all the existing plants and to reduce the number of Peace rose plants to 24, rather than the original 32.

In the absence of Bob Schelhorn, Mary Maud presented a very interesting and informative talk on Basic Care of Roses. The first thing to do is to select the best garden location. This should receive at least six hours of sun, morning sun being best with afternoon shade. Other considerations are the quality of the soil, the sunshine pattern, and winter protection. Most people now use slightly raised beds. Plant the roses in the fall or early spring. Roses should be planted in a well-drained area and in a way that they complement the landscape. If possible, plant the roses so that they can be seen from inside the house, and in places where others can enjoy them.

All types of roses should be considered. Hybrid Teas and Grandifloras make good cut roses. Grandifloras frequently grow in sprays. Floribundas are used mainly as landscaping plants. Polyanthas, considered with the Old

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Garden Roses, are also spray roses but frequently do not have a fragrance. Some Old Garden Roses do particularly well here. The Heritage rose category includes many “found” roses. A popular example of a “found” rose is Peggy Martin, which is also classified as a Hybrid Multiflora. Lady Banks is another popular, older rose. David Austin roses are very popular now, as they are very fragrant. Also popular at this time are shrub roses because of the ease of growing them.

In the planting of roses, it is important to start with a good hole, as deep as the root ball and twice as wide. One needs to consider seasonal, monthly, weekly, and daily care for the roses. Seasonal care would include pruning. The extent of pruning will depend on the type, age, and condition of the plant. For example, about 1/3 should be removed, early in the growing season. In monthly care, one can get by with deadheading only once per month. Watering in dry periods should be done two to three times per week.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm for the enjoyment of a wide spread of delicious goodies provided by Jan Godfrey.

Respectfully submitted by

Janet Newburgh, TARS Secretary

Consulting Rosarian Report—April

By Hank Rosen, Master Rosarian

April is a wonderful month for the Rosarian, as you finally get to see the results of your hard work since you cut back in February. The BIG event in April for rosarians in the Tallahassee/Thomasville area is the Thomasville Rose Show which falls on April 26-27, 2019.

What I will now describe are some basics to get ready for that show as well as things to do just to have more beautiful roses by the end of April. By now your roses should have leafed out and are growing well. Protect those new leaves with a preventive application of a fungicide every 7 to 14 days. Manzate and Propiconazole are great and relatively inexpensive. You should be watering at least twice weekly if you have not had sufficient rainfall.

If you have not already done so, an application of a good granular fertilizer should be applied. I like 13-6-6 with 50% slow release nitrogen. Likewise, a good dose of organics of milorganite, cow manure, cottonseed meal, and alfalfa meal should do the trick. A handful of Epsom salt (magnesium sulfate) per large bush will also help. On or before the first of the month, apply a liquid fertilizer like Fertilome’s Blooming & Rooting Soluble Plant Food, 9-59-8 or Miracle Grow for Roses, 18-24-16. For excellent color and large blooms, reapply around April 12, about two weeks before the show.

If insects are chomping on your new foliage, spray or mist just the damaged areas (buds, blooms, and top leaves) with your favorite insecticide. Repeat this procedure every few days, especially the week prior to the show.

By following these basics, you should have beautiful blooms by the end of April to just enjoy and admire or to take to the show and win some prizes. I hope to see you all in Thomasville, come to exhibit or just come to admire the beautiful specimens!

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.

- Must be an ARS member for three years
 - An active member of a local society
 - Must have grown roses of various types for five years.
 - Must have three letters of recommendation
 - Must attend a school and pass the open book test
 - Live up to CR code
 - Filing an annual roses in review report is expected
 - File an activity report form to district to district chair
 - Continue to attend schools or accrue credits.
- We hope that many of you will plan to attend.

National Poetry Month

The Academy of American Poets began National Poetry Month in April 1996. Its purpose was to emphasize and celebrate the vital place poetry plays in American culture. Since its inception, National Poetry Month has grown in scope to become the largest literary celebration in the world. Participants in celebratory festivities throughout April include libraries, publishers, poets, schools, and booksellers. Some of the festivities include “Poem in your Pocket Day” and a project for young people called “Dear Poet” project. (Source: Poets.org—TRIVIAHIVE).

*“From there to here,
And here to there,
Funny things are every where.”*

Dr. Seuss

Upcoming Society Programs and Events

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.

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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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