

Regarding Roses

Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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President's Message: Jan Godfrey

August 2019

Hello everyone, enjoying the rain?

We had such a lovely picnic in May. Time to have good visits about summer plans and eat excellent dishes brought by Society members. Bob Schelhorn cooked chicken for us which, as always, was delicious. And we all really enjoyed Mary Maud's homemade ice cream.

In June we hosted a Consulting Rosarian school. There was a very good turnout and the speakers were informative. I always learn from the CR school. As a result of the school, we have a new Consulting Rosarian, Cheryl Gibbons. Congratulations Cheryl! I learned that I was not feeding my plants enough, so this summer I have increased the frequency of fertilizer application. We used fish emulsions, AZOMITE, kelp, SUPERthrive, Milorganite, Grow Big and

Rhino Skin. The plants are fertilized every 7-10 days with one or more of the above. Last year our plants suffered from chilli thrips, blight and blackspot. After consistent applications, we seem to be winning the battle. Some of our bushes are over 15 years old—those need extra attention.

This year we put in a timed watering system. What a difference this has made—the roses are loving receiving water on a regular basis. We are loving not having to constantly move hoses and stand around watering in the blistering heat.

We have planted a new garden in front of the house with roses, butterfly and hummingbird attractors like salvias, a variety of culinary and medicinal herbs and a favorite of mine walking lilies. The lilies originally came from my grandparents' yard. They have popped up spontaneously

next to many of our roses and in many other spots—Hurricane Michael must have blown their seeds everywhere. It will be fun to see how well they grow up together. Between the roses and the lilies, the fragrances waft deliciously in the air.

I'm pleased that Brenda Pratt from the City of Tallahassee will be coming to share about the care of rose gardens in Tallahassee. It will be nice to have an update on where the gardens are and how they are growing.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Thursday August 1st.

"I don't know whether nice people tend to grow roses or growing roses makes people nice."

— Ronald A Browne

Jan



Tranquility
(A Shrub)

Thought You'd Like To Know— Tranquility

Tranquility is a David Austin rose. It is a beautiful, gorgeous, white that has slight tinges of pink on the buds. It has an apple fragrance. It is fairly new as it was introduced in 2014. The rating in the ARS Handbook for selecting roses is 7.7. It has very few thorns and sturdy straight stems. If

you already grow some Austin shrubs you may want to give *Tranquility* a try in your garden. It is reported to be a prolific bloomer and as the saying goes "White is always right" and gives other colors in your garden more intensity. David Austin gave us many outstanding English roses.

August Meeting

Date: Thursday, August 1, 2019

Time: 7:00 pm.

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

Program: Brenda Pratt will be giving us "Tip on a Great Fall Bloom". Brenda is responsible for the many city rose gardens that we all enjoy. Come and get advise from a professional. Bring your questions and get the answers from her.

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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 to assist the city in its care. New plants are to be planted.

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 volunteers are busy rooting cutting. If you have cuttings that you are willing to share, please let the volunteers know. You may bring them on Saturday morning.

DSD Judging Schools for Horticulture and Arrangements

The DSD Horticulture and Arrangement school was June 1-2 in Thomasville, Georgia. Some of our members attended this event and the district has some new horticulture and arrangement judges.

DSD/CR School—June 22

The School was held here in Tallahassee at Goodwood Museum and Gardens and was well attended. There were a number of TARS members attending and Cheryl Gibbons took and passed the test. She has volunteered to be the CR Coordinator for TARS CR's and we are pleased to welcome her. She will be writing the CR column for "Regarding Roses" in September. Her contact information is listed on page 4. Congratulations Cheryl! We are very pleased to have you as a new CR for the society.

DSD/Exhibitor's School

There are tentative plans to hold this school in June of 2020 here in Tallahassee. We we'll let you know as soon as a date is confirmed.

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 September Newsletter

The deadline for submitting information for the September "Regarding Roses", the society newsletter, is August 22. 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 Picnic

May 2, 2019,

Jubilee Cottage, Goodwood

The picnic was held beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Goodwood Museum and Gardens. Food was served at 6:30 pm. There was no business just visiting and delicious food. Due to inclement weather the event was held inside.

Respectfully submitted by

Janet Newburgh

TARS Secretary

DSD Annual Fall Meeting

The annual meeting of the DSD will be held in conjunction with the ARS National Miniature/Miniflora Convention in Franklin, Tennessee in early October. We hope that many of you will plan to attend. There is more information on the DSD website.

RIR—2019

It is time again to submit your roses in review report so that the ARS Handbook for Selecting Roses can be updated. It is not necessary for you to be a member of ARS to submit a report and your report even though you do not grow the roses listed will be appreciated. Go to the ARS website for more information. Printed information is enclosed. The deadline for submissions is September 26. For more information contact Jill Haisten, DSD Roses in Review chair, 334-201-6800 or jill.haisten@gmail.com.

"Regarding Roses" by E-mail

If you would like to receive the newsletter "Regarding Roses" by e-mail in the future please notify Mary Maud Sharpe at wjmmsharpe@aol.com. If you prefer to remain on the US mail list you do not need to do anything.

ARS Garden Restoration

We hope that many of you are aware of the garden restoration that has begun at the American Rose Center in Shreveport, Louisiana. The plans are on the ARS website and this is a major undertaking. Donations are being requested from all who love roses and any amount is greatly appreciated. The DSD director Cindy Dale has asked that societies and individuals who make donations do so through the DSD Treasurer so our district will receive credit for these donations. Our society has in the past made donations to the gardens in memory of deceased members and will continue to do so. Individuals who wish to make donations may send them to Kay Harrell, DSD Treasurer, 121 Shore Rush Circle, St. Simons Island, GA 31522-1420. We hope that TARS members will support this undertaking.

"Unit is strength...

**When there is teamwork and collaboration,
Wonderful things can be achieved."**

Mattie Stepanek

August Consulting Rosarian Report

By Mary Maud Sharpe

The “Dog Days of Summer” are here and most of us are discouraged with how our roses are doing in our gardens. Rains have been more plentiful in the past few days than they were during our dry June. However, we have had our usual hot days that take a toll on roses. Each summer I can always remember Margaret Harding saying “In the spring and fall we grow roses and in the summer we grow bushes”. So my advise is to grow bushes now for a great fall bloom. Give your roses tender love and care in the early mornings and late evenings so that your bushes will grow strong and healthy. Fertilize regularly for good foliage which will make good blooms when the weather cools. Wait until Labor Day weekend to do your fall cut back. When rain is not sufficient from summer showers, water with an irrigation system or by hand with a hose. Keep spent blooms cut and discarded. Be sure too to remove any rootstock that you find. It is also advised to remove any deadwood that you find. Old Garden Roses seem to always have deadwood that needs to be removed. There are weeds for all seasons and summer seems to produce the most. Well mulched beds is the best way to deter weeds. Mulch also moderates the temperature of the soil in your beds. Fall blooms are probably the best of the year! Contact any of the CR’s with your questions and they will be pleased to share their experiences with you (See page 4 for contact information.)

TARS Annual Rose Show—2019

Plans are to hold the annual rose show for the society on Saturday, October 26 and Sunday, October 27 at the Doyle Conner Building. Help from the members will be appreciated. Ann Stevens will be the show chairman and you may contact her at 850-576-1800 or stevensann@yahoo.com to volunteer. We will need members to help with set-up on Friday and Sunday afternoon at the close of the show to take down. On the days of the show we will need clerks to assist the judges, host and hostesses to greet the public and answer their questions. We especially need to have members help us spread the word by inviting neighbors, friends and family to come and visit the show. There will be flyers for you to share. Show workers are invited to share the thank you judges lunch on Saturday when judging is completed. Most of all we are asking members to bring roses to exhibit at the show. If you have never exhibited before, there will be help for you. There is a novice class. If you have a rose that you need help identifying there is a class for your rose. Schedules of the classes will be available before the show so that you can plan your entries. All supplies such as entry tags and containers are provided. There will be three divisions—horticulture, arrangements and photographs. You may donate awards to be given to the class winners or monies to purchase awards. This is the 35th show (Has it really been that long?) Let’s make it the best ever! The theme is “Roses You Love...You Can Grow.

Let’s Talk About Water

We have all been told that perhaps the most important thing we can do for our rose is to be sure that they have enough water. That rose like water but not wet feet is also a quote that we have all heard. Both are good advise to rosarians. Most of us have learned that rainfall is not generally sufficient to raise good roses. Sometimes there is not enough and sometimes there is too much. The key is to have your beds so that they retain the right amounts of water, but not too much and to have a watering system that you can use when necessary. The ARS consulting rosarian manual suggests that roses in some areas do best in raised beds for good retention and drainage. Roses have large root systems and watering needs to be sure that all roots are well watered. There are tests that you can do to determine water retention and drainage. Check page 5-4 of the CR Manual online in the ARS website (ARS.org). Your soil composition is the best key to good retention and drainage. Soils vary greatly, but the basics are the same. If you think you have problems, perhaps you do. Now is a great time of year to get your soil right. Soil tests too are a good idea. The pH of your beds is an important factor in growing the best roses. As you probably remember this past June was quite dry in our area and extra water was necessary. During the hot summer check your soil frequently to see that it is moist enough so that the roots of your roses do not dry out. If you are planning new bed now is a good time to get them ready for later planting. Amending your current beds is always a work in progress and can be done anytime. Decayed mulch can help as an amendment as well as added materials. Good soils are important for good watering.

Looking Forward to Fall

- With cooler weather on the way your roses should have larger blooms and deeper colors. Some of the best roses of the year are our fall ones.
- Generally any applications of fertilizer after the first of October need to be low nitrogen. What dormancy your roses have is generally in the late fall and winter months.
- Assess your roses and determine the ones that you will need to replace for the next growing season. If you like the variety and it has done well for you perhaps you may want to get a new plant or you may decide now is the time to try a new variety.
- There are many new varieties to choose from. Visit gardens in our area while they are still in bloom before making a decision. Visit the rose show too
- Get a soil test done.

**“Start where you are.
Use what you have.
Do what you can.”**

Arthur Ashe

Upcoming Society Programs and Events

August 1—“Rose Selection and Care” - Brenda Pratt, Tallahassee City Parks, Rose Gardens Supervisor

September 5—“Photo Presentation of Gardens Visited” - Seymour Rosen, TARS Member

October 3—“How to Dry Roses”, Workshop.

October 26-27—Annual Rose Show

November 7—“TBA”

DSD Events

DSD Annual Convention October 4-6 —Held in conjunction with ARS National Miniature/Miniflora Annual Convention in Franklin, TN

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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