

Regarding Roses

Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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President's Message: Jan Godfrey

October 2019

Last month Seymour Rosen showed us some awesome photographs from a few of the rose gardens he has visited. My favorite part of his presentation was the photos of his garden, so beautifully maintained—not a weed in sight. It was a very interesting program and Seymour offered some great insights into natural growing and recommended “Roses Without Chemicals: 150 Disease-Free Varieties That Will Change the Way You Grow Roses” by Peter E. Kukielski. I can't wait for my copy to arrive.

A group of Society members went to the Dothan Area Botanical Gardens this month. I was disappointed that I was unable to attend at the last minute. I've heard that the rose garden has many OGRs—maybe they will come back with cuttings.

Some of our Society mem-

bers are planning to attend the 2019 ARS National Miniature Conference and Deep South District Rose Show in Franklin TN from October 4-6. What a great time of year to visit Tennessee.

It was 102° on the porch a few days ago. It doesn't seem like Mother Nature realizes that the Autumnal equinox is on the 23rd. Today is a beautiful, breezy day in the high 80s, humidity 38%. What a treat after the humid heat of the last month and a great day to work with my roses. I know that this weather is just a tease but fall is on the way.

This is curious to me—Pink Pet (China 1928) has small plants coming up close the large bush. One is behaving like a small climber. It started out with one new plant and now there are four. Are they coming up from the roots, has a branch set roots in the

ground or???

Ann Stevens will be presenting the program this month. The topic is Drying Roses. This is particularly good timing since a Dried Roses Wreath is a new Arrangement Class in this year's Rose Show. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone on **Tuesday, October 8th**. (Note the date change for this month only.) **Please Bring Roses!**

Hope everyone and their roses are doing well. See you on the 8th.

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

— Ronald A Browne

Jan

Due to ARS Miniature Convention and Rose Show our meeting date was changed to Tuesday, October 8 (A date Goodwood was available).



**Moondance
(Floribunda)**

Thought You'd Like To Know—Moondance

Moondance is a remarkably trouble-free, mildew resistant plant. It is a gorgeous, vigorously blooming, fragrant floribunda. The blooms are cream white. The buds are classic, ovoid and pointed. The foliage is dark green and glossy. The growth habit is upright and it is used in

beds, borders, and hedges. It is good as a cut flower and is a repeat bloomer. It was a floribunda of the year winner and was also an All-American Rose Selection winner. It is disease resistant and is cold and heat tolerant. Consider *Moondance* as a replacement rose for your gar-

October Meeting

Date: Tuesday, October , 8 2019 (Note date change)

Time: 7:00 pm.

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

Program: Ann Stevens will be doing a “Show and Tell” on how to preserve roses by dry and the ways you can store and use them in unique ways for yourself and as gifts, (Plan to enter the dried rose class that has been added to the 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 to assist the city in its care. New plants are to be planted.

Goodwood Roses

The volunteers are busy rooting cutting and moving plants to larger pots. Come join us! If you have cuttings that you are willing to share, please let the volunteers know. You may bring them on Saturday morning. For more information contact any of the regular volunteers:

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DSD Mid-Winter Meeting 2020

Information about this meeting is enclosed. Plan to go and get your registration in early.

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 Janet Newburgh and Mary Maud Sharpe who volunteered and brought refreshments to the September meeting.

Deadline for November Newsletter

The deadline for submitting information for the November "Regarding Roses", the society newsletter, is October 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.

Trip to Dothan Botanical Gardens

Society members trip to the Dothan Botanical Gardens on Friday, September 20 was a delightful, learning experience. If you are in the area, plan to visit and enjoy the roses and the many other plants there.

Nominating Committee

President Jan Godfrey has appointed Marion Nimis (850-894-1133, marion@statistix.com) as chairman of the nominating committee to make nomination for officials for 2020. Other members are Mona Lisa Abbott (850-222-6662, amonalisa@me.com) and Gerard Nimis (850-894-1133, gerardnimis@gmail.com). The committee will make their report in the November Regarding Roses. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the November meeting of the society. The election is to be made at the November meeting. If you have suggestions for officials please contact any committee member soon.

Tallahassee Area Rose Society Jubilee Cottage, Goodwood Museum & Gardens September 5, 2019

The Meeting was called to order by President Jan Godfrey at 7:08 pm.

Mary Maud Sharpe presented the Treasurer's report. Preparations are ongoing for the upcoming show October 26-27. Posters are being prepared, and help will be needed in distributing them. Martha Dooley is looking for clerks. Cheryl would like to have a copy of the poster to give to the Killearn Cloverleaf for publication.

Jan asked who was currently a member of the American Rose Society, and she recommended that everyone join. Four-month free memberships are being offered. People also are asked to participate in the Roses in Review survey. You do not have to be an ARS member to participate in this annual survey.

There will be a trip to the Dothan Gardens on Friday, September 20. Vice President Ann Stevens asked that interested parties meet at Goodwood at 8:00 am to car-pool there. The trip will be a total of 7 or 8 hours, and there is no fee involved.

Dr. Seymour Rosen presented a stimulating and very beautiful program about important rose gardens in the East that he has visited. His program began with a photo of gorgeous roses planted in front of his office. Two of his favorite roses are Julia Child, a floribunda, and Belinda's Dream. Both are very hardy in this area. He noted that although knockout roses do not require dead-heading, they do better if deadheaded.

The New York Botanical Garden is one of the best in the United States. It contains 250 acres, including one acre of roses. Managers of this garden make use of Integrated Pest Management, managing, rather than eliminating pests. Some pests can be managed by hand. The quality of a rose garden depends on the amount of money available. Roses can be trained to climb a wire.

The Mable Rose Garden in Sarasota is a formal garden. The main pest there is the Sri Lankan weevil.

Another nice, well-designed garden, not exclusively devoted to roses, is Brookside Garden in Maryland.

Thomasville has a nice rose garden. It consists of five acres, containing 1500 rose bushes. There, Belinda's Dream is a prolific bloomer. The annual Thomasville Rose Show is held the last weekend in April.

The door prize was a book very generously donated by Dr. Rosen called "Roses without Chemicals" by Peter E. Kukielski, published in 2015 by Timber Press.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm, after which meeting attendees enjoyed an array of finger foods.

Respectfully submitted by
Janet Newburgh, TARS Secretary

*"The ultimate dream in life is to be able to do
What you love and learn something from it."
Jennifer Love Hewitt*

October Consulting Rosarian Report

By Bob Schelhorn

Highs and Lows of a Rosarian

As we quickly approach our rose show on October 26, I will be a non-exhibitor for the third consecutive year. This gives me no joy. The last show I entered in Thomasville in 2016, I won queen of the show with Louise Estes. That's a tall mountain to climb considering the stellar competition (Stream, Schulman, Smith etc.) plus at the time I had only 20 bushes. That show was my 15th consecutive year exhibiting in both Thomasville and Tallahassee. I also won queen up there in 2013 with a grandiflora, Gold Medal.

My fortunes of late have been as pitiful as FSU football and that's pretty pitiful. After no major problems with weeds or invasive grasses for 15 years, suddenly three years ago, grasses and weeds started growing in my beds like crazy. I couldn't keep up with them. At the time I had three circular beds with a dozen hybrid teas in each. I just said screw it. I did absolutely nothing for two years except instruct the guys that do my yard to weed wack inside the beds. I didn't water. I didn't spray. I didn't set one foot inside any of my three beds for two entire years! The beds looked as bad as you would expect times ten.

This past spring I decided to either dig them up and end my rosarianism (Is that a word?) or try to fix the problem. I chose the latter. I called on Tallahassee Nursery, at no small expense and had them dig up my three circular beds and excavate two 12 X 15 foot rectangular beds slightly in front of the old ones. By this time I had only 20 plants to transplant. Eleven of these survived. I mulched heavily, watered daily, used mucho organics as usual, fertilized regularly and sprayed religiously. Though I only had a dozen roses (I had a prolific Don Juan climber in a different location) I felt like a rosarian again. I got numerous compliments from neighbors as well as passers by. This lasted about three months and my surviving roses were getting back in shape and looking good. Then came the weeds. Then came the grasses. The new beds looked like the old beds. This past week I had the yard guys weed wack (again) and I actually went in the beds to deadhead. My first time in about three months. I'm down to ten bushes; Number eleven looks like something from outer space thanks to the leaching of round-up which I tried to kill the grasses to no avail. I do not recommend it anywhere near your rose bushes. I have five of the ten that look pretty good. The other five have hardly any leaves and the leaves they do have are covered in blackspot. As I write this I'm uncertain what I'm going to do. I have plenty other things growing both in the ground and in pots to keep my once green thumb engaged. The hassle, failure, expense and embarrassment of my rose beds may prove to be more than I can handle. I sincerely hope I can write a follow up piece a year from now and let everyone know how I solved my chronic problem. See you at the show. I'll be there because fortunately I can still cook.

TARS Annual Rose Show—2019

Plans are coming along 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 is the show chairman and you may contact her at 850-576-1800 or stevensann@yahoo.com to volunteer. Show workers, exhibitors and others are invited to share the thank you judges lunch on Saturday when judging is completed. Please RSVP to Ann. We will need members to help with set-up on Friday at 3:00 pm and on 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 (See note from Martha Dooley below), 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 is a flyer enclosed for you to copy and share. 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".

Clerks Needed

Want an inside view of what it takes to have a Rose Show winner? What makes the blue ribbon winner better than the red ribbon award? Follow the judges around as they make their assessments.

We need six clerks to assist our judges while they assess the merits of all the roses entered in our Rose Show.

If you have clerked before, you know how enjoyable and interesting it is. If you are a novice, you will be amazed at how much you will learn. Don't be afraid to come out for the first time. We will pair you with a seasoned clerk.

What does a clerk do? You work in teams of two for each team of judges. Once the team of judges rates an entry, the clerk attaches a ribbon to the entry card. Blue ribbon roses are delivered to the head table. That's pretty much it.

Time commitment is about 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, October 26. You are invited to join us for lunch and a social gathering afterwards, before the show is open to the public.

Contact Martha Dooley at 850-294-4016 or mdbdooley@embarqmail.com.

Upcoming Society Programs and Events

October 8—“How to Dry Roses” - Workshop. Ann Stevens (Please note change of date)

October 26-27—Annual Rose Show—Doyle Conner Building. (See page 3 for more information)

November 7— “TBA”

December 15—Holiday Gathering. Home of Marion and Gerard Nimis.

DSD Events

January 17-19, 2020—DSD Mid-Winter Meeting—Gainesville, FL, hosted by Marion County Rose Society. Contact Kathy Porter, 352-259-8196, kathymport-er@comcast.net.

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:

Website: 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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