

Regarding Roses

Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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President's Message: Jan Godfrey

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Drying roses using silica gel is really something that requires lots of patience. Ann Stevens told us how she puts silica gel around the rose and then takes it out after approximately 1 week. The rose comes out with a bright color and great shape including the leaves. She had so many perfect examples to show us. Thanks, Ann for a very informative program. This year will be the first year that dried roses are a classification in our Rose Show.

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the Rose Show this year because I got caught in a blizzard in Colorado and missed my plane. I was there to celebrate my grandson's 5th birthday. Tim came through and represented us both by showing our roses and by clerking for the Judges. It is very informative listening to the Judges discuss what they are look-

ing for to determine which roses are best. We have both learned a lot from this over the last couple of years. And after the judging is over, the participants get to enjoy Robert Schelhorn's famous lasagna.

We were lucky this year to have more blooms than in the recent years past. We were more consistent with our spraying and fertilizing program this year. I am proud to say that it is possible to grow roses without harsh chemicals and still have success at the Rose Show. We won the Dowager Queen with Champneys' Pink Cluster (Noisette before 1810).

I would like to express my appreciation to Ann Stevens and Mary Maud Sharpe for all their work in getting the Show ready. Also, a big thanks to all the volunteers who helped during the Show and with set up and take down.

All in all, the Rose Show is a fun day being around all the beautiful different kinds of roses and the people who love growing them. And of course, my absolute favorite part—the wonderful fragrance that fills the room.

Our next program is November 7 at the Laundry Cottage, Goodwood and will be presented by Kelly DeWall. She will be demonstrating arranging roses for the upcoming Holidays.

"We may think we are nurturing our garden, but of course it is our garden that is nurturing us."

— Jenny Uglow

Jan

Door Prize Winner

At the close of the show the winning ticket for the door prize, "Green Rose Plant", was drawn. John Barksdale was the winner. Congratulations to John!



Bishop's Castle
(Classic Shrub)

Thought You'd Like To Know—Bishop's Castle

Bishop's Castle is a David Austin shrub which is very robust and healthy. The blooms are rich raspberry pink that pales as the flowers mature. Blooms are cupped and fully double (80 petals) with a central button eye. The foliage is glossy, leatherly and deep green. It has a good "Old Rose"

fragrance. It has a long bloom season and is an attractive plant. It was introduced by David Austin in 2007.

It was the winning entry for the Bill Kerber Trophy at the recent annual TARS rose show. It was exhibited by Montine Herring, a long time member of the society.

November Meeting

Date: Thursday, November, 7 2019

Time: 7:00 pm.

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

Program: Kelly DeWall will be presenting "Tips to make Your Own Holiday Arrangements using roses". You will learn principles of design and techniques and tips to make them happen. Plan to enjoy roses for Thanksgiving and for Christmas.

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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 was sent to you earlier. 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 Marion who provided refreshments for the October meeting.

Deadline for December Newsletter

The deadline for submitting information for the December "Regarding Roses", the society newsletter, is November 29. 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.

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 at the November meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the meeting of the society. The election is to be made at the November meeting. We understand that the current officials are willing to serve another year.

Healing Garden at Cancer Center

We hope that you saw the recent article about the Healing Garden and the roses there. Bill Dority a former member of TARS donated the roses and planted them there. Several members of TARS help with monthly maintenance of the garden.

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

President Jan Godfrey called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

Mary Maud Sharpe presented the Treasurer's report. She indicated that TARS has one new member. Payments have been made for engraving trophies, and to Goodwood for membership renewal. The bronze medal has been ordered.

Vice President Ann Stevens said that three people, including Goodwood's horticultural director, toured the Dothan Area Botanical Gardens on September 20, 2019. They obtained several cuttings, including some from an old species rose. The director of the Dothan Gardens gave a good tour.

Ann also reported that she went to the recent ARS National Miniature Conference and Deep South District Convention. Franklin, Tennessee, and clerked at the rose show there.

The annual TARS rose show will be on October 26-27, 2019, and the theme is "Roses You Love...You Can Grow." Six judges have been secured for the show. Show Chairman Ann Stevens said that we will be able to start setting up at 3:00 pm on Friday, October 25, after another activity using the facilities is finished, and we will need to be done by 8:00 pm that evening. We can start working at 6:00 am on Saturday, October 26. Exhibits will need to be done by 10:00 am. The public will be admitted from 2:00 pm till 5:00 pm both days, and we will start taking down the show at 5:00 pm on Sunday. On Saturday, coffee, juice, and goodies will be provided in the morning, and lunch will be provided that day for all exhibitors, judges, and volunteers. Please RSVP to Ann for lunch so that plans can be made to have the right quantities of food available.

Mary Maud Sharpe brought entry tags for the show, to give people a chance to fill them out in advance of the show. The show will include novice classes. Guidelines for judging roses, arrangements and photography can be found on the American Rose Society website.

A new class has been added for dry arrangements, i.e., dry roses presented in wreaths. The advantages of exhibiting dried roses is that they can be harvested at their peak and later arranged for display. Entries in this class can follow the theme, and ribbons can be incorporated. Wreaths entered in this class have a 24 inch space. Posters publicizing the rose show were distributed that can be copied and posted in public places to publicize the event. Additional help for the rose show is needed, particularly clerks to work with the judges.

Ann presented an interesting program on various methods of drying roses and for storing the dried roses. Borax or corn meal can be used to dry roses, but silica gel might be a better way. Silica gel can be obtained at craft shops, and it can be shaken gently over the rose so as to avoid damaging the rose and to help it retain its

shape. The silica gel can be re-dried and re-used. Roses also can be dried in a dehydrator or in the oven. If the dried rose falls apart, the petals can be used to create a collage.

Information on the Deep South District Mid-Winter Meeting, scheduled for January 17-19, 2020, was distributed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm, after which meeting attendees enjoyed an array of delectable foods provided by Marion Nimis.

Respectfully submitted by

Janet Newburgh

TARS Secretary

November Consulting Rosarian Report

By John Sullivan

The Green Rose and the Underground Railroad

More than one theory exists about the origin and introduction of *Rosa chinensis* 'viridifolia' or the green rose. The ARS lists this as a China rose introduced in 1856 though some sources say it goes back to 1743. A nurseryman, Robert Buist obtained his stock from Charleston in 1833. An odd fact is that ARS lists the green rose as a "white" rose. Since the rose has only sepals and no petals, it is difficult to say what color the rose is. Nevertheless, logic would lead most people to pick green. Some theories say that this is a species rose so primitive that roses had not evolved into bearing petals as an attractant for pollinators. The green rose plays a pivotal role in *The Green Rose of Furley Hall*, a historical novel that says Quakers guiding slaves to freedom along the Underground Railroad wore a green rose to identify themselves.

Another rose with a history is the Cherokee Rose or *Rosa laevigata*, a species rose from 1803. A Cherokee Indian legend says that a maiden was protected from a massacre by being turned into a white rose bush. Originally, the rose had no thorns and was being trampled so the Spirit People rescued the maiden a second time by adding wicked thorns. The hips were not protected by the thorns so the Cherokee name for the rose was *tsist-unigisti* or "the rabbits eat it". Clumps of Cherokee rose can be found along the "Trail of Tears" according to legend wherever a mother's teardrop moistened the soil. Even the seven leaflets of rose signify the seven clans of the Cherokee.

Other stories of roses and their origin are not quite so poignant. The Canadian who named a yellow rose to honor his hometown picked a name more suited for a rose disease, Dropmore Yellow. Another not so saleable name is the Droopy-leaved rose. Pictures of this white species rose, *Rosa clinophylla* from swamps of Bangladesh, resemble the Cherokee rose. If you are searching on line for the white miniature from 1978, Angel Dust, be careful since that name is also slang for a street drug.

Looking for a rose to plant over the septic tank drain field, how about "Flush o' Dawn".

There is often a good story behind your roses, their names and origins.

2019 TARS Rose Show

By Your Editor, Mary Maud Sharpe

A special thanks to our show chairman, Ann Stevens, for a successful show! Thanks also to all the members who helped as chairmen. To Bill Price who invited judges to come and judge the show and oversaw the judging process. To John Sullivan who supervised and did much of the physical set up, assisting exhibitors with supplies and taking down the many things that are needed for the show to operate smoothly. To the many members who came and assisted John (too many to name) move tables, spread table cloths, fill containers with water etc. To Montine Herring and Cheryl for setting up the beautiful winners awards table. To Montine for checking entries for placement. To Sam Miller and others that placed entries on show tables. To Martha and Jim Dooley for chairing the clerks and to the clerks that assisted them so that the judging proceeded smoothly. To Janet Newburgh for recording the winners so that necessary reports can be made to ARS and to the DSD for publication. To Seymour Rosen for carefully and beautifully filling out the treasured ARS Certificates. To Bob Schelhorn, our in house chef, for preparing lunch for judges, exhibitors, workers and members. To Marion Nimis for greeting the many visitors to the show. To Ginger Benjamin for filling in with what ever needed to be done and to any others that are not named but helped in any way by spreading the word and being there with a helping hand. To members who donated awards for the show. We even had exhibitors help clean up in the kitchen—can you believe that. And all for the love of roses!

To our out of town exhibitors we are grateful. They came from throughout the district of Alabama, Florida and Georgia. They brought beautiful roses to exhibit. Donna Harrell, from Georgia won the best of show with Sunny Sundays roses in the double English Box. Montine Herring from Georgia won the Bill Kerber Award with Bishop's Castle, a David Austin shrub. The Edwards Perpetual Trophy was won by Joe Wood with Dayna Sawyer and the Doyle Conner Perpetual Trophy was won by Donna Harrell with Veterans' Honor. The Queen of the show was Liz's Charm won by our regional director Ralph Stream and his wife Jean. Joe Wood won the King with Captain Harry Stebbins and the Princess with Elina. The court was Jewel Grace, Louise Estes and Big Red won by Joe Hayes, Jim Washington and Glenn Schulman. Miniature Queen and Miniflora Queen were won by Ralph and Jean Stream. Other Miniature and Miniflora winners were exhibited by Ralph and Jean Stream, Joanne Maxheimer and Jim Washington. Other winning exhibitors were Jan and Don Buckley, Cheryl Gibbons, Janet Newburgh, Cheryl Gifford and Seymour Rosen. Seymour was the top winner in photography and Jean Stream was top winner in arrangements. Congratulations to all.

Upcoming Society Programs and Events

November 7 — “Tips on Creating Holiday Arrangements with Roses” - Kelly DeWall (Laundry Cottage — one time change of location)

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

January 2 — “TBA”

DSD Events

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