

Regarding Roses

Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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President's Message: Jan Godfrey

December 2019

At our November meeting Kelly DeWall from Tallahassee Nurseries showed us how arranging roses in a quick and less formal manner can produce a lovely arrangement in 5 minutes. The shape of the container can vary and things like moss and dried items can also be used. I had never thought of using dried flowers or foliage in with roses and water. I must admit that all of my arrangements are simple. Kelly showed us how to take a simple arrangement and add a few embellishments to make it more festive. Thanks, Kelly.

Most of the roses in our gardens still have blooms and many buds. Tim and I are pleased to be enjoying the blossoms this late in the season. The roses in containers in front of our porch have been particularly productive and Rose du Roi (Portland 1812) has

been producing clusters of extremely fragrant blooms. I think this is one of my most fragrant roses.

The last two mornings, the fields have been covered with a blanket of frost. Winter seems to be arriving. We have just finished cleaning out under the plants, put down diatomaceous earth (for chilli thrips larvae), drenched the soil with Neem oil and mulched them for their season of rest. We will also continue to spray for blackspot with Green Cure throughout the winter. We are also considering adding some granite dust to the soil but will do some more research and have the soil tested.

Cathy from Beaty Fertilizer will be sending me a price list for bulk purchase of their products. They have some excellent fertilizers and soil amendments. They will ship to one location and the price reduces

the more we buy. Please let me know by email if you are interested in participating and I will send you the price list when I receive it. (JannieG@tds.net).

I am really looking forward to our Holiday Party on December 15th. I enjoy everyone's company and the lively conversation and of course, the delicious holiday fare. It will be held at the home of Marion and Gerrard Nimis starting at 4:30 (details on the website www.TallahasseeAreaRoseSociety.org). This is always a festive event and I encourage all members to come to the gathering and to bring a dish to share.

We will also be having a program at the January meeting about the current research and information about rose killing "Rose Rosette Disease". If you
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December Holiday Party

Date: Sunday, December 15, 2019

Time: 4:30 pm.

Place: Home of Gerard and Marion Nimis, Tallahassee, FL (See Map for directions)

Party Plans: The society is providing gumbo (Bob Schelhorn is chef). Beverages will be provided and you may bring your own. Members are asked to bring easy serve holiday foods that can be shared. If it is a special family recipe you may want to share it too.

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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.

Thought You'd Like To Know — Champneys' Pink Cluster

Champneys' Pink Cluster is a Noisette and was introduced in 1810 and originated in South Carolina. The blooms are light pink and are double. It is highly fragrant. It is one of the best old garden roses. The foliage is light green. It is often used as a pillar and is a repeat bloomer from spring until

autumn. It has an ARS rating of 8.5. If you are looking for another old garden rose, consider adding it to your garden. It was the winner of the Dowager Queen at the recent 2019 TARS show and was a lovely specimen exhibited from the garden of President Jan Godfrey.



**Champneys'
Pink Cluster
(Noisette)**

(President's Message continued)

think your roses may be suffering from this, please contact one of our Consulting Rosarians.

Hope to see you at the Holiday Party!

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

— Jenny Uglow

Jan

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 2020 meetings, please call me at 850-342-1711 or e-mail to mbdooley@embarqmail.com or text to 850-294-4016. Thanks to Mary Maud Sharpe and Martha Dooley who provided refreshments for the November meeting.

Deadline for January Newsletter

The deadline for submitting information for the January “Regarding Roses”, the society newsletter, is December 19. 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.

Christmas Party—2019

Plan to come to this event. It will be held on Sunday, December 15 at the home of Marion and Gerard Nimis, 2105 Miller Landing Road, Tallahassee at 4:30 pm. A map is enclosed. You may contact our hosts by calling 859-894-1133.

The society will provide gumbo (Bob Schelhorn is cooking) and beverages. Members are asked to bring holiday foods and other beverages to share. There is no business planned just a good time! The bronze medal will be pre-

Tallahassee Area Rose Society

Laundry Cottage,

Goodwood Museum & Gardens

November 7, 2019

President Jan Godfrey called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m.

In behalf of the Nominating Committee, Martha Dooley presented the Committee’s slate as follows:

President – Jan Godfrey

Vice President – Ann Stevens

Treasurer – Mary Maud Sharpe

Secretary – Janet Newburgh

Board Member – Hank Rosen

Board Member – Bob Schelhorn

Board Member – Marion Nimis – Past President

Hank Rosen moved acceptance of this list, and the motion seconded by Bob Schelhorn carried.

Mary Maud presented the Treasurer’s report. Show expenses included payment to the six judges, for the luncheon, and for trophies. These expenses were reduced by many donations made by members. The bronze medal is available but it still needs to be engraved. A question was raised about making a contribution to the Healing Garden’s irrigation system. TARS is not in a financial situation to make a club donation, but individual TARS members may wish to make such donations.

Mary Maud distributed a registration form for the Deep South District Mid-Winter Meeting that will be hosted by the Marion County Rose Society on January 17-19, 2020.

Mary Maud announced Emily Smith, wife of Stuart Smith, had passed away. She also announced that Frank Parker and Theresa have moved to California.

Kelly DeWall from the Tallahassee Nurseries gave a very interesting presentation on the use of roses in holiday decorations. She showed many items that might be incorporated into rose arrangements that would enhance the overall presentation and that could be used to hold the roses and the whole bouquet in place. Kelly brought along some delightful house plants, including several new varieties of sansevieria. She also brought along a very fragrant Brinda Bella rose plant called the Purple Prince. Kelly suggested that the Chinese fringe tree is a good alternative to dogwood, and that new kinds of dogwood are coming out. Reindeer moss is another material that might be particularly useful in low arrangements, and it grows locally. Kelly recommended that roses not be put directly in Oasis, but should be put in water. Oasis can be used to hold up the roses in the water.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm, after which meeting attendees enjoyed an array of delicious treats foods provided by Martha Dooley and Mary Maud Sharpe.

Respectfully submitted by

Janet Newburgh

TARS Secretary

December Consulting Rosarian Report

By Seymour Rosen

Roses, whether grown for the cut flower industry or by an individual or governmental body, serves as a symbol of beauty and affection. Unfortunately, there is a stiff price to be paid in terms of the negative effects on the environment.

Cut flowers, besides roses, include gerberas and chrysanthemums, are produced mainly in Africa, India, Israel and Latin America. Heavy pesticide use, both insecticides and fungicides are used throughout the growth cycle and especially just before shipment, to maintain that perfect appearance that the marketplace requires. It has been documented that the workers in this industry are associated with a higher incidence of health problems such as abortions, still births and hematologic effects. Roses require large amounts of water which is an increasingly scarce commodity in many of the countries that grow roses. For example, growing roses requires about seven times the amount needed for growing corn. At the port of entry in the U.S. customs officials don't check for pesticide residues as they are only concerned about insect infestation. There has been a significant decrease in insect, butterfly and pollinator populations worldwide that is related to habitat loss as well as pesticide use. Growing roses as a hobby does not involve a commercial necessity for using pesticides. We should endeavor to keep our respect for the environment paramount and avoid indiscriminate use of pesticides. The concept of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is gaining traction as a more environmentally friendly approach to our hobby. This concept recognizes the fact that by eliminating a population of garden pests we also eliminate beneficial organisms; accordingly, the objective of IPM is to control rather than to eliminate while exerting a minimal environmental impact. Choosing disease resistant varieties including roses with the "earth kind" designation, is an important first step; there are many varieties that possess the qualities we admire, and I would refer you to the book "Roses without Chemicals" by Peter E. Kukielski for an extensive listing of 150 varieties to choose from. We should learn to recognize common pests as well as beneficial species. For example, hand control of insects is possible in a home garden, blasting off aphids with a water spray is useful and using a baking soda mixture for controlling powdery mildew (which I recently employed successfully), insecticidal soap, dormant oil and neem oil as well as Conserve SC are just a few of the least harmful agents to use. Establishing plants that attract beneficial insects such as allium, lavender and thyme is also helpful. Our goal as hobbyists should be to always produce attractive and disease resistant roses which help us to safeguard the environment.

Suggested Roses that do Well in our Area

There are a number of rose varieties that do well in our area and that many of the members continue to grow. You may want to use some of the following in planning for the roses that you will add to your garden for the spring bloom season.

First consider Hybrid Teas. Many are not that hard to grow and they give you good cut flowers. Some are also quite fragrant. They do grow best on fortuniana root stock. Mister Lincoln is an all time favorite. It is red, has long stems and a pleasant fragrance. Elina is yellow and is a great bloomer. It is fairly disease resistant and lasts well on the bush. Double Delight is one that catches the eye with its creamy white and red blooms. It too is fragrant. Louise Estes is frequently in shows and is a pink blend. A single hybrid tea that is a lovely rose is Dainty Bess. The stamens are very attractive. Veterans' Honor is a great red one.

One of my favorite grandifloras is Queen Elizabeth. The pink color of the bloom is outstanding. Gold Medal is another grandiflora that is loved by many.

Floribundas are great for landscaping and many are good as cut blooms. Julia Child is an excellent yellow and so is Sunsprite. Iceberg is a white that has stood the test of time. If you like red and who doesn't European is a good choice. Hanna Gordon is a pink blend and is rated 8.6. All of these are not only good as landscape roses but are good for exhibition.

Polyanthas are good landscape roses too. The Fairy and Mille Cécile Brünner are both light pink and Pearl d'Or a yellow one are usually available at Goodwood.

Shrub roses are becoming increasingly grown. Most are easy care and are great for landscape. Many are also fragrant. Some of the most popular are Dortmund, Carefree Beauty, Belinda and Prosperity as well as the David Austin English roses.

Old Garden roses are liked by many society members. Some of the ones everyone loves are Louis Philippe, Mrs. B. R. Cant, Mutabilis, Pink Pet, Mons. Tillier, There are many more.

Don't forget to use climbers in your landscape. Most of them will do best on a support, but are worth your effort and give height to your garden. Suggestions are Sombreuil, Altissimo, Rosarium Uetersen, Don Juan and Pink Perpétué which are all highly rated.

Remember the little miniature and minifloras. There are many charming ones and they do well in containers. Bees Knees, Whirlaway, Joy, Tomboy, Autumn Splendor, My Sunshine, Dr. Dickman, Fairhope and many more both old and new. There are many being introduced each year.

Drift roses are easy grow and are being used in landscapes. They come in a wide range of colors.

Whatever you choose new for your garden this year enjoy it to the fullest. Roses are worth any or all of the effort to grow. Sharing them is one of the greatest joys that you can experience!

Upcoming Society Programs and Events

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

January 2 — “Rose Rosette Disease”. Austin Fife, IFAS, Quincy, Florida

February 13— “Propagation”. Goodwood Volunteer Ann Stevens

March 5— 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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