

Regarding Roses

Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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President's Message: Jan Godfrey

January 2020

I really enjoyed our Holiday Party. It was a lovely festive occasion. Lots of great conversation. Thanks to Marion and Gerard Nimis for hosting the event. I would also like to thank everyone who brought a dish to share. It was a wonderful feast. I hope everyone is enjoying the Holidays and I hope to see you at the next meetings on January 2nd and February 6th.

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

— Jenny Uglow

Jan

Looking forward to 2020

2020 is just around the corner and the Tallahassee Area Rose Society is planning for a year of great activities for members.

First there is the program you have all been anticipating on "Rose Rosette Disease" on Thursday, January 2 at Jubilee Cottage. Our speaker is Austin Fife, IFAS, Quincy, Florida. He has been quite helpful to Seymour Rosen, a TARS member who suspected that he had rose rosette disease in his garden. Although we rarely see

this disease in our part of the country, ARS has warned that this year may be an exception. Come and learn from Austin Fife how to determine if you do have the disease and what you can and should do in your garden. We have shared some information previously in the newsletter and mailings to members. Hopefully this presentation will also give you a chance to ask your questions and get answers.

In February Ann Stevens will be presenting the program. Many of you have asked how to propagate roses and Ann will share with us her experience on propagation that she had learned from volunteering at Goodwood by rooting cuttings. Some varieties root better and easier than others. Care after cuttings are rooted is very important. For some hard to find varieties this is a way to get them for your garden. Remember that the Goodwood sale of Old Garden Roses will be Mid-February. There will be many of the varieties you have come to love and new ones too.

The TARS Board is anxious to have programs that are of inter-

est to members and you are asked to contact president, Jan Godfrey (see page 4) with any suggestions for topics or speakers that you are interested in for this year. It can be repeats or subject that we have not used in the past.

Don't forget that the Thomasville rose show is the fourth Friday of April and we hope that many of you will plan to exhibit your roses at the show. The date is April 24.

In May TARS will hold the annual covered dish picnic. This is a great chance to get to know other members and the food is always wonderful. This is scheduled for Thursday, May 7. Add this date to your calendar now.

The society does not meet in June and July, but will begin meetings again in August.

The major even of the year for the society is the Annual show. The date is Saturday, October 31 and Sunday, November 1. Reserve the dates and plan to exhibit your roses. There are classes for any rose you grow in your garden. Contact any board member (See page 4) with your ideas.

January Society Meeting

Date: Thursday, January 2, 2020

Time: 7:00 pm.

Place: Jubilee Cottage, Goodwood Museum and Gardens, 1600 Miccosukee Rd., Tallahassee, FL

Program: Presented by Austin Fife, IFAS, Quincy, Florida. He will be telling us about Rose Rosette Disease and there will be discussion time for questions that you may have and answers from an expert.

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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 — Mrs. B. R. Cant

Mrs. B. R. Cant is a 1901 tea rose named after the wife of a famous rose breeder Benjamin Cant. It is rated 8.9. It is a cabbage bloom with a blended smoky pink verging on carmine with pale pink highlights. The blooms are large and have a rich fragrance. The bush is a large growing shrub.

Bloom is profuse and repeats well. It is a great rose for our area. At the 2019 TARS rose show it was the Victorian Queen exhibited by Cheryl Gibbons and the novice winner exhibited by Cheryl Gifford. It is usually available at the Goodwood sale and you would be pleased to grow it.



Mrs. B. R. Cant
(Tea)

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. It is still not too late to plan to go so don't miss it and register to attend. There is all the information you will need on the DSD web site.

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 all the members for delicious food for the Holiday Party. The society gumbo by chef Bob Schelhorn was delicious!

Deadline for February Newsletter

The deadline for submitting information for the February "Regarding Roses", the society newsletter, is January 23. Please send information to the editor Mary Maud Sharpe at wjmmsharpe@aol.com or mail to 7020 Apachee Parkway, Tallahassee, FL 32311-4122. Contact by phone at 850-878-9625.

Asking for Your Help

Ginger Benjamin, a society member, has volunteered to be responsible for publicity and spreading the word to the community of news from the society and inviting others to join us. She will need the cooperation of the members to keep her informed of special events, our interesting monthly programs and rose tips from your garden that you are willing to share. Her contact information is 2658 Millbrook Dr., Tallahassee, FL 32301-8562, 850-264-4490, Ginger_Sells@yahoo.com. Let's all help Ginger spread the word about roses and TARS!

Your Passion
Creates Enthusiasm
In Others
Around You.

Tallahassee Area Rose Society

Holiday Party December 15, 2019

This event was held at the home of Marion and Gerard Nimis on Sunday afternoon. The gumbo furnished by the society and cooked by our in house chef Bob Schelhorn as well as the other dishes brought by members made a delightful spread. There was lots of great fellowship to go along with the holiday spread. A special thank you to Marion and Gerard for hosting the event! What a wonderful way to celebrate 2019 with rose friends.

Thank You is due

We owe our gratitude to the board of directors who guided the membership through another successful year or meeting and activities. To Jan Godfrey for her leadership and guidance, to Ann Stevens for being chairman of the rose show, to Janet Newburgh for faithfully keeping records of our activities and keeping us informed, To Mary Maud Sharpe for paying the bills, to Hank Rosen, Bob Schelhorn and Marion Nimis for their service as board members and assistance with show and other activities, we are indebted to you.

There are others who deserve thanks. Gerard Nimis has kept our web site up to date and added features. Martha Dooley has coordinated the refreshments at the meetings, which is no small undertaking. To members who brought refreshments for the social time of each meeting, we thank you.

Thanks to the members who have volunteered at Goodwood to make the plant sale a successful annual event.

To the monthly program speakers and program presenters who have spent hours in preparation to share with us their love of roses.

To all the members who helped with the annual show to make it a success by donations and being there to handle all the work of set up till take down. A special thanks to those who exhibited roses.

Bronze Medal

The society plans to make this 2019 prestigious award at the January meeting. Plan to be there to congratulate the well deserving recipient.

TARS Dues are Due

Yes, it is dues payment time again. A membership form is enclosed and you may bring your dues to the upcoming meeting or mail to the Treasurer. There is contact information on the form. There is no change in the dues amount from 2019. Dues are for the calendar year 2020. We do hope that you will rejoin us for the coming year. A membership is also an excellent gift for rose loving friends. You will receive a copy of the "Regarding Roses", newsletter of the society, each month that the society meets. Each issue contains an educational consulting rosarian article which will help you grow better roses.

January Consulting Rosarian Report

By Mary Maud Sharpe

Happy New Year and Happy Rose Growing in 2018. As I write this it is cold outside and our roses should be experiencing dormancy, although I thought I saw a little bit of growth recently on a hybrid tea bush. It has probably been killed now by the cold. Last year I experienced so many weeds even using newspaper in the beds that this year I'm trying cardboard to see if that will solve the weed problem. The layer of cardboard is being covered with bed mix from Graco in Cairo and pine straw. I should know fairly soon if I've made a good decision (Hopefully so). We have had enough rain for the cardboard to be thoroughly wetted. I heard of others doing this in beds, but not specifically roses. My advise now is to wait and see if it works. I'll keep you posted.

I do hope that many of you are planning to get some new plants for existing bed or new beds. It is always interesting to see if the new varieties are as good as the photos in both color and form.

Now is a good time to check your irrigation system, if you have one to be sure that it is working properly.

Check on all the supplies you will need later in the year. Sharpen your clippers as next month is pruning time. Resist the effort to prune too early! It can be very tempting if we get some warm weather soon.

Remember the Old Garden Rose Sale at Goodwood Museum and Gardens is mid-February. Save somewhere in your landscape to add several for your spring bloom.

Check with any of the society ARS Consulting Rosarians should you need advise. They are listed on page 4. They will be pleased to share their experiences with you. May this year be a great year for you and your rose growing hobby! Remember to share with family, friends and neighbors. A beautiful rose can put a smile on some ones face and make their day!

Tips on Sharpening Your Clippers

To do a professional cleaning and sharpening all parts of the clippers should be taken apart and cleaned thoroughly. You will need a small wrench to loosen and the nut. Lay the parts out so that you will remember exactly how to put them back together. All parts should be cleaned to remove any grim and also any plant sap or tar that has collected. "Goo Gone" may be the best, but any good solvent can work.

Most clippers are bypass and only the cutting blade should be sharpened. If clippers are extremely dull, start with a small file to begin the sharpening process. Use one stroke – not a back and forth motion. For finer sharpening continue with a whetstone, very fine sandpaper or special tape with a fine abrasive.

Use white grease (buy at local hardware stores or auto supply stores) on the inside part of the blades and wipe off excess.

Reassemble the clippers and adjust the tension on the nut so that the clippers move freely, but are firmly tightened.

The test is to try to cut a piece of regular letter paper. If you have done the process properly your clippers are ready to prune your roses without damaging the plant canes. You may have to adjust the tension.

Congratulations! Your clippers are ready to use to prune your roses.

Tetanus What You Should Know and What You Should Do

All gardeners should be aware of some basic facts about tetanus and make certain that their tetanus immunizations are current. The wound need be no larger than a thorn prick to harbor bacteria to produce the toxin which is very poisonous. In recent years approximately 11% of reported tetanus cases have been fatal. The highest mortality rates are in unvaccinated persons and persons over 60 years of age. Tetanus, also called lockjaw is a medical condition characterized by a contraction of muscle fibers. The incubation period is usually about 8 days, but may be as long as several months. There is no blood test that can be used to diagnose tetanus. Diagnosis is made from symptoms. It is best to prevent tetanus by vaccination. The CDC recommends that adults receive a booster vaccine every ten years. Some doctors recommend boosters every five years. It is standard practice to give a booster if persons are uncertain of when they were vaccinated. Tetanus occurs in soils rich in organic matter. Tetanus is often associated with rust, especially rusty nails. This concept is misleading, but the rough surface of rusty metal provides a habitat for *C. tetani* endospore and the nail may puncture the skin and allow endospore to enter the wound. When tetanus infection does occur, it is highly lethal. If a tetanus develops in a person who has not been immunized, the fatality rate runs from 45 to 55 percent with the best hospital care. Always consult you health care provider for more information. Never neglect a wound. Keep your booster vaccinations up to date! It is easy to protect yourself.

2020 Resolutions

There has been a lot said for the advantages of New Year Resolutions and comments that they are too hard to keep. Many of us do not follow through as we should, but to get a chance to start anew has a certain appeal especially to rosarians because it is a new year of rose growing. So here are a few for you to consider.

- Grow better roses.
- Remember the things that worked in the past and plan to do them again.
- Learn something new!
- Find a mentor and don't be afraid to ask for help and advice.
- Keep a calendar of what you do and when you do it to use as a reference for future activities and to remind you of things you should do and when.
- Buy at least one new rose.
- Plan to rejoin TARS and attend all the society meetings if possible. Meet a member you do not know well and visit with them.
- Get one new rose book.
- Volunteer to help on a society committee.
- Visit your rose garden more frequently just to see and smell the roses.
- Share roses with others—neighbors or friends.

You can think of other resolutions. Add them to this list and don't worry if you don't keep all of them. Start the new year with enthusiasm for your rose growing hobby! May 2020 be a good year for you and your roses.

Upcoming Society Programs and Events

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

February 6— “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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