

# Regarding Roses

## Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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## President's Message: Jan Godfrey

April 2020

Thank you, Ann Stevens for showing us ways to propagate roses. Grafting was one way that I hadn't experienced with roses, just with camellias. She grafted two different types of roses on Fortuniana root stock (Hybrid Banksia circa 1840) that she started from a cutting. I realized steady hands, perseverance and patience are required to graft roses. Someday I may give it a try, particularly since I have a Fortuniana rose to make root stock from.

On the garden front, last week we applied pelletized composted chicken manure and Sigma 4-4-4 with Mycorrhizal Fungi from Beaty Fertilizer. The plants were also sprayed with Green Cure for black spot, powdery mildew and other fungus prevention. The leaves on the plants looked much better a day or two after application. This week will

be a drench containing kelp (16% K) and SUPERthrive for the B vitamins. We will also spray with Organocide Plant Doctor, a systemic fungicide to take care of blight, mildew, black spot and other diseases. It stays in the plant for 14-21 days and then converts to potassium and phosphorus to feed the plant. We usually use Organocide 3-in-1 Garden Spray which is a bee safe fungicide, insecticide, miticide but is a contact killer. It will be interesting to see if the systemic application has more luck against the black spot. The 3-in-1 is fish oil based so is quite odiferous for a few days.

Papa Hemeray (China 1912) is blooming and has a few vibrant pink buds. It along with Rose du Roi (Portland 1812), Mary Maud (Miniature 1999), Sweet Chariot (Miniature 1984), Jean Bach-Sisley

(China 1898), Princesse de Sagan (China 1887), Souvenir de la Malmaison (Bourbon 1843), and Vincent Godsiff (Found Bermuda China) are all growing in large pots on both sides of our front porch. We chose them because of their reported small size however, the Chinas are starting to get too big for the containers and may have to be transplanted into a garden.

The ARS rules on judging and exhibiting in Rose Shows have changed. Our next meeting will address these changes and enable us to be ready to exhibit at the Thomasville Rose Show on April 24-25. I am hoping that we will have blooms to show. There is so much new growth on our plants that I have high hopes for this year. I pruned the plants much more than I had previously done. Maybe, that's the difference.

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### April Society Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, April 2, 2020

**Time:** 7:00 pm.

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

**Program:** Sharing of information on rules and regulations governing ARS rose shows with emphasis on disqualification by ARS judges in horticulture entries. Important for judges, exhibitor's, clerks and others.

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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 – Arcanum

*Arcanum* is an apricot blend miniflora which flowers creamy apricot with high centered blooms, exhibition form with no noticeable fragrance. The blooms are mostly borne singly and the foliage is medium size and very glossy. The parentage is a seedling x Kristin. It is a Robbie Tucker introduction which has

entered the ARS Miniature and Miniflora Hall of Fame that honors those miniatures and minifloras that have stood the test of time in commerce for at least 20 years, recognizing excellence and longevity. It would make a good miniflora addition to your garden.



**Arcanum**  
(Miniflora)

(President's Message—continued)

Hope to see all of you on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

“A garden is a grand teacher. It teaches patience and careful watchfulness”

— Gertrude Jekyll

*Jan*

### ***Goodwood Roses***

There are still plants available following the annual sale. If you can volunteer any Saturday you will be welcomed. For more information contact any of the regular volunteers:

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### ***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. Just let me know what item you plan to bring and I will coordinate with other member volunteers.

### ***Deadline for May Newsletter***

The deadline for submitting information for the May “Regarding Roses”, the society newsletter, is April 23. 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.

### ***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!

### ***Thomasville Rose Show***

The Thomasville Rose Show will be Friday, April 24 and Saturday, April 25 at the big tent downtown Thomasville. We hope that many of our members will exhibit at the show. Schedules will be available soon and the contact person is President Gail Altman, 229-224-1265 or glane@altmanlane.net.

## ***Tallahassee Rose Society Minutes***

***March 5, 2020, Jubilee Cottage***

***Goodwood Museum and Gardens***

The Tallahassee Area Rose Society (TARS) meeting was called to order by President Jan Godfrey at 7:12 p.m. There were 15 attendees. Jan expressed how happy she was to see several new faces in addition to the long-time members.

Treasurer Mary Maud Sharpe presented the Treasurer's Report which was accepted. She indicated that she needs to send out an additional membership form to unpaid members, and stated that she will be mailing a check for the insurance for the American Rose Society. There is no word yet about the effect of the expected bank merger involving the bank where TARS has its account.

Mary Maud also noted that she is working on plans for an Exhibitor School on June 6, 2020.

Ginger Benjamin said that there are two more “likes” for the website. New pictures have been posted on the TARS Facebook page, and Ginger indicated the need for many more “likes” on that page. She also proposed that TARS hold a workshop for the public on roses. This suggestion was met with enthusiasm.

Vice President Ann Stevens presented an interesting and informative program on rose propagation. She said that most propagation is done in greenhouses, although it can be done in the absence of a greenhouse. She recommends taking a cutting just below a bud, cutting at an angle. One should scrape off the outside of the stem on at least two sides, letting the green show and leaving the thorns on. Three to four inches of the stem should be dipped in a rooting compound and stuck into a medium composed of a mix of sand and bark. Buds and flowers should be removed. At Goodwood, the cuttings are placed under a mister that runs 15 seconds each hour.

Ann also discussed grafting, especially onto fortuniana, which is the recommended rootstock in this area. The cutting to be grafted should be cut into a wedge and pushed into a split piece of the rootstock. Painter's tape or sealing wax can be put around the cut surface to keep it from drying. The soil should be kept moist but not wet.

Own-root cuttings are often successful on smaller plants. Rose plants also can be produced from seed; seed pods should be at least four months old, and germination takes about 6 weeks.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm, followed by delicious refreshments provided by Cheryl Gifford and Janet Newburgh.

Respectfully submitted by

*Janet Newburgh*

TARS Secretary

*What lies behind us and what lies before us  
Are tiny matters to what lies within us.*

Ralph Waldo Emerson

## ***Consulting Rosarian Report—April***

***By Mary Maud Sharpe***

This is probably the most exciting month of the year for rosarians. This year the winter was quite mild and recently we have had some warm days so roses will soon be in full spring bloom. Plants are full of new leaves and buds. The Cherokees and some other old garden roses have bloomed. It appears that the danger of frost has past, but we still have some cool mornings. Study the show schedule and find the classes in which you will have entries. Pay particular attention to the challenge classes. For Floribundas remember to pinch out the center bloom so that the spray will have a better overall appearance. The other blooms will fill in the gap. You can also remove side growths for the entries that should be one bloom per stem. You will need to do some grooming on the bush as well as final grooming of your specimens. Thrips are one of the things to watch for at this time of year. Should you see blooms beginning to have brown damage spots it will be too late. Prevention is much better and there are several products (Orthene for example) that you can use to mist the buds.

### **Deep South District**

To do in March, April & May – Vasta Yarbrough, CR,  
Bainbridge, GA - 1999\*

The first thing I did for my roses in January was to apply lime needed to bring the soil to a 6.5 pH. This was determined from the soil test done in December. This is very important, not only to get your pH right, but to also determine the nutrients needed to be applied in fertilizer such as iron, minor elements etc.

The last week in January, prune Floribundas, Minis, and cut all excessive growth from the Old Garden roses and climbers. By mid-February, prune the HT's and Grandifloras to knee-high, leaving only good, strong, healthy canes and clearing out the middle. By the time the new roses have arrived and when planting be sure to mound up the dirt over the new canes to keep them from drying out.

After pruning all the roses, clean all the old straw and leaves out. Spray well with Lime-Sulphur according to directions. Apply Spectracide and Diazinon granules over the entire rose bed. This helps control Midge. I have had Downy Mildew in the past, so I scatter 2 tablespoons Subdue Granules around each bush as a preventative. For good strong stems, apply 1/2 cup K-Mag to each bush, also apply 1/2 cup land plaster (Gypsum) for calcium needs. Apply 2 cups of Mills Magic or other organics around each bush. Then take a four-prong fork and work around each bush, loosening the soil. This also helps to get the fertilizer into the ground to start working.

While roses are still dormant, spray with Benlate (1/2 tablespoons per gallon) and Manzate (1/2 tablespoons

per gallon). Dithane M-45 (1 tablespoon per gallon is also a good dormant spray).

Around the 1st of March apply fertilizer recommended by soil test. Usually a good brand of 15-0-13 1/2 with iron and minor elements is really good. Mulch heavy with pine straw or some other mulch.

As soon as the roses start putting on leaves, start a weekly spraying of Triforine (1 teaspoon per gallon) mixed with Mavrik (2 teaspoons per gallon). If you do not have Triforine, use Immunox according to directions or Clearys 336 (1/2 teaspoon per gallon). When bushes are covered in leaves, spray with Rubigan (2 teaspoons per 5 gallons). This will control mildew. This must be done until the weather warms up.

In April start applying liquid solutions of Peters 20-20-20 at the rate of 1 tablespoon per bush, 1 tablespoon per gallon of Sequestrene 330 FE and 1 tablespoon of fish emulsion per gallon. If time permits, do this every week. In sandy loam, roses need at least 2 inches of water per week.

If by chance (I usually do) you see signs of mites, use a water wand. If this does not work, start applying Avid (1/2 teaspoons per gallon). Do this two weeks in a row and then the third week spray with Vendex (1 1/2 teaspoons per gallon). If this should fail to rid your bushes of mites, start with Avid and repeat.

During April, there is likely to be some heavy frost. If you wash this off before the sun shines on the bushes there will be little damage. Keep all the dead-heads cut out and hope the roses will bloom in time for the Rose Show. Good luck!

\*This has been shared in the past and is worth sharing again. Vasta Yarbrough was one of the best rosarians in the Deep South District and a former TARS member.

### ***Exhibitor's School***

We have learned that Saturday, June 20th is the same weekend as the ARS National Convention and so the date has been changed to Saturday, June 6. It will be held here in Tallahassee at Goodwood and we hope that you will plan to attend. There will be tips on exhibiting in horticulture, arrangements and photography for both beginning and experienced exhibitors. The morning sessions will be on horticulture and the afternoon sessions will be on arrangements and photography. We will begin at 9:00 am and plan to be finished by 3:00 pm. Lunch will be served and is complimentary. The three societies hosting this DSD event are Pensacola Rose Society, Tallahassee Area roses Society and Thomasville Rose Society. You are asked to contact Glenn Schulman, 850-261-3991 or glenn.schulman@att.net and let him know that you plan to come so that enough supplies, space and food can be available. This is a great opportunity to learn more about our rose hobby. More details will be available at a later date.

## Upcoming Society Programs and Events

**April 2 — "New Rules and Guidelines for ARS Rose Shows.**

**May 7—Annual Picnic.** Details TBA later.

**June and July—No Society Meetings**

**August 6—TBA**

### DSD Events

**April 24-25 — Thomasville Rose Show.** Contact Gail Altman, 229-224-1265, gailaltman@altman.com

**June 6—Exhibitor's School.** Goodwood Museum and Gardens. Contact Glenn Schulman 850-438-5269, gkenn.schulman@att.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 more.

Visit the ARS website [www.rose.org](http://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](http://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](mailto: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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