

Regarding Roses

Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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President's Message: Jan Godfrey

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Oh no, many of my old roses are deciding that they have had enough. Napoleon (China 1835) only has one healthy looking cane left. First Spice (Found Bermuda China) and now Napoleon. They are both 17 years old. Sounds like a fairly long time but nowhere near the age of the 700-year-old rose (Rose of Hildesheim or Thousand-year Rose, *Rosa canina*) in Germany that John Sullivan wrote about in one of his interesting CR Reports.

I am going to try cloning it. One of the methods Ann Stevens talked about in her program on propagating roses involves using a soda bottle as a mini greenhouse. Come to think of it, I should take some cuttings from all of my favorite older ones. I hope to be successful. Ann made it sound like we all could do it.

Biden's alba—weed of the month. No matter what you

call it—Beggar ticks, Spanish needle, monkey's lice—Biden's alba is a very underappreciated Florida native wildflower. It is often considered a weed because it reproduces so prolifically and has the infamous needles that stick to everything and spread everywhere. It is also a wonderful native wildflower for attracting pollinators including our Florida state butterfly, the Zebra Longwing. It has taken over around quite a few of our roses because it loves the rich soil and constant watering. It also flows whether it is 2" or 3' tall.

I have also decided to plant a large area of garlic to fill in where the roses were. It will be a great companion plant for the roses still left in the garden.

Hope you and your roses are doing well.

"A garden is a grand teacher. It teaches patience

and careful watchfulness"
— Gertrude Jekyll

Jan

Keeping Healthy

In a recent article in the ARS Magazine Dr. Yvonne Brault reminds us that fortunately for gardeners, the garden is a safe place to be. However she reminds us to remember the advise the ARS President Bob Martin gave in March and to follow the advise of government agencies to consider cancelling/postponing meetings, rose show and other gatherings until it is safe again. She reaffirms the things we have been told to do.

- Don't touch your face.
- Wash your hands with warm water and soap.
- Stay at home if possible.
- Wear a mask.
- Do not touch things and social distance when you have to be in public,

September Society Meeting

The Society will not hold a September Meeting.

The decision still remains to postpone all society events and the hopes are that the current situation because of the virus will improve soon. Follow all the precautions and stay safe. Take care of yourself and your roses. You will continue to receive newsletters monthly.

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Thought You'd Like To Know – Julia Child

Julia Child continues to be a top rated floribunda. It has a rating of 8.3 and is number six in the latest listing of top floribundas. It is a Tom Carruth hybridized, Weeks rose which was introduced in 2006. The bloom color is a warm butter golden yellow. The bud form is

pointed and full with a petal count of over 35. It has super glossy leaves and it has great disease resistance. It is a AARS winner and is fragrant. The growth habit is medium-low, very rounded and bushy. It is a favorite rose of TARS member Seymour Rosen.



Julia Child
(Floribunda)

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. The new plants are growing well.

Goodwood Roses

There are plants available now. If you can volunteer any Saturday you will be welcomed. Currently some of the work has been scaled back. Hopefully the volunteers will be able to root enough plants for a 2021 sale. If you have cuttings you can share that would be great. Wear a mask and come any Saturday morning to help. The rose bed at the reflection pool has had a great bloom this year. For more information contact any of the regular volunteers:

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Deadline for October Newsletter

The deadline for submitting information for the October "Regarding Roses", the society newsletter, is September 17. 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.

Still 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 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! Visit our face book page. There is good information there.

TARS—Regarding Roses

You will continue to receive issues of Regarding Roses. The society will use this major means of communication until we are able to meet at Goodwood again. It is hoped that this virus situation will not continue much longer but at this point there is no way to know. We are thankful that our roses give us joy and happiness during these unusual times!

*"Faith is daring to put your dream to the test.
It is better to try to do something and fail
than to do nothing and succeed."*

Robert H. Schuller

Tallahassee Rose Society Minutes

Since it was necessary to cancel the August picnic of the society there are no minutes to report.

TARS Fall Rose Show

The society had planned to hold the annual society rose show on Saturday, October 31 and Sunday November 1 at the Conner Administration Building.

The virus situation will not allow us to hold our annual rose show. We feel that it is best that we let members and out of town exhibitors know now.

DSD Annual Meeting and Rose Show

We have learned that this event is canceled. It had been scheduled to be held in October. We can all understand this decision by the host society.

DSD Mid-Winter Meeting—2021

Thomasville and Tallahassee Area Rose Societies have been asked to rescheduled and to host this meeting in March of 2021 which was originally scheduled for January. We have just learned of this from the district. Some tentative plans are being made. Hopefully the virus situation will be better by then. More news later.

Roses in Review (RIR)

Just a reminder that it is still not too late to make a report. Information on this important program was sent to you in the August mailing. Remember that even though you do not grow any of the roses listed, you are asked to make a report. You may also make your report on line. The deadline for reporting is September 26. The results of the RIR will be used to publish the annual ARS Handbook for Selecting Roses. If you have questions contact Jill Haisten. Her contact information is telephone, 334-201-6800 or e-mail, jillhaisten@gmail.com.

Many thanks to you who have all ready submitted your roses in review information.

Thomasville Rose Festival 2021

The Thomasville Rose Society, our sister society, is currently looking forward to celebrating their 100th Annual Rose Show April 23-24.

Please mark your calendars now and plan to exhibit and attend. There will be more information available later and schedules will be available to TARS folks. Help spread the word.

E-Mail Addresses

Please help the society by sending your preferred and/or updated e-mail address to Mary Maud Sharpe, wjmmsharpe@aol.com. This could be quite helpful in the future. Thank you.

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

Helen Keller

Consulting Rosarian Report—September
By Seymour Rosen

“Nobody Asked Me But...”

- Bill Kerber was the most dedicated and hardworking member of the TARS
- Bill Dority and his love of roses was truly inspirational, he authored a book about roses and maintained a lovely rose garden despite physical handicaps.
- Memorial Day outperforms all other hybrid teas during the Tallahassee summer.
- Mister Lincoln shows its dislike for the summer heat.
- Belinda’s Dream is my toughest earth kind rose; good form, fragrant, excellent repeat blooming and super disease resistance.
- I rate Julia Child over the Knockout roses for fragrance, repeat blooming and constant color.
- A huge Carefree Beauty that once graced Goodwood Gardens in peak bloom motivated me to grow roses.
- I am a consulting rosarian, but there is still a lot I don’t know about roses.
- The ARS should do more to urge its members not to use pesticides and insecticide in their gardens.
- The future of rose growing depends on the development of disease resistant varieties with good form and fragrance.
- It is taking a long time for the rose garden of the ARS to be completed.
- Digital photography and photoshop enable the production of a perfect looking rose.
- There may not be enough financial incentive to develop more disease resistance roses.
- Old age and rose growing are not very compatible.
- Chemicals used on roses should last up to seven years if stored correctly.
- My rose bushes that are far removed from other roses do better.
- If thrips are a problem I sometimes spray insecticides only on the buds at dusk to avoid harming bees and other beneficials.
- Chemicals and other rose products can be purchased at substantial savings from Graco in Cairo, Georgia.
- The Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden in the Bronx New York is the finest rose garden I have visited.
- The quality of a rose garden is largely dependent on the financial resources available to maintain it.
- The 100th annual Thomasville rose show on April 23-24, 2021 will be a photographers delight: fabulous looking roses and Miss Georgia.

A Reminder

Labor Day holiday is coming up soon and it will be time to give your roses a cut back (not severe pruning). This will give you good roses for your fall bloom. Share them with neighbors and friends. A fresh rose can put a smile on many a face.

American Rose Center
Great Garden Restoration Project 2017-2022

The gardens of the American Rose Center were first created in 1972. A five year master plan has been created to restore the gardens. The new gardens are made up of four large circles. The first circle is made up of the most colorful modern roses. Other circles will take visitors back in time to discover the history of the rose to the species roses that were found in China centuries ago. The master plan when completed in 2022 will celebrate the garden’s 50th year! To complete the plan and to maintain the gardens requires support from members. A generous donation to this project would be greatly appreciated by ARS. Please send donations to DSD Treasurer, Kay Harrell, 121 Shore Rush Circle, St. Simons Island, GA 31522-1420 and she will forward to ARS.

Roses to Consider as
New or Replacement Ones

It will soon be time to evaluate the roses you are currently growing to determine if they may need replacing. Listed are the top ten exhibition rose varieties.

Hybrid Teas and Grandifloras

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| 1. Moonstone | 6. Marilyn Monroe |
| 2. Veterans Honor | 7. Black Magic |
| 3. Gemini | 8. Louise Estes |
| 4. Hot Princess | 9. Let Freedom Ring |
| 5. Randy Scott | 10. Marlon’s Day |

Floribundas

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| 1. Hannah Gordon | 6. Julia Child |
| 2. Lavaglut | 7. Sparkle and Shine |
| 3. Sexy Remy | 8. Hot Cocoa |
| 4. Day Breaker | 9. Playgirl |
| 5. Playboy | 10. Cinco de Mayo |

Miniatures

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| 1. Joy | 6. Irresistible |
| 2. Bee’s Knees | 7. Magic Show |
| 3. Daddy Frank | 8. Renegade |
| 4. Soroptimist Int’l | 9. Memphis King |
| 5. Fairhope | 10. Edisto |

Minifloras

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| 1. Whirlaway | 6. Dr. John Dickman |
| 2. Foolish Pleasure | 7. Show Stopper |
| 3. Nancy Jean | 8. Butter Cream |
| 4. Baldo Villegas | 9. Abby’s Angel |
| 5. Tammy Clemons | 10. First Choice |

There are many other very good roses for you to consider. Think too about adding old garden roses from Goodwood and popular shrub roses from local nurseries. The choices for new roses for your garden are endless.

Upcoming Society Programs and Events

September 3—Society Meeting (Canceled by the board)

October 31—November 1—Society Annual Rose Show. (Canceled)

(Members will be notified when meetings and events are resumed)

DSD Events

October 16-18 —DSD Convention and Rose Show— Gainesville, FL Contact Ralph and Jean Stream, 352-591-4474, streamj@gmail.com.
(Canceled)

March—DSD Mid-Winter Meeting—Tallahassee, FL, **(Tentative)**

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. 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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