

# Regarding Roses

## Tallahassee Area Rose Society

*Affiliated with The American Rose Society*



## President's Message: Jan Godfrey

April 2021

The Spring Equinox was on the 20<sup>th</sup>. The first day of spring was quite chilly. An article in the American Rose—Frost and Freeze Protection made me realize again how lucky we are not to have to take the kinds of precautions against cold as our northern friends.

Many rosarians have decided to change their roses to ones that don't require spraying, are more disease resistant and may be Earth-Kind designated. Earth-Kind is a special designation given to select rose cultivars by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service and the Earth-Kind landscaping program. It is based on the results of extensive research and field trials and is awarded only to those roses demonstrating superior pest tolerance, combined with outstanding landscape performance. When I checked on the list of cultivars, I was pleasantly

surprised to find that several of the roses in my garden were listed.

I have heard some rosarians say that Louis Phillippe (China 1834) and Cramoisi Supérieur (Hybrid China 1832) are difficult to tell apart. Not so for me. Cramoisi Supérieur has a darker color red and it opens flat showing its yellow stamens—Louis Phillippe does not. If one can't tell by looking, it is easy by just taking a whiff. Louis Phillippe has a wonderful fragrance while Cramoisi Supérieur has hardly any to speak of.

Our rose bushes are covered in new growth and lots of buds—more than usual. I am surprised that for the first time ever Alister Stella Gray (Noisette 1894) has more than one bud on it. It is climbing up a tree and lots of the buds are pretty high up. This is quite exciting since they have a lovely yellow color that blooms in

sprays. I have been waiting for a few years for this and I am quite convinced that the addition of alfalfa is the answer.

The program at our next Zoom Meeting is to talk about and make a list of the roses that are our particular favorites and ones that we find difficult to grow. This will give our members a wonderful resource of recommended roses for our area and ones that might be problematic.

"I fell as if I had opened a book and found roses of yesterday sweet and fragrant, between its leaves"

— L.M. Montgomery  
*Jan*

"Adopt the pace of nature: her secret is patience."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

### April Society Meeting

A zoom meeting of the society will be held on Thursday, April 1 at 7:00 pm and we hope that you will join us.

An insert with all details is enclosed. Janet Newburgh will be doing the setup and you should contact her with questions you may have.

Members will be sharing their favorite roses and why they grow them.

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## Thought You'd Like To Know – White Lady Banks

*White Lady Banks* blooms in spring to early summer. Yes, there is a white one as well as the well known yellow one. It was introduced in 1807. The flower is semi double and it has a violet like fragrance. It is best grown on a pillar as it

produces long, nearly thornless canes. It is a vigorous grower. The blooms are long lasting. However, it is not a repeat bloomer. It is fairly disease resistant. The Sharpe garden plant was a gift from Malcolm Manners and grows on a post with a wagon wheel top.



*White Lady Banks*  
(Species)

### 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.

### ***Goodwood Roses***

There are plants available now. The 2021 sale was successful. If you can volunteer any Saturday you will be welcomed. Wear a mask and come any Saturday morning to help. The rose bed at the reflection pool will be in full bloom soon. Stop by for a visit if you can. For more information contact any of the regular volunteers:

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

The deadline for submitting information for the May "Regarding Roses", the society newsletter, is April 22. 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.

### ***Thomasville Rose Festival 2021***

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

Please mark your calendars now and plan to exhibit and attend. There are schedules available for TARS folks. Contact Mary Maud Sharpe (see page 4). Some rules have changed so read the schedule carefully. There will be help available if you are a novice exhibitor. There are special classes for novice exhibitors. Jim Mills will be coming and will bring orders and other roses. A listing is enclosed so that you can contact him. Get your order to him soon. He uses fortuniana as a root stock.

### ***DSD Mid-Winter Meetings***

We hope that many of you enjoyed the recent zoom programs and meeting of the DSD. The program speakers were excellent! Thomasville and Tallahassee rose societies have agreed to host this meeting in January of 2022 since the scheduled 2021 meeting was canceled. Hopefully the virus situation will allow this event to happen. We will need all members of the society to help with the many things that need to be done to host this event. There will be more information later.

### ***DSD Annual Convention and Rose Show***

Gainesville rose Society is hosting this meeting in mid-October. We will have more information and registration forms to share with you soon.

### ***Tallahassee Rose Society Minutes March 4, 2021***

President Jan Godfrey called the Zoom meeting to order at 7:06 pm. There were 13 people participating in this virtual meeting.

Treasurer Mary Maud Sharpe gave the Treasurer's report. Mary Maud indicated that the Deep South District dues, in the amount of \$25, would be paid on March 5. We are up to date with the American Rose Society (ARS), and the bill for insurance will be coming soon. There may be a website charge due in approximately June.

Vice President Ann Stevens reported that a good collection of rose cuttings was obtained on March 4 from the Cancer Society garden.

The Mid Winter convention will be held virtually on Saturday, March 27, from 10 am till 2 pm. Thomasville and Tallahassee will co-host the Deep South District Mid Winter meeting in January of 2022.

President Jan Godfrey mentioned that the ARS website has a list of roses that are easy to grow in the Deep South District, but there are no old garden roses on this list. Jan suggested that we make our own list of these. We also can make lists of other kinds of roses that grow well in this area.

Martha Dooley noted that small sticks could be seen in the Peace Rose Garden located in the Chain of Parks. Mary Maud stated that the City of Tallahassee has dug up the old bushes and will re-plant the garden.

The 100<sup>th</sup> Thomasville Rose Show will be held on April 23-24, which is a Friday and a Saturday. This show predates involvement with ARS; it originally was just a city show. This year, there will be no parade, just parked floats because of the continuing pandemic. Attendees and participants should wear masks. The organizers of the show are still looking for clerks. Available people for these jobs should contact Montine Herring or Bob Maxwell. K&M roses will be there. They can be contacted for special orders, or people can take a chance on what will be available.

Amy Beaven inquired about how to photograph roses effectively. Inspiration on this is needed, and requested! Favorite rose pictures should be posted on Facebook!

It would be nice to be able to visit individual rose gardens. It was noted that the City of Tallahassee has some nice rose gardens, including one near Lake Ella. The best one is on Betton and Thomasville Road. In addition, there are nice rose gardens in Thomasville. Thomasville people helped TARS to get started.

For the meeting program, Mary Maud presented a detailed history of TARS, which started in 1983. Hank Rosen was instrumental in developing excellent bylaws that have stood the test of time very well.

The first rose show was presented in 1985 in conjunction with the Garden Club. For a while, the show was held in the mall. Bill Sharpe requested use of the Conner Building; approval was granted, and most of the shows have been held there since that time. A florist helped TARS to obtain vases for the shows.

The annual rose sale at Goodwood was started in the early 1990s.

In terms of outreach, Pam Anderson designed the logo for TARS, and Marion Nimis and Jan Godfrey have worked hard on setting up a new, very nice website. Members are encouraged to look at the website and to make suggestions on how it might be updated. TARS also has a Facebook page, and Ginger, who managed this page, would appreciate help in this regard.

At 8:20 pm, Hank Rosen moved adjournment of the virtual meeting, which was seconded and carried.

Respectfully submitted by

*Janet Newburgh*

. TARS Secretary

### ***Consulting Rosarian Report—March***

***By Mary Maud Sharpe***

Our winter has been a rather unusual one and we hope that with the recent weather that winter is over. There are signs of spring with many of the flowering trees blooming. However, there is no assurance that old man winter is gone. A heavy frost may do damage to tender growth. One of the best ways to avoid damage to tender growth is to sprinkle with water very early and wash away any frost. Generally the recent rainfall has provided sufficient water for gardens. As soon as plants leaf out be ready to begin your regular routine spray program. Trying to correct a problem after it occurs can be disastrous. There are many products on the market that can be used. Read the labels carefully and use only those products that you need and in the correct amounts. More than recommended is not a good idea. Abide by the safe handling rules and be sure that handling of insecticides and pesticides is correct. Remember to take care of yourself as you take care of your roses. Visit your garden often to check for insects or diseases that can be devastating if not corrected.

### ***Some of My Favorite E Roses***

***Through the Years (Mary Maud Sharpe)***

Hybrid Teas:

Dainty Bess  
Double Delight  
Elina  
Gemini  
Hot Princess  
Jewel Grace  
Kardinal  
Louise Estes  
Muster Lincoln  
Olympiad  
Peace  
St. Patrick  
Swathmore

Touch of Class  
Uncle Joe  
Veterans' Honor

Grandifloras:

Gold Medal  
Queen Elizabeth

Floribundas:

Hannah Gordon  
Julia Child  
Lady of the Dawn  
Playgirl

Miniatures:

Bees Knees  
Fairhope  
Jean Kennelly  
Joy  
Mary Maud  
Red Cascade  
Soroptimist International

Minifloras:

Autumn Splendor  
Butter Cream  
Conumdrum  
Cooper  
Tammy Clemons  
Tiffany Lynn  
Whirl-a-way

Davis Austin:

Evelyn  
Graham Thomas  
L. D. Braithwaite  
Mary Rose  
Molineaux

Antique (Old Garden Roses:

Ballerina  
Belinda's Dream  
Cecil Brunner  
Cherokee  
Green Rose  
Louis Philippe  
Mrs. B. R. Cant  
Mutabilis  
Old Blush  
Peggy Martin  
Pink Pet  
Souv. de la Malmaison  
The Fairy  
Zephirine Druien

## Upcoming Society Programs and Events

**April 1 (Zoom Meeting)** Join us at 7:00 pm

### *DSD Events*

**April 23-24, 2021—Thomasville Rose Show.** Downtown Thomasville in the big tent

**October—DSD Convention and Rose Show—**Gainesville, Florida and hosted by the Gainesville Rose Society

### *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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