

Regarding Roses

Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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President's Message: Jan Godfrey

May 2021

It's raining a nice soft rain today. I really was looking forward to working in the garden today. At least after the rain, the weeds will be easier to pull up. The wild lettuce is beginning to become a major pain.

I really enjoyed our last Zoom meeting! It was great to hear about folks' favorite roses and how they grow them. It was so nice to have input from everyone attending and to have questions answered by the Consulting Rosarians on the call. I hope we can continue to have more meetings like the last one. We will be sharing the list generated at the meeting with all members.

One of my favorites, *Perle d'Or* (*Polyantha* 1875), is blooming. I really love the pale apricot color and the shape of the blossom. She is growing inside the same small fence as *Nastarana*

(*Noisette* 1879) which is also covered in many sprays of bright pink and white flowers and also with sprays of new buds. Of all the bushes blooming, *Mutabilis* (*China* 1894 *Earthkind*) has more flowers than any of the others. It is covered with multi-colored, butterfly-like blossoms—truly magnificent.

Hank has been telling me (for quite a while) that we should have at least one hybrid tea in our garden and he suggested *Mister Lincoln* (*Hybrid Tea* 1964) because of its deep red color and lovely fragrance. As we learned from one of our programs, its petals are also best for edible rose products. I have ordered one from Jim Mills (K & M Nursery). Seymour has also been promoting *Belinda's Dream* (*Shrub* 1988 *Earthkind*) as one of his favorites, so I ordered one of those too. Was it me who was sure that we didn't need any more roses?

This month's meeting will be on May 6th at 7:00 on Zoom. Normally, this meeting would be our annual Spring Social Gathering at Goodwood but instead this year we will be meeting via Zoom and will have a video program including *Modern Rose Breeding* and a *Front Garden Rose Tour*. Details will be coming via email and will also be on the TARS website and Facebook page. Please contact Janet Newburgh if you have any questions about Zoom.

Hope to see you on the 6th.

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

— L.M. Montgomery

Jan

May Society Meeting

A zoom meeting of the society will be held on Thursday, May 6 at 7:00 pm and we hope that you will join us.

Janet Newburgh will be doing the setup and you should contact her with questions you may have. (See page 4). Plan to join us and enjoy this zoom video program. There will be no programs in June and July. August TBA.

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Thought You'd Like To Know – Lyda Rose

Lyda Rose is a popular shrub rose, single type, that blooms in clusters and is quite fragrant. The color is pink blend which fades to almost white. It is very disease resistant and is shade tolerant. It is nearly thornless and is good as a hedge. It repeat blooms well.

The growth habit is spreading. The height is listed as 4-5 feet. It blooms throughout the season and is long lasting. It was hybridized by Kleine Lettunich and introduced in 1994. The rose was named for her daughter. It has an ARS rating of 9.0. Consider adding it to your garden. You will be glad you did. It has great reviews from folks that do grow it.



Lyda Rose
(Shrub)

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. If you can volunteer any Saturday morning you will be welcomed. Wear a mask and come to help. Cuttings are also welcomed. The rose bed at the reflection pool are doing well. Stop by for a visit if you can. For more information contact any of the regular volunteers:

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Deadline for August Newsletter

The deadline for submitting information for the August "Regarding Roses", the society newsletter, is July 22. Please send information to the editor, Mary Maud Sharpe, 7020 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, FL 32311-4122 or e-mail wjmmsharpe@aol.com. You may contact by telephone at 850-878-9625.

Thomasville Rose Festival 2021

The Thomasville Rose Society, our sister society, has celebrated their 100th Annual Rose Show on Friday and Saturday, April 23-24. Donna Harrell, a Thomasville member, won the queen of the show with Veterans' Honor. We are pleased that some of the TARS folks entered and/or visited the show. The show was successful and there were many out of town exhibitors. Because of extreme weather the show was taken down early.

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. The number of registrants will be limited due to the capacity of the motel. Plan to get your registration in early. The rose show will be held at the same location. Take special care of your roses so that you can exhibit. There will be an arrangement workshop during the weekend.

Tallahassee Rose Society Minutes

April 1, 2021

President Jan Godfrey called the Zoom meeting to order at 7:12 pm. Eleven people participated in this virtual meeting.

In announcements, Jan briefly described the Deep South District Mid Winter Convention and indicated that she learned a lot from that virtual meeting. She said that the American Rose Society is holding lots of webinars, most of which are on Saturday afternoons. Jan also encouraged people to post pictures of their roses on the Tallahassee Area Rose Society (TARS) website; she has posted several of her roses on that site. It was announced that Antoine deSercey, Isabelle's husband, passed away recently.

Mary Maud Sharpe gave the Treasurer's Report. She said that TARS has 25 paid members. Bills from Goodwood, the Deep South District, and the American Rose Society have been paid. The insurance payment is pending.

The focus of this virtual meeting was on people's experience growing roses in the Tallahassee area—which roses grow well, which do not, and what are some of the best practices for growing roses in this area.

Jan started this discussion by drawing attention to the list of roses prepared by Ralph Stream that she recently emailed to TARS members. Jan favors Old Garden Roses and has nine of the roses on Ralph's list in her garden. Cherokee rose is her only species rose. Jan also has White Lady Banks, which is an early spring bloomer. Jan said that Earthkind Roses do well for her, especially Belinda's Dream. This rose is considered to be a "Texas superstar", with lots of blooms at the same time. It is a repeat bloomer. Jan also mentioned Mrs. B.R. Cant, as well as Louis Philippe. Mary Maud also has Mrs. B. R. Cant and said that there is a nice Louis Philippe outside the Cancer Center that was planted by the late Bill Dority. Another of Jan's roses is one named Spice, which smells great and is easy to grow. Unfortunately, it is a "found" rose, from Bermuda, and can't be shown. Jan observed that mulch, as it breaks down, fertilizes the rose, especially with respect to nitrogen, but it is advisable to monitor the pH, which may change with time. Mary Maud noted the benefits of fortuniana rootstock for grafted roses. Other roses that should be considered are Rosa rugosa, which grows thick, like a hedge.

Mary Maud said that the April newsletter includes a list all the roses on Jim Mills' list with which they have had good success. One of Mary Maud's favorite roses is, itself, called Mary Maud. This is a mauve rose with lots of petals that was named in her honor and that may be available from Rose Petals. Mary Maud will try to confirm a source for this rose. Another of Mary Maud's favorite roses is Classic Touch. She won Queen in Thomasville one year. This rose is a sport of Touch of Class.

Hank Rosen has over 40 years of growing roses. He likes hybrid teas and has a mixture of roses. Hank says he sprays every couple of weeks and hopes that we'll get

May Consulting Rosarian Report

By Hank Rosen, Master Rosarian

to hybrid teas that do not need spraying. He recommends Midas Touch, a yellow hybrid tea, for this area. It is one of his most productive roses. Another of his favorites is Julia Child, a yellow floribunda. He notes that Elina, a light yellow hybrid tea, has some fragrance. Hank finds Elina to be essentially bullet-proof and to repeat bloom rapidly. It is considered to be one of the best roses in the world. Perfume Delight has very good fragrance. It is pretty and an all-around good rose. Hank said that Color Magic is hard to grow in this area, but it is beautiful when it does grow. It suffers from dieback. He will see if Jim Mills has it. Another of Hanks' favorite roses is Mr. Lincoln, which is red, has a nice fragrance, and is one of the easiest hybrid teas to grow; it is widely available, and its only down side is bluing of the flowers after a couple of days in a vase. A second favorite red hybrid tea is Veterans' Honor, although it is less fragrant than Mr. Lincoln.

Goodwood has a pretty good assortment of roses. Martha Dooley has Lady Banks, both the yellow and the white varieties. Show competition in climbers tends to be minimal. Don Juan is a gorgeous red climber.

Marion Nimis recommends knockout roses, especially for novice growers. Her top criteria are perfume and rich colors. The yellow and white knockout roses tend to be less good. Marion tried a multicolor knockout but it did not thrive. A China rose called Mutabilis comes in different colors and is amazing.

Janet Newburgh has had great luck growing Louis Philippe on her very sandy soil, and it is blooming well with minimal care. Janet also has found considerable success with drift roses in the sandy soil; coral drift is currently blooming, as well as Perle d'Or, a polyantha dating back to 1875, and also red Radko Double Knockout roses, all three bushes of which currently have lovely blooms. Janet has begun experimenting with growing roses in pots up to 7-gallon capacity, each pot with its own irrigation dripper. Some roses currently doing well in the pots include Ring of Fire, South Africa, Crimson Bouquet, and the miniature rose called Glowing Amber.

As noted previously, those interested in growing hybrid tea roses should look for plants grafted onto fortuniana rootstock. This rootstock is used by Jim Mills of K&M Roses, and he will be at the Thomasville show on Friday, April 23. Roses can be ordered in advance and be picked up at the show, thus avoiding shipping costs and stress on the roses. Jim also will bring a few non-reserved roses that can be purchased on the spot.

It was suggested that, instead of a picnic in May, that TARS have a regular meeting with a program. One suggested possibility was summer rose care. Jan will get in touch with the TARS board to decide about a meeting and topic in May.

At 8:12 pm, Marion Nimis moved adjournment. This was seconded by Martha Dooley and carried.

Respectfully submitted by

Janet Newburgh

TARS Secretary

First of all, I want to thank all of our members who participated at the recent 100th Anniversary of the Thomasville Rose Show on April 23rd. If you helped out with the setting up, clerking, or exhibiting, thank you for your efforts. Congratulations are in order for those who exhibited and received ribbons or prizes.

May is a transition month for rose growers. We have left the cold and dry weather of winter behind us and are experiencing warmer days and wetter weather. If you spray your roses, now is the time to start doing it or continue if you have already begun. I recommend using Propiconazole, AKA Banner Maxx or Honor Guard and Manzate fungicides and spraying every two weeks. You can rotate with Immunox or other fungicides every 3 or 4 sprayings for variety. Only spray insecticides when insects are present and generally only spray the buds.

With the increase in temperatures, it is necessary to water more frequently. Roses need a good 1-2 inches of water every week from nature or your hose or spray heads. You can put out a rain gauge or an empty tuna fish can to measure your weekly water. A good thick layer of 3-4 inches of pine straw or other mulch will help keep the soil temperature down and preserve the moisture in the soil.

If you have not already fertilized your roses, it is time to do so. I recommend using 13-6-6 with 50% slow release nitrogen, Rose-Tone fertilizer by Espoma, Milorganite, Osmocote, and alfalfa meal. All of these are available at Graco Fertilizer Company in Cairo, Georgia.

If you are having any questions or concerns with your roses, feel free to call or email me or any of our Consulting Rosarians, listed on the back page of this and each newsletter. We will be delighted to talk to you about your roses and make recommendations to assist you in growing more beautiful roses.

DSD Exhibitor's School

Tentative plans are being made to hold this one day school here in Tallahassee on Saturday, June 19 at Jubilee Cottage. Hold this date and you will receive more information as soon as it is available. Glenn Schulman from Pensacola will be the chairman of the school and there will be information on exhibiting in horticulture, arrangements and photography. Pensacola, Tallahassee and Thomasville will jointly host the event. There will be tips from winning exhibitors for novices as well as experienced exhibitors. You will have a chance to get you questions answered, enjoy the company of other rosarians and become a better exhibitor. There will be no registration fee. You will be asked to register.

"What ever you are be a good one."
Abraham Lincoln

Upcoming Society Programs and Events

May 6 (Zoom Meeting) Join us at 7:00 pm

June—No Meeting

July—No Meeting

August 5 —Meeting TBA

DSD Events

June 19—DSD Exhibitor's School— Jubilee Cottage, Goodwood, Tallahassee, FL. Contact Glenn Schulman, 850-438-5269 or glenn.schulman@arr.net

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. 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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