

Regarding Roses

Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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President's Message: Jan Godfrey

August 2021

Hello everyone. I hope you are all enjoying your summer—working in your garden. We've had several weeks of daily rain and although the land needed it, it's also perfect for blackspot. So now between the blackspot and the myriad of weeds, I am definitely busy. The wet weather has definitely interfered with my schedule.

I have been working on the bushes and have had a few flowers. However, my Papa Hemeray (China 1912) has never stopped. It grows in sprays of vermilion blooms with white centers. It grows very vigorously but looks quite delicate. It is growing in a large pot, 15 gallons or so, and is about 4.5 feet tall and as wide—larger than I had anticipated. Because of its unusual blossom and growth habit, and the fact that it blooms almost all year, it would be a good one

to add to your list.

I am looking forward to doing the program at the August 5th meeting via Zoom. I will be sharing a more natural way of growing roses. I have been working on different combinations of natural products and have found several that the roses seem to respond to best. Each week I fertilize and spray the plants with an alternating schedule. I will explain each of the main products, how it fits into the schedule and what it does.

It's time to be thinking about the Rose Show. Both the preparations for the roses that you might want to show and the arrangements that are needed to make for another successful event. Volunteers are always welcome.

I would also love to hear ideas for programs for future meetings.

I look forward to seeing you at the Zoom meeting on August 5th. Please contact Janet

Newburgh if you need to change or add an email address so that you will be able to receive the Zoom invitation.

"If you enjoy the fragrance of a rose, you must accept the thorns which it bears."

— Isaac Hayes
Jan

Zoom Meetings

A special "Thank You" to Janet Newburgh for her work in setting up and doing the Zoom programs for us during the recent past. Please consider joining us for the August program by Jan Godfrey, president of TARS as she shares her Work Program for her garden. Janet is willing to help you get included. Contact 850-385-4431 or JanNewburgh@gmail.com

August Society Meeting

A zoom meeting of the society will be held on Thursday, August 5 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 for this zoom program. Jan Godfrey is the presenter this month. (See President's Message)

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Thought You'd Like To Know – High & Magic

High & Magic is a beautiful hybrid tea yellow blend rose. It is a popular florist cut rose and is listed in ARS Modern Roses. The bloom is long lasting. Glenn Schulman from Pensacola is growing it and you can expect to see it on rose show tables soon. It is a rose that you may want to

consider adding to your garden. The color is unusual and eye catching. It was bred by the Dutch breeder Pressman B. V. The bloom size is medium—large and the petal count is medium—high. The stems are long and the vase life is 8 to 10 days. Enjoy it as a garden rose and to exhibit.



High & Magic
(Hybrid Tea)

Special Notes

- Volunteer at Goodwood Saturday mornings 9:00 am—Noon.
- 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 September Newsletter

The deadline for submitting information for the September "Regarding Roses", the society newsletter, is August 19. 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.

ARS Roses In Review (RIR)

Yes, it is time to review roses. Information and forms are enclosed. You may also go to rose.org and submit your review on line. The deadline is September 26, 2021. Please participate even though you do not grow any of the roses listed. Your report will be greatly appreciated.

TARS Annual Rose Show

At the recent TARS Board Meeting it was decided to proceed with plans for the annual rose show to be held Saturday, October 30 and Sunday October 31, 2021. You will remember that the society cancelled the 2020 rose show. Ann Stevens has again agreed to be the show chairman and you may contact her at 850-576-1800 or at her e-mail stevensann@yahoo.com to volunteer to help with the many things that need to be done to make the show a success. We have learned that we will not be able to hold the show at the Doyle Connor Administration Building. It will be closed for extensive repairs to the air conditioning system. Other dates and locations are being investigated. We hope that you will plan to exhibit. The schedule will be much the same as in prior years. There will be a class for any rose that you grow in your garden. Should you have a rose that you cannot identify there is a class for it too. Judges and visitors will make every effort to name it for you. If you have never exhibited before there is a novice class and there will be help to make your entries. Help us spread the word to others who love roses.

"Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much."

Tallahassee Rose Society Minutes

May 6, 2021

President Jan Godfrey called the Zoom meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Nine people participated in this virtual meeting.

Announcements: Mary Maud Sharpe announced that there would be an Exhibitor School on Saturday, June 19, from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm in the Jubilee Cottage at Goodwood. Thirty people can be accommodated there at this time, so the first 30 people who sign up will be able to come. The morning sessions will address horticulture and exhibiting, and afternoon sessions will discuss arrangements and photography. Glenn Schulman of Pensacola will be in charge, and Ralph Stream will focus on the fine points of exhibiting. The registration form is being mailed to the people on the mailing list, is on the website, and in the Deep South bulletin.

Mary Maud gave the Treasurer's report. She said that TARS now has 27 paid members, with one member renewing this month and one new member signing on. The American Rose Society membership dues were \$70 for the year, and this has been paid. The only currently outstanding payment is for the website; this was \$140.05 last year. Mary Maud expressed hope that TARS would be able to hold a rose show the last Saturday in October. She also said that the Deep South District meeting would be in mid October, although attendance may be limited.

The meeting program consisted of two screen-shared U-Tube presentations coordinated by Tim Holmes. One of the presentations was on Modern Rose Breeding (The Quest for Roses, by Roger Phillips), and the other was on Garden Roses, particularly Cordes roses.

The presentations included discussions of thornless roses, and these were started in 1961. Smooth Sailing is the background parent of a smooth line. Pink Favorite x Simon Bolivar was the start of another new line that had extremely glossy foliage. Blue as a color is not included in the genetic structure of roses, but breeders in the Bay Area are trying to transfer genes for the color blue from petunias.

Among cut roses, red is the favorite color in the USA. Europeans stress pink and yellow colors. The market for cut roses is much larger than that for garden roses. A couple of rose varieties used for cut roses are Santa Fe and Magnum.

There currently is considerable emphasis on breeding programs to bring back fragrance. One such fragrant variety is Magic Medellin. David Austin roses have multiple benefits, including fragrance, disease resistance, and repeat flowering.

After the U-Tube presentation, there was considerable discussion about roses that are available in this area and that do well here. Jackson & Perkins is shipping roses from Tyler, Texas. Texas A&M has Ralph Moore's miniature collection. David Austin roses have an old look but a new form and are very easy to grow. Seymour Rosen reported that Belinda's Dream, a medium pink, very double shrub rose, seems to be disease resistant and does well for him. Another nice shrub rose is Carefree Beauty,

and this rose may have been used in the development of knockout roses.

The Rose Hybridizers Association has at least two manuals, one basic (Rose Hybridizing for Beginners), and one very advanced (The Next Step). For more information, go to <https://www.rosebreeders.org> and then to “Help me find” to get background information of some of one’s favorite roses.

The entire genome of the rose has been sequenced. Texas A&M is working on a rose database.

At 8:21 pm, Hank Rosen moved adjournment of the virtual meeting, this was seconded and carried.

Respectfully submitted by

Janet Newburgh

TARS Secretary

August Consulting Rosarian Report

By Bob Schelhorn, Master Rosarian

I have been an avid reader of the local newspaper since I was a kid in Ohio reading the sports pages of the Cincinnati Enquirer. My reading continued after our families moved to Tampa. My junior year of high school down there, I was reading (still just the sports pages) of the now defunct Tampa Tribune and their great late sports editor Tom McEwan. I now read daily—the whole paper—The Tallahassee Democrat.

You may be asking yourself what any of this has to do with roses. I think that newspapers of our country like our local rose society will be extinct within the next ten years. Our local newspaper is a piece of crap with a daily newsstand price of \$2.50. You can buy a New York Times for \$2.50.

I look at our local society of which I have been a fairly active participant of for the past 20 years. Membership gets lesser and lesser every year. Meetings are poorly attended. People willing to step up to the plate to be in leadership roles are hard to if not impossible to come by. We have no youth or even young people in our membership. Many have died or are having health problems. I just don’t see the society sustaining much longer than ten years.

My apologies for my negativisms I’m usually a very positive guy. Losing newspapers particularly our (even though I think it is a rag) and our local rose society would both be very sad events. I hope to live long enough to see both of my predictions wrong.

Editor’s Note: I and perhaps some of other TARS members share the same concern for the future of the society. I also share Bob’s wish that the future brings renewed interest to those of us who believe that the future of the society can be good and that our best years are still ahead. Let’s make it happen! MMS

“The greatest danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it, but that it is too low and we reach it.”

Michelangelo

DSD Exhibitor School was Well Attended

The biennial DSD Exhibitor School held Saturday, June 19 at Jubilee Cottage, Goodwood Museum and Gardens was attended by thirty rosarians who learned more about exhibiting roses in horticulture, arrangements and photography. The school was under the leadership of Glenn Schulman, Pensacola Rose Society and DSD Exhibitor Consultant Chair. Other leaders were Ralph Stream, Joanne Maxheimer, Sandy Dixon and Taura Bryant. New at the 2021 school was a report by Joanne Maxheimer, DSD Horticulture Judges Chair, on the extensive rules changes for horticulture. Sandy Dixon, Arrangement Judges Chair, created two arrangements that could be entered in a rose show and made it look easy. Taura Bryant, Pensacola Rose Society, explained how to take and enter a winning photo. (This was a first time [Zoom](#) program presented on screen at the school) A special “Thank you” to Janet Newburgh, Tallahassee Area Rose Society, for her technical assistance throughout the day. Bob Schelhorn got rave reviews for the lunch he prepared for all. Much information was shared and learned. Many new rose friends were made and the school was considered to be a successful event for the DSD.

DSD Mid-Winter Meeting

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. Joanne Maxheimer from the Thomasville rose society has made arrangements for the meeting to be held at the Best Western in Gainesville, Florida, January 21-23, 2022. There will be programs on Saturday and Bronze Medal winner of the societies of the district will be recognized at the Saturday evening dinner. The meeting will include a CR School on Sunday. You may attend for credit or to become a CR. The programs will have something for everyone. This is an excellent chance to get to meet other rosarians from the district. There will be vendors there with things you will need for the spring season. Montine Herring who is a member of both Thomasville and Tallahassee Societies has agreed to be the treasurer and registrant. You will receive more information soon on the schedule of events and a registration form. Hold the dates!

Fall Society Meetings

Plans are to hopefully resume society meetings at Jubilee for the fall beginning in September. We apparently experienced no problems with the exhibitor school meeting. Watch for more information in your September issue of “Regarding Roses”. We will follow all safety procedures and guidelines. We have learned that there will be a significant charge for each meeting. Contact with Goodwood is being made.

Upcoming Society Programs and Events

August 5 —Meeting “My Rose Care Tips” Jan Godfrey

September 2—Meeting “Growing Roses in the Fall”
Brenda Pratt (Tentative)

October 7— Meeting “Arranging Roses for Home and Show” Sandy Dixon (Tentative)

October 30-31—TARS Annual Rose Show (Location and/or date change to be determined)

DSD Events

October 15-17 —**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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