

Regarding Roses

Tallahassee Area Rose Society

Affiliated with The American Rose Society



President's Message: Jan Godfrey

September 2021

- September's Meeting will again be via Zoom. This is starting to be the new normal. If you haven't already done so, please make sure that Janet Newburg has an up-to-date email address so that you can receive the Zoom meeting invitation.

There must be someone out there who has the weeds under control, or close to it. It certainly isn't me! Passionflower has a beautiful unusual bloom but the vines are everywhere. They especially like to grow up and over the wire cages I have around my roses. They're so lovely I hate to pull them up but if I don't, they totally take over. I also have poison ivy invading one of my gardens—very bad news! However, with a lot of help, I have four of my gardens weeded and mulched prepared for the fall bloom and the upcoming winter.

This is yet another year when I promised myself that I didn't need *any more* roses—so, par for the course, we *only* have 16 to plant. We purchased hybrid tea and floribunda roses for the first time. We were planning on adding Mister Lincoln (Hybrid Tea 1964) to our garden as our first Hybrid Tea because of its incredible fragrance and its use in cooking. We were also going to add a couple of OGRs but when we went to the Thomasville Rose Show to pick them up, it turned out that the roses we wanted were not available. So, we talked ourselves into purchasing some Korde roses. We ended up with Plum Perfect (exhibition name Vodacom) (Floribunda 1997), Summer Sun (Floribunda 2008) and Wedding Bells (Hybrid Tea 2010). These modern roses are to be planted in large pots next to the path to our house. This will allow us to keep our eyes on

time we come up to the house.

The other roses will all be planted in the ground. I will add a number of natural ingredients to the holes including peat moss to try to retain moisture in our sandy loam soil. I have learned quite a bit from other members over the years about what they add to the hole when planting and it has enhanced what I use. On that note, I will be presenting the program at this month's meeting on "Growing Roses in a More Natural Way".

This will be Hank Rosen's last TARS meeting because he is moving to Saint Augustine. Hank has been a member of our Society for more than forty years, has served as (Continued on page 2)

September Society Meeting

A zoom meeting of the society will be held on Thursday, September 2 at 7:00 pm and we hope that you will join us. President Jan Godfrey will be telling us how she successfully grow roses without chemicals. You will learn much from her presentation. Her first love is Old Garden Roses. If you are an Old Garden Rose lover this is especially for you.

Inside this issue:

President's Message	1
Thought You'd Like to Know September Meeting and Notes	1
Goodwood Roses, Deadline, TARS Rose Show, Minutes, Tip for fall blooms, RIR and DSD Convention	
CR Report, Mid-Winter and Fall Meetings	3
Upcoming Programs, Future Events of DSD and General Information	4
TARS Officials	4
ARS Consulting, Master and Emeritus Rosarians	4

Thought You'd Like To Know – Firefighter

Firefighter is a 911 rose that is still a favorite with many rosarians. It has a current rating of 7.8 in the most recent ARS Handbook for Selecting Roses. It is a dark red hybrid tea with 40 to 45 petals. As a plus it is fragrant. It was introduced in 2004 by Weeks Roses. It has long stems

and rich green leaves that keep it looking good in the garden. Cooler temperatures give the best red color, but it withstands heat. It is almost thornless and repeats blooms well all season. You may want to consider adding it to your collection of hybrid teas. A red rose is generally a favorite of rose growers.



Firefighter
(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.

(Continued from page 1)

President, has been a Bronze Medallion recipient, currently serves on the Board and has, of course, won many ribbons and awards for his beautiful roses. He has been a great mentor and sounding board for me and I will miss him greatly.

I look forward to seeing you at the Zoom meeting on September 2nd.

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

— Isaac Hayes

Jan

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 listed volunteers:

Cheryl Gifford, 330-354-3087

giffgarden@gmail.com

Sam Miller, 850-459-3012

sammiller6113@outlook.com

Mary Maud Sharpe, 850-878-9625

wjmmsharpe@aol.com

Ann Stevens, 850-576-1800

stevensann@yahoo.com

John Sullivan, 850-727-8636

jdsiv014@gmail.com

Deadline for October Newsletter

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

TARS Annual Rose Show

At the recent TARS Board Meeting it was decided to proceed with plans for the annual rose show. The society cancelled the 2020 rose show. Ann Stevens has again agreed to be the show chairman. You may contact her at 850-576-1800 or at her e-mail stevensann@yahoo.com to volunteer to help 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 repairs to the air conditioning system. We have made arrangements to hold the show on the last of October. It will be a one day show and will be held at the Carriage House at Goodwood on Sunday, October 31. 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.

Tallahassee Rose Society Minutes

August 5, 2021

The Zoom meeting of the society was canceled and there are no minutes to report.

Getting Ready for a Great Fall Bloom

Our days are still quite hot, but fall is on the way with cooler days and the promise of great rose blooms for rosarians. Remember to cut back your roses on Labor Day or the first days of September. The cut back is not as severe as the February pruning, but some pruning of plants will give them the signal to start producing again and you will have much better fall blooms. This cut back applies to all kinds of roses that you grow. If you grow old garden roses Goodwood could use the wood from your cut back as cutting for rooting. Be sure to keep them in water to bring to Goodwood.

Much of your other routine for care of your roses is the same as what you do in February. Do what you can to be sure that your roses have plenty of good foliage. This is a must for good blooms. It is suggested that fertilizers containing nitrogen not be used during the winter months. In our area through the first of October you should be fine using your regular fertilizer program.

Remember to water well. Deep watering less frequently is better than shallow watering more frequently. Rain is usually not sufficient, although we have had frequent rains during the summer. If you have a watering system you can depend on it, but hose watering is great too. It gives you an extra chance to see our roses. Water both before and after fertilizing. Make sure to wash off any fertilizer that may have landed on the foliage.

Keep your eyes out for insect and disease problems and take action as soon as possible. Prevention is much better and easier than cure. Use only what you need and what works for you.

Remember to share your roses with others. Sharing your roses with others puts a smile on their face. It is amazing what one rose can do!

ARS Roses In Review (RIR)

Yes, it is time to review roses. Information and forms were sent to you earlier. 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 and included in the next publication of the ARS Handbook for Selecting Roses.

2021 Annual Convention and Rose Show

Enclosed are forms for registration and schedule of events. It is time to register and plan to attend. Plan to take roses to exhibit in the show. The show schedule can be found on the DSD web site. The Gainesville Rose Society is hosting this convention and it will be a learning time in addition to getting to renew rose friends and make some new ones. All safety procedures will be followed.

September Consulting Rosarian Report

By Cheryl Gibbons

WHAT ARE ROSE HIPS AND DO THEY HAVE BENEFITS?

From their soft petals, their lovely fragrance roses have always been a symbol of beauty. However, many people do not know about another part of the rose, the round, seed filled bulbs known as rose hips or the fruit of the rose. They may appear in late summer, but more often in the Fall. In order to have a crop of hips, leave the last blooms of the season on the bush. Generally the roses that set hips are most likely to have single or semi double blossoms. That is because flowers with fewer petals have an easier time self-pollinating, the first step in hip formation. Rose hips are beautiful, usually red-orange, yellow, or black, and edible for humans and wildlife. And, they are highly nutritious. They have a Vitamin C content 400 percent greater than oranges. Hips are also a rich source of vitamins A, B, E, K, and P as well as salt, phosphorus, calcium, and iron. Probably no other food produced in our gardens even approaches rose hips for concentrated food value. During World War II, when citrus fruits were scarce in Britain, over 200 tons of the tart rose hips were collected and made into syrup for civilians and the military to consume (they have been found to be sweeter after the first frost of the season). Current research shows that rose hips may help prevent skin aging, reduce osteoarthritis pain, and aid weight loss and heart health.

TIPS FOR USING ROSE HIPS IN RECIPES

1. Use hips that have not been treated with pesticides.
2. Remove blossom ends, stems, and leaves after gathering hips. Wash carefully to remove any insect damage. Refrigerate and store in an airtight container to prevent loss of vitamin C. The hips spoil quickly so use them right away.
3. To remove seeds from the hips, cut the fruit in half and take out the seeds.
4. Since the seeds are very rich in vitamin E, it is a good idea to grind them and boil in a little water. Strain.
5. Vitamin C is easily destroyed by contact with copper or aluminum so use only stainless steel knives, wooden spoons, and earthenware or China bowls when preparing the hips. Cook in glass, stainless steel, or enamel saucepans. Always cook quickly, and keep the pan covered. Stir the hips as little as possible.
6. If you want to dry the hips, wash and clean them first. Remove seeds or leave in. If the weather is warm and dry, spread them out on a screen rack until the hips are leathery and there is no moisture left. If the weather is cool or humid, dry the hips in a dehydrator.

ROSE HIP TEA

1 to 1 1/2 teaspoons dried rose hips and seeds to a cup of boiling water.

ROSE PETAL TEA

1 to 1 1/2 teaspoons dried rose petals or buds to each cup of boiling water. Let steep for at least 3 minutes.

ROSE HIP SYRUP

Dried rose hips, sugar, water.

Place hips in just enough water to cover. Soak overnight. To each cup of hips and water add 1/4 cup of sugar. Cook slowly until tender (about 30 minutes). Strain into jars. Refrigerate until used.

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 winners 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 resume society meetings at Jubilee for the fall beginning as soon as the board thinks it is safe. We apparently experienced no problems with the exhibitor school meeting. We will follow all safety procedures and guidelines. Contact with Goodwood has been made and our first Thursday date is available. This month the society will continue with Zoom meetings. Contact Janet Newburgh (See page 4)

Let us all be thankful that we have our rose hobby to enjoy during these times of the covid pandemic. We can look forward to the time when this will be behind us. Better days are ahead!

*“Smile your way through this world
Even though you have nothing
To smile about,
You will impact
Every person you smiled at
In some unknown way
and that my friend
Is something to smile about.”*

Lisa Sowards

Upcoming Society Programs and Events

September 2—Meeting “Growing Roses in a More Natural Way” Jan Godfrey

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

October 31—TARS Annual Rose Show (Sunday only at Carriage House, Goodwood)

November 4 Meeting “Growing Good Roses” Brenda Pratt

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

TARS Officials

President	Jan Godfrey 986 Winding Creek Rd. Quincy, FL 32351-5390 JannieG@tds.net	850-442-9076
Vice-President	Ann Stevens stevensann@yahoo.com	850-576-1800
Secretary	Jan Newburgh JanNewburgh@gmail.com	850-385-4431
Treasurer	Mary Maud Sharpe wjmmsharpe@aol.com	850-878-9625
Board Member	Hank Rosen hankrosen@hotmail.com	850-545-9167
Board Member	Bob Schelhorn B.schelhorn@yahoo.com	850-907-1325
Board Member (Past President)	Marion Nimis marion@statistix.com	850-894-1133

ARS Consulting & Master Rosarians

Montine Herring*	229-872-3316
Cheryl Gibbons (Coordinator)	850-668-5247 cherbel1@comcast.net
Hank Rosen*	850-545-9167 hankrosen@hotmail.com
Seymour Rosen	850-272-0350 seymourrosen@gmail.com
Robert Schelhorn*	850-907-1325 b.schelhorn@yahoo.com
Mary Maud Sharpe*	850-878-9625 wjmmsharpe@aol.com
John Sullivan	850-727-8636 jdsiv014@gmail.com

Emeritus ARS Consulting & Master Rosarians

Bill Price	(No Contacts Please)
Martha Jean Woodward	(No Contacts Please)

*Denotes Master Rosarian

“Regarding Roses”

Newsletter of the Tallahassee Area Rose Society

Disclaimer: While the information and recommendations in this newsletter are believed to be correct and accurate, neither the authors, editor nor the Tallahassee Area Rose Society can accept responsibility for errors or omissions that may be made. The Society makes no warranty expressed or implied with respect to the material herein. Articles, information, etc. for the newsletter will be greatly appreciated.

Send to:

Mary Maud Sharpe
7020 Apalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, FL 32311-4122
wjmmsharpe@aol.com