

# Regarding Roses

## Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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## President's Message By Jan Godfrey

October 2017

Congratulations to our new Consulting Rosarian, Seymour Rosen!

Last month Jubilee Cottage was filled with the lovely fragrance of roses. There was a great array of colors and sizes, each with a subtle difference in their fragrance. We also had an interesting discussion on the process of making attar (essence) of rose and why it is so rare and expensive.

This month the program is going to be particularly fun and informative for me. Joanne Maxheimer is coming to share the art of arranging roses for us.

The TARS rose propagation volunteers are ready for more cuttings. Taking and potting cuttings from roses growing in my garden gives me a good feeling by being able to provide the opportunity for others to share in the roses I love at the annual TARS Rose Sale.

Hopefully, my timing will

be right this year and I will hit it with lots of blooms for the upcoming Rose Show. For the last two years, Jean Bach Sisley (China, 1889) has been my only rose in bloom for the Show. I was surprised when it won a blue ribbon both years. Marie Pavié (Polyantha, 1888) is doing better this year than ever before. She has always been a little puny, but it appears that the right combination has finally been found that works for her. I am looking forward to showing her blooms at the Show.

I am happy to say the pear tree with fire blight is much better as are the roses that are growing close to it. That was a battle that I don't want to fight again!

The Deep South District Convention is getting closer. Volunteers for some of the finishing details would be very helpful. Please contact Mary Maud if you can help.

Donations to help with expenses would also be greatly appreciated. A huge thank you Mary Maud Sharpe and Montine Herring for all the hard work that has gone into making this Convention the success I know it will be.

See you all on October 6th.

"What a lovely thing a rose is!"

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

*Jan Godfrey*

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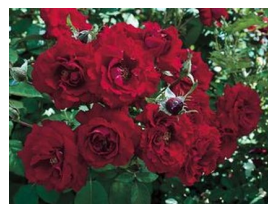
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### October Program Notes

Joanne Maxheimer from the Thomasville Rose Society is a creative person who loves to share her talents with others. You will learn much from her on making designs for yourself and for shows.



*Oh My*  
(*Floribunda*)

### Thought You'd Like To Know— Oh My

*Oh My* is a dark deep velvet red floribunda. It is the 2017 ARS Members' Choice Award winner. The blooms are ruffled, double and borne in large clusters. It is fragrant and is a recurrent bloomer. The foliage is large and dark green. The growth is medium and upright. It is sometimes

known as Dad's Day and was introduced in 2011 by Weeks Roses and hybridized by Christian Bedard. The latest ARS Handbook for Selecting Roses gives it a rating of 7.8 and it is the cover rose for the 2018 handbook. Why not give it a try as another fragrant rose in your garden.

### October Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, October 5, 2017

**Time:** 7:00 pm

**Place:** Jubilee Cottage, Goodwood Museum and Gardens, 1600 Miccosukee Rd., Tallahassee, Florida

**Program:** "The Art of Arranging Roses", a presentation by Joanne Maxheimer, Thomasville Rose Society. Joanne is an ARS Arrangement Judge and a winning exhibitor in local, district and national shows.

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### Special Notes

- Volunteer at Goodwood Saturday mornings 9:00 am till noon.
- Volunteer at the Peace Garden the first Wednesday March through October beginning at 9:00 am. Contact Mary Maud Sharpe, 850-878-9625, wjmm-sharpe@aol.com

### ***Goodwood Roses***

The Goodwood volunteers report that roses have done well. If you would like to volunteer in this propagating program come to Goodwood on Saturday mornings from 9:00 am till noon. We have recently added new volunteers to the Goodwood group and would be pleased to have others. There is always something to do. For more information contact any of the regular volunteers:

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There are still plants available and will be sold each Saturday from 9:00 am till noon. Please let others know about these plants. Some plants are being reserved for planting at Goodwood. We'll keep you updated about the new rose planting there. At the present we are working on selecting and establishing a good workable irrigation system. We are hoping to have the plantings done soon so that there will be roses to see this fall during the DSD Convention and Rose Show during the garden tours on Sunday.

### ***Awards for the Show***

If you have awards that you can donate or monies to purchase awards, please get them to Cheryl Gibbons or Mary Maud Sharpe at this meeting. It will be greatly appreciated.

### ***Roses in Review***

Due to problems with the ARS web site for the RIR program, the deadline for submitting information has been extended to October 17. If you have not all ready submitted information, please do so as soon as possible. If you prefer to submit paper forms that deadline has also been extended. We will have paper forms at the meeting. Please participate even if you do not have any of the roses listed your report will still be appreciated.

### ***Nominating Committee***

President Jan Godfrey has appointed a Nominating Committee for the officials for the coming year. You may contact them with suggestions for persons to serve as officials and board members. The committee is Pat Stanford, chairman, 850-519-3745, wordhacker@centurylink.net member Mona Lisa Abbott, 850-222-6662, amonalisa@icloud.com, and member Marion Nimis, 850-894-1133, marion@statistix.net. Election will be held at the November meeting and the report of the nominating committee will be in the November "Regarding Roses".

*"Educating yourself does not mean that you were stupid in the first place; it means that you are intelligent enough to know there is plenty left o learn."*

Melanie Joy

### ***Tallahassee Area Rose Society***

Minutes, August 3, 2017, Meeting

Jubilee Cottage, Goodwood

The meeting was called to order by President Jan Godfrey at 7:10 p.m.

The minutes from the August meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Martha Dooley on behalf of Treasurer Mary Maud Sharpe. A check for \$25 has been sent to the Deep South Division Garden Fund in memory of Anna Price. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

Preparations are well under way for the Deep South Convention, scheduled for October 27-29, 2017. Polar Express roses are being rooted at Goodwood for the goody bags that will be given to all registrants, and additional ideas and contributions for goody bag items are being requested.

The Tallahassee Area Rose Society (TARS) website is being updated by Gerard Nimis, who is doing a fine job. The new website will go live soon, after which TARS members are asked to check it out, as well as other social media now being used by TARS (Twitter, Face Book, Instagram).

Meeting attendees sat around a table laden with a large assortment of gorgeous roses and evaluated each rose for their scent. Some standout roses with respect to their scent were: Bermuda Spice (a found Bermuda rose), Elegant Beauty (yellow hybrid tea), and St. Patrick, a rose that is particularly comfortable in the South). The aroma of many roses is exuded through glands on the lower petal surfaces, and the strength of the scent can vary with the time of day.

There also was a discussion about alternate uses for roses, such as rose hip jelly and perfumes. Rose attar, a major component in perfumes, has been prepared since biblical times. Rose aromas are produced by several volatile substances that may vary among rose varieties. Meeting attendees discussed methods, both old and new, for preparing attar. One example recipe calls for one pound of rose petals to be extracted in 6 ounces of sandalwood oil. Other good oils for preparing rose attar include jojoba oil, apricot kernel oil (said to have anti-aging properties and to help with inflammation), almond oil (which contains vitamins D and E), avocado oil, and coconut oil. Even the newer methods of preparing rose attar, such as cold extraction and vacuum evaporation, require large quantities of rose petals in order to make even small amounts of attar, a substance so valuable that at one time it served to stabilize the currency in Bulgaria.

As part of the discussion, meeting participants shared their recipe for a spray for growing healthy roses, consisting of the following: 1 teaspoon of Neem oil in 32 ounces of very warm water, to which 1/3 teaspoon of insecticidal soap can be added, along with two drops of Dawn dish detergent to aid in solubility. Neem oil is

considered to have miticidal, insecticidal, and fungicidal properties, useful in controlling black spot, powdery mildew, anthracnose, and rust fungi.

Delicious refreshments were enjoyed by all meeting attendees, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Janet Newburgh*

### **October Consulting Rosarian Report**

By Mary Maud Sharpe

With the somewhat cooler weather rosarians will be experiencing some of the best blooms of the year. We hope that you have given your roses the tender love and care that they needed in late August and through September. Most rosarians use liquid fertilizer in October to give plants that special extra boost of energy. This can be liquid 20-20-20 and/or fish emulsion. Since the summer rains have dissipated, be sure to give your roses the watering that they need. Extra mulch if it has thinned will help conserve moisture. Be sure to discontinue fertilizer with a nitrogen content for the winter months. Having tender growth as winter approaches may cause damage to the foliage and to the growth of the plant. This is the time of the year that plants need some dormancy. To help achieve dormancy do not cut blooms but allow hips (seed pods) to form as cold weather arrives. If plants need staking, do so now so that winter winds will not do damage. Continue your spray program during October and even into the winter months if the plants still have foliage. This can help in preventing disease problems for the coming bloom season. The DSD convention is an excellent opportunity to get plants for the 2016 growing season. Vendors will have plants on fortuniana root stock and other supplies for you to purchase.

### **Convention and Rose Show**

In 2017 the Tallahassee Area Rose Society and the Thomasville Rose Society will be hosting this annual event. Plans are being made and we will need your help in making it a success. Thanks to the many of you who have volunteered to help. This event is October 27-29 and it will be our TARS rose show as well as the district show. The district officials will help with plans since this is a district event. There will be registration on Friday afternoon and a welcome dinner in the evening, the rose show, speakers and awards banquet on Saturday and the tour of gardens on Sunday morning. This will be a great opportunity to attend an annual district convention since there will not be out of town travel. Let's make this a memorable one! Our theme is "Treasures of Today from Yesterday".

Contact the co-chairmen Mary Maud Sharpe, Tallahassee Area Rose Society, 850-878-9625, wjmm-sharpe@aol.com or Montine Herring, Thomasville Rose Society, 229,872-3316 for more information and to volunteer.

### **Show Clerks**

If you would like to clerk at the DSD rose show (We hope that you do) you may contact the chairmen of clerks, Martha and Jim Dooley at 850-1711 or mbdooley@embarqmail.com.

### **Tips on Making Rose Arrangements**

- Use very fresh roses that have been conditioned well
- Recut stems under water at an angle so that roses will last longer
- Carefully select an appropriate container that is clean
- If using floral foam it is generally best not to use a clear glass container. Mechanics should be hidden if possible
- When using floral foam, cut a shape to fit container. Allow to sink in water to hydrate. Do not force the foam into the water as air pockets may be formed
- Add a preservative to the water used. A home made preservative is one quarter cup vinegar, one table-spoon sugar and one half teaspoon bleach made to one gallon with water. Not necessary to change water, just add more water as needed.
- Generally larger and darker colored blooms are in the lower part of an arrangement as they carry more visual weight.
- Number of blooms used should be in proportion to the size and visual weight of the container.
- Selection of suitable greenery may add interest
- The types of designs are usually traditional, modern and oriental. Each has different characteristics
- Create your design so that the viewer will follow a pattern throughout the design
- Be sure to give your arrangements depth even though they are viewed only from one side.
- The elements of design are: space, line, form, size, texture, pattern and color.
- Color is probably the most important element in your design although most roses will blend well.
- The principles of design are: balance, dominance, contrast, rhythm, proportion and scale.
- It is difficult to create a perfect design. Remember that if you are pleased with your creation others people will be too.
- Share your roses. Even a single rose in a bud vase will give a friend or neighbor a reason to smile.
- Read books. Study designs done by others. However, you will never learn unless you try. Be creative. Practice is a wonderful teacher.

*"There comes a day when you realize  
Turning the page is the best feeling in the world.  
Because you realize there is so much more to the book  
Than the page you are stuck on."*

Zayn Malik

## Upcoming Society Programs and Events

**October 5**—Society Meeting: Final Preparation for Convention

**November 2**—Society Meeting: Election of Officials

**December 7**—Christmas Social

### DSD Events

**DSD Convention and Rose Show**—October 27-29. Tallahassee, FL

**DSD Mid-Winter Meeting**—January 19-21, 2018, Best Western, Gainesville, FL hosted by Wiregrass and Pensacola Rose Societies

### 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 much 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:** [www.tallahasseearearosesociety.org](http://www.tallahasseearearosesociety.org)

**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 \$10 individual, \$15 joint. Contact the treasurer, Mary Maud Sharpe, 850-878-9625, [wjmmsharpe@aol.com](mailto:wjmmsharpe@aol.com)

**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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