

Regarding Roses

Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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President's Message: Jan Godfrey

October 2021

I am so sorry to announce the death of Ann Stevens. She had been TARS Vice-president for four years, planned interesting programs for our meetings and rarely missed a meeting. She was Rose Show Chairperson and was a longtime volunteer at Goodwood, propagating hundreds of roses for their annual Rose Sale. Her quiet ways will be sorely missed.

After much discussion among Board members, we have decided to not hold our Rose Show this year. There were numerous considerations, including the state of the pandemic and the unavailability of the Connor Center which would have meant only a one-day show. It is quite disappointing but hopefully, the Show will return next year.

It was fun putting the program together last

month. I think it went well and I hope the attendees got something out of it. The next meeting will also be by Zoom and the program will feature Janet Newburg making a presentation and leading a discussion on "Growing Roses in Pots".

September 22 was the Autumnal Equinox (1st day of fall) and the temperature was cooler with lower humidity. It gave us just a tease of what's coming in the next few months. Cheryl Gibbons' Consulting Rosarian Report about rose hips in September's Regarding Roses was perfect timing for me. Care-free Beauty a.k.a. Katy Road Pink (Shrub 1979) is covered with large, deep orange hips. I am looking forward to making tea with them.

My rose gardens are starting to look a lot better. The beds have been weeded, dead limbs taken off and the ground mulched. It's hard to pull weeds and save my fa-

vorite natives as well. Most folks have trouble noticing the difference and I often have to run saying, "No, not those!". I am sure that the people helping me with this task are being driven crazy.

And to top it off, I have found yet another plant to use as a companion—yarrow. It repels garden pests while attracting beneficials. It spreads although slowly and has lovely white flowers and lacy leaves. Although not a Florida native, it does quite well here and is recommended by IFAS for use in butterfly gardens.

I look forward to seeing you at the Zoom meeting on October 7th. If you haven't already done so, please make (Continued on page 2)

October Society Meeting

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

Jan Newburgh will be presenting how she grows roses in containers. She has some excellent tips and you will learn much. There will be time for discussion and questions and answers as well. Don't miss it.

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Thought You'd Like To Know – Souvenir De La Malmaison

Souvenir De La Malmaison was originally known as *Queen of Beauty and Fragrance*. It has large flat quartered blooms that are pale almost flesh colored pink. They have a delightful fragrance. The bush has a compact growth habit. It seems to spend its energy on blooming rather than

growing. It dates from 1843 and is a bourbon. It has a rating of 8.6 and there is a climbing one dated 1893. It is a repeat bloomer.

If you are an old garden rose lover you may want to consider adding this to your collection. If you grow it you probably recommend it.



Souv. De La Malmaison
(Bourbon)

Special Notes

- Volunteer at Goodwood Saturday mornings 9:00 am–Noon.
- Volunteer at the Peace Garden to assist the city in its care.

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sure that Janet Newburg has an up-to-date email address so that you can receive the Zoom meeting invitation.

"It is the time you have spent on your rose that makes her so important."

— Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

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:

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Deadline for November Newsletter

The deadline for submitting information for the November "Regarding Roses", the society newsletter, is October 21. 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.

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.

Tallahassee Rose Society Minutes

September 2, 2021

President Jan Godfrey called the Zoom meeting to order at 7:09 pm. Ten people participated in this virtual meeting.

The Deep South Convention and Rose Show is scheduled for October 15-17, 2021, in Gainesville, Florida. The Deep South District (DSD) Mid-Winter meeting is planned for January 21-23, 2022. The Mid-Winter meeting also will be held in Gainesville, at the Best Western, with the Thomasville and Tallahassee rose societies serving as meeting hosts. Jan mentioned that her 70th birthday will be on January 23, 2022, during the DSD meeting.

The Tallahassee Area Rose Society (TARS) is considering a one-day rose show on Sunday, October 31, 2021, in the Carriage House at Goodwood. Concern was expressed by some meeting attendees that a one-day rose show at this time would not be a good use of time and money, particularly with the COVID pandemic still ongoing. People would need to wear masks and to socially distance. If they don't do that, some people, including Jan, would not be able to attend. Mary Maud Sharpe expressed the feeling that if TARS does not hold a rose show this year, it will be hard to get the shows started again, especially since TARS did not have a show in 2020. Mary Maud has contacted out-of-town exhibitors, and all whom she has contacted agreed to show their roses. Goodwood has offered a deep discount to TARS for the use of the Carriage House, and Mary Maud indicated that she was in a position to guarantee that show expenses, anticipated to be \$2500-\$2600, would be covered. Because of uncertainty as to whether TARS will be able to hold this show, Mary Maud did not submit a notice about it to the Deep South Bulletin. A final decision about whether to hold this rose show needs to be made soon. Mary Maud stated that if a show is to be held, TARS should plan to put on a good show and not to cut back, not to do it half way. She felt that the public should be invited to attend the show, as it is TARS' main outreach. It is unclear how many people would actually attend. Jan will try to get the TARS Board together the week of September 6, 2021, to make a final decision.

In the Treasurer's Report, Mary Maud indicated that Goodwood has been paid the annual fee of \$250 for use of the Jubilee Cottage for meetings, and a check in the amount of \$300 has been sent to the Thomasville Rose Society for anticipated expenses for the winter DSD meeting.

President Jan Godfrey presented a very interesting and thorough program on why she grows roses naturally, and how she goes about this. Her reasons for growing roses naturally include protecting the environment, pollinators, and water quality. She has lots of earthworms in her garden and, except for when she sprays lime sulfur to protect against black spot, she does not need personal protective equipment. Jan's success in her approach is demonstrated by the fact that her roses have been awarded Dowager Queen.

In her presentation, Jan listed the various materials

that she uses in growing her roses, which can be ordered from Amazon or obtained locally. Many of her products are OMRI (Organic Materials Review Institute) certified. Jan's garden includes companion plants, some of which can provide protection against black spot, but pear trees should be avoided because they can carry blight.

Jan listed her favorite roses, which include: Old Blush, which dates back to 1512; Louis Philippe, which is her favorite; Bermuda Spice, a found rose; Mrs. Eugene Marlett, which is dark red with a great fragrance; Rose du Roi; Papa Hemeray, which blooms in sprays of small flowers through the winter; Jean Bach Sisley; Marie Pavie; and Pink Pet.

For fertilizing plants in their first year, Jan recommends Superthrive and alfalfa pellets. Seymour Rosen said that the City of Tallahassee uses Oscocote and Espoma Rose Tone on the roses in the City gardens, and noted that they look great.

At 8:35 pm, Janet Newburgh moved adjournment. This was seconded by Seymour and carried.

Respectfully submitted by

Janet Newburgh

TARS Secretary

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. Get plants for the 2021 growing season. Plants on fortuniana root stock are recommended for our area. Look for them at local nurseries and when you order.

"Far and above the best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing."

Theodore Roosevelt

Growing Roses in Containers

Roses can successfully grown in containers. There are a few suggested steps to be followed. It allows you to take advantage of space on your patio or deck or even stairs. It may offer you better control of moisture and sunlight. You should choose the right rose as all roses do not do well in pots. A climbing rose may not be the good choice. Taller rose such as grandifloras, shrubs and even hybrid teas are not the best choices. However, ground cover roses Patio or miniature rose as well as polyanthas are good choices.

Choose a relatively large tall pot no less than 15 inches in diameter. Clay pots are generally considered better than plastic. The soil used should drain well and also retain moisture well. Perlite will help and fish meal and blood meal may be added as nutrients. Plant in the same manner that you do in the garden. Remember that the soil will settle.

Water thoroughly after planting and maintain a moist soil. Do not water during the hot hours of the day and keep water off the leaves. Drip irrigation can be a great way to keep container roses happy.

Many rosarians recommend the use of liquid fertilizers. Be sure to follow directions. Over fertilizing can be as bad or worse than not feeding at all. You should stop feeding about eight weeks before the first winter frost.

It is recommended that you repot every few years. Generally in our area there is not need to take special precautions for freezing temperatures of winter. You may want to add extra mulch at the base of plants. If you have room inside you may move plants for more protection.

Potted roses have many of the same pests and diseases as roses planted in gardens. Having space between potted plants so the air circulation is good may help with fungal diseases. Use the same method of control as you would in your garden roses.

Good luck if you decide to do container growing!

Annual Rose Show Canceled

The Annual Rose Show that had been scheduled for Sunday, October 31 at the Rhea Carriage House, Goodwood Museum and Gardens has been canceled by President Jan Godfrey. The hope is to hold a rose show in 2022. You will receive more information as soon as it is available. As members are aware the show is the major event of the year. Enjoy your fall bloom and share them with others. Fall blooms are some of the best of the year!

Sarcastic AI Says:

*I'm great at multitasking.
I can waste time, be
Unproductive, and
Procrastinate all at once.*

Upcoming Society Programs and Events

October 7— Meeting “Growing Roses in Containers”
Janet Newburgh

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

November 4 Meeting “Propagating Roses at Goodwood” John Sullivan

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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