

Regarding Roses

Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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President's Message By Jan Godfrey

September 2017

It was very exciting to see the eclipse this week. The color and quality of the light was something that is quite hard to describe.

The activity in our gardens this month is amazing. There are so many butterflies, especially the Zebra Longwing (our state butterfly). They really enjoy the wild purple passion flowers that grow all over. I am fighting nut grass!

There are also too many Beggartick and Tickseed plants—they have lovely flowers and many different varieties of butterflies are attracted to them, but in the fall they live up to their names with thousands of seeds that stick to everything. We have left some but for the most part it's war. Maybe I will win? My favorite rose this month is Bon Silène, a Tea rose that was introduced in 1837 and is one of the OGRs that is eligible for

the Dowager Queen. It is covered with beautiful dark pink blooms and is adding new growth at a phenomenal rate—time for a trellis! This year we chose to add several climbers to the garden. The two that seem to be doing the best at the moment are Champneys' Pink Cluster, a Noisette introduced in 1810 and Seven Sisters, an 1815 Hybrid Multiflora. They are growing on either side of an arched trellis and much training of canes will be required to get them to grow up the trellis and not along the ground. Both of these roses are also Dowager Queen eligible OGRs.

I really enjoyed last month's discussion summer in our rose gardens. Many roses were brought to the meeting! Thanks to all of you who brought them. The variety, beauty and fragrance of roses makes them irresistible. The first thing

most people do when they see a rose is to stick their nose in it to see how it smells. I definitely find myself doing exactly that. This month we are Celebrating Fragrant Roses. Dr. Seymour Rosen, who only has fragrant roses, will be leading our discussion and bringing a selection of his roses for us to enjoy.

Please bring a fragrant rose or roses to share. Imagine the scent in Jubilee if everyone brought at least one fragrant rose. See you on the 7th of September.

"What a lovely thing a rose is!"
— Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

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Polar Express
(Shrub)

Thought You'd Like To Know—Polar Express

Polar Express is a shrub rose with floriferous fragrant clusters of long lasting ivory blooms. They have a classic rose fragrance. The foliage is dark green and glossy and is exceptionally disease resistant. It does quite well in our hot summer weather and is a vigorous grower. It was the silver

medal winner in international competition. It will make a great garden addition.

If you attended the August meeting you saw this rose. We are rooting it in gallon pots at Goodwood to give as a gift to the registrants at the 2017 Convention and Rose Show.

September Meeting

Date: Thursday, September 7, 2017
Time: 7:00 pm
Place: Jubilee Cottage, Goodwood Museum and Gardens, 1600 Miccosukee Rd., Tallahassee, Florida
Program: "Celebrating Fragrant Roses". Discussion will be moderated by Seymour Rosen. See president's message for more information. Bring fragrant roses and be prepared to tell why you grow them in your garden.

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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.

Below is a special note from Ann Stevens:

The rose volunteers have been working towards restoring the rose gardens and the inventory for rose sales. This year we will be hosting the Deep South Convention and Rose Show. And, we would like to open our sales area to participants at the convention. The volunteers could use your help.

We have several new additions to the rose collection. They include Rouletti, Homere and Dr. Gill. These new additions will be available in future sales.

We have been working to provide a wide variety of roses both for the Convention and the Annual Rose Sale held in mid-February. We could use your help to expand our varieties to propagate. These varieties include, Spice, Anna Olivier, Belinda's Dream, Bon Silene, Ducher, Emmie Gray, LaMarne, Leonie Lemesch, Moonlight, Marie Pavie, Pink Pet, Lindee and Rose du Roi. If you have another rose that is not on the list and you would like to share it with fellow rosarians, please bring cuttings to Goodwood. (You may contact Ann. See contact information above.)

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. It will be greatly appreciated.

Do more than belong: participate.

Do more than care: help.

Do more than believe: practice.

Do more than be fair: be kind.

Do more than forgive: forget.

Do more than dream: work

William Arthur Ward

Tallahassee Area Rose Society

Minutes, August 3, 2017, Meeting

Jubilee Cottage, Goodwood

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

The minutes from the April meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter. There were no minutes for the picnic that was held on May 4, 2017, just nice memories of good food and camaraderie.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Mary Maud Sharpe and approved by those in attendance. There are 56 paid memberships for 2017.

Mary Maud summarized the plans for the Deep South Convention, scheduled for October 27-29, 2017. A joint account with the Thomasville Rose Society (TRS) has been opened for expenses associated with the convention. Members of both TRS and the Tallahassee Area Rose Society (TARS) have been very helpful in planning and organizing this event. Mary Maud noted that there will be complementary street parking, starting at 5:00 pm on Friday through the weekend, for those attending the banquets and other events at the Doubletree Hotel. The show itself will be held at the Doyle Conner Building, located at 3125 Conner Blvd, Tallahassee. An early registration form will be included in the next newsletter.

TARS President Jan Godfrey then led a lively discussion regarding summer rose care. Meeting attendees showed off examples of their roses and told what they were doing to help their roses to do well during the hot summer and to prepare for beautiful show-quality blooms in the fall. Some recommendations that arose from the discussion were: now is the time to begin to shape the plants, cutting back the longer stems. Dead wood can be removed any time, but at this time no more than 1/3 of the length of live branches should be removed. Anything smaller than a pencil in diameter should be removed. Nitrogen-containing fertilizer can be applied until early October, and spraying should be continued.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:50 p.m. Delicious refreshments followed.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Newburgh

Roses In Review (RIR)

Yes, it is time again when reports are due on rating roses. Information is included in the July/August issue of American Rose. The results of these evaluations help others in selecting roses for their gardens. The cut off date is September 26. You may use the online survey at www.rose.org or you may submit paper forms to DSD RIR Coordinator, Cindy Dale, 306 Wintney Way, Peachtree City, GA 30269-3248. Results will be in the January/February 2018 issue of American Rose and will determine ratings in ARS Handbook for Selecting Roses. We plan to have paper forms at the meeting. Please participate.

September Consulting Rosarian Report

By John Sullivan

(This article is not intended for rose growing advise but hopefully it is informative and entertaining)

Most of our enjoyment of roses comes from their beauty or fragrance but their name is also a source of inspiration. The list starts with "A Better Tomorrow" and ends with "Zwergkonig" or dwarf king, like in Game of Thrones. There are 62 roses in the ARI Listing with "Love" featured in their names, but none with "Hate". There are 45 "Happy" roses including "Happy Butt", but no "Sorrows". Royalty abounds with 66 "Queens", 22 "Kings", 124 "Princesses" and 49 "Princes". Many roses honor the famous and honored folks from history with 65 "Presidents" and 54 "Saints". The most common color for a rose leads the color pack with 367 "Pink" roses, 279 "Red", 197 "White", 137 "Orange" (including "Orange You Happy") and 125 "Yellow". If you're not feeling shipshape, there are 94 "Doctors". If you are inspired by celestial bodies, 38 roses have "Sun" or "Sunshine" and 48 "Moon" or "Moonlight", 3 "Eclipses", even one for "Saturn" and "Pluto". For some reason "Uranus" has not yet been used. My two favorites might be "Mary Maud" and "Sullivan Hit". So Shakespeare must have had a rose inspiration when he wrote "A Rose by Any Name" and deserves to have his 2 rose names.

Editor's Note: Thanks to John for sharing with all of us!

Convention and Rose Show

In 2017 the Tallahassee Area Rose Society and the Thomasville Rose Society will be hosting this annual event. **A registration form and schedule of events are enclosed.** 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 will be in October (dates are 27-29) and 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.

*Kind Words can be Short and Easy to Speak,
But Their Echoes are Truly Endless.
Mother Teresa*

Fragrance in Roses

Fragrance in roses is a desirable attribute. People complain that many modern rose have a lack of the fragrance they remember as a child of roses past. The bottom line is, what do people do when they see a rose? Smell it, of course. It seems that for the quest for longer blooming cycles, brilliancy in color, diversity of habit and perfect form for exhibitors, fragrant became secondary. I can remember reading sometime ago that David Austin said in a book that he wrote that if a rose did not have a fragrance he would not propagate and market it. There has been much discussion for years by rosarians about fragrance or the lack of. Although not all roses are fragrant there are still many both old and new varieties that do have a delightful fragrance.

It appears that fragrance is more intense in the morning when petals begin to warm and sunshine aids in increasing fragrance. A rose may be quite fragrant in the morning and much less fragrant in the late afternoon. There are roses that become more fragrant when cut. There are different scents of roses, some with longer staying power clover or damask while citrus evaporates more quickly. There is still quite a bit that needs to be learned.

Hybrid Teas and Grandifloras that are fragrant are Mister Lincoln, Double Delight, Melody Perfumée, Perfume Delight, Chrysler Imperial, Fragrant Cloud, Gold Medal, Just Joey, Memorial Day, Pope John Paul II, Sugar Moon, Sweet Surrender, Tiffany and Wild Blue Yonder.

Fragrant Floribundas include Angel Face, Easy Does It, Ebb Tide, Julia Childs, Honey Perfume, Intrigue, Sentimental, Shelia's Perfume and Sunsprite.

Climbers with fragrance are America, Don Juan and Fourth of July.

Fragrant Shrubs include Most English Roses and Outta the Blue.

Examples of some Miniatures that are fragrant are Diamond Eyes, Gourmet Popcorn and Mary Maud.

Old Garden Roses that have remained and have stood the test of time are numerous. Perhaps part of the reason they have remained is that they are fragrant.

These are examples of fragrant roses. There are many others and you may be growing one that is a particular favorite of yours. Remember to bring your favorite rose or two that you grow to the September meeting.

TARS has had a fragrant rose class in the annual show for sometime. This class is popular and there are always entries. Bob Schelhorn has been a frequent winner of this class. There is a fragrant rose class in the DSD show at the DSD Convention. Bring a rose to enter. You may make more than one entry if the rose is of a different variety.

See You at the September Meeting!

Upcoming Society Programs and Events

September 7—Society Meeting: “Celebrating Fragrant Roses” Seymour Rosen, presenter and moderator

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

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 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

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

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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