

Regarding Roses

Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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President's Message: Janet Newburgh

President's Message for April, 2023

SPREADING BEAUTY BY MAKING MORE ROSES

It is very exciting to purchase new rose plants, but it's an even bigger thrill to propagate plants of your own. Propagation is a way to get more plants that look alike and is especially helpful for plant varieties that are difficult or expensive to purchase. Propagation also can lead to the development of new varieties of roses. We can propagate roses for use in our own gardens, for sharing with friends, and also for selling to others, thereby making money to support activities of the Tallahassee Area Rose Society (TARS).

There are many ways to propagate roses, and several TARS members are interested in doing just that. At the last TARS meeting, American Rose Society Consulting Rosarian John Sullivan talked about propagating roses by cuttings. This method produces clones of the plant from which the cutting was taken, so successfully rooted cuttings will produce the same variety of rose as the parent plant from which the cutting was taken. It should be noted that it is illegal to propagate patented plants within 20 years of their introduction, so you'll want to make sure that you are propagating roses introduced prior to 2003.

Sometimes, new rose plants arise from the roots of a mother plant. Once these baby plants have developed sufficient roots of their own, the root connecting them to the mother plant can be cut and the baby plant put in its own pot. The baby plants will need extra water and care until they are fully established on their own. If the mother plant is growing on its own roots, and not on grafted root stock, the baby plants will again be clones of the mother plant. I recently was able to harvest four such baby plants from my Louis Philippe rose. I put each baby in its own pot filled with moistened rooting soil mix, put the pots in a protected area where I can monitor them closely, and am watching to see if they all had sufficient root systems to survive.

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Time & Place for April Meeting!

Pedrick Road Public Library
1583 Pedrick Road
Tallahassee 32309
Start time: 6:00 p.m. sharp

TARS Fundraiser

New members Teresa & Paul Watson have generously offered to create personalized, laser engraved slate plant markers. They are \$20 each or \$15 each for 2 or more. Email Paul for orders (pbwatson@gmail.com). They will be available for pick up at TARS meetings. Details of the markers and available graphics are on the flyer enclosed.

April, 2023

April Meeting

April 6, 2023

6:00 p.m.

Pedrick Road Public Library
"Old Garden Roses"

Pot Luck Picnic

May 7, 2023

2:00 p.m.

The Gifford's

(details to come)

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2023 Membership

We need your Support!

If you haven't already done so, please fill out and send in your 2023 TARS Membership renewal.

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New rose plants also can be produced by seed. If the seeds were produced by self-pollination, the resulting rose plants may well be the same as the parent. But sometimes, the seeds result from pollination by a different rose variety, or differ genetically from the plant that produced them. Mother Nature can do that, or humans can intervene by artificial pollination, using pollen from a different rose variety. New rose varieties are generally produced this way.

Last September, I harvested eight hips from one of my favorite roses. This rose, named Golden Showers, is a large-flowered climber that produces yellow flowers and that was registered in 1957. Collecting hips from this plant turned out to be fortuitous, because the plant died a few weeks later. I put the hips in a paper bag in the refrigerator for several weeks. The purpose of refrigerating the seeds is to do what is called scarification, which allows for the breakdown of the hard outer seed coat, permitting the seeds to germinate. Then, in mid-February, I took the hips out, removed their seeds, and sterilized them by placing them for a few minutes in a mixture of half hydrogen peroxide and half water. I then roughed up their coats a bit and planted them in moist seed starting mix. Since then, I have been keeping the soil moist and have been waiting more-or-less patiently. For a long time, nothing seemed to be happening, but just in the last few days, a few tiny green specks have appeared in the pots that I hope are baby rose plants. So stay tuned to see what becomes of this experiment.

The bottom line: don't be afraid to try your hand at rose propagation. There's little to lose, other than your time and some simple materials. Whatever the outcome, it's a great learning experience, and possibly a rewarding one.

Exhibitors School

The DSD will be holding an Exhibitors' School in Tallahassee in Jubilee Cottage at Goodwood Gardens.

Saturday July 8, 2023

More details and registration form to come.

Based on the Editor's personal experience, this is an excellent way to learn more about how to prepare and show your roses. Time well spent—I will definitely attend.

Tallahassee Area Rose Society Minutes

March 2, 2023

President Janet Newburgh called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm at the Leroy Collins Leon County Library. Eighteen people attended and the meeting began with introductions and interests in roses. Janet provided the group with soil testing paperwork from IFAS and a pruning handout. She also noted that IFAS will hold open house on May 13th if the Rose Society would like to have a table again this year.

Janet gave updates on a New Program Committee being led by Jan Godfrey and Leanna Willison. Ideas for fall programs can be submitted to them. She also noted the May 7th meeting (about 1pm) will be held at the Giffords and an Exhibitors Class held at Goodwood on July 8th.

John Sullivan gave a very interesting presentation on rose propagation. He noted that he has propagated Robin Hood rose by seed, getting 8 seeds and 3 plants. But generally he propagates with softwood cuttings (semi-hard, green stem cuttings). Many cuttings come from springtime pruning. He has not had luck grafting onto Fortuniana rootstock. He noted that some roses are pretty easy to start from cuttings, such as Louis Phillipe. He demonstrated his method of cutting and then gently scraping near the bottom of a stem; applying rooting hormone to coat; and placement in the pot in a way that preserves the rooting hormone. He described his frequency of watering with a misting system, noting that it takes quite a lot of water. He only uses fertilizer once the roses are large enough to up-pot; he likes 18-6-8 slow release (looks like grey pellets and likely carried by Graco and Tallahassee Nurseries). He recommends The Rose Doctor by Dr. Ritchie for diagnosing diseases and pests.

The group briefly discussed themes for the Fall Rose Show. The program closed with Tessa Beaven and Ed Gifford winning door prizes and members enjoying refreshments.

Respectfully submitted by

Amy Beaven

TARS Secretary

Thomasville Rose Show and Festival

The 102nd Annual Thomasville Rose Show & Festival will be held April 28 & 29, 2023. It will be open to the public from 1:00—5:00 p.m. Friday and 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. on Saturday. The Show will be located in the Rose Tent on Remington Ave. at Broad St. in Thomasville.

Exhibitors should bring their roses and other entries to the back of the Rose Tent between 7:00 and 10:00 a.m. on Friday.

April Consulting Rosarian Report

By Janet Newburgh

Many of our roses have been grafted onto a rootstock to give them greater vigor and disease resistance.

Fortuniana is considered to provide the best rootstock for long-lasting grafted roses in our area because of its resistance to nematodes.

But what, exactly, is Fortuniana? This rose appears to be a natural hybrid of *Rosa banksiae* and *Rosa laevigata* and was found in Shanghai, China, in about 1850 by a Scottish gardener named Robert Fortune, after whom the rose is named. The Fortuniana rose blooms once per year, in spring or summer. As seen in the photo, the flowers are full, approximately 2 ½ inches in diameter, and contain 26-40 white petals. The 2023 American Rose Society Handbook for Selecting Roses gives Fortuniana a solid to very



good rating of 8.0. This rose has a strong, sweet fragrance. Fortuniana is very hardy; it thrives even in poor, dry, sandy soils, and it is resistant to nematodes. This rose has long, nearly thornless, graceful canes and can be grown as a large climber or can be pruned back to a more compact form. Fortuniana is somewhat cold sensitive, but its vigor, along with its resistance to damage by nematodes, makes it a favorite rootstock for grafted roses in our area.

In my own experience with Fortuniana, last fall I pinched off a piece of it that had grown below the graft of a hybrid tea, stuck it in water, and forgot about it. Within a few days, it had put out roots, and it really took off after it was planted in a pot. It survived the winter just fine in the pot, is growing nicely, and has multiple white blooms in mid-March.

Ask A Consulting Rosarian

If you have any rose questions.

Email:

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Newsletter deadlines

Please have any articles and information for "Regarding Roses" to the editor by:

May issue: April 20, 2023

August issue: July 20, 2023

Mark your Calendar! Annual Pot Luck Picnic May 7 at 2:00 p.m.

Hosted by Ed and Cheryl Gifford
600 Shady Bridge Road, Monticello.
Details in May Regarding Roses

Janet Godfrey & Amy Beaven announce the theme for this year's Rose Show.

It's Rose Showtime!

Tallahassee Area Rose Society

37th Annual Rose Show

October 28 & 29, 2023

Upcoming Society Programs and Events

April 6, 2023 6:00 p.m.—Monthly Meeting

Old Garden Roses
Leon County Public Library
1583 Pedrick Road, 32317

May 7, 2023 2:00 p.m.—Annual Picnic

July 8, 2023—Exhibitor's School

Jubilee Cottage, Goodwood Plantation & Gardens

DSD Events

Thomasville 102nd Annual Rose Show
Friday April 28, and Saturday April 29, 2023
Remington Ave at Broad Street

Greater Atlanta Rose Society Rose Show
Saturday, May 13 and Sunday, May 14, 2023
Atlanta Botanical Garden
For information, contact Bobbie Reed, 770-979-4237,
berdks@mindspring.com

South Metro Rose Society Rose Show
Saturday, May 20 and Sunday, May 21, 2023
Fayetteville Church of Christ, Fayetteville GA
For information, contact Cindy Dale,
rosepro@bellsouth.net

DSD Fall Conference & Rose Show
Friday, October 13 and Saturday, October 14, 2023
Best Western Gateway Grand Hotel, Gainesville FL
For information, contact Karen Barnes,
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ARS Membership

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 emails members the publication of ARS & You.

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Meetings:

Monthly meetings are on the first Thursday of the month except June and July. Please see our web site for location and time details.

Membership:

Annual dues are \$15 individual, \$20 joint. Download the membership form from the web site or contact us by email to send you a copy.

DSD Bulletin: Quarterly Bulletin, available by email to all ARS members. A black and white copy is also available to members with no email 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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