

Regarding Roses

Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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President's Message: Janet Newburgh

A REFRESHING TIME FOR ROSES, AND ROSARIANS!

The weather in the Tallahassee Area is definitely changing toward fall, with much more agreeable temperatures, both in the daytime and at night. Just a few weeks ago, my roses had been looking very sad and weather-worn. But now, as I write this, I can look out my window and see many beautiful blossoms, with crops of buds promising even more for the coming days. The blossoms on some of my plants had become pretty pale. For example, Julia Child blossoms had turned from butter-yellow to almost white on the hottest days. Now, I'm beginning to see the beautiful yellow color of her blossoms return. Why do Julia's blossoms fade so much in hot weather? I'd really like to know! It could be a feeding problem, with some nutrient(s) in short supply, but my biochemical background tells me that the faded colors also could be due to a temperature-sensitive factor in the plants that is needed to produce the yellow pigment, that doesn't work well at high temperatures.

As much as I love Julia's blossoms, I love diversity in my garden even more. I love to have many different kinds of roses, and I appreciate that hybridizers are constantly bringing new and improved roses onto the market. Just a few of my other rose favorites are: the yellow-blend miniflora, Mary Pickersgill (don't you just love that name?), introduced in 2010; It's Gorgeous, a deep yellow floribunda introduced just in 1021 that was highly praised in a recent Horizon Roses webinar; and Ring of Fire, an unmistakable orange-blend hybrid tea that was introduced in 2015 and that put me on the winner's table at the 2022 Tallahassee show. My Ring of Fire, growing in a pot, cut back on flowering in the hottest days but kept most of its color; right now, it's putting on quite a show in my back yard.

I'm constantly on the lookout for new, improved roses that are beautiful, hardy in our area, and require minimal care. I particularly dislike having to spray. Along with newer varieties, I also enjoy older, beautiful varieties that thrive here with little care. On October 13-15, the Deep South District Rose Society, of which the Tallahassee Area Rose Show is a part, will hold its fall Convention and Rose Show in Gainesville, a short two-hour drive away. Jim Mills of K&M Nurseries and other rose growers and hybridizers will almost certainly be there. The roses that they will be selling tend to be fairly young plants, include many of the newest varieties, and generally are relatively inexpensive. The vendors are always glad to share information about each variety.

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Upcoming Meetings

October 5, 2023—6:00 p.m.
Cheryl Gifford—
Rose Show Photography

November 2, 2023
Rose Show Review

December Holiday Party
The Nimis' Home
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Fundraiser

Don't forget that 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

Time & Place for October Meeting!

Eastside Branch Leon County Public Library

1583 Pedrick Road

Tallahassee 32309

Start time: 6:00 p.m. sharp

I also enjoy learning more about how to grow the best roses. On Saturday, October 14 at the Deep South District Convention, Dr. Mark Windham will be talking about Rose Diseases. Art Wade, owner of Rose Petals Nursery, will talk about Old Garden Roses, and Patricia Dewar, a member of the family that owns Dewar Nurseries in Opopka, will talk about Commercial Production of Grafted Bare Root Roses. There also will be a rose show at the Convention site. That would be a great time to practice your rose-showing skills before the Tallahassee show, and to see, and learn from, other entries. Registration information for the convention and schedules can be found on the Deep South District Rose Society website.

We hope that you will participate in our own rose show to be held on Saturday and Sunday, October 27-28, 2023, at the Doyle Conner Building, located at 3125 Conner Boulevard here in Tallahassee. We hope we can count on you to help at the show, and we encourage you to enter your best roses, arrangements, and/or photos in the show. You can both help at the rose show, and enter it! Attending, and helping out, at rose shows is a great way to see all kinds of roses, both new and old, and to learn better ways to grow

them, to display them, to photograph them, or to present them in arrangements. I hope that you will have entries in the show, not only to try to earn a ribbon or other prizes, but especially to learn and to enjoy some eye (and nose) candy.

Meanwhile, I look forward to seeing you at the next TARS meeting at our **Thursday, October 7, meeting, starting promptly at 6:00 pm at the Eastside Branch Library, located at 1583 Pedrick Road in Tallahassee. Cheryl Gibbons, our Vice President and Artist in Residence, will be talking about Rose Photography.** Cheryl's photos have been frequent winners in both the Tallahassee and Thomasville rose shows, and she will be sharing some of her photography secrets at this meeting. Please contact me by email at JanNewburgh@gmail.com, or by text to 240 281-4352, if you have any questions or need help getting to the meeting. Contributions of meeting refreshments are always welcomed; if you plan to bring something, please let me know, so that I can plan.

Janet

Tallahassee Area Rose Society *Minutes*

September 7, 2023

President Janet Newburgh called the meeting to order at 6:15pm at the Eastside Branch of Leon County Library. Fourteen people attended and the meeting began with discussion of upcoming meetings and tasks. Cheryl Gifford will be presenting on rose photography in October. The

annual paperwork for Roses in Review is due soon for anyone growing varieties on the list. The DSD Fall Conference is scheduled for October 13th and 14th and will be in Gainesville.

Paul Watson gave a very interesting presentation titled, From Shrub Zero to Rose Hero: My adventure in transforming my yard from Ho Hum to Oh My. Paul shared a slide show of photographs of his roughly

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Martha Jean Woodward

Long time TARS member, Martha Jean Laslie Woodward passed away peacefully, surrounded by family on September 7, 2023.

She was born the second of nine children on her family's tobacco farm on January 30, 1933. She graduated college summa cum laude from Wesleyan College with a degree in history in 1954. In 1955, she met and married Sylvester Woodward, where she became a farmer's wife, raised her children and then taught in the Gadsden County School system for many years.

Martha Jean was an integral part of Tallahassee Area Rose Society. She was a Consulting Rosarian in a time when those were really needed due to less information on the internet. She was American Rose Society's Bronze Medal co-recipient in 2005, along with her husband,

Sylvester Woodward, who was also a large part of TARS.

She was president of the society in 2002 and 2003 and together with Sylvester, they were also the Rose Show Chairs those two years. In subsequent years they were always helping with Classification and Placement until Sylvester passed away. Martha Jean continued helping at the show for several years after his passing, until she no longer could physically.

She will definitely be missed.

October Consulting Rosarian Report

Autumn Rose Care

By Janet Newburgh

After a hot, humid summer, we and our roses all welcome autumn weather. In the Tallahassee area, October temperatures range from an average high of about 84 degrees on October 1 (and an average low of 64 degrees on that date) to an average high of 77 degrees on October 31 (and an average low of 75 degrees for that date). The summer rains are pretty well over, and for most years when we don't have an October hurricane, we average about three inches of rainfall for the month. These cooler temperatures make it ever so much easier to get out there and work in our garden, and to keep a sharp eye out for roses that might be show-worthy for our show the last weekend of October.

As we work in our garden, the first thing to watch out for is whether our roses need water. Roses need an average of an inch of rain per week, so the average three inches of rain that we get is close to, but not quite, enough for our roses, and of course, it may not be evenly distributed. The best way to check on whether your roses need water is simply to stick your fingers into the soil around them, to see whether it's moist. Any watering should be done early in the day to give the leaves a chance to dry out before nightfall, or you can water your plants in such a way that the foliage does not get wet.

We still have to watch out for marauding animal life, ranging from hungry insects, to rabbits, to deer. Hand-picking and squishing can help with a lot of insect problems, resorting to insecticides only when necessary. Spider mites can be knocked down and off our prize roses with well-directed sprays of water. Fencing, wherever possible, is probably the easiest and most environmentally friendly long-term protection against larger animals, such as rabbits and deer.

Major things to watch out for this time of year are fungal infections, especially black spot. Black spot is very easy to identify, from the black spots on leaves and stems, which then turn yellow and the leaves drop off. It really helps to pick off the infected leaves, pick up any fallen leaves off the ground, and get them out of the garden. Dispose of them in the trash, not in the compost pile!

Botrytis is another fungus that can continue to be a problem into the fall, particularly during cool, wet weather. Botrytis generally shows up as grayish-brown yucky stuff on buds and flowers. It can make what should be a beautiful rose look like an old, wet mop. Again, it's important to pick off any infected buds or blooms and dispose of them away from the garden. It's recommended that you disinfect your shears or trimmers with at least 70 percent alcohol between cuts.

And what about fertilizers? This time of year, you want to really limit feeding your roses, especially with the longer-acting granular fertilizers, because you want your roses to begin to be thinking about going dormant. We may be enjoying some delightful, warm weather, but do you remember that terrible, very cold snap that hit us suddenly last December? Plants that were weather-hardened and dormant generally fared much better than brand, new shoots that often were killed. If you absolutely need to feed some of your roses to try to get them in top shape for the show, I recommend a soluble, liquid fertilizer that would be faster-acting and would stick around less time. After that, roses shouldn't be given any more fertilizer until about March.

It's always a good time to make sure all your roses are well mulched, whether they are in the ground or in pots. The mulch not only keeps weeds down, but it helps hold moisture, and it buffers against temperature extremes. As to deadheading, some people advocate leaving the hips on the roses as further encouragement toward dormancy. If you do this, you might want to remove spent petals to minimize the risk of botrytis infections.

And finally, do get outside on these beautiful days and enjoy your roses. After all, that's why we grow them, isn't it?

Janet

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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yearlong journey trading out landscaping around his home with various rose beds. He shared his enthusiasm for particular roses and his variety of experiments in planting and care. He noted Griffith Buck's roses for their hardiness, Dave Bang's roses for unique colors, Theresa's favorite Sparkle and Shine, and several climbing roses like Don Juan. He had before and after pictures and discussed his process for amending sandy soil and prepping various beds. He follows the planting methods of Dr. Malcom Manners, of Florida Southern University, and suggests watching Dr. Manner's YouTube videos.

On rose bed prep, Paul has tried a no dig approach (except the amended 2'x2'x16" rose holes) and covering with cardboard or contractor paper, as sheet methods, to rid a bed of weeds before planting. His experiment suggested cardboard is superior at killing the weeds for longer. He has also used Roundup to kill weeds and offered the tip of adding a dye, like food coloring, to see where it is being applied (and avoid windy days!). He also experienced roses overheating when they were mulched in with white rocks that reflect heat back up and suggests avoiding this. He has 74 roses in the ground including Iceberg, Lady in Red, Easy Spirit, Honey Badger, Tranquility, Earth Song, It's Gorgeous, and Belinda's Dream.

The program closed with Mary Lou winning a Lady of Shallot rose and members enjoying refreshments. The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Amy Beaven
TARS Secretary

It's Rose Showtime!

37th Annual Rose Show

October 28 & 29, 2023

We are entering the final stages of preparing for this year's Rose Show. The Schedule and flyer are at the printer's and should be available at this month's meeting. The Schedule is also available for download from the TARS website on the Rose Show page. (<https://tallahasseearearosesociety.org/activities/annual-rose-show/>)

The Schedule has a couple of changes from previous years.

We have reduced the number of Challenge Classes from 8 to 3. I think you will find that you should be able to enter at least one of these. All come with a TARS Certificate and your name engraved on the permanent trophy. There is a class to appeal to all growers: Hybrid Teas/Grandifloras, Old Garden Roses or Shrubs.

We have also tried to make the Arrangements classes more accessible. We are leaving it up to you to decide upon a theme. We have specified what type of design is required but the rest is only dependent on your creativity. Based on the Arrangements that I saw produced by members at the recent workshop, I am anticipating a good selection of entries and some stunning arrangements.

The Photography classes are unchanged from last year. Everyone with a smartphone has the capability to produce excellent results for entry to the Show. Cheryl Gifford, last year's Queen and King of Photography will be talking about how to successfully enter your photos.

Volunteers Needed

We still have volunteer opportunities to help out at the Show—as in most things: Many hands make light work.

We need a Greeter for Saturday. This person will greet the public, answer questions, keep a count of visitors and generally be a friendly face for the Society. Please contact Jan Godfrey (JannieG@tds.net) to volunteer for this.

We also need someone to ensure that all the vases, English Boxes, Rose Frames, etc. are topped up with water on Saturday after the public has left. Jan is also the contact for this.

Set up of the room starts on Friday at 9:30 a.m. This includes moving all the tables, boxes, vases, and other paraphernalia from the storage unit into the Conner Building. When the tables are set up, there are table cloths to lay, risers to place, awards to organize and Section and Class cards to place. The preparation area needs vases unpacked, filled with water and set out. Gerard Nimis (GerardNimis@gmail.com 850-894-1133) is the point person for this activity and he will need quite a few volunteers. Please give him a call or email. Of course, on Sunday the entire lot has to be taken down, packed up moved to the storage unit. I want to take this opportunity to thank Ed Gifford for the multiple uses of his truck and trailer to move all this equipment and glassware.

Upcoming Society Programs and Events

October 5, 2023 6:00 p.m.—Monthly Meeting

Cheryl Gifford on preparing Photos for the Rose Show
Leon County Public Library
1583 Pedrick Road, 32317

October 27, 2023 starting at 9:30 a.m.

37th Annual Rose Show set up

October 28-29, 2023 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

(Exhibitor area opens at 6:00 a.m. Saturday)

37th Annual Rose Show
Doyle Conner Building
3125 Conner Boulevard, 32311

November 5, 2023 6:00 p.m.—Monthly Meeting

Rose Show review.
Leon County Public Library
1583 Pedrick Road, 32317

DSD Events

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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Schedule of Events and Show Schedule available
online. See DSD Events page.

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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.

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