

Regarding Roses

Tallahassee Area Rose Society

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President's Message: Janet Newburgh

A MEETING OF THE ROSES!

I recently got back from the Deep South District (DSD) Fall Convention and rose show, and it was a wonderful experience. The hotel was pleasant as always, and I even snagged a nice parking place under a tree. My Toy Poodle puppy, Lucky, went along with me. He was a great good-will ambassador and companion who attended all three educational presentations with me, listening intently. Lucky also met an older distantly related Toy Poodle who is a regular attendee of DSD meetings. Everyone had to stop to say hello to Lucky, and to pet or to hold him, all of 2 ½ lbs. of him. Ralph proclaimed Lucky as the nicest little puppy and wanted to know if I had paid \$400 for him. Unfortunately, the bill for the emergency C section to deliver Lucky was several times that!

I was in charge of the DSD Hospitality Room both Friday and Saturday nights, and friends from the Wiregrass Rose Society (Alabama) helped me to get my whole carful of assorted drinks and snacks up to the Hospitality Room on the 3rd floor. On Friday night, a few people stopped by the Hospitality Room to relax and chat a bit, but most left early to go back to their rooms because they planned to rise by 4:30 am (yawn!!) to get ready for Saturday's rose show.

On Saturday morning, the official time to set up for the show was 6:00 am. The show theme was "Roses and Lollipops". We could work till 10 am, when the show judging began. There were quite a few nice arrangements, ranging from really small, miniature arrangements to full-size standard arrangements. One of the Deep South District Arrangement Challenge Arrangement classes was newly renamed the Mary Maud Sharpe Perpetual Trophy. This class, under the name "Double Lollies", called for two arrangements--one standard and one miniature, similar to each other except in size. I learned that Mary Maud and her husband Bill had received the DSD Outstanding Judge Award in 2004, and Mary Maud received the Outstanding Judge Award for Arrangements in 2008.

The show schedule told us that we were supposed to let the Arrangement Chair know a few days in advance what arrangements classes we were planning to enter. Unfortunately, I neglected to do that, partly from being pretty busy getting everything ready but mainly, since this was the first time I entered arrangements in a show, I was still trying to figure out what I was going to do. **NOTE: I see that, for our own Tallahassee Area Rose Society show, pre-registration**

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Time & Place for November 2 Meeting!

Eastside Branch Leon County Public Library

1583 Pedrick Road

Tallahassee 32309

Start time: 5:45 p.m. for light refreshments

November, 2023

Upcoming Meetings

November 2, 2023
Social Time &
Rose Show Review

December Holiday Party
The Nimis' Home
Saturday December 10, 2023

January 4, 2024
Program tba

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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

with Amy Beaven is optional but would be appreciated to allow us to set up enough space for all the entries. Since I had not let the DSD Arrangement Chairperson know, the three arrangements that I entered caused some confusion and were just squeezed in where there was room. One of them apparently was missed in the judging—**lesson learned!** A photo of one of my Novice arrangements is included in this newsletter.

In addition to the three arrangements, I entered four photographs—two in the Novice Class--Julia Child (First Place) and Peace (Second place); one in the Abstract or Impressionism Class (First Place), and one in the Open Bloom Class (Hot Prince, Second place). I learned so much in taking the photos, preparing them for exhibit, and then seeing the results of the judges' decisions. For anyone at all comfortable taking photos, I recommend that you try—and experiment--in rose photography. If I can do it, so can you!

My entries in the Horticultural portion of the show were less successful, not only because of stiff competition from Cindy, Ray, Glenn, Ralph, and other outstanding rosarians, but unfortunately the roses that I took to the show were not in perfect shape. I had picked them on Wednesday before almost 4 inches of rain fell that night, and by Saturday morning they were somewhat sad. Next time, if rain is forecast, perhaps I'll find a better way to hold my roses till showtime.

On Saturday, in addition to the Rose show, there were some really outstanding talks. Art Wade of Rose Petals Nursery gave a fascinating historical talk about old garden roses, complete with lots of beautiful photographs. Patricia Dewar talked about the Commercial Production of Grafted Bare Root Roses, an activity that spans across the entire US and that provides roses to retail sources like Lowe's and Walmart. Dewar Nurseries is a huge operation producing many other kinds of plants in addition to roses; it ranks 26th among the top 100 growers in the US. The company started in nearby Apopka, Florida, but their rose grafting is done mainly in California on Dr. Huey rootstock, so their roses may not be ideal for our area. (Roses grafted onto Fortuniana root stock are thought to fare better against nematodes in our sandy soils.) The final talk was another great one by Dr. Mark Windham on rose diseases—it was both informative and entertaining and may have been his last. His main message was the value of rose disease prevention.

Unfortunately, Jim Mills of K&M Nurseries was unable to attend, but there still were plenty of nice roses available for purchase, courtesy of Rose Petals and Nelson's Nurseries. There also was a vendor selling gloves and tools, including a highly touted cultivator called a cobra, which I purchased to try out. Several of the roses called my name, but I managed

to escape with only three new plants (About Face, Doris Day, and Princess Charlene de Monaco), along with a couple of new pairs of gloves and the aforementioned cobra.

The long Saturday wound down with a nice banquet, awards given out, and a game of Rose Bingo. Then, people came up to the Hospitality Room to just kick back, relax, enjoy the available collection of snacks and drinks, and for lots of pleasant, informal, and often informative conversation.

Overall, the conference provided a terrific forum for seeing old friends and meeting new rosarians from all over the DSD, and for exchanging lots of rose-related information. One high point of the weekend was a one-on-one discussion with an experienced expert and judge on how I might enhance my arranging and photographic skills.

I really hope that other members of the Tallahassee Area Rose Society (TARS) are able to participate in future DSD meetings and activities. I found this meeting to be relaxing, enjoyable, and very worthwhile. A DSD Winter Conference will be held on January 19-21, 2024, culminating in a Consulting Rosarian School on January 21. I hope you will mark your calendar accordingly.

Meanwhile, I look forward to seeing you at the next TARS meeting on **Thursday, November 2, at the Leon County Eastside Branch Library, located at 1583 Pedrick Road in Tallahassee. I plan to be there by 5:45 pm, light snacks and drinks in hand. There will be a social time from 5:45 till 6:15 pm. We'll start the business meeting and rose show celebration at 6:15 pm. There will be a door prize of a rose plant donated by Mary Lou Chenevert, so be sure to be there!**

Contributions of meeting refreshments are always welcomed; if you plan to bring something, please let me know. 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.

Janet

Ask A Consulting Rosarian

If you have any rose questions.

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November Consulting Rosarian Report

ROSE GARDENING FOR THE HEALTH OF IT

By Janet Newburgh

The advantages of rose gardening aren't limited just to producing pretty flowers. We human gardeners get a lot of benefits from the time that we spend caring for our roses, and this is true regardless of whether we're young, old, or in between. Getting outside and into our garden has tons of advantages for us, both physical and mental.

The very first benefit comes from simply getting out the door and into the daylight. This helps us to set our biological clocks, pick up a little free Vitamin D, and elevate our sense of being. This can happen even when it's a bit cloudy. If you are like me, it sometimes takes a little effort to actually get out that door, but once there, the feeling is exhilarating.

Going outdoors and just strolling around helps to keep us healthy and gets our blood pumping more vigorously through our veins. It can be all the better if some of that walking is on uneven ground. We don't want to take a tumble, but walking on uneven ground helps to hone our sense of balance while increasing our agility.

Weight lifting is known to be great for building and maintaining muscle. Gardening presents lots of weightlifting opportunities, and you don't even need to go to an exercise class or a gym for that! As you garden, you most likely will be hauling a few buckets or bags of mulch or other soil amendments around, or moving a planter pot or two or three. Just be sure not to overdo it, but do use good form while lifting, employing the large muscles of your legs as much as possible and keeping your back erect.

And what about flexibility? Gardening gives you benefits in that area as well, such as when you reach for that weed or branch that's almost out of reach or stoop under plants or other objects. Here again, moderation is in order—try not to do too much too fast and end up really sore. Still, a nice, warm shower after a garden workout can really help loosen up tired, achy muscles.

Gardening gives our brain gets a good workout too, helping us make decisions while appreciating the beauty around us. (Do I prune that rose plant, and, if so, by how much? Or do I shovel-prune it and replace it with something nicer? And what kind of rose is it, anyway?)

While gardening brings a ton of health benefits, there certainly are some dangers out there to watch out for. We already mentioned the wisdom of avoiding falls, but it's also important to avoid biting creatures (snakes, ticks, mosquitoes, etc.) In particular, tick-borne diseases seem to be on the rise, but protective clothing can go a long way toward avoiding them and other biting pests. Some plants, such as poison ivy or poison oak, can cause skin irritation and itching, which again can be minimized by recognizing and avoiding the culprit. And finally, even our own roses can sneak up on us and snag us with their thorns. Hence, be sure to get a tetanus shot at least every ten years.

The more that we move, whether inside the house or outside in the garden, we burn calories, which can help us to control weight and to build fitness. It just feels so good, both physically and mentally, to get out into our garden. Do spend some time just enjoying your roses and other aspects of your garden, to appreciate the many wonders that can be found there. And above all, take time to smell those roses—it's good for your nose!

Nominating Committee Report

Janet Godfrey

In accordance with our By-laws, Janet Godfrey, immediate past President formed a Committee to nominate a slate of Officers and Directors to serve the Society for the next year. The other two committee members are Gerard Nimis and John Sullivan.

The slate of Officers and Directors will be presented to the members to vote on at the November 3rd meeting.

2024 Membership

We need your Support!

It's that time again.

The 2024 Membership form is attached.

Please fill out and send in your membership to:
Gerard Nimis

2105 Miller Landing Road

Tallahassee FL 32312-9000

It's Rose Showtime!

37th Annual Rose Show

October 28 & 29, 2023

Volunteers Still Needed

We need a Greeter for Saturday and/or Sunday. 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).

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 again for the multiple uses of his truck and trailer to move all this equipment and glassware.

HELPFUL HINTS FOR GROWING ROSES Dealing with Blackspot & other fungal diseases

Based on a talk by Dr. Mark Windham at the Deep South District Fall 2023 Convention

Fungal diseases cause major damage to roses grown in this area, due somewhat to the high humidity much of the year. Prevention is extremely important in dealing with this type of problem. Some roses are more resistant to fungal diseases, so it's wise to seek out the varieties that tend to do better in your area.

A generally helpful cultural practice is to plant roses on eight-foot centers and far apart enough that you can walk among the mature plants without touching any of them. In addition, the plant should be pruned to increase air circulation throughout its structure. How you water your roses is another key factor in avoiding or controlling fungal problems. Water should be provided only as needed (check the soil around the plant), and relatively early in the day. Between 11 am and noon is a good time frame, after the morning dew has dried but early enough that stems, leaves, and other parts of the plant dry before nightfall. A key to the control of fungal diseases is to avoid prolonged periods of time with water on the plant.

A major fungal disease problem for roses in our area is **black spot**. Black spot infection requires an

incubation period of at least 6 hours for moisture to be sitting on a leaf or other plant structure to cause infection. There are known to be at least 14 different races of black spot. Different races may be found in different places, and some roses are more susceptible to black spot than others. Resistance to black spot infection also seems to depend on the particular race of black spot fungus that is involved. It can be really helpful to find out which roses work well for people in your area. Bringing a new plant into your garden can introduce a new race of blackspot. For a given rose plant, black spot disease seems to appear first on the older foliage. Higher heat can slow down black spot infections.

Some other fungal diseases that can cause problems for our roses include: Cercospora leaf spot (spots with very sharp edges); anthracnose leaf blight (small, oval to elongate water-soaked lesions appearing first on the lower leaves) that tends to be a cool-weather disease; downy mildew, which can defoliate plants faster than other symptoms appear; and rust, which is seen mainly in the West Coast but that can come east on plants.

A good general antifungal spray is Mancozeb. This should be sprayed on new foliage in the spring and every 7-10 days thereafter, as a preventative. Bayer systemic triazole also can help. Fungi can easily develop resistance to antifungals, so it's helpful to rotate among different antifungal agents in your garden. Some relatively environmentally friendly fungicides include sulfur or copper sprays that can be incorporated into your fungal control program as needed.

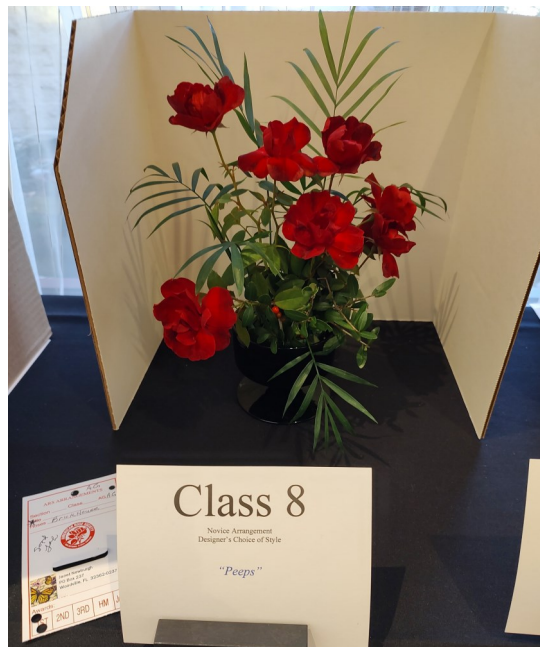
Pictures from the DSD Fall Conference

Deep South District Fall Conference– October 13-14, 2023

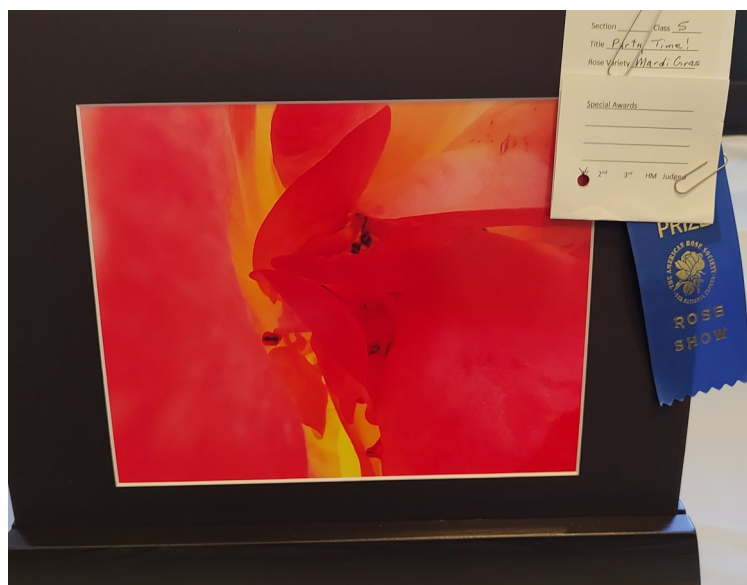
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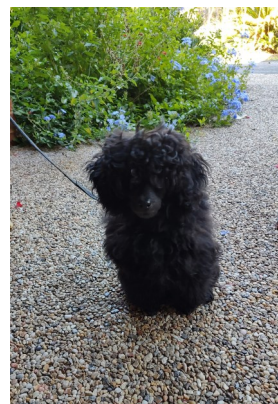
Novice photo of Julia Child Rose



Novice arrangement with Brick House Roses



Abstract/Impressionistic photo of Mardi Gras



Lucky attends the DSD Fall Conference

Images courtesy of Janet Newburgh.

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.

Upcoming Society Programs and Events

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 5:45 p.m.—Monthly Meeting

Social Time & Rose Show review.

Leon County Public Library

1583 Pedrick Road, 32317

December 10, 2023 3:00 p.m.—Annual Holiday Party

The Nimis home

2105 Miller Landing Road

DSD Events

January 19-21, 2024 — DSD Winter Conference

Best Western Gateway Grand Hotel

Gainesville, FL

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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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