



TARS NOTES

From the Tallahassee Area Rose Society (TARS)

Affiliated with the American Rose Society

October, 2025

Annual dues for the Tallahassee Area Rose Society

are only \$15 for an individual membership (\$20 for a Joint Membership)

To get a copy of the newsletter mailed to you via the US Postal Service, you need to be up to date on paying your TARS Membership and to include an extra \$10 to help with printing and postage costs.

Dues can be paid at the meetings or mailed to the address
on the Membership Form (Found at the end of this newsletter)

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

OCTOBER MEETING – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2025, STARTING AT 5:30 PM

LEON COUNTY MAIN LIBRARY, MEETING ROOM B

MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE LIBRARY ACCESSED FROM

THE LIBRARY PARKING LOT AT CALL STREET AND DUVAL STREET

TAKE STEPS OR ELEVATOR UP ONE FLOOR AND GO LEFT DOWN THE HALLWAY

NOTE THIS CHANGE IN MEETING LOCATION FROM OUR REGULAR PLACE!!!

Refreshments Provided by Mary Lou Chenevert – Thank you, Mary Lou!

NOVEMBER MEETING – THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2025, STARTING AT 5:30 PM

Information about the location will be sent later.

HOLIDAY PARTY

December 7 or 14, 2025

Date to be decided at the October 2nd meeting

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We had a very successful meeting in September! Nine people attended the meeting, including a brand new member, Sherica Howard, who happened to be at the library when we were meeting. Sherica decided to check us out, and joined the society—welcome, Sherica!

The session started with a pleasant, informal chat time about roses and their care, followed by a presentation on Black Spot. Black Spot is a worldwide problem that affects only roses, but it can be very problematic in our warm, humid climate.

Following the presentation and discussion on Black Spot, we had a discussion and vote on whether to continue the Tallahassee Area Rose Society (TARS) as an official society as part of the American Rose Society (ARS). Attendees voted unanimously to continue as we are, giving us a forum to continue to share the latest knowledge about roses, newly developed varieties, their care, and especially, their beauty. Enthusiasm at the meeting was high, with offers to help and to spread the word about TARS and the cultivation of America's favorite flower to others in the community. We would like for everyone to bring a friend to our meetings.

Along with the vote to continue as an official ARS-associated rose society, our society clearly will be most successful with lots of participation by members in running the society. I was thrilled that essentially everyone at the meeting volunteered to take on a role for the good of the organization. Mary Lou Chenevert volunteered to take over Secretary duties, and LeAnna Willison is joining the TARS Board of Directors. Both Mary Lou and LeAnna have a lot to offer to the society. They are both very knowledgeable about roses, and both have participated in showing their roses. I really look forward to working with them, and with all of you!

Be sure to note that our next meeting, on Thursday, October 2, will be in the main library downtown, in Meeting Room B, rather than at the Pedrick Road site. The main highlight of the meeting will be a presentation by Renee White on "By Any Other Name, A Cultural History of the Rose". We'll also discuss current rose events and what's currently blooming in our area, the best rose care for this time of year, and a newly discovered source of rose plants. I plan to bring a few roses that are currently blooming in my garden, for sharing and discussion. I invite you to do the same and to bring roses from your own garden, for sharing and discussion. Photos also are welcome.

I hope you will consider attending the Deep South District Fall Rose Show and Convention. The dates for this meeting are October 31-November 2, 2025. If you can attend only one day of the meeting, I recommend Saturday, November 1, as that is the most active day. The location is an easy drive from the Tallahassee Area.

Looking farther forward, our November meeting will be at a different Leon Library Branch. Stay tuned for information about where that meeting will be held.

In December, we always celebrate the season with a party, and Marion and Gerard Nimis are again hosting the festivities, this time in their brand, new home. We always plan the party for a Sunday afternoon, and the two possible dates are December 7 and December 14. We hope that you will be able to attend the party, so let us know which of these dates works best for you. We'll decide on the party date at the October 2nd meeting.

See you soon!

Janet

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2025

Prepared by Mary Lou Chenevert

Meeting Date: September 4, 2025

Place: Eastside Branch Library on Pedrick Rd

Social time started at 5:30 P.M.

Refreshments provided by Marion and Gerard Nimis

Attendance: 9 members and one new walk-in attendee, Sherica Howard

Meeting was called to order by President Janet Newburgh at 6:04 P.M.

Each person invited to ask questions or tell about their roses, with these questions asked:

Who grows old Garden Roses? Who grows Shrub roses? Who grows Hybrid Teas or Grandifloras?

Who grows Floribunda roses? Who grows climbers?

Names to be put in basket for drawing to win door prize, a gift card to Tallahassee Nurseries.

October 2nd meeting will be at the Main Library meeting in Program Room B.

The American Rose Magazine of the ARS latest issue is available to members online, NOT printed.

Deep South District Fall meeting organized by the Thomasville Rose Society will be held November 1 – 2 at the Gainesville Best Western.

Program:

Presentation by Janet on “Black Spot in Roses” per an ARS webinar by David Zlesak of the University of Wisconsin, River Falls, had a lot of information on the Diplocarpon Rosae infection which has 13 – 14 different races (types) of blackspot that can show up on roses. Research is being done to determine how to develop more resistant roses.

There was then a discussion by members on the future of TARS and a vote was taken after Gerard made a motion that we vote by a show of hands to continue as an official Rose Society and Mary Lou seconded the motion. All 9 members were in favor of the motion; none opposed. One point of the discussion was that we should all aim to bring a friend to meetings.

The storage unit has been emptied.

The door prize was won by Leanna Willison.

The October 2nd meeting will have a presentation by Renee titled “A Rose by Any Other Name” and refreshments will be provided by Mary Lou.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 P.M.

OCTOBER ROSE CARE

New rose growth is much more susceptible to frost damage, so it's best to stop feeding your roses about 6 weeks before the first frost to help them slow their growth. Here in the Tallahassee area, the first frost generally happens between late October and the middle of November. For the same reason, any pruning that you do this time of year should be minimal, just getting rid of damaged, dead, or diseased stems. You might want to

discontinue deadheading your roses, especially if you enjoy seeing pretty rose hips. If you decide not to deadhead your roses, I recommend removing the petals from the spent blooms in order to minimize inviting botrytis. Continue to watch for, and deal with, insect damage and diseases.

Do enjoy your rose plants throughout the season. You may be surprised by the number of rose blossoms that you see in fall and even in winter, as they continue to reward you for the good care that you gave them during the active growing season. Your rest from fertilizing your roses should continue till they start really growing again, in late February or in March.

This is a good time to begin to be thinking about next year's rose garden. What changes do you want to make? Do you want to "shovel prune" any under-performing plants, and/or add any new ones? We will be talking about new opportunities to enrich your garden and sources of new plants at TARS meetings throughout the year.

Florida – Deep South District Fall Rose Show and Convention



A Bewitching Experience

2025 DEEP SOUTH DISTRICT FALL MEETING
Friday OCTOBER 31 - Sunday NOVEMBER 2

October 31 – November 1, 2025 (Friday and Saturday)

Where: Best Western Gateway Grand Hotel and Convention Center, 4200 NW 97th Blvd., Gainesville, FL 32606

Speakers:

Growing Your Rose Society Using Generative A.I. – Chris Van Cleave

The Beauty of a David Austin Rose – Connie Vierbicky

ARS Trial Gardens – Wayne Meyers

Overview of Weeks Roses and Selection Process – Brent Furbee

The Lawrenciana-China Rose in Miniature – Stephen Hoy

Special Guest Speaker ARS Vice President – Carrie Berg

Other highlights include: Raffle Drawings, Rose Show Judging, a 'Bewitching' Awards Banquet, Best Rose Costume Awards, Halloween Hospitality party and of course, the Roses! Hosted by the Thomasville Rose Society.

For More Information and to download the Fall Show Program, Fall Show Schedule, and Registration Form, go to: deepsouthdistrict.org/upcoming-events/

I will have copies of the Fall Show Program and Registration Form at the TARS Meeting

on October 2, 2025

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