



TARS NOTES

From the Tallahassee Area Rose Society (TARS)

Affiliated with the American Rose Society

January, 2026

ANNUAL DUES FOR 2026 FOR THE TALLAHASSEE AREA ROSE SOCIETY ARE DUE NOW!

**WE SOON WILL LIMIT THE EMAILING, OR MAILING, NEWSLETTERS TO PEOPLE
WHO HAVE PAID THEIR DUES FOR 2026**

ANYONE WHO PAID DUES IN OCTOBER, 2025, OR LATER WILL BE CONSIDERED PAID UP FOR 2026

Membership is still only \$15 for an individual, or \$20 for a Joint Membership

To get a copy of the newsletter mailed to you via the US Postal Service, please include an extra \$10 with your new or renewing membership to help with printing and postage costs.

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

FIRST 2026 MEETING – THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2026, 5:30 PM

LEON COUNTY MAIN LIBRARY

NEW MEETING ROOM A - SECOND FLOOR INSIDE THE LIBRARY

This is the same room where we had our November meeting.

**The Main Entrance to the library can be accessed
from the library parking lot at Call Street and Duval Street.**

take steps, ramp, or elevator up one floor and then enter the main library (where the books are)

Once inside the library, go up to Floor 2 via either the stairs or the elevator to Meeting Room A

Near the Career Corner

PLEASE VISIT THE TARS WEBSITE (TallahasseeAreaRoseSociety.org) and Follow our FACEBOOK PAGE (Tallahassee Area Rose Society)! Consider sending us your photos for posting.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On December 7, 2025, we had a wonderful social gathering, with the sharing of delicious food, in the beautiful new home of Marion and Gerard Nimis. It was a very congenial, informal group where we could exchange rose stories along with many other topics. To paraphrase, it has been said that roses bring us together, but it's the people who make such gatherings truly wonderful. This was a great opportunity to get to know others well and to learn more about what they do, within the garden and in the rest of their activities.

Since the first Thursday of January, 2026, is New Year's Day, we will delay our next meeting to the second Thursday, or January 8, 2026, and I hope you all will come. The topic of discussion will be: Planning your Rose Garden. The plan is to share good ideas, including some gleaned from a recent American Rose Society webinar, on garden plans that are particularly useful with rose gardens. This will include ideas useful for renovating an existing garden, in addition to starting a new one.

To help us get started on a discussion of garden planning, included in this newsletter a list of Low-Maintenance Roses from a book by David W. Marshall, former IFAS Extension Agent and Director of the Leon County Master Gardener Program, entitled "Design & Care of Landscapes & Gardens in the South." You might want to look over this list, which we will discuss, including sources for acquiring them. Perhaps you already have some of them and would like to share your experience in growing them.

I look forward to seeing you on Thursday evening, January 8, at 5:30 pm. Do let me know if you have any questions or need help getting to the meeting.

Janet

SINCE A PARTY AND CELEBRATION REPLACED THE DECEMBER MEETING,

NO MINUTES WERE RECORDED

LOW MAINTENANCE ROSES

From "Design & Care of Landscapes & gardens in the South" by David W. Marshall

Mrs. B.R. Cant

Marie Van Houtte

Duchesse de Brabant

Mons Tillier

Etoil de Lyon

Mme Scripion Cochet

Louis Philippe

Napoleon

Old Blush

Vincent Godrief

Archduke Charles

Souv de St. Anne's

Levenson Gower
Souv de la Malmaison'
Perle d'Or
Verdun
Mevrouw Nathalie Nypels
Marytje Cazant
Ballerina
Belinda's Dream
Prosperity
Clytemnestra
Cramoisi Superieur
Pink Perpetue
Knock Out
Drift
Carefree Beauty (Katy Road Pink)
Carefree Wonder
Cocktail
Sarah Van Fleet
Dortmund
Climbing Pinkie
Else Poulsen
The Fairy
Cecile Brunner
Caldwell Pink
Sea Foam

DECEMBER IN YOUR GARDEN

We are now in what historically has been the coldest time of the winter, plus we are in the midst of a major drought. Hence, it's important to keep your garden well watered and also to protect it the best that you can from cold air and winds. Temperatures down to about 28 degrees Fahrenheit are unlikely to cause real damage to roses, but for conditions colder than that, you might want to consider some protection. Mulch of about any kind can be very protective, spread around and even up onto the plant. On really cold nights, you might want to consider additional protection, such as frost cloths, which are widely available at garden shops and on line, or even old bedsheets. For these to be most effective, the frost cloths or other covers should reach the ground so as to make capture heat coming from the ground that does not freeze in this area that is now rated as 9A. Any pruning should be kept to a bare minimum this time of year, just removing dead or broken branches. The concern this time of year is that pruning might stimulate new growth that is more sensitive to cold.

Nevertheless, do have your pruning equipment clean, sharpened, and ready for full-scale action around Valentine's Day.

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The amount for your American Rose Society membership will be forwarded.
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