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Rosebuds

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Christmas Dinner

December 4

6:30 p.m.

Catfish House

Order from Menu

Music by Wiggins Family

Our Year in Review

Gift Exchange



The Rose Cookbook - A Treasury of Rose Recipes from Around the World - cookbook by Laura Denktash - article by M. Hext

If you like cookbooks or have someone on your Christmas gift list who likes different kinds of cookbooks, you might want to consider purchasing this book written by Laura Denktash, an entrepreneur, writer, speaker, artist, jewelry designer, rose ambassador and cooking enthusiast.

It will entertain both cooks and gardeners with its history of roses, rose stories, quotes, and 300+ recipes using roses (including rose petals, rose water, rose extract, and rose essential oil.) The author states that "her dream is to promote the rose as

more than just a pretty flower, but as nourishment for the body, heart, mind, and soul."

Recipes range from main dishes, desserts, tea sandwiches, jams, sauces, beverages and beauty recipes. A recipe I plan to try is "Strawberry and Rose Dream Cake" which sounds wonderful.

Information can be found on her web site: www.therosediva.com and the book can be purchased from



News from our Members

- Rosamond Beard continues to improve at home.
- Claire Campbell is recovering from carpal tunnel surgery.
- Richard Hudson is having surgery on his back on December 7 at Greenview. Vi is doing real well and will have surgery once Richard recovers.

President's Corner by Bob Jacobs

Hello to all Rosarian Friends, I'm asking myself and all of you, where has the year gone? Year 2010 is almost here. Actually, I am looking forward to the new year.

I have been walking out in my garden amazed at how beautiful my roses are. The blooms are some of the very best for this year. I'm trying to decide what is best to do with the rose bushes at this time. The warm weather has continued and it seems strange to have roses continuing to bloom so well in November. I normally do not do anything until after two hard freezes. But it is getting

late in the year and I am thinking about going ahead with moving dirt and some mulch in around the bud union. However, I will not cut back yet.

One thing I have done is mark some of the rose bushes that I am going to shovel prune to make room for new bushes that I have on my wish to obtain list for next year. Also, I have about 10 mini and mini flora bushes on my sun porch that I started from cuttings just to see if I could get them to take. I started with 15 cuttings so I've done fairly well.

I am looking forward to our Christmas Banquet at The Catfish House on

ARS Offers Trial Membership

The American Rose Society is now offering a 4- month trial membership for only \$10 to anyone who is interested in becoming members of our organization. Most ARS members are home gardeners who enjoy growing roses and want to expand their knowledge of rose culture.

- Free online access to four quarterly bulletins, a \$45 value. Previously available by subscription only, the Mini/Mini-Flora Bulletin, Old Garden Rose and Shrub Gazette, Rose Arrangers' Bulletin, and Rose Exhibitors' Forum are all available online for free to all ARS members.
- 2 issues of American Rose magazine, \$16 value. The only magazine devoted exclusively to roses and rose culture, these bi-monthly, 84-page issues feature informative articles and beautiful color photography for beginners and experienced rose growers alike. View a free issue online at www.ars.org
- Free or reduced garden admissions, a \$25 value after just 3 uses. With the ARS Reciprocal Garden Admission program, members enjoy free or reduced admission to hundreds of gardens, conservatories, and arboreta nationwide.

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Friday, December 4 at 6:30 p.m. You will enjoy special music from the Wiggins family. And Mary Ann is working on a slide presentation. Join in with the gift exchange and we've been asked to put our names on the inside so members know who gave the gift.

Christmas Arrangements *by Mary Ann Hext*

With the holiday season rapidly approaching and our rose gardens dormant, perhaps it is time to purchase some roses from your local florist or grocer and try your hand at making Christmas arrangements. Creating centerpieces and decorative holiday arrangements, will not only add beauty and elegance to your home, but will also give you practice for the spring rose shows—plus they make great gifts.

A wide variety of containers may be used as you are not following a show schedule, so use your imagination along with your rose arranger supplies: oasis, pin holders, chicken wire, etc. Also remember to use the normal guidelines for rose preparation by recutting underwater the stems of the purchased roses and other flowers you choose for your arrangement. You will want to use your Chrysal or other method of water treatment and conditioner (aspirins, lemon juice, sugar, and bleach) to extend the life of the arrangement. It will last longer if kept in a cool location away from heat and direct light.

After purchasing your roses and other flowers, look outdoors for other filler and line material such as evergreens, hollies, pine cones, even bare limbs and twigs which can be used naturally or spray painted. Try coming up with your own theme and use wrapped boxes, wooden spoons, painted cans, candles, mugs, favorite ornaments etc. Use your imagination, create holiday arrangements, and share them with family and friends.!



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Highlights of November Meeting *from the minutes*

- Members were encouraged to attend the Consulting Rosarian School to be held at the Tenarky Winter Workshop in February.
- Tips given by Don Gill & Lyle Worsham at the recent garden tour were shared with all members. Bob showed a cooler box for transporting roses to show that he had made similar to what the Worsham's use. Bob also demonstrated how to cover potential exhibition blooms as learned from Don Gill.
- A contribution to the ARS will be made in memory of Mary Jane Utz from the Louisville Rose Society who passed away recently. She and her sister have been strong supports of the BGRS Rose Show.
- Advice was shared on winterizing roses and places to purchase new roses for spring planting.

What Good Rosarians Will be Doing in December *by Kent Campbell*

December is a time of rest, wishes, dreams, memories, and hopefully, of personal rejuvenation. However, as always, there are a few things that are better done now than later.

If your chemicals are in an outdoor, unheated shed or building, bring them inside to an area where they won't freeze. Most liquids we use are compounds and experts say that freezing will distort them, if not, ruin them completely. Put them in a nice box or two that has hand holes for easy carrying and they will be ready to return to their usual place in the spring.

You will also "get a handle" on just what needs to be replaced soon, and order it over the winter. Frankly, I have found many of the things I need at Southern States.

One of the special benefits of going to rose shows is to see the top roses OF THIS AREA on the table. I

always take notes and have a "wish list" all prepared for late winter ordering.

If you are like me, you have beds that are already crowded. The only way you can handle a new bush is to take an existing one out. If you have decided on any of the latter, take them out now. Remove several shovelfuls of dirt mix with them, and leave the hole through the winter. These are roses that haven't grown well, or performed poorly as an exhibition rose or a garden beauty.

If you want to check any of your choices for ordering, ask a successful local area exhibitor; "What's your best red? How does Robbie's *Cachet* grow for you?" etc. etc.

We lost a major source of minis recently when Dennis and Suzy Bridges closed their business. Dennis was a major hybridizer. I won National Mini Queen with his *Linville* in 1999. I have numerous blues over

the years with his *Incognito*. Right now, my best yellow is his *King's Mountain*. I still like **Almost Heaven** and, of course, *Whit Wells*.

Finally, a cold, snowy, icy day in December is a great time to sit by the fire and clean and sharpen all your tools. If, like me, honing blades is a skill you do not possess, I have a son-in-law who is very skillful at it and will do it for you for a very small fee. Call me on this. By the way, that is why I like **Felco** brand the best. The blades come off easily for sharpening or for replacement with new ones.

Have a great Holiday Season!



Darien Kirby's Favorite Rose *by M. Hext*

My Favorite Rose

Q. What is your favorite rose?

A. *My favorite is South Seas.*

Q. What type of rose is it?

A. *It's a hybrid tea, and it also climbs.*

Q. Why is it your favorite:?

A. *When it is beautiful, it is really beautiful. It is similar to Granada with colors of red, pink gold, coral and mingled yellow. It is an old rose and it was a huge rose.*

Q. How long have you grown this rose?

A. *I don't have it any more. I grew it from 1993 to 2003 when we moved.*

Q. Why did you start growing this rose?

A. *It was part of a collection of five roses that I bought at Otte Nursery.*



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**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

Graham Thomas
Voted World's Favorite Rose

Graham Thomas' was voted the World's Favorite Rose by the World Federation of Rose Societies, which represents 41 rose societies around the world. It has been inducted into the 'Rose Hall of Fame' and will hold the title for the next three years. Graham Thomas was a friend of David Austin and a great lover of old or heritage roses. He was one of the few rosarians who encouraged David Austin to follow his instincts and dreams when he set out to create the first English Roses.



--English Rose Newsletter, Nov. 2009

IMPORTANT DATES - 2010

- * February 19-21: Tenarky Winter Workshop - Nashville
- * April 27-May 2: ARS Spring National Convention - Shreveport, LA
- * May 22: BGRS Rose Show
- * August 20-22: ARS Fall Miniature RS & Conference - Milwaukee, WI
- * October 7-11: ARS Fall National Convention and Rose Show - Atlanta, GA

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