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# Rosebuds

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**NEXT MEETING**  
November 6 - 6:30 p.m.  
Alive Center  
Program: Selecting Roses  
Host: Campbells  
In-Club Competition  
Arrangement: Nageire or  
Freestyle



## BGRS Members tour gardens of NRS winning exhibitors

Five BGRS members travelled to the Nashville area on October 5 to visit rose gardens of award-winning exhibitors, Lyle and Ruby Worsham and Don and Sara Jo Gill, members of the Nashville Rose Society.

They were able to view beautiful roses and receive excellent advice on



*Sam & Brenda Coffey, Kathy Dodson, Ann & Bob Jacobs touring NRS member rose gardens*

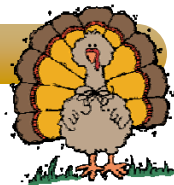
growing and caring for roses, spraying routines, covering roses in preparation for exhibiting at rose shows, enjoy a terrific lunch with the Worsham's and have a very enjoyable day.

Two roses that they all loved at Gill's were the miniflora *Whiraway* and *Here's Sam*, a hybrid tea, which the Coffeys plan to order.



## News from our Members

- Pauline Matus is home again and recovering.
- Rosamond Beard suffered a stroke recently.
- Please keep them in your prayers.



## Evaluate Your Rose Beds for the Keepers and Leavers *by Mary Ann Hext*

As fall has arrived and we have had our first frost, I don't have to think about exhibiting at rose shows anymore, or cutting roses to take to friends, and I don't have to spray so often. I now have time to evaluate my rose beds and start planning for next spring.

As I have limited space and time and am not able to create a totally new bed, my only option for trying new rose varieties is to dig up those that are not doing well, or don't show well, or get too much blackspot (unless I love the rose dearly), and replace them with new varieties. I have found

myself critically looking at each bush and deciding whether it is a "keeper" or a "leaver."

Since I started growing roses seriously four years ago, I have had much difficulty in "shovel pruning" any rose (or other plant for that matter) as I want to give it one more chance to perform. But after attending three rose shows this fall, I now have a new list of roses that I would like to add to my garden. This means that at least 10 plants have to go. I also have five pots of miniature roses that are three years old and now taller than I am, which are going to



have to be planted in the ground or into a much larger pot.

Evaluating which roses to remove also involves studying the location, the amount and direction of sunlight, how close they are to companion plants, tree roots and shade, and insect and disease problems. Another important consideration for me, as an arrangement exhibitor, is how well the varieties refrigerate, hold up in the arrangements, and look good with my containers.

So during this season, you too, may want to critically evaluate your roses for the "keepers" and "leavers".

## Oriental Arrangements - Nageire & Freestyle *by Ann Jacobs*

As this will be the last month of 2009 that we can bring an arrangement to our meeting, I want to encourage you to try an Oriental Nageire or an Oriental Free Style. You will need to know the name(s) of the roses and name the arrangement on the ARS Arrangement Card that will be available on the table. If the roses are grown in your garden, be sure to write "AG" in the upper right corner. You may use roses that are not from your garden in arrangements.

Nageire (upright style) similar to the moribana, will be arranged in a tall narrow-mouthed plain container with a low-gloss finish. Black and red are good colors. Use the concept of Heaven with line material one and a half times the height plus the width of the container measuring from the rim; Man about three-fourths the length of the first, then about one half the length of the second piece for earth. Use one, two or three roses. I like to use sand in the bot-

tom of my container for weight with rolled up chicken wire to hold stems in place. Go with slanted style, or have a stem hang lower than the rim of the vase. Choose a flexible material that creates beautiful lines balanced with the rose(s).

The Oriental Free Style can be naturalistic or non-naturalistic. The lines of flowers, branches, stems and grasses all show expressive qualities. Straight lines convey attention, curved lines show movement, and how a line moves at the tip of a branch or leaf suggests overall direction. In Free Style, one thinks of generalized shapes or forms that relate in a total unified design. Two or more lines bring various spaces

into being. (from workshop with Gary Barlow & Lew Shupe)

I will have copies of "Rose Arranging--Some Basics to Consider" by Gary Barlow & Lew Shupe at our November 6th meeting.



**Paula Williams**  
Mini Oriental Freestyle  
Tenarky 2008



**Sara Jo Gill**  
Oriental Free Style  
NRS 2009



**Mary Ann Hext**  
Nageire - BGRS 2009

### AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY ANNOUNCES 2010 MINIATURE HALL OF FAME HONOREES

The American Rose Society announces three miniature rose varieties are the 2010 Miniature Hall of Fame Honorees, recognizing the excellence and longevity of each variety. The winners are : *Gourmet Popcorn*, *Luis Desamero* and *Tiffany Lynn*. These winners were selected among the hundreds of nominations from American Rose Society members located throughout the country. Consumers may purchase all of the winners from various rose nurseries through the United States.

[www.ars.org](http://www.ars.org)

## Highlights of October Meeting *from the minutes*

- Bob Jacobs presented the program on "Building New Beds"
- Tenarky Winter Workshop will be in Franklin, TN
- Christmas Banquet Friday, December 4, 6:30 p.m., at the Catfish House. The Christmas gift will again be between \$10 and \$12. Please designate if it is for a man, woman or anyone. Also put your name inside the package, so that the recipient will know who to thank for his gift.
- Bob appointed Ben Matus, Ann Jacobs, and Georgia Snyder as his nominating committee for next year's officers.
- Alvaton Nursery will order roses from Jackson Perkins and Weeks, pot them and keep them for us until spring. Bob said that he would need a list of the roses we want ordered within the next week. He will have to get back to us about the price.

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## President's Corner by Bob Jacobs

Hello Friends

It looks and feels like winter is fast approaching. Now is the time to start getting ready to put your roses to sleep for the winter.

Here are steps that I have started. First, stop any granular fertilizer. Second, do not cut your spent blooms as cutting will send a signal to the bush to keep growing. I have now started removing the lower leaves up to about 12 to 18 inches depending upon the bush. Do not cut your bush back until we have had at least two hard frost which will insure the rose bush has gone dormant.

On Saturday, October 10, five of us drove down

to Columbia, TN to tour Ruby and Lyle Worsham's rose garden. They were gracious hosts as they gave us information on their best show roses, and tips on how they take care of a potential "Queen" for an upcoming rose show.

Lyle showed how he will tie a stick to a cane that is growing a little crooked which stays on the cane until he gets to a show perhaps two weeks later. And if rain or dew threatens the bloom, Ruby is out with a large umbrella positioning it over the bloom.

Wow! They are serious exhibitors. We enjoyed

lunch with them and as we were leaving, Ruby gave us starts of two different plants we had admired.



blooms from rain, wind and dew prior to a show. There is a special technique. Ask me at the next meeting. Also, I will have a show and tell on how to travel to a show with your roses.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our November 6th meeting. A nominating committee to select a slate of the three officers and the member-at-large will be presented at this meeting. The membership shall have the privilege of nominating from the floor prior to a vote.

## Helen Almond's Favorite Rose by M. Hext

**Q. What is your favorite rose?**

A. I guess when we were growing roses, Sonia was my favorite.

**Q. What type of rose is it?**

A. It's a hybrid tea, apricot in color

**Q. Why is it your favorite:?**

A. I liked the color.

**Q. How long have you grown this rose?**

A. We grew roses for about 20 years and this was one of them.

**Q. Why did you start growing this rose?**

A. It just happened.

**Q. What else can you tell me about it?**

A. I loved using it in my arrangements.

### Sonia

An older rose but a goodie!!! As you can see this rose has a very unusual looking bloom form. Almost a cup on a saucer effect. Named for Alain Meilland's daughter. Some say that this is the biggest selling florist greenhouse rose of all time, with over 40 million bushes sold. It is one of the few that successfully has made the transition into being a great garden rose. One of the top all time money makers for the house of Meilland. A good one for sure.

[www.rose-roses.com](http://www.rose-roses.com)



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### Building a Rose Bed *by Bob Jacobs*

Fall is a good time to build your raised beds for Spring planting. Everyone has their own way of do this, but I will give you some ideas of how I have built my beds.

The first thing is to find a location that will have at least six hours of sun light, and will have good drainage. Then I remove the grass by slicing off the sod. Dig up or rotor-till the soil as deep as you can several inches down. The bed should be no wider than what you can reach half way across. This is a good time to amend the soil with phosphate, calcum sulfate(gypsum) and organic humus.

Making the beds can be completed from a number of things. I've seen concrete blocks, old railroad ties, landscape timber and brick. Raised beds are the best as it is easier to control the soil and easier to keep the weeds out. You can build the beds 15" to 18 " in height. For minis you want 12 to 14" inches of soil. This is on top of what you have tilled and dug up.

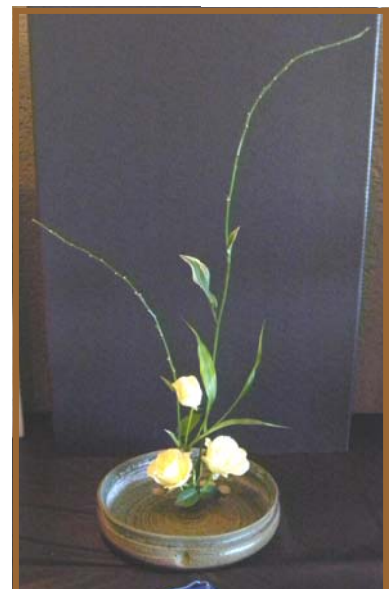
Now that the beds are formed out, you can fill with soil. I like a soil supplement that you can get at Alvaton Nursery. Simply Mulch has a Nutra Soil Material. I have gone to Southern Nursery as they have a little finer grind. This is at Goodlettsville, TN.

### BGRS Members Exhibit at NRS *by Mary Ann Hext*

Bob and Ann Jacobs and Mary Ann Hext exhibited at the Nashville Rose Show held at Cheekwood on October 3 & 4. In the horticulture division, Mary Ann won a trophy and certificate for Dowager Queen with the Green Rose. Bob won several ribbons in the horticulture section. Ann won a blue ribbon for her moribana style design in large roses and a blue ribbon for her line design in the miniature division. Mary Ann won a honorable mention for her oriental free form arrangement in large roses, a red ribbon in the duke of arrangement class, a red in mini modern, and a yellow in mini moribana. The competition was tough and most top arrangement awards were won by Sara Jo Gill and Connie Baird, our mentors.



Mary Ann's arrangements



Ann's arrangements above

## What Good Rosarians Will be Doing in November *by Kent Campbell*

It is my opinion that a really clean rose bed before winter is one of the major keys to starting the spring with healthy, disease free plants. Of course, as is the case with all complex tasks, there is a process to go through in order to achieve the results we seek.

First of all, do not begin too early in the fall. You must wait until a minimum of two HARD freezes have occurred. That means temperatures in the 20's. This signals the plants that it is time to consider dormancy. If you begin cutting back too early, the bush will simply respond by putting out new growth, which will be easily frost-bitten at a later freeze.

So, after the freezes, begin cutting back the bushes at least by 50%. For canes that have divided into two or more parts, much like the fingers on your hand, you might want to go even further down the plant and cut below that "candelabra." You will have to cut to that point or lower the next spring anyway, because it will "die back" from winter burn to some point on the single cane. After the cut-back, strip ALL the remaining leaves from the bush. You might also cut out dead canes, canes very low on the bush and tending to grow horizontally outward.

At this point, rake all the "junk," old leaves, and mulch off the beds down to the bare dirt, and even use a leaf blower to complete the process. This presents a problem to those who use wood chips as mulch. It would probably be too expensive to rake them all off, dispose of them, and begin anew the next spring. However, the point remains ..... the bed should be as clean as possible at this time. The leaves that have dropped from the plant because of black spot, powdery mildew, and other harmful spores should be raked, blown, or washed from the beds. The fungi on the leaves will live all winter and be ready to begin their "dirty work" the next spring.

At this point, it is time to spray. Spray the bare canes and even the dirt of the bed. If you have left chips, spray them well, even stirring them up to some extent.

Several well-known rosarians recommended the spray to use for this purpose. It is Lime Sulfur Spray and is available at any garden shop that carries Hi Yield brand products.

To finish this process, a mound of dirt should be raked around the base of each plant. If using dirt from the bed, be careful not to scrape very deeply with your rake or hoe, thus damaging the tiny feeder roots rotating out from each plant. If your beds need it, this is a good time to mound one shovel-full of new soil/sand/mulch mix around each plant. It's available by the bag or end-loader scoop at Leichhardts and other places. That mix is recommended because in the spring, you simply WASH it away from the plant gently..... not shovel or rake it away damaging little sprouts from the base of the plant. Some rosarians go to further extremes at winterizing but it hasn't been necessary here for the past few years. Anyway, that is a subject for another issue of *Rosebuds*.

Your plants are snuggled away for the winter now. There are certain chores to undertake next spring, but your cut-back, cleaning, and spraying has given you a great "head-start" on that spring work.

PLEASE NOTE this VERY IMPORTANT last point. The suggestions made in this article apply ONLY to Hybrid Teas, Floribundas, Shrubs, and Minis which are most of the roses we all grow. It has been my experience that Polyanthas, Knockouts, Chinas, most Species roses, and probably most Old Garden Roses DO NOT like to be treated this harshly. They respond by getting a very, very slow start in the spring and by not doing well at all for most of the summer. Simply dead-head them and trim them slightly, basically just shaping them a bit. Leave the leaves! If there are some leaves with black spot, pick them off individually. Spray the plant with the lime sulfur spray and mount them up a little.

I hope this all works for you for nice, healthy roses in the spring.



### ***New Name for Manzate***

**Pentathlon DF (6 lb powder) - \$47.99**  
**(available at Rosmania)**

Pentathlon, formerly known as Manzate, is the best selling "contact killer" for blackspot.



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### Try Making an Oriental Arrangement

Try your hand with an oriental arrangement at the October meeting. Class 6 of the in-club competition will be an oriental nageire or freestyle arrangement either large or small

### IMPORTANT DATES - 2009

- \* November 11-15: Fall National ARS Convention & Rose Show - Palm Springs, CA

### 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 Con-

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