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Rosebuds

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Tenarky District Fall Convention & Rose Show Coming Soon!!! by Mary A. Hext, CR

During my first year as a member of BGRS, I was fortunate that a national convention was held in Memphis and I was able to attend. It was amazing to be with so many people who loved roses, attend workshops, see a fabulous rose show, and go on a great garden tour. Well this year, the Tenarky District Fall Convention will be held in Memphis, and I am looking forward to a trip back to that area.

The dates are September 24-26, so mark your calendars now to attend. As you know, our district convention rotates through the society locations, so this will be my first district convention in Memphis; and I am sure it will be just as exciting as the national I attended there several years ago.

The welcome reception is on Friday night from 6-8 p.m. The rose show grooming area opens at 5 a.m. on Saturday morning and vendors will be set

up Friday evening and all day on Saturday. Programs will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday and continue Saturday afternoon with a district business meeting being held Saturday at 3:30 p.m. A banquet and speaker will follow later that evening. The rose show will be open to the public at 1 p.m.

On Sunday morning at 9 a.m., a garden tour will begin as well as a judging school for those interested in becoming judges. Anyone interested may audit the judging school and learn about what is involved and what they are looking for when they judge your roses.

Further information and a registration form along with a rose show schedule can be found on the Tenarky District website at www.tenarky.org.

It would be great if several of our members can make the trip to Memphis!!

ARRANGEMENT DAY

September 11, 2010
8:30 to 3:00 at Cheekwood

Have you ever gazed at a beautiful arrangement and said "I wish I could do that". Here's your chance. The Nashville Rose Society is proud to sponsor Arrangement Day, conducted by our own National Award winning arrangers Connie Baird and Sara Jo Gill. On Saturday, September 11 from 8:30 to 3:00 in the Classroom at Cheekwood Botanical Gardens in Nashville.

Connie Baird will cover the Principals and Elements of Design and basics of flower arranging. Oriental principals and concepts will be presented by Sara Jo Gill.

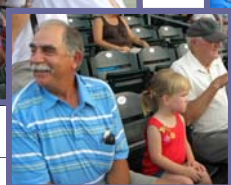
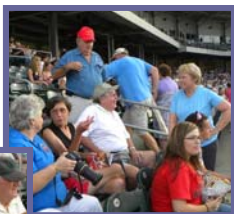
A light lunch will be provided followed by an afternoon hands on workshop that will give everyone the opportunity to practice their flower arranging. Bring lots and lots of flowers, clippers, and any container you would like to work with.

Registration is \$10.00 and will have to be limited to 25 people due to space in the classroom. Make checks payable to the Nashville Rose Society and mail to:

Connie Baird
2571 Totty's Bend Rd.
Duck River, TN 38454

BGRS Rose Social Activities by M. Hext

On June 18, BGRS members were recognized as special guests at a Bowling Green Hot Rods game where they were entertained with baseball, audiene activities, and fireworks.



Members of BGRS and their guests enjoyed great food and fellowship at a potluck cookout at the home of Gary and Mary Ann Hext on July 16. Members were able to stop by the Hudson's and view their new rosebeds prior to the cookout.



From the President *by Bob Jacobs, Consulting Rosarian*

Hello Rosarians,

This has certainly been a very hot, dry summer. Unfortunately having had cataract surgery on both eyes two weeks apart, I was not able to work in my rose garden as I wanted. My doctor said "no" to spraying, bending over and lifting so my roses paid the price. I've had a run of spider mites as well as some black spot. I have been out working the past couple weeks removing the yellow leaves, spraying with Banner Max and Manzate. Along with that, I've been using the water wand to give a good spray of water up under the leaves. This seems to have helped bring the damage under control.

I received a call from a woman out east of town very concerned

about her roses. As it is very difficult to tell someone what to do without seeing the roses, I drove out to see them. They were covered with spider mites. Also, a gentleman from Pikeville called and described his rose problem which was an infestation of mites. I made suggestions for him and asked to call me back if that did not take care of his problem. Since I have not heard from him again, hopefully he got rid of the mites.

I think everyone had a good time at the party at Mary Ann & Gary's house. They were great hosts, there was a lot of delicious food and many folks braved the heat to gather around visiting, sharing stories and touring two roses gardens. A big

thank you to Mary Ann & Gary. Also, while we missed Richard & Vi Hudson, I want to thank them for sharing their rose garden on tour with Kathy as host. We were happy to have three new people interested in growing roses. And it was good to see Bill and Rosemond Beard able to join us again.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting, August 6. Remember to bring your roses for in-club competition. A program is in the works, but not finalized as yet. Come and share any problems, concerns and/or spraying programs you have been using to keep your roses healthy this summer.

Spider Mites *from Newsletter of the Cookeville Area Rose Society July 2009*

Now is the time to be on the alert for spider mites. Small brown or yellow dots on the leaves of your rose bushes are the most easily observed sign of a mite infestation, but if you look more closely you should see very small strands of silk or webbing underneath the leaves. The under sides of leaves are where spider mites tend to spin complex webs where they will lay eggs. Spider mite eggs usually take 4-5 days to hatch and adulthood is usually reached within a week, depending on how hot and dry the air is. An ambient temperature higher than 85 degrees and a relative humidity of less than 60% produce optimal conditions for spider mite reproduction and maturity. (Re: ars.org; chattanoogaarose.org)

If lower foliage turns gray-green and looks dry, check the undersides for a salt and pepper look. Use a strong spray of water to wash the under sides of leaves every three days or use a miticide to eliminate the mites.

PULL BOTTOM LEAVES-- By pulling the bottom six to eight inches of leaves from your plants, you are making it more difficult for those mites to leave the soil and move up your plants. This also encourages new basal breaks and laterals (new strong cane growth at the bottom of the plant).

Spider mites are not insects but are more closely related to ticks and spiders. Their common name is derived from their ability to produce silk, which most species spin on host plants. Mites are tiny--about the size of the period at the end of this sentence. They can also be very prolific, which is why infestations often go unnoticed until plants exhibit significant damage.

Miticides:

- **Avid** - Works on adult and immatures but not eggs.
- **Floramite**: Targets immature, eggs, and adult stages. The pH needs to be 7.0 or lower.
- **Vendex**: Particularly effective against two-spot mites
- **Hexygon DF**: Works on contact and ingestion. No systemic activity. Does not kill adults. Ovicide (kills eggs).



<http://www.olyrose.org/>

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August Maintenance by Dr. Kent Campbell, Master Rosarian

Even though blooms in the garden are small and short-lived, and perhaps housing a beetle or two, better times are ahead. Our spraying routine, feeding, and watering, is important even if it seems to be of little or no effect now. By late August and into the fall, the gardens will show new life and burst with color.

There are some beautiful shows coming in the fall, with opportunities to support old friends who exhibit at our show, meet new friends, and get a bit more involved in this wonderful hobby of exhibiting your roses. I urge those of you who are going to become more involved in producing the Bowling Green show, as Claire and I bow out, to "take in" these other shows as exhibitors, or even just visitors, to see how good shows come to pass! The Kentucky State Fair is August 21-22, Evansville, September 12, Louisville, September 18, Nashville, October 2. The Tenarky District meeting and show is at Memphis September 24-26. Information about all these shows is on the Tenarky web site.

Of special importance is the fact that the Memphis meeting will include a horticulture judges' school. I must say that as I became more and more interested in exhibiting, I attended two or three judges' seminars and studied the manual before I

had enough nerve to eventually take the test. That is where I really learned how to be a winning exhibitor.

Tenarky is quite short of judges and I urge any of you who really enjoy exhibiting to attend a judges' school and become a judge. Remember this ... for those who are especially fond of arranging and perhaps have your sights set on being an arrangement judge, you must be a horticulture judge before you can become an arrangement judge! Several of you are ready to pursue this course of action, and I urge you to give it all your consideration. Being a judge adds a whole new dimension to your rose world. I did nine nationals and numerous district and local shows. What a wonderful experience it has been!

Speaking of nationals ... it may be years before another one is as close to us as Atlanta in early October. Admittedly, they are expensive, but so informative and exciting. I would love to go, but neither Claire nor I could drive it.

As our thoughts return to our gardens, there are certain points to cover. What you are doing now is part of the needs for the fall bloom cycle. Besides all the care activities previously mentioned, there is the concept of "cut-back" to consider.

Several years ago, Claire and I

went away somewhere on vacation for a couple of weeks in July. Upon our return, I was horrified to see immense damage on all my rose bushes caused by Japanese beetles. I saw nothing else to do but cut below the damage to try to save the bushes. This required cutting a third or half the height of them all. The end of this little story is that about thirty to forty days later, I had the most glorious bloom cycle I have ever had. I had more winners in the fall shows than you can imagine.

The "bottom line" is this. Pick out the show you are most interested in this fall (they are only a week apart) and about thirty days prior to that date, do some serious dead heading. Cut deeper into the bush than usual ... at least to the second or third leaf with five leaflets. Continue doing this until all your bushes have been cut back as they bloom in the early August cycle.

Finally, I will never forget this one tidbit on feeding I will share with you now. In a conversation with Monty Justice several years ago, he said, "I give the roses a little something to eat every week." He was taking care of a large number of gardens at that time and in this statement was referring to his "Joy Juice." Of course, Miracle-Gro or Peters do the same.

Have a great fall!

Roses In Review

Roses In Review is a national program where we, as rose growers, evaluate roses from a given list of newer roses. Everyone should participate by checking the list published in the July/August *American Rose*, and evaluate only the roses which you now grow. Don't evaluate ones that you have seen growing somewhere else. The American Rose Society publishes annually a *Handbook for Selecting Roses* and your participation helps to set those ratings which are helpful when selecting roses to buy. Whether you report on one or many, all reports are important to get accurate ratings. Input is needed from "garden" rosarians as well as exhibitors, and from **new** rosarians as well as seasoned veterans. You do not have to be an ARS member to participate. Go to www.ars.org and fill out your report electronically. You will have to register the first time. If you need to come back and finish at a later time, you will not have to register again. For those who do not have access to a computer, you can send in paper reports. Make as many copies of the evaluation sheet as you need. Our RIR coordinator is: Jeff Garrett, 2049 Linwood Circle, Soddy Daisy, TN 37379.

Articles Vote—Members Only

The Board of Directors is presenting six changes in the Articles of Incorporation to the membership for their approval.

The ARS Board of Directors approved these changes April 29, 2010 and recommends adoption of them.

The first change updates the name of the Executive Director.

The second change updates the changes from the second restatement of articles to the third restatement of articles.

The third change clarifies that the



name of the Junior Associate membership level was changed to the Youth membership level.

The fourth change is a change in composition of the Executive Committee which was approved by the membership in 2006.

The fifth change is an addition to the Articles change concerning electronic voting which was approved by the membership in 2008.

The final change is a restatement of the changes listed above.

You may vote by mail (ballot printed in July/August issue) or elec-

tronically.

The SIGNED ballot must be completed by November 15, 2010, for your vote to count. Your vote will not count if the ballot is not signed. If voting electronically, you must type in your name and include your member number from label on your magazine, or member card.

Vote online now.

(Please note: You will be required to login to the Members Only section.

The password may be found on the Table of Contents of the latest issue of American Rose.)

MONTHLY IN-CLUB COMPETITION—JUNE - NOVEMBER

The competition shall consist of **ONE entry in each** of the following classes: One bloom per stem, except for sprays. Groom and fill in tags as if entering a regular rose show. Judges will comment on 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice. The top scorer in horticulture and arrangements will be recognized at the December meeting.

Class 1—1 Single Bloom Hybrid Tea/Grandiflora

Class 2—Single Bloom Miniature

Class 3—1 Single Bloom Floribunda

Class 4—1 Floribunda or Miniature Spray

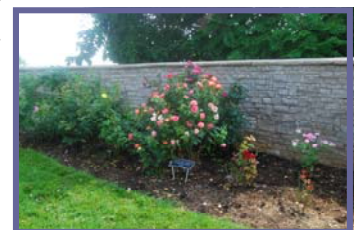
Class 5—Specimen, Any Other Type

Class 6—Arrangements (*Abstract—large or small roses*)

BGRS Public Garden Report *by Ann Jacobs, Consulting Rosarian*

Someone at the picnic asked about the Public Rose Garden. Yes, Bob and I went there both Friday and Saturday mornings, July 16 & 17. It was in really bad shape. Crab grass had covered the ground all around the bushes. Someone had sprayed to kill the crab grass. Must have been someone working for the city.

We spent two hours digging and pulling weeds and the dead crab grass. Then cut spent blooms on the bushes and cleaned the area. On our return Saturday, we took the Claw to loosen the ground, trimmed some of the bushes and did another clean up prior to pouring the Bayer 3 in 1 around each bush. Another hour of work. We stepped back, looking at the garden and let out a long sigh of satisfaction as the roses looked so much better. A gentleman stopped to speak with Bob thanking him for being there to take care of the roses. Mary Ann has graciously volunteered to go take a turn at caring for the rose garden the first of August. Hopefully, more members will be taking a turn in future weeks. The garden is there, but the city will tear it out if it is not taken care of.



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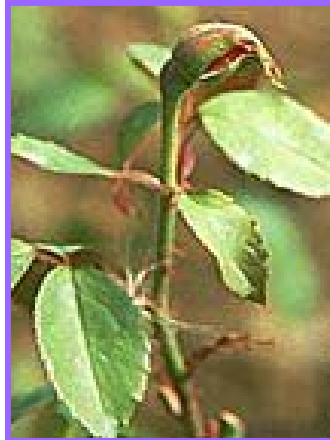
STRANGE OCCURRENCES IN THE ROSE GARDEN *by Kathy Dodson, CR*

Last year was the year for a new disease in my rose garden—rose rosette. It affected two of my rose bushes in two different flower beds. Love and Peace had one cane with the disease. I cut out the diseased cane and the disease did not reoccur. The bush came back healthy this year with no problems. However, my Baldo miniflora from Whit Wells got rose rosette on the entire bush and did not survive. There is no cure for rosette other than cutting out the affected cane or digging it up and disposing of it if the entire bush is affected. The disease is caused by mites that live on wild multiflora roses. These can be spread by the wind to our rose bushes.



Rose Rosette
Photo: www.gardenweb.com

This year, there have been no signs of rose rosette in my garden. However, a new problem has arisen—dry, crispy leaves at the end of a few canes and buds that were small, deformed and did not bloom. This problem occurred on two of my old garden roses, Mme. Isaac Pierre (a rebloomer with a large, deep pink, fragrant bloom) and a once blooming bush I've not been able to identify. I referred to the ***Complete Guide to Roses*** Ortho book. The end of the cane looked like the illustration for midge. The following description was given: "The buds are deformed, or black and crisp, and stem tips are



Rose with Midge Photo: www.entomology.umn.edu

dead. This condition develops rapidly. Tiny whitish maggots may be seen feeding at the base of buds or on the stem tips."

I cut out the entire cane that was affected and sprayed with Orthene once a week for three weeks. I've had no further incidence of the disease. I thought it was interesting that midge only occurred on my old garden roses.

Rose growers know that there are certain dis-

eases and pests we all face, such as blackspot and Japanese beetles. The good news is that none of these are disastrous, even when we face new challenges such as rose rosette or midge. The beauty of the rose and the joy we receive from them make it all worthwhile.

Kathy Dodson's Favorite Rose *by M. Hext, CR*

My Favorite Rose

Q. What is your favorite rose?

A. *Graham Thomas*

Q. What type of rose is it?

A. *David Austin English Rose*

Q. Why is it your favorite:?

A. *It blooms in clusters of clear golden yellow. The fragrance is wonderful. It won Best Modern Shrub rose in this year's rose show.*

Q. How long have you grown this rose?

A. *About 12 years.*

Q. Why did you start growing

this rose?

A. *I love the cabbage shape of the old garden roses and the fragrance. I planted three David Austins the same year, Graham Thomas, Mary Rose, and Evelyn. They are wonderful for informal arrangements to bring in the house. The blooms on Graham Thomas and Evelyn are long lasting.*

Q. What else can you tell me about this rose?

A. *I have been very pleased with it. The bush looks healthy and*

seems to weather disease and insects fairly well since I am a novice at rose care.-- it must be fairly hardy since I haven't killed it yet!



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IMPORTANT DATES - 2010

- * August 20-22: ARS Fall Miniature Rose Show & Conference - Milwaukee, WI
- * August 21-22: Kentucky State Fair Rose Show
- * September 11: Arrangement Workshop - Cheekwood
- * September 12: Evansville Rose Show
- * September 18-19: Louisville Rose Show
- * September 24-26: Tenarky Fall Convention & Rose Show
- * October 2: Nashville Rose Show
- * October 7-11: ARS Fall National Convention and Rose Show - Atlanta, GA

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