

*A Publication of the Bowling Green Rose Society*

# Rosebuds

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**Meeting: May 7**  
**Alive Center**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**Host:**  
**Brenda Coffey**  
**Program:**  
**Rose Show Plans**

## ***The Rose Show - Our Gift to the Community by Dr. Kent Campbell, Master Rosarian***

My principal contribution to this month's *Rosebuds* does not delve into maintenance, which is usually my subject. That area is discussed briefly in another spot in the bulletin. In a way this piece does involve the idea of maintenance; not of plants and blossoms, but of the society itself.

All who read this should be familiar with my feelings about the rose show. Perhaps I can enlarge on that just a bit. I feel strongly about the values of a rose show to the society, the members, the community, and in fact, the whole concept of growing roses and banding with others with like interests for the mutual benefits acquired.

This is the event that first attracted so many of us to the society. It is the means by which so many of us learned most of what we know and all of what encourages us to grow better roses and to learn more and more about how to do just that.

There are other reasons, of course, that brought some of us together as a group of super-interested rose growers, such as being invited by a current member, or maintaining that deep interest originally passed on by our mothers or neighbors. At any rate, the whole world of roses is a social thing with interest and knowledge being passed from one to another. Accepting this premise as true, it becomes difficult to accept, or even to under-

stand, the fact that there are societies throughout the country that do not produce a show at all. And, there is a small, but outspoken, number of members in the national society that are anti-competition, and thus anti-show.

The ancient Greek concept of aesthetics was that beauty exists only if



Photo: M. Hext

it is shared. (Much like the ancient philosophical argument that if a tree falls in a forest, and no living creature is close enough to hear it, does it make a noise?)

All through human history, the idea of beautifying our surroundings and our possessions has grown and prevailed. We do it not only for ourselves but for our friends, neighbors, and passersby.

Do individuals gifted in the area of visual art paint beautiful scenes on canvas and then hang the painting in their closet? Or do they look for ways and places to "show" their work?

Would a talented pianist take lessons and spend hours and hours practicing at the keyboard learning

the great literature only to close themselves in their homes to play where no one else can hear them? Of course not. Public recitals and concerts where all can come to hear their great art is their goal.

Do any of you know a story writer or poet who produces abundant material of high quality, but really doesn't want anyone else to read it, keeping his output solely to himself? Or does this individual submit manuscript after manuscript to magazines, publishing agents, and other sources to get the material in print for others to read? I think the point is well established that we all love to share our skills with oth-

ers. Our skill as a rose society member is growing fine roses. There are numerous ways to share them and I know we all partake of that great feeling that comes from giving of our skill.

The rose show is simply another way to do it "en masse" so to speak. It is a gift of the society to the community. With all the preparation, set-up, tear-down, and clean-up involved, it is a time of hard work for all of us. But, we have a great place for the show and will most likely have fine attendance by exhibitors and local audience. Besides all the work, please consider bringing blossoms to place on the tables. We must "put our best foot forward!" The rewards could be great!!

## From the President *by Bob Jacobs, Consulting Rosarian*

Hello Rosarians, Are you excited with your Rose Gardens?

The show is Saturday, May 22 and times flies! Claire is hard at work putting the Rose Schedule together with the ads from our sponsors. I hope everyone is planning to be available to set up on Friday and exhibit and work the day of the show. There is a lot to do to put on a very successful show. There are jobs for everyone. Chairs will need to be moved and stacked. Tables need to be covered and vases will need to be unpacked. All of us can take a moment or two every day to tell someone about our Rose Show. Publicity has been sent to radio and TV Stations. An ad will appear in the *Daily News* and Kathy plans to be on WBKO Mid-Day Live May 18.

I have not had an opportunity to visit other gardens, but my roses look the best this year than they have in a long time at this time of the year. I believe the early warm weather has given the rose bushes a good start. I have a Hot Princess on fortuniana root that is already over five foot tall and I counted about 20

buds. My minis are growing very well, and while we can give the credit to weather, there are "Spring Tune Ups" that have helped. I put Mills Magic on my minis in addition to ¼ cup Epson Salt. On the large bushes, I put ½ cup Epson Salts and then one part 34-0-0 to two parts 6-24-24. I put one and ½ cups around the drip line of each bush. After this, I have sprayed with Monty's Joy Juice every other week. There you are folks. I'm not keeping secrets on how I grow roses.

Remember to start your spray program if you have not already done so. It is much easier to prevent disease than to stop it. The one problem I have had this year is rose slugs on bushes that are in pots. I have been spraying with Malathion. Check the lower leaves on your plant. I have a weekly spray program, although there are some sprays that you can do every two weeks. Be sure to read the instructions on your spray bottles. I have a rotation of Honor Guard and Clearys 3336 with Manzate every other time. I do not spray insecticides unless I see a prob-

lem. There are different programs for different folks, most important is to find a program that works in your garden. Remember to protect yourself while spraying.

I will have the baseball tickets for the Hot Rods game on June 18 at the May meeting. You will want to pay for your tickets at our meeting Friday, May 7. I sincerely hope every member will be at this meeting as each one of you will be assigned a job for the show. Also, if you plan to eat lunch with the Judges, sign up and pay \$8 each to Kathy. And, sign up to attend the Banquet at Mariah's Monday, May 24. Gather at 6 p.m. and plan to order from the menu at 6:30 p.m. Ann and I have several fun door prizes to give away at the Banquet.

Hopefully, all our members that have been ill the past several weeks are in good health and are anxious to exhibit roses at our show. I look forward to seeing you at our May meeting.



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

Bob and I went down to the public rose garden Saturday afternoon, April 3, and worked about an hour. All the bushes look real good. About four bushes to the north are a little yellow and Bob says they need a little nitrogen. We will have to do that when we get back from our trip. Two of the bushes have buds on them. WOW!

A couple of men walked by, stopped and thanked us for providing and taking care of the rose garden. One was a fairly young man with a toddler. So people really do appreciate it. Ben stopped by the garden mid-April and was surprised to see some of the rose bushes in bloom.

It takes all members to keep the garden beautiful. I just feel the garden has to be taken care of as our name is on the plaque. This is the fourth year for the garden. If someone is interested, we could put another rose bush to the north end that grows big. We have that one Knockout at the south end so it looks out of portion.

Put a note on the dash or sun visor of your vehicle to remind you to stop by the garden. Pull a weed or two, pick up paper etc. that has blown in. We will set a day as extra work is needed.



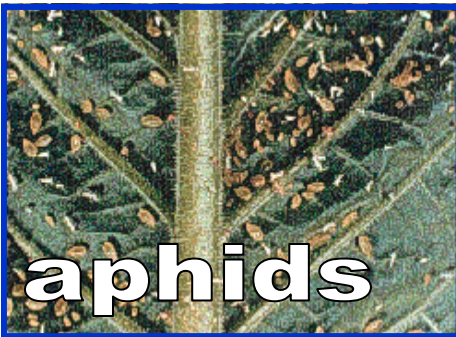
Photo: M. Hext, April 2010

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## Maintenance for May by Dr. Kent Campbell, Master Rosarian

Even though I have two large sprayers, one battery-powered and one requiring an electric cord, I find them unsatisfactory for certain jobs. I keep several quart size squeeze bottles on hand, especially for this time of the year. The large sprayers are for the weekly or bi-weekly spraying for fungi. The squeeze bottles, available at Lowe's, Wal-Mart, etc., are essential for fighting the first two pests you will encounter on your plants.

1. **Aphids** – **MIST** the upper parts of the plant with any good insect spray. Do not over-do, getting the plant too wet. You could burn it.



# aphids

<http://www.ca.uky.edu/entomology/entfacts/ef103.asp>

2. **Thrips** – When buds appear on the bushes and get a little color showing, **MIST** the buds and upper part of the plant with *Tal-Star* or *Orthene 92*. Both of these are available at Southern States. DO NOT WAIT UNTIL YOU SEE evidence of Thrips. THEY WILL BE COMING, and what you are doing is a preventative. Do it every morning or evening on the buds and on the blossom until you cut it. Remember, **MIST**, not spray.

The same thing helps later in the summer with Japanese Beetles.

Bring some blossoms to the show! Study the show schedule.



# thrips

<http://www.entomology.umn.edu/cues/inter/inmine/Thripa.html>

## Rose Grooming Workshop

May 15  
9-11 a.m.

Greenwood High  
School

Room 320

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## Felicea Waldrop's Favorite Rose by M. Hext, CR

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

A. *Citrus Splash*.

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

A. *It is a shrub.*

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

A. *It is my favorite for the color. It reminds me of a brilliant sunset.*

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

A. *Two years*

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

A. *The first time I saw it I fell instantly in love with its vibrant stripes of orange and yellow..*

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

A. *It has been a very hearty disease resistant shrub. It has tripled in size since it was planted. It is the focal point of my rose beds due to its continuous blooming. I enjoy sitting outside where you can catch a scent of its light citrus perfume.*

## My Favorite Rose



**Citrus Splash**

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LABEL

### BGRS Rose Show

May 22

- Our rose show schedule is available on our website:  
[www.bowlinggreenrosesociety.org](http://www.bowlinggreenrosesociety.org)  
and on the Tenarky site:  
[www.tenarky.org](http://www.tenarky.org)
- Please purchase or sell an ad to go in the rose show program. Contact Ann Jacobs for information.
- Mark your calendars to help with the rose show set up on Friday afternoon, May 21
- Volunteers are needed to help with the many rose show jobs. Contact Bob Jacobs or Kent Campbell to help.

### IMPORTANT DATES - 2010

- \* May 22: BGRS Rose Show
- \* June 12: Table Arrangement Workshop - Wilson Co., TN
- \* August 20-22: ARS Fall Miniature Rose Show & Conference - Milwaukee, WI
- \* September 11 - Arrangement Workshop - Cheekwood
- \* September 18-19 - Louisville Rose Show
- \* October 7-11: ARS Fall National Convention and Rose Show - Atlanta, GA

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