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# Rosebuds

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Meeting: Sept. 10  
Alive Center  
6:30 p.m.  
Hosts: Kent &  
Claire Campbell  
Program: Ben Matus

## FALL—A BUSY TIME FOR LOCAL ROSARIANS by Mary Ann Hext, CR

With cooler weather recently and fall just a few weeks away, our roses are starting to recover from the hot and humid summer days. As we await the fall bloom cycle, take out your calendar and plan to attend one or more of the fall rose events

In September and early October, there are events within a few hours drive from Bowling Green that you might like to attend.

On September 11, Connie Baird and Sara Jo Gill, award-winning arrangers from the Nashville Rose Society, will be presenting "Arrangement Day" at Cheekwood. There are still openings if you would like to attend and learn from their guidance and expertise. Additional information is in this newsletter.

The next day, on September 12, the Evansville Rose Society will be holding their fall rose show at the Washington Square Mall in Evansville, Indiana.

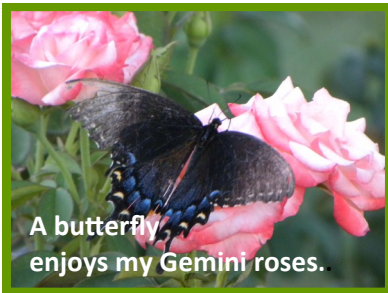
The Louisville Rose Show will be September 18 at the Lowe's Center just off the Gene Snyder Freeway at Brownsboro Road. Their theme is "Everything's Coming Up Roes" and the schedule can be found on the Tenarky website.

The following weekend, September 24-26, is the Tenarky Fall District Convention in Memphis. Although this is about a 5-hour trip, it will be well worth it to hear the speakers, attend the workshops, enter a few roses in the district show, enjoy the hospitality of the local rosarians and tour two rose

gardens. If you are interested in learning more about becoming a judge or just what it is the judges are looking at when they view your roses, then attend the judging school on Sunday morning. A schedule and registration information is also on the Tenarky website.

The Nashville Rose Society will hold their fall rose show at Cheekwood the next weekend, October 2-3, following the regular BGRS Friday night meeting.

The culminating fall rose event is the ARS Fall National Convention and Rose Show which will be in Atlanta October 7-11. Usually attending national events would require BGRS members to fly or drive



a great distance but this event is in the northern suburbs of Atlanta and will be a little less than five hours for us to drive. If you have never attended a national convention, this would be a great opportunity for you to hear national speakers, meet rosarians you have read about in the American Rose magazine, view and/or compete in a fabulous rose show, have the opportunity for a variety of tours, and make lots of new rosarian friends. Again, links to obtain all the details and registration information to attend, can be found on the Tenarky website under the events tab.

So water, spray, water, prune, water, fertilize, water, plan, water, and register to attend one or more of these opportunities and improve your rose-growing skills.

### 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

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

Well it finally rained, now if we could get some relief from the heat. Just two days after the rain, my roses showed improvement. That's good as many of you know we have rose shows coming up this Fall.

I have been cutting back pretty hard on some rose bushes in hopes I will have good looking large blooms to exhibit. Right now I am planning to attend the Tenarky in Memphis, to Louisville and to Nashville. Not real sure about the National at this time. I encourage all you rosarians to at least attend the Tenarky and exhibit something at the shows. Also, as a reminder, stop using any long-term granular fertilizer at this time. To prepare for the Fall shows you should use a liquid fertilizer weekly, and make sure your bushes have plenty of water. The story goes, "ask

six rosarians what kind of fertilizer you need to use, and you will get six different answers. Find what works best for you in your garden.

On another note, I encourage you to cut and take three, six or a dozen roses to friends, relatives and acquaintances. This will brighten up your corner of the world. Ann and I have been taking a bud vase or larger bouquet to friends and to our Rose Show Sponsors during the summer. You can pick up nearly new vases at garage sales and thrift shops for a dollar or less.

We recently visited Nina Bennett as she was celebrating a birthday. She loved the roses and wanted to know the names of each one. She came out with a big laugh when she saw the Green Rose. It brought back memories when it first showed up at

a show. She was so happy to know the Rose Shows are continuing.

Also, Roy and Helen Almond were excited to see roses from our garden. They are also long-time members and exhibitors at Bowling Green, Nashville, Tenarky and National shows. They love to keep in touch with members of our rose society. As Helen says, "It is hard to give up something you love like growing, exhibiting and meeting with rosarians. But the time comes all too soon when you reach those senior years".

Remember Darien Kirby as she battles health problems. Give her a call, visit and roses.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our meeting September 10. Ben Matus is working on a program I'm sure we will all enjoy and learn something from it.

### ARS Trial Membership

If you are a BGRS member who is not a member of the ARS, you can get a great deal by trying out a trial membership for only \$5 for four months. If you are a new BGRS members, you can get a free 4-month membership. The trial membership includes two issues of the *American Rose* magazine (which itself is worth the price of the annual dues) and access to a wealth of information at the ARS website. Information is available from Bob or Kathy or from the

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



**Rain** – 1. Water falling in drops condensed from the moisture in the atmosphere.

2. To give in large quantities: as, they rained praises on him/her.

Our roses at the Public Rose Garden were stressed with heat, then at just the most critical time a couple inches of rain fell to refresh the bushes. A big thank you to Mary Ann Hext for volunteering to spend a couple hours to weed and cut back the spent blooms at the garden the weekend of Aug. 14.

And speaking of Mary Ann, lets rain praises on her as she was named the 2010 Kentucky Outstanding Business Education teacher at the Kentucky Career and Technical Education Conference in Louisville recently. To continue raining a little praise, Ann Jacobs received the honor of being named #1 in sales in her Mary Kay Unit along with the prestige award of Ms. Go-Give by her Senior Sales Director last week. A few of our rose society members work full-time jobs and volunteer to serve in many areas to keep our society active.

Who will volunteer to spend a couple of hours at the Public Rose Garden in September?

## Kent's Column *by Dr. Kent Campbell, Master Rosarian*

### September Chores

September in the rose garden doesn't change very much from what we have been doing all along. We spray, dead-head, water as needed, and feed with Monty's, Mirical-Gro, or Peters occasionally. Yellowing of leaves that are not obviously old-age or black spot are calling for an iron supplement. And, be alert for spider mites. I prefer the hard spray of water under the lowest leaves of the plant rather than a chemical spray that somehow never seems to cover the areas it needs to cover. With the water spray, you must do it three or four times at three or four day intervals. Eggs deposited by the mites within hours after they themselves have hatched

adhere to the leaves tightly and keep the rapid reproduction going!

### From Where Will They Come?

We have lost another "Mom and Pop" mini hybridizer-merchant. Vernon Rickard of *Almost Heaven Roses* died recently from heat stroke I have learned. He had a long list of outstanding minis and mini-floras. His wife, Nancy, said at first that she was going to try to stay in business, but the word now is that she has closed. Only a couple of seasons ago Dennis and Susy Bridges decided to retire. The Bridges catalogue was loaded each year with proven prize winners and many new varieties.

In our immediate area, that leaves Whit Wells who handles only his

own roses, many of which are very fine, and *Rosemania*, which deals mostly with Robbie's excellent roses. Nationally, there are only a few other merchants who specialize in miniatures and mini-floras, with *Nor'East* being one of the top catalogues. Check the ads in *The American Rose Annuals* for web sites, addresses, etc.

### Upcoming Events

I hope to see lots of you at our Tenarky Convention in Memphis and/or the national in Atlanta. What a wonderful way to get a big shot of adrenalin for your continuing, even growing, enjoyment of your rose world.

## Georgia Snyder's Favorite Rose *by M. Hext, CR*

## My Favorite Rose

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

A. *Fragrant Cloud.*

A. *Six years*

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

A. *For its color and fragrance.*

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

A. *It is a hybrid tea.*

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

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

A. *It has a wonderful coral red color, strong, old rose scent, and it is easy to grow.*

A. *It was Rose of the Year in 1968. It is just a beautiful rose.*

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

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## 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](http://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.

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### 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 or 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—September:  
*Oriental—designer's choice (large or small roses)***

### IMPORTANT DATES - 2010

- \* September 11: Arrangement Workshop - Cheekwood
- \* September 12: Evansville Rose Show
- \* September 18: Louisville Rose Show
- \* September 24-26: Tenarky Fall Convention & Rose Show
- \* October 2-3: Nashville Rose Show
- \* October 7-11: ARS Fall National Convention and Rose Show - Atlanta, GA

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