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Meeting: May 1
WC Ext. Office
2:30 p.m.
Host: C & M Logsdon
Program:
Share Time
BG Rose Show
Bring your schedule!

BGRS 52nd Rose Show—Why You Should Participate *by Mary Ann Hext, CR*

Our annual rose show is only a few weeks away, so hopefully you have finished your spring pruning, fertilized your roses and started thinking about possibly entering something in the show. Exhibiting roses is an important way for rosarians to share the love for roses and rose growing with others. It also gives the public a first-hand look at roses that grow well in our area and an opportunity to meet our members and ask questions about roses.

At the May meeting, we will discuss our rose show and provide information about the show, classes to enter and have an opportunity to ask questions and discuss the different items in the schedule. Members should bring a copy of the rose show schedule in order to take notes.

The theme for the Artistic Rose Designs is *Rivers and Roses*. Each section

has several choices for the designers and we have including a fun table design class this year. A complete rose show schedule is on the [BGRS website](http://www.bowlinggreenrosesociety.org).

Included in this newsletter is an article from the Houston Rose Socie-

including it again for review. I am sure it will be helpful for anyone who wants to try exhibiting whether it is you have been exhibiting for many years or if this is your first time.

Our rose show is a way to share what we have worked so hard to produce, to learn about unfamiliar varieties of roses, to meet other rosarians and share experiences. It is nice to get a ribbon or to get something on the trophy table; but the rose show is a culminating event for us to display our efforts. It is not so much a competition against each other, but a competition against



Photo: M. Hext

ty newsletter two years ago about rose show exhibiting; and even though it was written for the novice exhibitor, it contains excellent information for even the experienced exhibitor. I included this article in the May 2014 issue of *Rosebuds* and am

ourselves to work harder to produce better quality roses and improve our own skills. So join in the fun and enter something in the 2015 BGRS Rose Show!



BGRS Rose Show—May 30

- Our rose show schedule is available on our website: www.bowlinggreenrosesociety.org
- Ads have been sold but if you sell another one, please send to Mary Ann by May 15.
- Mark your calendars to help with the rose show set up on Friday afternoon, May 29 at 2 pm.
- Volunteers are needed to help with the many rose show jobs. Contact Bob or Kathy to help.
- A volunteer(s) is needed to share information about the rose show on AM Kentucky or Midday at WBKO. Let Mary Ann know if you are willing to do this.
- Mark you calendars for the after rose show dinner at Hartland Salon. District Director Sam Jones will be speaking. Please pay for your dinners at the May meeting.

Photos: M. Hext—2014 BGRS Winners



From the President *by Mary Ann Hext*

In between all the rain showers, I am sure you have been busy, like me, "waking up" your roses. I learned from last winter to be very patient with my roses and not dig them up too soon. So this year, I really only lost two bushes. I did, however, have to cut everything to the ground including my climbers with canes that were 10-15 feet long.

At the May meeting we will not have a formal program but will have share time. So please plan to share

with everyone how you and your roses coped with the severe winter weather we have and what you have had to do this spring in your beds.

Then we will focus on the Rose Show. We will be finalizing all facets of the show, making plans for setting up on Friday, our duties at the rose show, etc. I will have small jobs for everyone to help with to get ready for the rose show.

Traditionally our shows have been successful because of the dedication

and work of our members, so the continued success depends on each of us doing our part.

On Monday, June 1 at 6:30 pm, we will have our after the rose show dinner at Hartland Salon. District Director Sam Jones and First Lady Nancy Jones will be our guests. Sam will also be our speaker for the program. Be sure to bring your checkbook to pay Bob for the dinner and also for the box lunch at the rose show.

See you on May 1 at the Extension Office.

ARS Trial Membership Available



The ARS is offering a four-month trial membership for existing local society, non-ARS members. The \$10 fee offsets processing and mailing costs. ARS does not make money on this offer. Four-Month Trial Members receive:

- Free advice from Consulting Rosarians.
- Free or reduced garden admissions, a \$25 value after just 3 uses.
- Free online access to quarterly bulletins, a \$45 value.
- 2 issues of American Rose magazine, \$16 value.
- Discounts of up to 30% at merchant partners.
- A four-month trial membership is valued at \$86 for only \$10!

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May Rose Tips *by Noah Wilson, CR, Holston Rose Society*

Things I will be doing to my roses in May:

1. This makes two very cold winters on our roses where the temperature has gotten below freezing for three or more nights and never got above the freeze mark. I will keep going back and cutting dead canes out that are not making it.
2. I will replace a bush if by now it is not responding to care and showing hope in recovering from the freeze.
3. I will spray regularly with my spray material to prevent blackspot.
4. I will water each week if God does not send an inch of rain.
5. I will check my lower leaves for signs of spider mites and, if I see any evidence, I will spray with a miticide.
6. I will keep my old roses cut off as they bloom to help newer blooms come on, sealing the end cut with a weather-proof glue.
7. I will use a supplemental feeding of EasyFeed to boost my roses along with growth and blooms. Fish emulsion or Miracle-Gro will also help.
8. I will maintain a good mulch as hot weather comes on to help keep the weeds down and moisture in the ground.
9. I will share my roses with my friends and those bedridden as this may brighten their day.
10. Each day I will check my roses for any sign they need additional care and attention.

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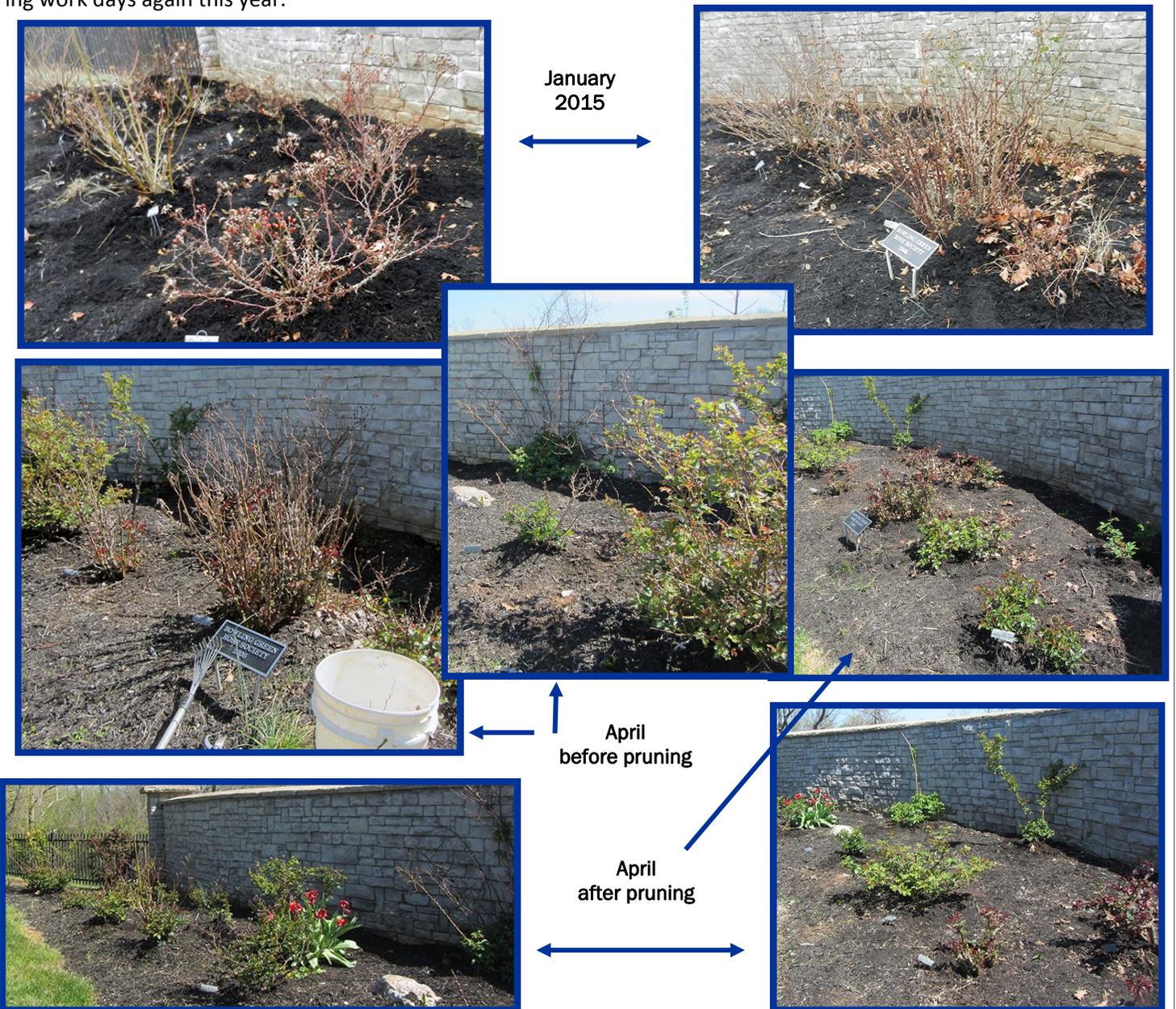
BGRS Public Garden Report *by Mary Ann Hext, Consulting Rosarian*

Our public rose garden at River Walk Park is now nine years old and our bushes have filled in nicely. The climber and the rose from Kent Campbell's garden that we planted a couple of years ago are also growing well.

In November, the BG-WC Parks and Recreation Department spread a load of mulch on the garden and I went in December and mounded it around the base of each rose. I also cut all the bushes back to about waist high. The second week of April, I went back one morning and was able to cut out the dead wood and complete the spring pruning in a couple of hours. All but one rose looked surprisingly healthy in spite of the hard winter we had. I believe being next to the stone wall really helps to protect them. Only one bush looked like it had severe damage, but we can wait a few weeks to see if it will need to be removed.

Bob and I went on Thursday and fertilized the bushes as this was never done last year. I pulled some Bermuda grass and did a little more pruning. The roses had really grown since they were pruned two weeks ago. We hope to fertilize again in June and I plan to drop by and prune more than I did last summer.

We hope that all of our rose society members will visit River Walk Park and go by to enjoy the rose garden we are providing for our community. Be sure to take your pruners and deadhead while you are there as we will not be scheduling work days again this year.



American Rose Society 2015 Triennial Election

Sam Jones

TENARKY District Director

Candidate for Vice President of the American Rose Society



- Term of VP's elective office: Three years (2015-2018)
- Term of President's office (succeeding): Three years (2018-2021)
- Voting Method and Dates: Ballots will be cast electronically online by clicking on at the election link on the ARS
- Website (www.rose.org) during the months of June and July, 2015.
- Who is eligible to vote? Members and associate members of the American Rose Society. Voting instructions will be on the ARS Website and in the American Rose magazine, May-June 2015 issue (mailed to all approximately 8000 ARS members).
- During the voting period, local rose societies may assist ARS members in voting by having a computer lap-top or smart phone available during meetings with an internet connection. ARS members voting will need to have their unique voting ID number from their personal copy of the May-June 2015 American Rose magazine (or as it appears in a letter sent to them by ARS).
- Members without electronic capabilities may also vote at a local library by asking a librarian there to assist them in casting their ballot online. They must have their unique voting ID number with them from their personal copy of the May-June 2015 American Rose.
- Sam's statement: "As a leader with a record of bringing people together, I'm asking for your vote to join me in sparking the growth in the American Rose Society.
- "Whether you grow roses to brighten your garden, beautify your home, or show and exhibit, the future in the American Rose Society is dependent upon members working together. My vision for ARS is to listen to
- each other, plan boldly and reach out widely.
- "As a Board-elected member of the ARS Executive Committee for three years, in addition to serving the TENARKY District as Director for two terms, I understand the inner workings, the challenges, and the strengths of the American Rose Society.

"As a Guest Editor of the American Rose Annual, the highest writing honor of the national organization, I have demonstrated the ability to execute a vision that reaches across the organization.

"I am ready to work and grow the American Rose Society! Please visit my website: www.samgrowsroses.com to see my unique qualifications. Please consider endorsing me, talking to others about me and spreading the word about my campaign. Also, please feel free to contact me at gsamj@bellsouth.net. I am interested in hearing your ideas and suggestions about the future

WKU Scholarship Celebration Dinner

On April 23, WKU held their annual dinner where endowed scholarship donors and student recipients meet one another. BGRS president, Mary Ann Hext, attended on behalf of our society and met Titus Tirop, our rose society scholarship recipient.

Andrew is from Kenya and completed a B.S. Degree in Agriculture and is working on his master's degree in Horticulture. He was able to come to WKU on a track scholarship and is currently in training to run in a marathon in Chicago. He works at the Baker Aboretum in addition to his studies. After completing his degree, Titus plans to work for a few years before returning to Kenya. He was very thankful for being the recipient of our scholarship.



Preparation Timeline For The Rose Show *By John Mueller, Tampa RS*

As you may have heard, our Tampa Rose Society's annual Rose Show is only one month away! For our novice exhibitors, the following preparation timeline will be very helpful in your quest to garner your first blue ribbon or maybe even the Queen Of Show! It has been done before!

3 Weeks Before The Rose Show

1. Walk through your garden to find "contenders" with long, straight stems and fully closed buds that may be ready in time for the show.
2. Prep the contenders by removing all the side growth at the various leaf axils.
3. Make sure the best canes have an unobstructed opening to be able to grow upright by moving or removing any "blocking" growth.
4. If any important canes are growing at an angle, stake them upright using bamboo stakes and twist ties.
5. Apply Epsom salts and fish emulsion at the rate of 2 Tbs. per gallon and one-half gallon per bush.
6. Remove the center bud from floribunda sprays in order to make the spray more symmetrical.

2 Weeks Before The Rose Show

1. Apply chelated iron such as Sequestrene at the rate described on the label. Stop applying fertilizers that contain nitrogen or use low nitrogen, high phosphorus fertilizer.
2. Begin a conscientious effort to remove all side growth. This should be done each day but no less frequently than every other day.
3. Water your rose bushes every day or every other day from now until the rose show.
4. Recheck your staked canes as the twist ties may have to be adjusted because of the cane's growth.
5. Straighten the necks of the blooms as necessary using either bamboo

sticks or skewers and twist ties as a splint.

7-10 Days Before the Rose Show

1. Spray your bushes early in the week. Do not use powders in your spray, as that will have to be removed from the leaves before the bloom is entered into the show.
2. Just before dark each evening, mist the buds that are about to "show color" as well as opening blooms, with Orthene and Conserve to reduce the damage caused by thrips. The rate of application should be 1/4 tsp. of Orthene and 1/4 tsp. of Conserve SC per quart of water.
3. Make sure your grooming kit is complete.
4. Study the show schedule to determine the classifications you may wish to enter.
5. Attach your name and address stickers, as well as rubber bands to the entry tags that you have obtained in advance.
6. Check your garden for blooms at the proper stage to cut. After you have cut your blooms, re-cut them underwater in order to prevent the intrusion of air bubbles into the stem. If you cut some blooms a few days before the show, you may need to refrigerate them, inside a plastic bag, to slow down or preserve their exhibition stage quality.
7. Make a list of the blooms you have cut and be certain that you have the correct spelling of their names.
8. Clean and trim the foliage on your cut specimens. Do all of your grooming, except for the bloom, at home, as you will not have as much space and time at the rose show.

The Day Of The Show

1. Arrive at the show early in order to obtain sufficient space.
2. Make sure that the vases are full of water.

3. Place your roses in vases together with an entry tag containing the correct name.
4. Position the stem to the proper height. (HT's about 27 to 29 inches overall height from the top of the table).
5. Enter your sprays and fully open blooms early to free up table space.
6. Select the blooms that are not yet at "exhibition stage" or too "tight" and start the procedures early to open them.
7. Select your best 4 to 6 blooms and set them aside to enter at the last minute for Queen. Take the remainder of your blooms and enter them in the "Challenge" classes and "Collections".
8. Don't forget to enter classes for fully open, floating bowl, artist's palette, picture frame, etc.
9. Save your Miniatures for entry last as they usually open faster.
10. Ten to fifteen minutes before the entry deadline, stop working on your roses! Carry your remaining entries to the classification table.
11. Put your "un-entered" roses into a bucket of water and give them to the Society to sell during the show.
12. Clean up your work area and carry your grooming materials to your car.
13. Come back and help clean up the preparation area.
14. Now is the time to relax and enjoy talking to your fellow exhibitors or help by being a judge's clerk.

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IMPORTANT DATES - 2015

- May 23-24: Nashville Rose Show
- May 30: BGRS Rose Show
- June 1: BGRS Rose Show Dinner
- June 11-14: ARS National Conference & Rose Show, Columbus, OH
- Sept. 10-13: ARS National Convention & Rose Show, Syracuse, NY
- Sept. 25-27: Tenarky District Convention and Rose Show, Knoxville, TN

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