

BGRS—2016 Highlights (President's Corner) by Mary Ann Hext

2016 has really flown by. As our last official event will be our annual Christmas Banquet on December 2, I thought it might be interesting to look back at some of our highlights as during the year..

- January: BGRS board met to plan for 2016 events. *
- \star February: Ron Daniels, NRS member and Tennessee Master Gardener spoke about building and moving a rose garden. BGRS hosted the Tenarky Winter Workshop in Bowling Green with outstanding speakers. Several members attended and helped with the event. ARS president Pat Shanley attended.



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★ March: Eslie Pelly from Pellys Farm and Garden Patch spoke about spring plants and container gardening.









★ April: Susan Throneberry from Two Creeks Garden Club spoke about bluebirds. Pruned roses at the public rose garden.



June: Our public rose garden is looking good!







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- ★ July: Gary and Mary Ann Hext attended the ARS National Minature Rose and Conference in Harrisburg, PA. and toured Hershey Gardens. We lost our friend and former Tenarky District Director, Sam Jones.
- ★ August: We had a program on "Summer Rose Care" and added two new members: Cindy and Dan Wernigk.
- ★ September: A cookout and potluck was held at the Hext home and saw their rose beds and new Monarch Waystation. Bob and Ann Jacobs and Mary Ann

Hext attended the Louisivlle Rose Show where Bob won Best Miniature English Box with 'Joy' and Best Old Garden rose with the 'Green Rose'. Ann won the Rovalty Award with her arrangement using 'Ty'. Mary Ann won the gold, silver and bronze large certificates and for certificate small silver arrangements.

They also attended the Tenarky Fall Convention and Rose Show in Nashville. Bob won Best Modern Shrub with "Wise Portia; and Class 3 in the Photography Show. Mary Ann won the large and small gold medal certificates in arrangements.

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Adair County Garden Club and Mary Ann presented a program on "Butterfly Gardening". We added more new members: Cathy and John Hannah and Jake and Lynda Gibson.

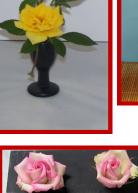
 ★ November: 2016 officers were elected. Georgia Snyder presented a program on "Winterizing Roses".
We had a beautiful in-club competition rose show.







Articles of Interest











Highlights of November Meeting

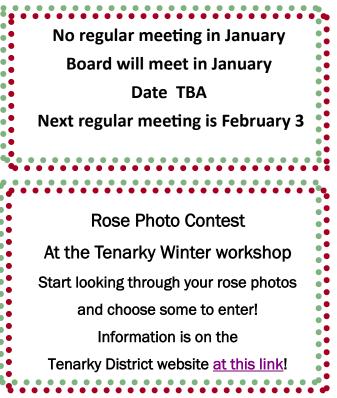
- BGRS 2015 officers elected: Bob Jacobs—president; Norma Stevenson—secretary; Ann Jacobs—treasurer; Ricky Lockhart—member-at-large; Mary Ann Hext—past president. and publications.
- Christmas Luncheon is December 2 at the Eloise B. Houchens Center at 11:30 a.m.—potluck. and ornament exchange.
- Members are asked to help with jobs at the Tenarky Winter Workshop in February
- Public rose garden will need mulch for the winter.
- Thanks to those who brought roses to share at our in-club competition.
- Georgia Snyder presented the program on "Winterizing Roses".

UPCOMING TENARKY EVENTS SAVE THE DATES!

Tenarky District Winter Workshop February 17-19, 2017 Holiday Inn Convention Center Bowling Green, KY Hosted by Bowling Green Rose Society

> Educational Speakers Horticulture Judge Audit Consulting Rosarian School Rose Photography Show

Registration Information Coming Soon!!



Rose Tips by Noah Wilson, Holston Rose Society

Things I will be doing to my roses in December:

- 1. If killing freeze has not killed the growth of my roses I will continue to spray withy my regular spray program.
- 2. I will bottom prune all bushes, cleaning out the dead and weak canes and clearing the bottom leaves out up to about 12 to 16 inches high.
- 3. After the temperature has dropped to mid-twenties a couple of times and all rodents, like mice and chipmunks, have found a winter home somewhere else, I will begin winterizing my roses by mulching over the bud union with a good mulch some 3 to 5 inches deep. I will put about 4 inches of mulch over the entire bed area to protect the roots of my roses from being damaged.
- 4. I will cut my top canes back leaving my bushes about 5 feet tall so the strong winter winds will not whip them back and forth leaving a large area open around the base of the bush.
- I will remove any unwanted bushes from my garden and prepare the holes for a new rose in the spring. I will use 1/3 topsoil, 1/3 humus, and 1/3 perlite or sand. I also put 2 cups of Mills Magic Mix in the hole mixed in well.
- 6. I will keep an eye on my roses even though I have put them to sleep for the winter, making sure no animal has dug around them or damaged them.

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BGRS. Christmas Luncheon & Ornament Exchange December 2 at 11:30 am Houchens Center 1115 Adams Street Bowling Green, KY

2017 IMPORTANT DATES

- February 19-21, 2017: Tenarky Winter Workshop in Bowling Green
- April 20-23, 2017: ARS National Miniature Rose Conference in Arcadia, CA
- May 20, 2017: BGRS Rose Show
- September 8-10, 2017: ARS national Rose Show & Convention in Gettysburg, PA
- September 29-30, 2017: Tenarky Fall Convention & Rose Show in Bowling Green



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