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Rosebuds

September-October 2018

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Next Meetings
September 9 at 2 pm
WC Extension Office
Come early for refreshments:
Dan & Cindy Wernigh
October 6
Lockhart Fish Fry

Preparation Timeline for the Upcoming Rose Shows

By John Mueller, Editor, "Tampa Talks Roses", April 2012 (Adapted for "Rosebuds")

As you know, we have three rose shows in the near future in the Tenarky District: September 22-23—Nashville Rose Society show, September 29—Louisville Rose Society Rose show, and our Tenarky District Fall Convention and Rose Show is October 12-14 in Millington, Tennessee. 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! Schedules for the rose shows are on the district website at www.tenarky.org.

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.
6. Continue watering and spraying your fungicides. Also, use your insecticides if you see a problem with insects. You can continue liquid fertilizer such as Miracle Grow, Peters or any other liquid fertilizer.
7. Apply Epsom salts and fish emulsion at the rate of 2 Tbs. per gallon and one-half gallon per bush.
8. Remove the center bud from floribunda sprays in order to make the spray more symmetrical.

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 (continued p. 2)

It's All About Roses!

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Tenarky Convention/Rose Show

October 12-14

Hosted by Memphis & Dixie Rose Society

Registration, Event Schedule & Rose Show & Photography Schedule at www.tenarky.org



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Jan Page—Alvaton, KY

Linda Ford—Russellville, KY

Joyce Cox—Morgantown, KY

Cynthia Dickinson—Russellville, KY





President's Corner by Bob Jacobs, Master Rosarian

Welcome September! Hopefully with cooler weather.

Keep on with watering your roses. Water is very important for roses. Then continue with deadheading. Or as a friend will say, "cut off the spent blooms".

I suggest you check the pH in a few different places in your beds to find out if you need to make any adjustments in the soil. Remember the soil for roses should be 6.5 to 7. If low, add lime and if high, add sulfur. Changing the pH can be a slow process. Check again after two weeks or so. The pH needs to be within the 6.5 to 7 range for the fertilizer to work properly.

Speaking of fertilizer, I will stop using the granular fertilizer about the middle of September as it is a slower process. The liquid fertilizer is good to boost your roses to bloom for the upcoming shows. I will use Monty's, Mills Easy Feed or Miracle Grow.

We have three Fall shows. Nashville and Louisville in September and the Tenarky in October. Even if you do not wish to exhibit, I really encourage you to attend.

I look forward to seeing everyone on September 9 at our meeting. Ricky and I will have the program, "spraying and winterizing". Then Ricky and his wife Mary Ann have invited us to their home on October 6 for a fish fry. Additional information and directions will be given out at our meeting.

We have received word from Ben and Pauline that they have sold their home in Alvaton and will be moving into a new home in Bowling Green in a few weeks. We wish them well in this transition.

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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 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 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. (Some red roses do not refrigerate well.)
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 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.

Editor's Note: Even if you don't plan to exhibit, go to one of these shows and enjoy the beautiful roses, ask questions, and make new rose friends. Then save this article to use next May when you exhibit at our own rose show!!!

Help Wanted: Rose Evaluators Needed Now! Deadline 9/26/18!

It is time for the annual Roses in Review (RIR), the American Rose Society's annual survey of roses. Results from the "Garden" evaluations are used to compile the ratings in the American Rose Society (ARS) publication *Handbook for Selecting Roses*. Participation in the RIR process is open to EVERYONE! Membership in the ARS or a local rose society is **not** required, so please invite your family and friends to participate.

The link to the online entry form is <http://modernroses.rose.org/>. To register to use the site, click on "Roses in Review" in the top menu bar, then register on the right side on your first

visit. Use the left side to log in for your next visit (if you don't complete your ratings in one session). The ARS will not use the information to SPAM you as the info is only used to allow reporters to enter data over a period of time (register once, use the same info to come back and enter more info later), and to assist the RIR coordinators with data tabulation. This information is deleted after the end of the survey period. You do not have to complete your entries at one time, you may come back and add more ratings at a later date. Just be sure to use the same information (e-mail and name) the next time you want to en-

ter. Also, remember to hit the "Save" button after entering the data.

The RIR survey form is also available in the July/August issue of American Rose (the magazine for members of the ARS). If you want an electronic copy of the form contact Diane Wilkerson, dvwilkerson@gmail.com.

Reports must be submitted on or before September 26, 2018, to be included in this year's results.

A reminder to all Consulting Rosarians and Rose Show Horticulture and Arrangement Judges that you are encouraged to submit a RIR survey. There is a check box available if you do not grow any of the listed varieties.

September Rose Tips from Noah Wilson, Master Rosarian, Holston Rose Society

Things I will be doing to my roses in September:

1. Knowing September can be a rather dry month I will keep my roses watered. I often say when giving rose growing programs to groups, "If God does not send an inch of rain per week, I will water an inch and keep a good 4 inch mulch on my rose bed".
2. I will use a liquid fertilizing program to keep feeding my roses. I like and get good results with Easy Feed, and fish emulsion.
3. I will keep my roses deadheaded, always cutting back to a good fifth leaflet.
4. I will maintain my usual spray program using fungicide such as Banner Maxx or Daconil on a weekly basis or as directed on the container.
5. I will look for any roses needing special attention and provide care as needed, and if needed I will consult a Consulting Rosarian in my rose society for advice and help.
6. I will cut bouquets and share with others and encourage them to take up this wonderful hobby of rose growing I have been enjoying for many years.

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 and 2nd choice. Exhibitors earn two points for each class entered, five points for 1st place, and 4 points for 2nd place. 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—Rose in a Bowl—any type of rose at any state

Class 7—Arrangements—Modern (choice of style—large or small roses)



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We're on the Web!!

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ARS TRIAL MEMBERSHIP

The American Rose Society is now offering a four-month trial membership for only \$10 to anyone who is interested in becoming members of our organization. Most ARS members are home gardeners who enjoy growing roses and want to expand their knowledge of rose culture.

Four-Month Trial Members receive:

- Free advice from Consulting Rosarians. The ARS Consulting Rosarians program connects members with expert rosarians that provide free assistance with your rose questions.
- Free or reduced garden admissions, a \$25 value after just 3 uses. With the ARS [Reciprocal Garden Admission program](#), members enjoy free or reduced admission to and discounts at hundreds of gardens, conservatories and arboreta nationwide.
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- Four issues of the online newsletter Roses & You, edited by Teresa Byington and full of helpful tips and tools of the rose growing trade.
- 2 issues of American Rose magazine, \$16 value. The only magazine devoted exclusively to roses and rose culture, these bi-monthly, 84-page issues feature informative articles and beautiful color photography for beginners and experienced rose growers alike. View a [free issue](#) online.
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IMPORTANT DATES - 2018

- **September 8: IL/IN District Rose Show**
- **September 22-23: Nashville RS Rose Show**
- **September 29: Louisville RS Rose Show**
- **October 6: Huntsville RS Rose Show**
- **October 12-14: Tenarky Fall Convention & Rose Show hosted by M&D Rose Society**
- **October 25-29: ARS National Rose Show & Convention in San Diego, CA**