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Rosebuds

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~~Christmas
Dinner
December 4
4 pm
Federal Grove B&B
Auburn, KY
Reservations to Ann
Jacobs by Dec. 1~~

American Garden Rose Selections™



Editor's Note: Information for this article was summarized from the American Garden Rose Selections website.

American Garden Rose Selections™ was established to recognize and recommend the best garden-worthy rose varieties for the various regions of the United States through testing. The goal is to provide objective and reliable information to rose gardeners. AGRS™ is a true national rose trial in the United States that tests the same roses in gardens all around the country.

The American Garden Rose Selections™ organization is overseen by an Executive Board and an Advisory Board comprised of internationally-recognized rose experts that represent the diversity of the rose-growing community. These bodies develop the criteria for the evaluation of roses, oversee the judging of the roses at the independent trial gardens across the country, and recommend the roses that are honored as an American Garden Rose Selections™ after evaluating the test results.

Rose gardens from all cross the country participate in the program. Each garden plans the roses that are being considered for the AGRS award. Over a period of two years, the roses are evaluated five times per growing season. Evaluators look characteristics such as disease-resistance, flowering effect/bloom abundance, bloom for and attractiveness, fragrance, rebloom habit, aging quality of blooms, hardiness in cold and heat, vigor, foliage, proportion and attractiveness, and plant habit. One of the test gardens is located in Kentucky: the [Rose Garden at the Arboretum](#) where there is an extensive collection of over 1,200 different rose cultivars. (photo at right)



The American Garden Rose Selections are listed by regions on their website. There are six regions: Northwest, Southwest, South Central, North Central, South East, and Northeast. For the Tenarky District, Kentucky and Tennessee are in the Southeast Region and Arkansas is in the South Central region.

Six roses took home honors as the 2021 AGRS winners. 'Brick House', 'Brindabella Purple Prince', 'Easy to Please', 'Sweet Spirit', 'Top Gun', and 'Tropica'. Of these six winners, all but 'Top Gun' were winners in the (continued p. 3)



'Brick House' Floribunda
Bred by Meiland
Introduced by Star Roses



'Brindabella Purple Prince' Shrub
Bred by Sylvia & John Gray,
Introduced by Suntory Flowers in
partnership with Digi Plant Company



'Easy to Please' Floribunda
Bred by Christian Bedard
Introduced by Weeks Roses



President's Corner by Ricky Lockhart



Hello Rose Growers

I hope all of you had a good Thanksgiving. We had a wonderful meal and good fellowship with just close family. We are about to have a good freeze, so it will be time to start winterizing. Some of my fall planted roses are still blooming. I hope they don't damage too bad with all the sap up in the canes.

The Christmas Banquet has been postponed with all the restrictions of COVID and the restaurants being closed. We may re-schedule at a later date if things change after the first of the year.

I appreciate all who have helped in my two years as President. Dan will take over next month and I know he will do a great job. Hope to see everyone before too long and I hope each of you have a very blessed Christmas.

Your President, Ricky



**BGRS Christmas Dinner
Postponed
until Federal Grove Reopens!**



No regular BGRS meeting in January

Board will meet in January

Date TBA

Next regular meeting is February 14

2021 dues should be paid at February meeting!! \$15

Protecting Container Roses for the Winter (*source unknown*)

Pots should be moved and stored in an unheated garage, shed, barn, greenhouse or other enclosed protected space. A window is preferred, but is not necessary for your rose to survive. Protecting the rose from direct frost sitting on the plant is important. **Do not bring the roses inside the home, they will not thrive and could die.**

Water the roses slightly before putting them in the unheated protected area and water them a few cups every few weeks. Roses do not need much water while they are dormant. Do not fertilize roses while dormant. If your potted roses are too large to bring into an unheated protected space or you do not have one, wrap the outside of the pot and the canes in burlap, leaving the top still open so that you can water it or it can get some rain water. You can also make a temporary enclosed space with tarps.

After the last frost in the spring, take your potted roses outside and prune a couple inches off of the canes to stimulate new growth. You should begin to see new growth within a few weeks and can resume fertilizing every 3-4 weeks as needed.



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South Central Region which includes Arkansas: Winners in the Southeast Region which includes Kentucky and Tennessee were: 'Easy to Please', 'Sweet Spirit', and 'Top Gun'. 'Sweet Spirit' was a winner in all regions and also the Fragrance Award Winner.



'Sweet Spirit'
Bred by Meilland
Introduced by Star Roses



'Top Gun'
Bred by Tom Carruth
Introduced by Weeks Roses



'Tropica'
Bred by Ping Lim
Introduced by True Bloom Roses

To learn more about the American Garden Rose Selections™, visit americangardenroseselections.com.

2020 Biltmore International Rose Trial Winners

Cherry Frost, (photo right) a miniature climbing rose, has captured the top prize at the recent finals of the 2020 Biltmore International Rose Trials. Bred by Overom and distributed by Star Roses & Plants, 'Cherry Frost' took home the George and Edith Vanderbilt Award for Most Outstanding Rose of the trials.

The winning rose was among a collection of roses planted for trials in 2018 in Biltmore's historic Rose Garden. Since 2011, Biltmore's Rose Garden has been home to the trials in which more than 200 varieties from growers and breeders worldwide have been planted and cared for by Biltmore's expert horticulturalists. A permanent jury of rose experts judged the plantings four times a year during the trial's two years.

Trials of this type are open to rose breeders around the world – from professional to beginner. Competing roses are evaluated for overall health and vigor; fragrance; disease resistance; and ability to repeat bloom.

In addition to winning the Most Outstanding Rose this year, 'Cherry Frost' was awarded the Gilded Age Award for Best Climbing Rose, and the William Cecil Award for General Impression Rose.

Additional winners this year were:

- 'Whipped Cream' – Winner of the Lord Burleigh Award for Best Disease Resistant, and the Edith Wharton Award for Best Floribunda, Whipped Cream is bred by Meilland, and distributed by Star Roses & Plants.
- 'Pinkerbell' – Winner of the Pauline Merrill Award for Best Hybrid Tea Rose, Pinkerbell is bred by Meilland, and is available from Star Roses & Plants.
- 'Top Gun' - Bred by Tom Carruth and available from Weeks Roses, Top Gun received the Chauncey Beadle Award for Best Shrub Rose.
- Sweet Spirit' – Winner of the Honorable John Cecil Award for Open Group, Sweet Spirit is bred by Meilland and distributed by Star Roses & Plants.

Previous winners were:

2013: 'THYfalaa'

2014: 'Miracle on the Hudson'

2015: 'Savannah'

2016: 'Polar Express Sunbelt'

2017: 'Screaming neon Red'

2018: 'Princess Charlene De Monaco'

2019: 'Coral Knock Out'

Editor's Note: Information from this article came from www.nurserymag.com and www.paulzimmermanroses.com





ARS Virtual Consulting Rosarian Seminars and School

The American Rose Society is having another virtual CR School starting on February 6, 2021. The school will consist of five 1-hour sessions. Any member of a local society may attend the school. CR's may audit or update. To update status, you must attend 4 sessions, making sure one is Chemical Safety.

An announcement will be emailed to all ARS members, with an e-vite to attend before each session. You must register and reserve your spot to attend each session. If you want to attend the school as a CR Candidate and take the test, you must meet the ARS requirements, you must be a 2-year or more member of ARS, correctly fill out paperwork with three CR referrals and email to our Tenarky District CR chair, Kathy Brennan, at brenrose@tds.net as soon as possible. Approval takes time as paperwork goes through many hands before you are approved to take the test to become a CR. Download or request a copy of the CR Handbook from ARS. The test is an open book test. Current candidates already approved, that did not finish the last CR school, can attend all five sessions and take the test. Let Kathy know immediately if you plan to do this.

There will also be 1-hour presentations/seminars for CR credit at different dates and times throughout the year. These presentations will be open for any rosarian who registers to attend from the e-vite sent out with the announcement. These virtual power point presentations will be on subjects of interest concerning rose culture.

Schedules for those that have been scheduled are below. Remember, single credit hours cannot be carried over from one year to the next. Ask a CR in your local society if you have questions about becoming a CR. Be sure to read the requirements for becoming a CR in the manual after you download it from the ARS website at www.rose.org.

The table below lists the dates for the CR Seminars that are for CRs to use for audit credits and to assist all ARS members in growing roses. Invitations will be sent to ARS members prior to each seminar.

Topic	Speaker	Date
Spotted Lanternfly- The Latest Information	Ray Shipley	November 21, 2020 – 1 pm CST
New Roses for Your Garden	Carol Shockley	January 9, 2021 – 1 pm CST
The Scourge of Chili Thrips	Kathy Monge	March 13, 2021 – 1 pm CST
Modes of Action - Chemicals – How They Work- Chemical Safety Credit	Frank VanLenten	March 27, 2021 – 1 pm CST

The table below lists the sessions for the February 2021 CR School and the exam date. Please note that the February 6 session has two parts.

Date	Topic	Speaker	Contact Person
February 6, 2021 @ 1:00 pm CST	CR Mission Soil & Water	Gerry Mahoney John Moe	Dave Mahoney Gerry Mahoney
February 13, 2021 @ 1:00 pm CST	Fertilizer	Chris Woods	Linda Schuppener
February 20, 2021 @ 1:00 pm CST	Insects and Diseases	Mark Windham	Kathy Brennan
February 27, 2021 @ 1:00 pm CST	Chemical Safety	Craig Dorschel	Louis Arce
March 9, 2021 @ 1:00 pm CST	Online Exam		Dave Mahoney





Highlights of November Meeting

- Ricky Lockhart and Bob Jacobs gave program on methods of winterizing roses. There were questions/answers and discussion about the topics.
- BGRS 2021 officers elected: Dan Wernigk—president, Linda Ford—treasurer. Ann Jacobs will continue as secretary, Jake Gibson as member at large, and Bob Jacobs is past president.
- Christmas Luncheon is December 4 at Federal Grove. Make reservations with Ann Jacobs. If you do not attend, you will be responsible for reimbursing BGRS for the number of reservations you made.
- It was decided to table the motion concerning the rose study garden at WCEO until next year. We will consider planting a small rose garden at the American Legion monument in the spring.
- Thanks to those who brought roses to share at our in-club competition.

December in My Rose Garden *by Mary Ann Hext, Master Rosarian*

Things I will be doing to my roses in December:

1. After the third hard freeze (below) 28 degrees which will be this week, I will cut back the tops of any bushes that are taller than I am.
2. I will clean up all fallen leaves and petals before applying mulch and mounding up around each base about 6-8 inches and then put an additional 3-5 inches over the entire bed where my fortuniana bushes are growing.
3. I will tie up the canes on a few of them on the southwest side to eliminate the canes from whipping in the wind as if they freeze or get iced over, they can break or crack; and they may loosen in the soil leaving a space for water to freeze and damage the graft.
4. Some rosarians recommend to remove all the leaves as this can help achieve dormancy, but I will leave mine. Last spring quite a few bushes still had all their leaves, but when I pruned them back, I cut all the canes back in the spring with or without leaves.
5. I will water the pots in the shed and garage once each month and watch carefully for spider mites and aphids on the pots in the garage where it is warmer. I sprayed the them for aphids twice in November.
6. In January, I will apply lime sulfur dormant disease spray to the bushes and on the ground to help control any fungal spores that might over winter.
7. If there are any bushes I want to move to a new location, I will do that in early December.
8. 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.
9. I will place orders for new roses for 2021!

**Rose Photo Contest
at the
BGRS Spring Rose Show
Start looking through your
rose photos and choose
some to enter!
Schedule coming soon!**

A Great Christmas Gift Idea!



The ARS calendar is available for \$15 at www.rose.org. Profits help support ARS. Order now as supply is limited!

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Season's Greetings!



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR



DECEMBER AND JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Mary Ann Hext—December 18

Linda Wright—January 25



IMPORTANT DATES

- May 22, 2021: Bowling Green Rose Show
- February ???: Tenarky Winter Workshop, TBA soon (possibly a virtual meeting)
- Sept. 10-14, 2021: ARS Spring 2021 National Convention "Cream City Roses", Milwaukee, WI

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