

# BGRS Public Rose Garden Update by Mary Ann Hext, Master Rosarian

In the spring of 2006, BGRS members led by Bob Jacobs and Kathy Dodson, received permission from the Bowling Green Parks and Recreation Department to install a public rose garden at Riverwalk Park near the Barren River on the 31W Bypass. Floribunda and shrub roses were planted. Over the years more roses were added.

Bob and Ann kept a watchful eye on the garden; and they along with several other BGRS members planted new bushes, removed others, kept it mulched, deadheaded, weeded, and looking presentable to those who visited the garden.

Unfortunately, about four years ago, Rose Rosette Virus (RRV) was found on two roses and that number has increased significantly every year since. Last year we lost seven roses which were replaced; and this year, two more were removed in the spring. By August, all but two bushes had RRV. The problem was found to be the wild multiflora roses infected with RRV growing on the banks of the river near the public rose garden. Since we were not able to do anything about this; and it was realized that we were fighting a losing battle, the horticulturalist at the BG Parks Department was contacted and it was decided that we would remove the infected roses and no longer maintain the rose garden located at Riverwalk Park. This was done recently and the bushes were destroyed.

In late April, the Warren County Extension Office was contacted about possibly installing a rose study garden on their property. A proposal was submitted to the horticulture agent in early May and is included in the email with this newsletter. Recently BGRS president, Ricky Lockhart, rose garden chair, Dan Wernigk, and Mary Ann Hext, met with the horticulture agent to look at a possible location for the rose study garden. Two possible sites were found. A report will be presented at the October meeting and we will discuss whether or not the Bowling Green Rose Society wants to go ahead with this project. Please plan to attend our October meeting to participate in the discussion. In order to install and maintain this garden, we need the support of all members to help with this responsibility.



# President's Corner by Ricky Lockhart, BGRS President

It's been a good fall for roses. Mine have been the best fall bloom I may have ever had. Some bushes have been head tall and full of beautiful blooms.

The next meeting is at the church fellowship hall. We have several items of business to discuss; therefore, we need as many members present as possible, please. Mary Ann is trying to get a program together. I don't know the topic yet, she will post it in the newsletter.

I have built two new beds, one for minis and miniflora and the other for hybrid teas, some on fortuniana. I want to see if I can grow some this far north.

This is the time of year to leave the hips on after the bloom and to stop fertilizing. We do need to keep up a good spray program though because the blackspot is still going on and cucumber bugs will eat the blooms. It's something all the time to keep an eye out for.

See you on October 11 at our fellowship hall. Please make every effort to be there to discuss all the business we have. Thank you. Ricky

# Fall in the Rose Garden tips compiled from various sources by M. A. Hext

Roses, like everything else in the garden, have noticed our shortened days and cooler, longer nights. That's their first clue that winter is coming. It's time to shut down for the season. You should make your very last cuts about the first of October. No pruning beyond then at all. Not even deadheading. Remember that every cut you make encourages new growth and that's the last thing you want right now. Any new, tender growth will be nipped by the first frost.



- Cut your last, perfect roses for drying or the dining room table, then put the pruners in a safe place, where you won't be tempted to use them for a while.
- Keep watering and spraying. We were below average rainfall in September and October is always a dry month. Watch for powdery mildew now that nights are cooler. Same fungicides work for it as for blackspot. It looks like someone sprinkled white powder on the upper new growth on canes.
- Stop feeding now. Adding fertilizer now will encourage new growth that will be damaged by our first frost which could be this month.
- Start thinking about roses you may want for next year. Most rose growers order in the fall since companies quickly sell out of the popular varieties. There are generally good roses at the Winter Workshop if you do not have your heart set on a certain rose.
- The fall is also a good time to mulch. This will also give some limited winter protection to the roses. You might consider applying mushroom compost in the fall as winter protection and a very good soil amendment the following spring.
- Check your pH Fall is a good time to make any necessary adjustments so that your roses will be ready to absorb the spring fertilizers.
- The less disease in the garden now should mean less in the spring so keep up your spray program.
- October is a good time to make a garden map. When you forget what is where or lose the tags, the map will still know. It doesn't need to be fancy or neat; it's just a record of what is where. Do it now before winter comes and the wind, snow, and critters remove our tags or markers.

# **BGRS In-Club Competition**

## **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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> choice. The top scorer in horticulture and arrangements will be recognized at the December meeting.

- Class 1—1 Single Bloom Hybrid Tea/Grandiflora
- Class 2—1 Single Bloom Miniature
- Class 3—1 Single Bloom Floribunda
- Class 4—1 Spray, 2 or more blooms
- Class 5—1 Specimen, Any Other Type
- Class 6—1 Rose in a Bowl—any type of rose at any state
- Class 7—Arrangement—*Modern Free Form—large or small roses* Class title: Fall is here!

### Arrangement Information for Modern Free Form Design

### **Characteristics of Modern Arrangements**

- 1. All design principles are observed
- 2. Not restricted by conventional rules or geometric forms.
- 3. Emphasis is on space and depth, within and surrounding the design.
- 4. May have more than one area of interest and point of emergence. Unconventional placement of components and plant materials.
- 5. Balance is dynamic and asymmetrical.
- 6. Has simple dynamic strong lines. Rhythms may be abrupt, but must move throughout the design.
- 7. May use strong, bold colors and forms.
- 8. Containers are unusual, often designer-made; may be minimal or complex and may have multiple openings.

## **Characteristics of Free Form Design**

**Free Form Designs** are irregular designs with a curving outline. They are inspired by nature and are nongeometric. Plant materials are used in a naturalistic way. These natural forms determine the pattern of the design. They may have more than one center of interest and more than one point of emergence.

-ARS Guidelines for Judging Arrangements-Chapter 6.









Winning photos of Modern FF designs at rose shows in the Tenarky District taken by Mary Ann Hext





# **Upcoming Virtual ARS Consulting Rosarian Seminars**

The table below lists the dates for CR Seminars. You don't have to be a current Consulting Rosarian to attend these seminars. These will be presented using the ARS GoToMeeting Webinar software. Current CRs will receive an invitation to attend the presentations to which you must respond to get the logon information. If you are not a CR and want to attend, please contact Mary Ann who will send you information to attend.

Торіс	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 Chilli 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 all of the sessions for the February 2021 CR School. Please note that February 6 has two parts of the CR School. Current CRs may take these 4 classes to audit and extend their year. For those of you wanting to become CRs, you will need to complete the form to enroll in the school and take the exam. Please contact the Tenarky District CR chair, Kathy Brennan, for this information as you are required to be approved by the ARS prior to taking the classes and exam. Auditing only requires registering for the classes.

Kathy Brennan (865) 556-2175 or email: brenrose@tds.net

Date	Торіс	Speaker
February 6, 2021 @ 1:00 pm CST	CR Mission	Gerry Mahoney
February 6, 2021 @ 1:00 pm CST	Soil & Water	John Moe
February 13, 2021 @ 1:00 pm CST	Fertilizer	Chris Woods
February 20, 2021 @ 1:00 pm CST	Insects and Diseases	Mark Windham
February 27, 2021 @ 1:00 pm CST	Chemical Safety	Craig Dorschel
March 9, 2021 @ 1:00 pm CST	Online Exam	

BGRS IN-CLUB COMPETITION CURRENT STATS Cynthia 64 pts. Ricky 13 pts Linda 36 pts. Dan 40 pts. Bob Lynda 13 pts. 68 pts. Cindy 2 pts. Bring roses to the October meeting! 1 pt. for each entry, 3 for 1st, 2 for 2nd, 1 for 3rd! Share your roses and join in the fun!!! Monthly winners are on our website: www.bowlinggreenrosesociety.org

## **Articles**



BGRS Members & Friends are invited to Ron Daniel's Fall Open Garden Saturday October 10 1-5 pm



ARS National Convention & Rose Show September 10-14, 2021 – Milwaukee, WI

### Save the Date!

Set aside September 10 – 14, 2021, to attend the American Rose Society's National Convention and Rose Show in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Plan on arriving Friday to enjoy speakers and wonderful Milwaukee hospitality in a city identified in the 2018 Vogue as the "Midwest's Coolest City." They will have cold room storage for your roses as the Rose Show, featuring special Challenge classes, is on Saturday! Garden Tours will on Sunday & Monday. All of the convention speakers are ARS Klima award winners.

Click here for more information!

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# **ARS TRIAL MEMBERSHIP**

The American Rose Society is offering a four-month trial membership for only \$10 to anyone who is interested in becoming a member 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
- Free or reduced garden admissions, a \$25 value after just three uses
- Four issues of the online newsletter Roses & You
- Free online access to five quarterly bulletins, a \$45 value
- Two issues of *American Rose* magazine, a \$16 value. View a free issue online at <u>www.ars.org</u>
- Discounts of up to 30% at merchant partners

A 4-month trial membership is valued at \$86 for only \$10! Join Now!

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### IMPORTANT DATES

- May ???, 2021: Bowling Green Rose Show
- Sept. 10-14, 2021: ARS Spring 2021 National Convention "Cream City Roses", Milwaukee, WI



Ann Jacobs—October 9 Cynthia Dickinson—October 20 Norma Stevenson—October 21 Jake Gibson—October 24 Bob Jacobs—October 29



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