

Next Meeting

June 11
2 p.m. WCEO

Program:
Roses and
Companion Flowers
By Osei Thomas

Refreshments:
Linda Ford



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Nicole has another Winning Photo!

BGRS members Linda Ford and Nicole Dickinson attended the ARS National Convention in Shreveport May 5-7. We look forward to a report from them at our June meeting!

Nicole entered nine photos in the Photography Show on Friday. She was awarded seven blue ribbons, one red, and one yellow ribbon. One of the blues in the Open Class won Queen of Show!!!



Nicole's photograph of 'Black Magic' which won:

- Best in Class 1—One Bloom of Hybrid Tea, Grandiflora, Miniature, Miniflora, or Floribunda classifications of roses.
- ARS Queen and ARS Gold Certificate

Congratulations Nicole!!!



President's Corner *by Osei Thomas, CR*

June is a good time for lots of blooming. Enjoy your roses and share them as much as possible. Post your blooms on Facebook or even invite others by to look at your rose garden.

Osei

ROSE TIP! By Mary Ann Hext, MR

Stay Hydrated!

While working in your roses this summer, be sure to drink plenty of liquids, preferably water. With our hot and more humid days now, you will be sweating more and need to stay hydrated. Last summer, I had issues with leg cramps nearly every night especially if I had worked outside that day. I was losing much sleep due to the pain of cramps multiple times each night. I thought I was drinking plenty of liquids, but I was mainly drinking diet coke, iced tea, or lemonade in large quantities. After a doctor visit and some on-line research, I learned that sugar and caffeine are actually dehydrating agents, and I should drink plain water, lemon water, or sports drinks which come in zero sugar flavors as I am avoiding to avoid sugary drinks.

Bottom Line—Stay hydrated when you are working in your rose gardens or doing any other outdoor activities! So far not even one leg cramp for me this year as my preferred drink is lemon or cucumber infused water!

**"There is simply the rose;
it is perfect in every
moment of its existence."**

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

July Garden Tour Osei's Garden & Strutting Rooster Farm

**July 15
1:30 p.m.
Details TBA**

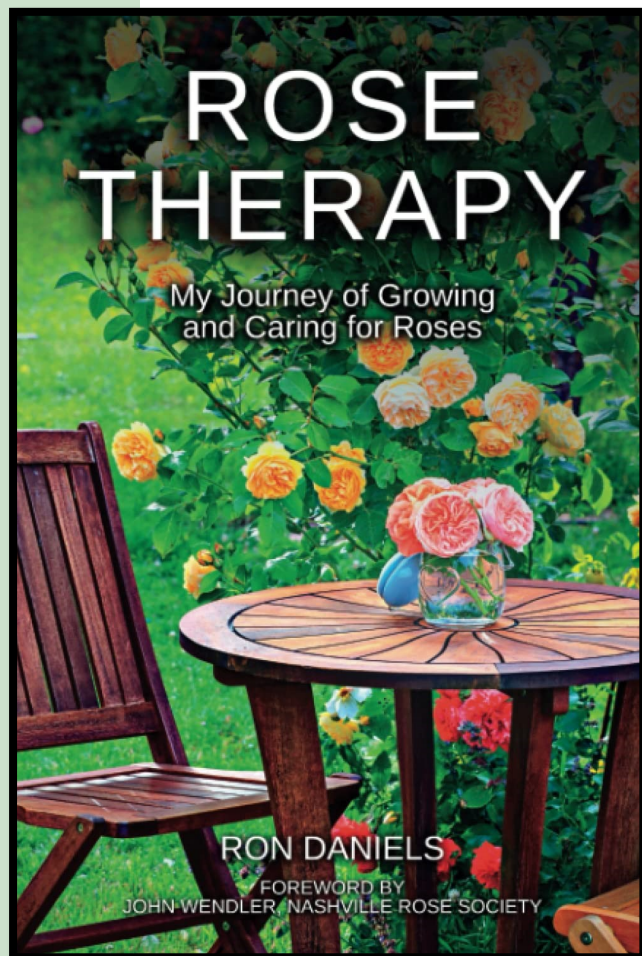
June in My Rose Garden *by Mary Ann Hext, Master Rosarian*

Unfortunately, our 2023 rose show was canceled due to the damage that roses in Kentucky and surrounding states incurred during the freezing temperatures around Christmas, the record-high temperatures in February, and then more freezes in March. I am still cutting back damage on my climbers as the canes that were green and had leaves a few weeks ago now have leaves that are turning yellow and canes turning brown and dying to the ground. However, some that I expected to die are now getting new canes and buds. In the past week, most of the hybrid teas have grown doubled in height and are starting to bloom even though they are now only about 12-15 inches tall. I started my new fertilizer program that we learned about at the winter workshop and have had three applications of 46-0-0 Urea and am starting to see a larger number of blooms on those that are finally blooming.

For June I will be doing the following:

- Taking photos for the fall shows as I get blooms
- Watering as needed as we seem to be in a dry period right now. Remember to water deeply so the water gets down to the roots. If you water lightly, then the roots will tend to stay near the surface and the bush will be more apt to be drought stressed during the hot dry days of summer and not bloom as well and be harder to keep disease free.
- Keeping up with my disease spray program as I am determined not to have blackspot this summer and am spraying Manzate rotated with Alto or Honor Guard (PPZ) every two weeks. On the alternate weeks, I am applying the nitrogen.
- Applying a new layer of mulch as I did not apply any last fall and am having an issue with weeds especially Bermuda grass creeping into the beds; also deeper mulch will help keep the bushes from drying out as quickly.
- Keeping an eye out for Japanese beetles which I will pick off and put in a small bucket of soapy water.

Rose Therapy: My Journey of Growing and Caring for Roses by Ron Daniels



Gary and I and a garden club friend went to Ron's rose open garden on Sunday. Over 200 people toured on Saturday and Sunday and he autographed and sold 55 books—including the one we bought!!

**Available on Amazon or at a book signing event!
\$24.97 paperback/ \$9.99 Kindle**

Growing up in a family with a history and background in gardening, Ron Daniels absorbed the "soul nutrition" of growing fruits, vegetables and flowers like a well-tended sprout. All throughout his life and career, the serenity and human connection gardening offers beckoned to him ... until the day he decided to start his own garden.

Buoyed by the presence of a kind mentor, Ron learned the art of growing and caring for roses, and became a master rosarian in his local chapter of the American Rose Society. He began to teach and mentor students of his own, which led to interviews, public speaking and an artisan level of authority among peers. Then came instrumental roles in the revival and improvement of several high-profile Southern rose gardens, and spring/summer seasons full of speaking and teaching.

Today, through floral ministry in his local church and the sheer joy of connecting with others, Ron cultivates and shares the rose garden in the back yard of his home in

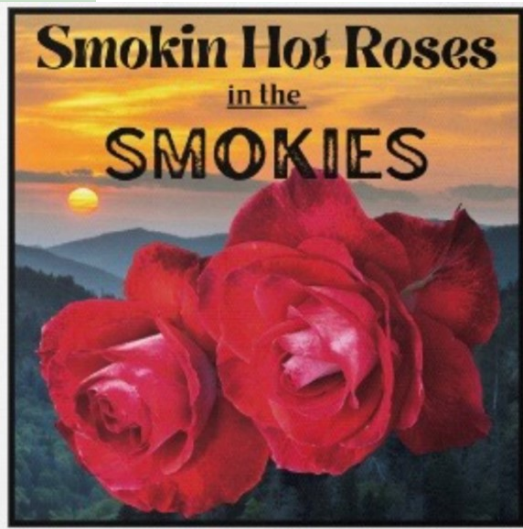
Hendersonville, Tennessee. *Rose Therapy* brings his journey to life through storytelling, along with all the practical and step-by-step advice any reader could use to start their own garden.

For rose enthusiasts of all ages, levels and stripes - *Rose Therapy* prunes away the weeds of practical uncertainty (how to grow them), shines sunlight on the beauty they arouse between people (why to grow them) and refreshes your roots with water (who to grow them with). Begin your journey in gardening in the right soil with *Rose Therapy*.

New ARS Executive Director and Upcoming Member Meeting June 7

ARS has a new Executive Director, Rachel Driskill. Ms. Driskill's vast background includes working as an educator for nonprofit government agencies. She has been the Director of Intercultural Engagement at the Centenary College of Louisiana, and Founder, Co-Owner, President of International student support services. He is skilled in leadership and management, project management, fundraising, and communication.

She will start her new position at ARS on June 12, and you will have the opportunity to meet her at the next ARS Membership meeting at 7:00 p.m. CDT. You should have received an E-blast from ARS today to register for this meeting.



2023 Tenarky District Fall Convention & Rose Show

September 15-17, 2023

UT Ag Campus

Knoxville, TN

Hosted by Tennessee Rose Society

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or

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Bob & Ann Jacobs Open Garden May 19-20



Articles of Interest



JUNE IS NATIONAL ROSE MONTH

Shreveport, LA – June is National Rose month and what better way to spread the joy of roses than with the American Rose Society. Headquartered in Shreveport, Louisiana, the American Rose Society is a national non-profit organization founded in 1892 dedicated exclusively to the culture, appreciation and preservation of the rose. Our members put on rose shows, educational seminars, maintain public gardens, support research of the newest and disease resistant varieties of roses, provide arrangements and flowers for hundreds of local events and do all they can to share the enjoyment of the rose.

Roses have a long and colorful history. They have been used to symbolize love, beauty, war and peace. They are the subject of art, music, literature and poetry. On Nov. 20, 1986, President Ronald Reagan signed a resolution making the rose the national floral emblem at a ceremony in the White House (<https://rose.org/the-national-floral-emblem>)

The Rose is the National Floral Emblem and there are so many ways to enjoy roses:

1. Plant a rose bush! Need help? Go to www.rose.org to learn more.
2. Take roses to nursing homes, hospitals, banks and your local library. You'll brighten someone's day! Encourage your local library to have a rose book display.
3. Give roses to show your love or friendship. Roses are a favorite gift to receive.
4. Give a gift of a rosebush for a longer-lasting gift. There are so many different kinds of roses to choose from with an end-less variety of colors, including stripes.
5. Visit a botanical garden or a rose garden. You might find inspiration to start your own rose garden or plant a community garden!
6. Take photos of your roses and share with friends in cards, notes and letters. Share with the ARS on our many social media platforms and be sure to tag us, #roses, #nationalfloralembler: www.facebook.com/RoseSociety, twitter.com/AmericanRoseSoc, www.instagram.com/AmericanRoseSociety

During the month of June, we are offering a special Membership Preview for free! Scan the code here and sign up to see some of the publications members of the ARS enjoy. You will then receive a special discount on a one-year membership to the American Rose Society.

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The American Rose Society is a non-profit, educational organization working to promote the beauty, culture and preservation of the rose. Their headquarters home, the American Rose Center – America's Rose Garden, features more than 7,000 rose bushes – this translates into more than 400 different types of roses in one place. The grounds also include various sculptures and water features, as well as a play-ground and picnic area. The American Rose Center, located at 8877 Jefferson Paige Road in Shreveport, LA, is open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., April 1 through October 31, closing for federal holidays.





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July 1: Ricky Lockhart
July 4: Ron Daniels
July 24: Anna Whiteside

Tenarky District Arrangement Workshop June 2-3

Hampton Inn,
Pleasant View, TN.

Information and
registration form on our district
website at www.tenarky.org.



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IMPORTANT DATES

- ♦ September 9: II-In District Meeting, Rose Show, & Rose Fest at Hamilton Co. Fairgrounds, Noblesville, IN
- ♦ September 15-17: Tenarky District Fall Convention/Rose Show: hosted by TRS at UT Ag Campus in Knoxville, TN
- ♦ September 30: LRS Rose Show at Sutherland Hardware in Louisville, KY
- ♦ October 14-15: NRS Rose Show at Cheekwood in Nashville, TN
- ♦ September 17-24, 2024, ARS National Convention/Rose Show in Warwick, Rhode Island

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