



Next Meeting

**March 12
2 p.m. WCEO**

Program:
Spring Pruning
Ron Daniels
Nashville RS
Co-President
Refreshments:
J. Wood



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2023 TENARKY WINTER WORKSHOP

Five BGRS members attended the Tenarky District Winter Workshop in February at Cheekwood Massey Auditorium. Even though Peggy Martin was unable to come due to illness, we learned from excellent speakers including Dr. Gary Rankin who talked about miniature and miniflora Roses, Dr. Satish Prabhu who told us about his methods for simplifying growing great roses, and enjoyed Connie Baird demonstrating several types of arrangements.

Nicole Dickinson entered several photos, and following in her mother's footsteps, won Queen of Show and ARS Gold Photography certificate as well as King and Silver certificate.

We enjoyed a delicious lunch at a local Italian restaurant along with time to see many of our rose friends and make some new ones. There were approximately 45 rosarians attending the one-day event and many of us took home some new roses from K&M Nursery.



Nicole's Winners:

- **Best in Class 3, Queen, ARS Gold Certificate, and Cynthia Dickinson Memorial Photography Award 'Graham Thomas'**
- **Best in Class 1, King, ARS Silver Certificate 'Black Magic'**

2023 Dues are Due!

Please plan to pay your dues at the March meeting—\$15. Or mail to our treasurer:

Ann Jacobs
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President's Corner by Osei Thomas, CR

Looks like spring is coming early. Perhaps Mother Nature has decided to be nice to us this spring. Get those gardens ready and I look forward to seeing everyone's happy faces at our next meeting.

Also if there is anything that you rosarians would like to discuss, let me know also. Roses are a beauty of their own with lots enjoyment from many levels of life.

Osei

ROSE TIP!

Marty Reich, Master Rosarian, NRS

Care of Basal Breaks

When the weather starts to warm, I will loosen the winter mulch around the bushes, keeping a watchful eye out for basals. If the mulch is too tight, they will go under it trying to reach the sun and you will end up with a cane growing at a distance from the main part of the bush. When I find a basal, I make sure it is well protected from wind and cold, but its top is still able to grow upward. I also mark it so that I do not break it later on.

From March 2023 Rose Leaf, NRS newsletter, editor, Pam Brown.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Nashville Lawn & Garden Show, March 2-5, 2023, Nashville Fairgrounds Expo Center, Click [here](#) for information**
- **Dirt Dawg Nursery Daffodil Open Garden, March 18-19, 2023, 9-4 pm. Jeff & Jennifer Harvey's garden, 2910 Poplar Hill Road, Watertown, TN 37184**
- **Nashville Herb Society Plant Sale, Saturday, April 15, 2023, 8:30 am-2pm, Nashville Fairgrounds, Expo 3. [Herb Society Nashville website](#)**

March in My Rose Garden by Mary Ann Hext, Master Rosarian

After two record-breaking high temperatures in late February, my trees are starting to leaf out, the grass is getting greener, and several OGRs have small leaves. However, most of my other roses have black and gray canes to the ground. After close inspection, there are tiny green leaves emerging above the mulch applied last spring (I didn't add any this fall) and some of the fortuniana bushes actually have basal breaks which is exciting but also unfortunate as we will probably have several freezes in March and April. I will need to apply some winter protection around them when the next freeze is predicted. Some things I am doing in March are:

- Ordering fertilizer products as I plan to try Dr. Prabu's suggestions that we learned about at the TWW and only apply 46-0-0 Urea and 27-0-2 ammonium nitrate to my rose beds this spring. I have been busy looking online as to where I can purchase bags of these fertilizers and checking with local suppliers. I really do need to simply growing good roses and try the easier and less expensive methods he explained to us.
- Ordering a new bottle of spread-sticker to use when I apply Manzate as soon as all the bushes get leaves which will probably be in mid-March or sooner if this warm weather continues.
- Getting rid of black canes since I didn't prune at all in the fall, I plan to cut back many of the totally dead canes in order to save time when I do my spring prune for our rose show in early April.
- Making plans to enter the BGRS rose show in May by studying the schedule as we have reduced the number of horticulture and arrangement classes.
- Looking for photos to enter in the photography division of our rose show.

MARCH ROSE MAINTENANCE *by Jimmy Moser, ARS Judge & Master Rosaria*

Pruning: It is almost time for our pruning chores to start. In preparation, gather your pruning tools together and sharpen them for the work ahead. I usually start my spring pruning when the forsythias begin to bloom. When pruning, be sure to cut to a bud eye at white pith. You can seal the cut canes with Elmer's Glue, fingernail polish or orange shellac. The sealing of the canes prevents cane borers from boring holes, which causes damage or loss of the cane. Be sure to remove all old leaves from last year and thoroughly clean your beds of any debris. After pruning, spray the bushes and beds with lime sulfur. A combination of lime sulfur and dormant oil is also good.

Fertilizing: Now is the time to fertilize your established bushes. For each hybrid tea I use one to two cups of organics (cottonseed meal, fish meal, blood meal, alfalfa pellets or a combination of these mixed). Mills Magic is a good ready-mixed formula of these ingredients. Next, I apply three tablespoons of urea or ammonia nitrate plus three tablespoons of Epsom salts. I scratch this into the soil and water thoroughly. On top of this, I tear down the hills of winter protection. This puts most of the mulch in place for the summer.

Removing Winter Protection: It should be safe to remove the winter protection from around the bushes now. However, it will not hurt to leave it in place longer. Be careful when removing the soil mounds as new tender growth is very easy to break. You might want to wash the mounds down with a stream of water.

Spraying: When leaves begin to grow on the bushes, it is time to start a spray program. I suggest beginning with Ortho's RosePride or Immunox in combination with Manzate or Mancozeb (same product). Apply one tablespoon each per gallon of water. Remember that prevention is the key. Trying to regain control after a disease outbreak is difficult.

Planting New Roses: Newly ordered bare-root rose bushes will be arriving soon. I recommend dipping the new bush in a solution of one cup of bleach diluted in a five-gallon bucket of water. The bleach disinfects any crown gall disease or other bacteria that might be lingering on the bush. After the bleach dip, soak the roots overnight in water with a root stimulator added (one tablespoon to gallon of water). If you do not have a root stimulator, use half strength Miracle-Gro instead. Half strength Miracle Gro is 1/2 tablespoon to a gallon of water.

When planting a new bare-root bush and after digging the hole, mound soil in the bottom of the hole. Spread the roots out on top of the mound. Next sprinkle a handful of superphosphate in the hole forming a band around the mounded soil. (Superphosphate and bone meal are the same produce.) Fill the hole about 1/2 full with soil and water with the soaking solution. Then finish filling the hole with soil covering the entire bush including canes. Leave about 1/2 inch of cane exposed above ground. Cover the entire bush with soil to prevent the canes from drying out. As new growth begins to appear, gradually use a gentle stream of water to wash the soil away from the canes.

Do not begin fertilizing newly planted bushes until they are leafed out. Once leafed out, use 1/2 strength Miracle-Gro (1/2 tablespoon to one gallon of water) initially and gradually strengthen the formula until the bush gets established and begins to grow.

Question: A question I am frequently asked is: "*What are the differences between a lateral, a basal and a sucker?*"

A lateral is a stem that grows from the main cane of the rose bush, and a basal is a cane that grows out of the bud union (graft), both of which, of course, are desirable. On the other hand, a sucker is a cane that grows out from below the graft, which means it is growing from the under-stock root system and will starve the growth above the graft. A sucker should be quickly removed. It is better to tear or break off the sucker rather than to cut it off.

Editor's Note: *This article was attached to a recent email I received from the Memphis & Dixie Rose Society. It is written by Jimmy Moser, who was a member of both the Memphis Society and Dixie Club before they joined, grew hundreds of roses with his wife, Evelyn, a renowned exhibitor, a mentor to many, the author of many rose articles, and one of the first people I met when I attended my very first ARS convention held in Memphis in 2005. Jimmy passed away in February 2022.*



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ARS MASTER CONSULTING ROSARIAN MASTER GARDENER

Ron is a 3rd generation gardener who loves and enjoys growing roses. He also shares his experience with other who have the same desire to grow champion roses and other plants and to do so successfully. Below are some of his rose growing achievements and skills:

- Master Consulting Rosarian with the American Rose Society
- Member of Nashville Rose Society – 2009 Bronze Medal Winner – Co-President or President for 5 years
- ARS Master Rosarian, ARS Glenda Whitaker Award for Membership
- Consulting Rosarian for Belmont University Adelecia Acklen Rose Garden, Manage the Rose Study Garden at Cheekwood and other public and private gardens
- Master Gardener for Sumner County Master Gardeners of the State of Tennessee
- Marketing Representative for "Holy Cow!" premium soil mix
- Garden speaker with the main topic of Growing and Caring for Roses
- Featured guest on 3 shows of the Volunteer Gardener, a national cable NPT tv program. Can find them on Youtube under the following names: Glorious Garden in a Suburban Lot, Ron Daniels and Types of Roses
- Featured regular guest on Rose Chat Blog Talk Radio Show with the topic being "How to Grow Roses"

I have enjoyed growing roses for more than 30 years and I grow and maintain about 150 rose plants in my personal garden in Hendersonville, Tennessee. These roses include Hybrid Teas, Grandifloras, Shrub Roses, Miniatures, Climbers, David Austin, Old Garden and English roses with other companion plants. These roses provide me much pleasure, but they also provide for an ongoing flower ministry at my church, Long Hollow Church in Hendersonville, Tennessee.

Ron's Personal Mission Statement:

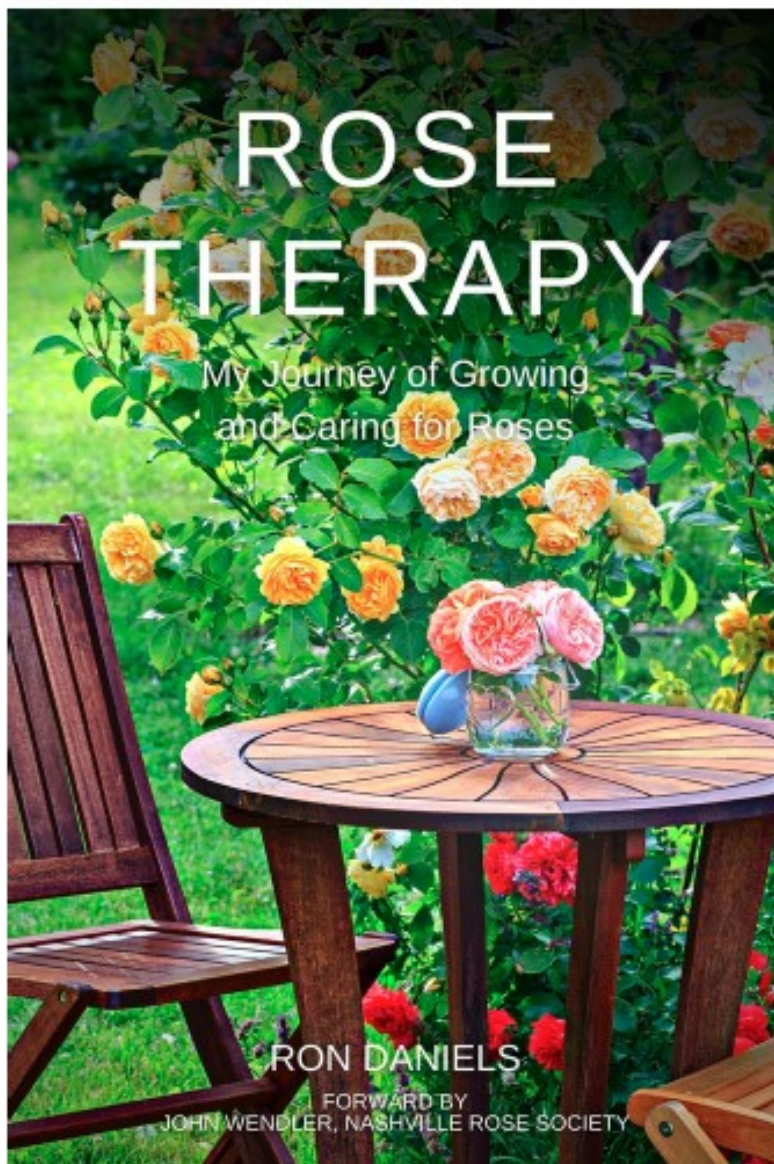
To grow roses and to share with others along with teaching beginners rose growing basics. I also open my personal garden up to public garden tours in the Spring and Fall annually. I apply myself to continue learning about growing roses and remain teachable. I am continually committed to mentor and encourage others on how to care and share roses.

Ron Daniels has written a book! It will be available on Amazon as well as Barnes & Noble, and at the new gift shop at Cheekwood. We will all have to get an autographed copy!

See below from the Nashville Rose Society March newsletter.

Big News!

Our own Ron Daniels has written a book! It will be available on Amazon as well as Barnes & Noble, and at the new gift shop at Cheekwood. We'll twist Ron's arm and ask him to bring copies to the April society meeting. And he'll also have some book signings at various locations. Go, Ron!

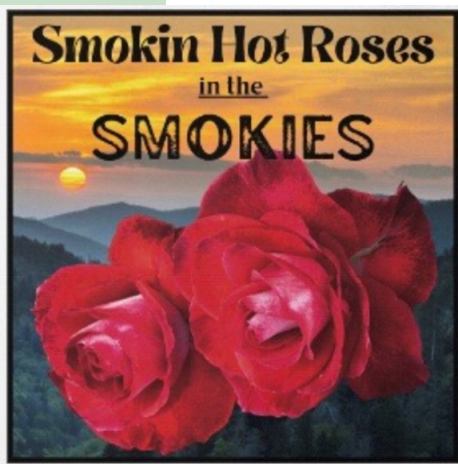




2023 ARS National Rose Convention May 5-7, 2023

The American Rose Center
Shreveport, LA

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Information, Registration
Rose Show Schedule, Convention Hotel



2023 Tenarky District
Fall Convention & Rose Show
September 15-17, 2023
UT Ag Campus
Knoxville, TN
Hosted by Tennessee Rose Society

Click [here](#) for Information

BGRS 59th Rose Show—May 20, 2023

“Songs About Corvettes”

In celebration of the
70th Anniversary of the Corvette
American Legion Post 23

Rose Show Schedule
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No March Birthdays



Save the Date!

BGRS Rose Show
May 20, 2023
American Legion Hall

IMPORTANT DATES

- ♦ May 5-7: ARS National Convention at ARC in Shreveport
- ♦ May 20: BGRS Rose Show at AL Bldg.
- ♦ September 15-17: Tenarky District Fall Convention/Rose Show: hosted by TRS at UT Ag Campus in Knoxville
- ♦ September 30: LRS Rose Show at Sutherland Hardware in Louisville
- ♦ October 14-15: NRS Rose Show at Cheekwood in Nashville
- ♦ September 17-24, 2024, ARS National Convention/Rose Show in Warwick, Rhode Island



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