

### June was Rose Month, June was Library Month by M. Hext, CR

adopted the Bowling Green Public Library—downtown branch to celebrate the ARS program "June is Library Month". We provided them with a gift ing how to grow roses in this area. subscription to the American Rose magazine and a copy of Modern Roses 12 to ryone enjoyed the fresh roses and add to their collection of rose-related books.

Twice each week, members took bouquets of fresh roses to put at our display which included a large poster, copies of the American Rose magazine, brochures with information about growing roses, and also information about joining our rose society.

The library has a summer program called "Dig into Reading" which includes programs for children and adults. As

The Bowling Green Roses Society part of the weekly brown bag lunch program, Mary Ann Hext and Kathy Dodson presented a program called "Dig into Roses" on June 26 discuss-

> The library staff told us that evethey hoped to have us again next year.





## BGRS Members Learn to Start a Rose from Cuttings by Kathy Dodson, CR

Have you ever wanted to start a new rose from a cutting in your garden? At the June BGRS meeting, we learned to do just that. Howard Carman--a member of the Louisville Rose Society, a horticulture judge, and winner of many queens in rose shows--has perfected a method for doing this and shared with us at the June meeting. This would be a great time to try it since the weather has been cool compared to last year.

The supplies needed are a container with water, pruners, sharp knife, rooting hormone, towel, small plastic pot around 5 or 6", a 2 liter plastic bottle with cap on and the bottom cut off, and some indoor/outdoor potting soil. Howard demonstrated the procedure as well as gave a handout with complete directions.

Howard has rooted several roses, including miniatures and hybrid teas. He has won queen of show with a florist rose he rooted called "Red Intuition". Thanks to Howard and Paula Williams for a great program and judging the mini rose show last month.



Howard Carman, Kathy Dodson, Paula Williams

## 'Fourth of July' (compiled from several sources)

'Fourth of July'<sup>™</sup> was introduced in 1999 by master breeder Tom Carruth (formerly of Weeks Roses), and boasts abundant clusters of big, semi-double flowers of deep red striped with clean white. They offer a petal count of 10 to 16 and a rich, enticing fragrance that combines apples with sweet roses -- utterly irresistible! Best of all, they bloom heavily early in the season, then cheerfully repeat all summer.

This rose comes by its good looks and exceptional garden vigor honestly. It is descended from R. Roller Coaster x Altissimo, and underwent 3 years of formal trials before being introduced -- a very long period indeed, but this rose was special! It promptly won an All-American Rose Award, the first climber in a guarter century to do so. And then the raves began pouring in from the first lucky gardeners to plant this standout beauty!

'Fourth of July's' climbing canes reach 12 to 14 feet tall, with fresh, healthy foliage. It makes a fine companion to other climbing Roses and Clematis in the garden. Give it a sturdy trellis, wall, pergola, or other structure to climb, and let it go! It grows well in all parts of the country, is fragrant as well, and re-blooms after the first flush. Several BGRS members grow 'Fourth of July'.



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## In-Club Competition—June

### Class 1: Single Bloom Hybrid Tea/Grandiflora

- - 1. Brandenburg Gate—Bob & Ann
  - 2. Gemini-Ricky
  - 3. Love Me Tender—Bob & Ann

### **Class 2: Single Bloom Miniature**

- 1. Joy—Bob & Ann
- 2. Luis Deramero—Bob & Ann
- 3. Miss Pearle—Bob & Ann

### **Class 3: 1 Single Bloom Floribunda**

- 1. Julia Child-Bob & Ann
- 2. Sexy Rexy—Bob & Ann
- 3. Sheila's Perfume—Bob & Ann

### Class 4: 1 Floribunda or Miniature Spray

- 1. Sexy Rexy—Bob & Ann
- 2. Green Ice—Bob & Ann

### Class 5: Specimen, Any Other Type

- 1. Hot Princess—Bob & Ann
- 2. Opening Night—Ricky
- 3. Do si Do— Bob & Ann

Best of Show—Sexy Rexy - Bob & Ann





Photos: Bob Jacobs

#### July 2013

## 'Randy Scott' & 'Snuffy' make Horizon Roses Honor Roll

Horizon Roses, an annual publication of comments from the country's top exhibitors on recent rose introductions and their exhibition potential has named 'Randy Scott' and 'Snuffy' to the honor roll. They join the 17 previous honor roll hybrid tea roses, four fo which are parents to these two roses.

'Randy Scott' is the white hybrid tea cross of 'Crystalline' and 'Moonstone'. It finished as the 9th ranked exhibition hybrid tea rose in 2011 and 6th best in 2012.

'Snuffy' is a very tall and vigorous growing bush that produces large, hih centered, brilliant orange-pink blooms. 'Gemini' and 'Veteran's Honor'are its parents. It finished as the 21st ranked hybrid tea in 2012.





'Snuffy

'Randy Scott'

Information summarized from "Inside the Rosarians Garden." Photos from roseshow.com

## President's Corner by Brenda Coffey

Thanks to Howard Carmen for the informative program on starting roses from a cutting.

Also I'd like to thank Paula Williams and Howard for judging our "mini" rose show at the June meeting. Congratulations to Bob and Ann Jacobs for their Sexy Rexy being selected Best of Show. It was great to see so many entries. Keep on bringing those roses for our monthly in club competition.

BGRS is quite fortunate to have such a dedicated group of individuals. I would like to take a few minutes to thank some of you for your work this past month. My first "thank you" on behalf of BGRS is to Kathy Dodson and Mary Ann Hext. They organized materials and set up our rose display at the Main Library. Then on the 26th of June they gave a program at the library on roses. During the month of June various members took turns replenishing the roses at the library. Thanks to Kathy Dodson, Ricky Lockhart, Maxine Logsdon, Ann Jacobs, Bob Jacobs, Vi Hudson, Richard Hudson and Mary Ann Hext for sharing your roses. The roses were very much appreciated and a lot of the materials were taken by interested patrons of the library.

Also special thanks to Bob Jacobs and Ricky Lockhart for their work at Riverwalk. On June 12, they weeded, deadheaded and fed the roses in our public rose garden. There are several of you who frequently help with this project, so "thank you".

With the fourth of July approaching it gives each of us time to reflect on the sacrifices that our veterans have made in order for us to remain free. Our rights and freedom come with a cost that only a veteran can truly appreciate. So at this time I would like to say a very heartfelt "thank you" to all our rosarians who are veterans.

We will be celebrating the 4th a little late with our potluck social on the 12th of July. Don't forget to bring your favorite dish(es). Pulled pork (from Jimmy Diemer's), tuna casserole, paper products, ice and drinks will be provided. This will be a time of fun, food and fellowship.

Hope that each of you have a firecracker of a 4th! See you on the 12th.

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## The Rosey Family by Martin J. Skinner, MR, Holstein Rose Society

Once upon a time, in the town of 'Columbia', there lived a rose-loving family. This is their story.

Their home was on 'Blueberry Hill' at the corner of 'Broadway' Avenue and 'Granada' Street. In the center of the town was a beautiful park where there was a 'World War II Memorial'. There were fruit trees in the park, and in the spring the 'Apple Blossom' fragrance filled the air. The blossoms formed a 'Kaleidoscope' of color.

The father's name was 'Magic Meidiland', and the mother's name was 'Pearl Meidiland'. The family had three children, a boy and two girls. The boy's name was 'Fire Midland' (because his father was a volunteer fireman), but his pals called him Joe. At home they got to calling him 'Just Joey' to distinguish him from his 'Uncle Joe'. 'Just Joey' often stopped at the bakery after school for a 'Cupcake'. He was 17 years of age and was always fooling with some type of 'Gizmo'. Papa's girls were 'Scarlet Meidiland', who was 'Sweet Sixteen', and her 'Little Sister', 'Ruby Meidiland', was ten. Scarlet was very 'Feminine', but Ruby was the 'Flirtatious' one who liked to 'Finger Paint'. She could really twirl a 'Hula Hoop'. This was a very 'Sentimental' family. The mother and father had their bedroom on the first level, and the children had bedrooms on the second level where they could look over Lake 'Abracadabra'. The family also had a 'Lake Cottage' on 'Brigadoon' Lane fronting on 'Cape Cod'. They often sat on the beach in the evening with a 'Crackling Fire' as they watched the 'Ebb Tide'. Wherever the mother went, she was 'Always a Lady'. 'Magic Meidiland' held his wife in an 'Ivory Tower'.

'Magic Meidiland' was an 'Alchemist'; however, he worked part-time at the 'Casino'. He was a member of the local club of 'Lions International'. His wife, Pearl, who was born under the sign of 'Gemini', was the receptionist for 'Dr. Van Fleet'. Several years ago she worked at the 'World's Fair' when it was in 'New Orleans.' 'Just Joey' worked part-time at 'Brooks' Red' & Co. as a stockroom clerk. 'Magic Meidiland' and his wife were married soon after their 'First Kiss', and she was a 'June Bride'. They were always looking forward to their 'Golden Years', and were hoping for a 'Lasting Peace'.

The parents were quite fond of travel. One year they went to England. The highlights were the 'City of London', 'Big Ben', and several 'English Gardens'. They also enjoyed 'Warwick Castle', 'Cambridge' and 'Canterbury'. They saw the home of 'William Shakespeare' and the 'Cliffs of Dover'. Before flying home, they went to Paris to see the 'Eiffel Tower'. The wife brought home some 'French Perfume'. However it was always good to get home in 'America'. Some of their travels took them to 'Las Vegas', the 'City of San Francisco', and 'Hollywood'. One year they attended the 'Tournament of Roses'. When in 'New York' they saw 'Madison Avenue' and attended the play 'Madam Butterfly'. Another year they visited 'Yellowstone', and on the way home, they flew through the 'Windy City' of Chicago. Even with their rather extensive travels, they never visited 'Tennessee', 'Nevada', or 'Hawaii'.

They lived a rather quiet life when at home. On Saturday evenings they often had a glass of 'Chablis' wine. To really celebrate, 'Magic Meidiland' indulged with a 'Mai Tai' cocktail. There was always a dish of 'Jelly Beans' on the table. They did not believe in children playing 'Hanky Panky', or their going to 'Lovers Lane'. The children were taught to 'Honor' their parents. However, sometimes it was hard to keep 'Peace' in the family. They enjoyed joining neighbors in a 'Garden Party' occasionally in the 'Good Old Summertime'. They really lived a 'Good Life'.

Their favorite comedians were 'Bob Hope' and 'George Burns', and they liked the singing of 'Barbra Streisand' and 'Julie Andrews'. They always considered 'Ronald Reagan', 'Mr. Lincoln', and 'John F. Kennedy' to be their favorite U. S. presidents. Whenever 'Billy Graham' was broadcasting, they made every effort to listen. The recording of 'Bing Crosby' singing 'White Christmas' was their favorite. A very good friend was 'Sally Holmes'. She is very attractive but was rather 'Voluptuous'. They had a great 'Friendship' with 'Gail Borden', also.

As would be expected, the family was involved in rose culture. 'Magic Meidiland' had a 'Loving Touch' with his roses. They usually had roses of sufficient quality to enter in rose shows, and they often got a 'Blue Ribbon' for their 'First Prize' winners. A couple of their favorite roses were 'Moonstone' and 'Veteran's Honor', however they got attracted to "care free" roses like 'Knockout' and 'Home Run'. They grew a few miniature roses like 'Fairhope', 'Minnie Pearl', and 'Irresistible'. His favorite climber was 'Altissimo'.

The children were already planning for their future. After graduation 'Just Joey' planned to go to Memphis, TN, to study. He hoped to get on the panel that would choose the 'Memphis Queen' and 'Memphis King'. 'Ruby Meidiland' considered 'Cal Poly' for Ag engineering studies. 'Scarlet Meidiland', who was interested in commercial cooking, thought she would become a 'Spartan' at Michigan State University. In these ways, the children would be fulfilling the dreams of their grandmother, 'Sweet Meidiland'.

And so the rosy family lived happily ever after.

Now you have met one "Rosy Family". With a little work, you can create another one. Why not give it a try? *Editor's Note: This "Rosey" story appeared in the May 2013 issue of "The Holston Rose", Sallie Blazer, ed., and is used with permission.* 

### July 2013

## 'Easy Does It' Earns ARS 2013 members' Choice Award

The Members' Choice Award win-American Rose Society Members across the United States who participated in the ARS annual Roses in Review survey. In that survey roses are rated on bloom production, plant habit, disease resistance, and hardiness. Easy Does It received a "Garden Rating" of 7.8, earning it the ARS 2013 Members' Choice Award designation.

bunda, and was bred by Harkness Roses in the United Kingdom before 2006. It was introduced in the United States by Weeks Roses in 2010. The blooms of '*Easy Does It*' are described as large; full (26-40 petals), borne in clusters of cupped, ruffled and scalloped blooms that are mango orange ing/l.php?l=2.58853). suffusing to pink!

Growers of 'Easy Does It' shared ner is determined by reviews from these reviews: "This is the best rose I've ever grown! It had no blackspot or any disease at all." "The petals are ruffled and change colors ... at times they are orange and sometimes they are coral and pink. Definitely a LOOK AT ME color." "It's such a tough, quick growing plant! A real bloom machine." "Can't say enough good about this rose! One of my all-time faves!"

In addition to the ARS 2013 Mem-'Easy Does It' is classified as a flori- ber's Choice Award, 'Easy Does It" has won many past awards in various rose trials throughout the world and in 2010 was selected as the AARS (All American Rose Selection) winner. You can find more information on 'Easy Does It' at "Help Me Find" Roses: (http://www.helpmefind.com/garden



'Easy Does It'

### **BGRS Public Garden Report**

Bob Jacobs and Ricky Lockhart worked at the rose garden in mid-June. They deadheaded, weeded and other maintenance chores.

- **IMPORTANT DATES 2013**
- Sept. 20-22: ARS Miniature Conference, Winston-Salem, NC
- October 5: Tenarky District Rose show, Louisville
- October 12-13: Nashville Rose Show

### Summer Rose Tips from Noah Wilson, Holstein Rose Society (compiled by ed.)

Things I will be doing to my roses:

- 1. Spray with a good fungicide on a regular basis.
- 2. Spray for spider mites or wash under the leaves with a water wand. Only need to spray bottom 12 to 16 inches of the plant.
- 3. Continue to deadhead old blooms sealing cuts with carpenter's exterior glue.
- 4. If God does not give us an inch of rain, water well.
- 5. Spray light colored blooms with Orthene for control of thrips.
- 6. Remove any cane die back from spring pruning.
- 7. Pull mulch away and feed with Bloomkote or similar 90-day fertilizer unless you are using a monthly fertilizer. Also add a supplement feeding of Easy Feed plus 2 cups of Mills Magic Mix per large bush scratched into the soil around the bush drip line.
- 8. Pick off Japanese beetles, place them in a cup half filled with water and let them drown. I prefer not use an insecticide for these as they have to eat a great deal of my rose to get enough to kill them.
- 9. Check bushes regularly for signs of trouble.
- 10. If my leaf color is light colored and anemic, add 1 teaspoon iron chelate (Sequestrane 330) to a gallon of water sprinkled around the drip line of the rose bush.
- 11. Open my garden to friends and prospective new rose growing enthusiasts. Share bouquets with others.

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# **Patriotic Roses**

Let Freedom Ring - 2004 Veterans' Honor - 2000 American Pride - 1978 Memorial Day - 2004 Remember Me - 1984 World War II Memorial Rose - 2000 Dunkerque - 1940 Pearl Harbor - 1943 Coral Sea - 1999 V for Victory - 1941 Peace - 1939 **Old Glory - 1988** Fourth of July - 1999 Miss Liberty - 1984 Liberty Bell - 2003 Saigon - 1943 Freedom - 1984 Home Sweet Home - 1941 America - 1976 Hiroshima's Children - 1985 Soldier Boy - 1953 Wild Blue Yonder - 2004 Hero - 1982 Honor - 1976 Purple Heart - 1946 Silver Star - 1966 Bronze Star - 2004 Firefighter - 2005 **Soaring Spirits - 2005** We Salute You - 2005 Forty Heroes - 2008 The Finest - 2009 Quietness - 2003 Love & Peace - 2001 Lasting Peace - 1996 Proud Land - 1969



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