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BGRS Rose Show 2016 by Mary Ann Hext, CR

On Saturday, May 21, BGRS held its 53rd rose show. In spite of weather issues the preceding week, it was another beautiful rose show with several exhibitors from the Louisville and Nashville Rose Societies.

Richard Hartke, from the Louisville Rose Society, won Best of Show and Best Floribunda Spray with a lovely rose that he doesn't spray, 'Blue For You' (right). Carolyn Phelps, also from the Louisville Rose Society, won Queen of Show with 'Sugar Moon', Miniature Queen with 'Joy', and many other awards. Gene Meyer from the Nashville Rose Society, won Miniflora Queen with Conundrum.



Our first rose photography show had several entries. Bob Jacobs, BGRS, won Best Spray and Queen of the Photography Show with 'Sexy Remy' (above right). BGRS members also had numerous winners. Photos are on page 3 and 4. Complete show results and more photos can be seen on the Tenarky District website at www.tenarky.org.

Thanks to our rose show sponsors (listed at right). Remember to let them know you appreciate their support of our rose show.



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Please support these businesses which make our rose show possible.

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Memorials

- In Memory of Kent Campbell
- In Memory of Hext Dogs



From the President *by Ben Matus*

First, a great big “Thank You” to the entire membership for their help and support for our 2016 BGRS rose show. And an even bigger “Thank You” to our Rose Show Committee, consisting of Ann & Bob Jacobs, Mary Ann Hext and Kathy Dodson. In addition to the physical and intellectual efforts they needed to put forth in order to produce this show (they were indeed the producers) there must have been a lot of anxiety and angst involved as well. What with weather all over the region, other societies’ needs to consider, the need for financing, arranging a space and all of the other things that come into play in putting on a show, it must be mind-bending at times. So, kudos to our committee.

Also note that there were spouses, friends, family and former members that helped as well. Thanks go out to Goebel Dodson and his farm hand Jeff, Sam Coffey, Curtis Logsdon and Beth and Nick Barth. We can’t forget the Jacob’s grandsons Mike and Jake either. So, many thanks to all involved and if I missed anyone I am truly sorry because every little bit anyone did helped make our show the success it was and a little easier on everyone.

It should also be mentioned that we had some fine judges come from out of the area and donate their time. The team I clerked for were extremely kind and generous. They took the growing conditions we all faced into consideration with each rose they viewed. They were a pleasure to work with and once again, I learned a lot.

Now we go into summer. Finally! The trick will be to keep the Blackspot at bay, the mites under control and the Japanese beetles confined to our neighbors’ yards. (Be neighborly, give them a beetle trap.) My goal is to spray regularly, water and feed as needed, deadhead often and try to get to September relatively unscathed for that big fall flush of blooms. May we all be successful in the attempt and enjoy the journey.

Congratulations Curtis & Maxine—60th Wedding Anniversary—June 9!!!!

REMINDER OUR IN-CLUB COMPETITION BEGINS THIS MONTH 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 1st, 2nd, and 3rd 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—Single Bloom Miniature

Class 3—1 Single Bloom Floribunda

Class 4—1 Floribunda or Miniature Spray

Class 5—Specimen, Any Other Type

Class 6—Rose in a Bowl—exhibition or open—large or small roses—NEW CLASS!!

Class 7—Arrangements—Line or Line Mass or Mass—large or small roses

Crown Gall by Sallie Blazer, Holston Rose Society

While I was doing part of my spring fertilization on April 26, I found a mass at the base of one of the canes on my 'Hot Cocoa' rose bush. I immediately got my rose care book since I had never had a growth like this on any rose bush. I flipped to my diseases and pests section and learned that it was Crown Gall.

Crown Gall is a disease of the roots and crown caused by the bacterium *Agrobacterium tumefaciens*. Bacteria lives in the soil and enters plants through wounds, including the grafting/budding process. There is no therapy for infected plants. In order to control the disease remove stems containing tumor formation and avoid wounding of the plant.

My 'Hot Cocoa' is healthy and showing no signs of a disease since I removed the one cane. I have already cut 19 blooms and there are at least 37 blooms/buds on the bush right now.



The Rambling Rosarian by Charles Shaner, Shenandoah Rose Society

I will have to say this spring has been trying. Most of March and the first part of April were unusually warm. My roses put on heavy growth and I did my spring pruning about two weeks early. Then came a night with 24 degrees and it set my roses back by 3 weeks. I gave them a couple of weeks to see what developed and then gave them a clean-up pruning. There was much damage from that cold night.

We are always learning about our roses and what causes different things. That was the case with this spring. I have many terrible-looking black canes after that cold April night. This proved to me exactly what happened to those canes and why they turned black and died. With those warm days the sap was up in the roses, pushing much new growth. That 24 degrees caused those canes to freeze and burst. The sun the next day was hot on the canes and thawed them out too quickly. The combination of freezing night and hot sun that day did the damage. I have one rose that is questionable from that freeze but the crown is still green. There is some hope. All of the others are looking good and back to where they were before the freeze, and some a little further along.

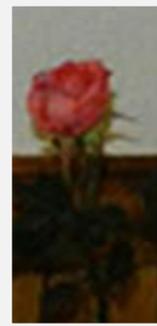
Years ago, there weren't sprays on the market designated for roses. Rosarians had to take the garden sprays we had, experiment and see what worked for roses. If you stop and think for a moment, the apple tree is a distant cousin of the rose. Many of the sprays we use for roses have many of the same chemicals as sprays for apple trees. Reading labels carefully can open up a whole new world of how to use a spray. I once stated in a newsletter to spray Cygon 2E every 7 days to control the eriophid mite which carries rose rosette disease. I got an e-mail from a lawyer that I was wrong because the label said every 14 days. I told the lawyer to read the rest of the label because it said every 14 days *or as needed*. We need to read all of it.

I got a bottle of All-In-One Rose and Flower Care by Bayer at a District meeting. This product is designed to be used as a drench. I do not like drenches and do not use them. This product is a systemic and it kills insects, fungus, and feeds the roses. I experimented by using it as a spray at the rate of one ounce per gallon of water. It makes an excellent spray. I had a few Japanese beetles on my roses. By the time I finished spraying and walked back through, the beetles on the first roses I sprayed were hanging on by one foot and falling off. It is a very good all-in-one product.

I have found that rosarians are "in general" an inventive group. Usually looking for better, easier, and less expensive ways to do a better job with their roses. The old ways are not always the best ways. With an open mind and a thirst for new and better ways, we come up with techniques, products, and equipment do the same things better.



BGRS Members Horticulture Winners

**Top Row Left to Right:**

King of Show 'Lynn Anderson' - Bob Jacobs
 Court—'Crescendo' - Bob Jacobs
 Mini English Box 'Sweet Revenge' - Bob Jacobs
 Polyantha Spray 'Crystal Fairy' - Larry Baird
 Cycle of Bloom 'Black Magic' - Ben Matus

Row 2 Left to Right:

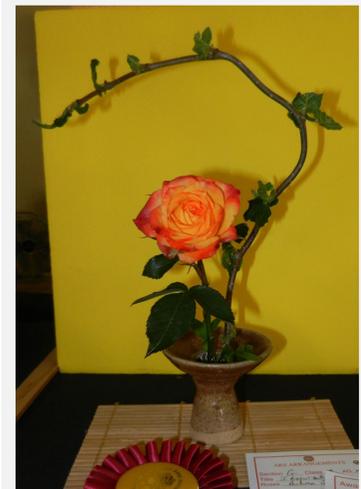
Miniflora King of Show 'Whirlaway' - Larry Baird
 Mini Spray 'Soroptimist International' - Larry Baird
 Floribunda Spray 'Playgirl' - Bob Jacobs
 Mini Court 'Bees Knees' - Larry Baird

Row 3 Left to Right:

Three Knockout Roses 'Double Knockout' - Mary Ann Hext
 Mini King of Show 'Edisto' - Larry Baird
 Mini Court 'Pierrine' - Larry Baird
 Miniflora Exhibition Boom in Bowl 'Whirlaway' - Larry Baird
 Open Mini in Bowl "Marriotta" - Mary Ann Hext
 No Photo:
 HT Spray -'Gold Medal' - Ben Matus

Photos: Mary Ann Hext

BGRS Members Winning Arrangements



Top Row Left to Right:

- Oriental & Gold 'Crescendo' & "Gemini—Mary Ann Hext
- Royalty & Silver 'Pink Osiana'—Connie Baird
- Bronze 'Elina' — Connie Baird

Middle Row Left to Right:

- Artist 'Hot Princess' - Mary Ann Hext
- Duke 'Living Easy' - Mary A. Hext
- Mini Oriental & Mini Gold 'Autumn Splendor' —M. Hext
- Modern & Silver 'Marriotta' - Mary Ann Hext
- Royalty & Bronze 'Chelsea Belle' - Norma Stevenson

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IMPORTANT DATES - 2016

- **July 29-31: M/MF National Rose Show & Convention, Harrisburg, PA**
- **September 23-25: Tenarky Fall Rose Show and Convention, Nashville, TN**
- **October 1: Louisville Rose Show**

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