

## What is Going On?

- April 10-11 - Springfest at TGC  
12 - Dr. Mike Schnelle, Professor of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture at Oklahoma State University -- "Companion Plantings"
- April 17th & 18th - Fort Worth Rose Expo.
- May 2 - Johnson Garden Tour
- May 3 - May meeting - Preparing your roses
- May 14th - Design entries need to be registered for Rose Show
- May 15 - 1 - 4 PM Rose show setup at Tulsa Garden Center
- May 16 - Entries 7 - 9 AM Judging 10 - noon  
Lunch with the Judges - catered lunch after judging completed.
- Rose Show open to the public 1 - 4 PM. 4 PM tear down.
- June 8 - Trip to Stillwater area greenhouses and OSU botanical garden.
- July and August - no regular meetings
- September 13 - regular meeting

## Tulsa Rose Society Spring Show

Saturday May 16th

Tulsa Garden Center

2435 South Peoria,

Tulsa, Oklahoma

Show Chairperson: Liz Enochs  
(918) 664-5301

entrees excepted from 7:00 a.m. to 10:15



## SPECIAL EVENT

**TULSA ROSE SOCIETY MEETING**  
Sunday — April 12, 2015 — 2 p.m.  
Tulsa Garden Center

**"COMPANION PLANTS FOR ROSES"**

**SPEAKER: DR. MIKE SCHNELLE, OSU**

Endowed Professor of Floriculture, Dept. of Horticulture & Landscape Architecture.  
BS degree: Agriculture, Honors Program Graduate  
MS degree: Ornamental Horticulture  
PhD: Ornamental Horticulture

Dr. Schnelle travels the world finding new and exciting plants. He leads a workshop in global horticulture at OSU in the fall.

Winner of many awards, some of his activities include:

- Assisting with consumer programs via fact sheets and statewide Master Gardener training sessions.
- Working with OK green house and nursery industries.
- Formation of fact sheets and circulars.
- Workshops.
- Special trial demonstration plots.
- Special projects and conferences.

**WORLD CLASS HORTICULTURE EXPERT**  
**SPECIAL DOOR PRIZES**  
**REFRESHMENTS**  
*Please don't miss it.*

*TulsaRoseSociety.org*  
*Dr. Don Johnson, President*  
*Email: President@TulsaRoseSociety.org*

## *What to do in April*

- Water is always a must. Some areas have received nice rainfall but other areas, like my garden, have had less than needed this year. Check your soil and see that it is moist. Especially check newly planted roses and area where you used a planting mix with a lot of peat in it. That peat is slow to absorb water.
- Start your disease prevention process. This generally means spraying. Keep in mind that you have a lot of new foliage developing at this time. Even if your spraying is to last 14 days remember it is only on the foliage that was there when you sprayed. You may have a lot of new foliage in only a week. There are new products coming out every year and more “green” solutions are available.
- You should have your pruning completed now but it is not too late to start. If you have dead canes cut them back to the ground or bud union. If you are not sure how a particular type of rose should be pruned check the ARS website or many online resources or books available. You can also call one of our Consulting Rosarians.
- Your roses are going to be hungry and need a good feeding to get them started off. This is a good time to use natural/organic feeding material. The Mills Magic we ordered can be applied around the base of each bush. Pull back the mulch and spread the food evenly around the bush according to the directions. Stir it into the surface of the soil slightly and replace your mulch. You should have watered before feeding (basic rule of fertilizing). Water again after replacing the mulch. If you will not be able to feed on a regular basis consider using an osmo-coate fertilizer that will slowly release nutrition over the summer. Nitrogen is the primary food the rose needs for general health.

## *Who We Are*

The Rosarian Reminder is published monthly by the Tulsa Rose Society. Submit information and articles to John Carter, Editor at 1825 W. Lincoln St, Broken Arrow, OK 74012-8509 or via email at [editor@tulsarosesociety.org](mailto:editor@tulsarosesociety.org) or call 918-355-8020.

Newsletters are mailed or emailed to Tulsa Rose Society members. Memberships are \$20 for individuals or families. Membership benefits include the newsletter, group purchases of roses and rose care products and support from an active organization.

### **Your Club Officers for 2014 are:**

Don Johnson - President  
 Carol Puckett - First Vice President - Programs  
 Mary Horrigan - Second Vice President - Membership  
 Liz Enochs - Secretary  
 Judith Carter - Treasurer  
 Judith Carter - Immediate Past President

### **Consulting Rosarians:**

Don & Brenda Johnson (Sapulpa) 918-227-1954  
 John Carter (North Broken Arrow) 918-355-8020  
 Norma Whitehead (North Broken Arrow) - 918-286-8244  
 Butch Neumeier (Claremore) 918-342-2885

Meetings are normally held at the Tulsa Garden Center at 2 PM on the second Sunday of each month. Monthly business meeting is the first Wednesday of every month at the Tulsa Garden Center at 10:00 AM. Everyone is welcome. Visit our website at [www.tulsarosesociety.org](http://www.tulsarosesociety.org).  
[Like us on Facebook also.](#)

- You may need to add mulch to your beds. Your mulch will naturally break down and add valuable nutrients to your soil so you need to keep replenishing it to maintain a 3 to 4 inch level. This will help preserve the moisture and protect the roots from the extreme temperatures.
- Watch for Rosette appearing in your garden. Early detection may be the key to successful control. After studies and tests conducted some believe that it is not necessary to immediately remove the rose from your garden. The infected stem should be trimmed back to the main stalk, bud union or ground depending upon the rose. The infected stem should be bagged and disposed of. Watch for recurrence. If the same bush continues to show signs of rosette then remove it. Keep your bushes spaced so that the foliage of one is not touching another. This keeps the mites from traveling as easily from bush to bush. It is very difficult to control the mite by spraying.

### ***Executive Board Meeting for March 2015***

Meeting was called to order by President Don Johnson at 10:02 a.m. at the Tulsa Garden Center New Volunteer Room. Attending were Gordon Beck, Judy Carter, John Carter, Mary Horrigan, Brenda Johnson, Dennis Voss, Butch Neumeier, Carol Puckett, Beverly Forester, and Liz Enochs.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as printed in the Rosarian Reminder.

Judy Carter gave the Treasurer's Report and noted a checking balance of \$4,457.70 and a CD of \$6,000.00 for total assets of \$10,457.70.

Dennis Voss will arrange the trip to the OSU Botanical Garden in Stillwater with side trips to Bustani Plant Farm and a commercial flower producer facility on Friday, June 5.

Mary Horrigan reported that one new member, Aline Saturday, was added during February. Several previous members have reinstated their memberships during February.

Hospitality: Brenda Johnson led a discussion on what to have for refreshments at Sunday's general meeting with guest speaker Mike Shoup, owner of Antique Rose Emporium. Sign up sheet for refreshments at April's meeting will be set out during March's meeting.

Volunteers for Spring Fest are needed. Signup sheet will be available at general meeting.

Publicity: Mary Horrigan reported that she sends cards about the upcoming meetings to members who normally don't attend. Mary also will receive donations from Colebrook Nursery to use for door prizes which they agreed to do. Mary reported on several donations that she has received for TRS.

Old Business: Mary proposed having refreshments at the beginning of the meeting since it was hectic at the last meeting with the guest speaker. However, because of the size expected for the March meeting with speaker Mike Shoup, refreshments will be served at the end of the meeting because of rose sales and book signing.

Beverly Forester gave an update on the Broken Arrow Rose Festival. With TRS loaning 300 vases for the BA Festival, confirmation was made about when the vases would be picked up from the storage unit on May 15. The Festival needs roses for bouquets and will pick up excess roses from the Tulsa Rose Society Show at 12:30 p.m. on the date of the show.

New Business: Mary Horrigan shared a sample publicity flyer to distribute for promotion of the rose show. The Board discussed how to promote the show. Promotion of the rose show at the next reg-

ular meetings was suggested because of the special speakers that would draw large crowds. A special division will be held and promoted regarding a Mystery Rose show competition that would be open for the general public with special awards given. Gordon moved to have two fliers to promote the rose show, and Judy Carter seconded the motion. Liz Enochs suggested having the judges' luncheon catered and held at the Tulsa Garden Center with members having the opportunity to purchase tickets to the luncheon. Carol Puckett will contact caterers for prices. Various board members volunteered for rose show assignments: Staging headed by John Carter, Entries/ Placement headed by Gordon Beck, Properties headed by John Carter and Butch Neumeier, Clerks headed by Butch Neumeier, Trophies and Awards headed by Judy Carter, Hospitality and Judges' Luncheon headed by Carol Puckett, Publicity and Membership headed by Mary Horrigan, Tally headed by Dennis Voss and John Carter, Judges headed by Don Johnson, and Arrangement Chair with Norma Whitehead.

Dennis Voss offered TRS a table at Ecofest to be held on March 28 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Gordon Beck, Don and Brenda Johnson, and Liz Enochs will work the table at EcoFest. March 5, 2016 was confirmed as the date for next year's Winter Workshop to be held at TCC's Northeast campus. Dennis Voss also asked for volunteers for the scholarship committee to select the recipient of the Tulsa Rose Society scholarship. Liz Enochs and Gordon Beck volunteered for that committee.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Liz Enochs, Secretary

### TRS General Meeting on March 8, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. at Tulsa Garden Center auditorium by President Don Johnson. Regular business for the Tulsa Rose Society was delayed because of the speaker, Mike Shoup. Mike Shoup, owner of Antique Rose Emporium in Brenham, Texas, gave a presentation on his search for hardy roses that bloom without a lot of care. Over 100 people were present to hear his talk. Some of his roses were available for sale, along with his book, *Empress of the Garden*, which he personally signed for individuals. The meeting adjourned for refreshments at 3:05 p.m.

Liz Enochs, Secretary

### Fertilizer for Sale

A few extra items were ordered to get the minimum weight requirements of our order. The following are for sale. They will be at the March meeting or you can call me - 918-355-8020.

1 - 20# bags Mills Magic Mix (\$25) 2 - 10# Mills Magic Mix (\$15) 1 - One Gallon Liquid Easy Feed (\$30) 2 - 1/2 One Gallon Liquid Easy Feed (\$17.50) 1 - One Gallon Fish Emulsion (\$20)

We also have some garden stakes and diamond sharpening tools for sale at our regular meetings.

Fertilizer and stakes will be offered for sale at Springfest if not sold before then.

**Pruning Roses 101** By Nanette Londeree

Copied from the ARS Website

There seems to be a lot of mystery surrounding rose pruning, as well as lots of "rules" to follow in order to do it correctly. If I have learned anything over the last decade of pruning hundreds of roses, it is that roses are very forgiving. If you cut too high, too low, at an inward facing bud rather than an outward facing one - in the long run, it really will not make a lot of difference. If the resulting growth does not grow in the fashion or direction you desire, cut it again to correct it. Once you realize that there is not too much one can do wrong, it makes the whole job much easier.

**A few lessons learned by this rosarian (the hard way):**

1. Do not prune old roses (once bloomers) in the winter or spring. The blooms on the old roses are produced on current growth. If you prune them now, you are pruning your spring flowers away!
2. Do not prune newly planted roses - they need to get established before you remove any growth (other than dead wood).
3. Prune first year roses (those you have grown for one season) lightly. They may not have developed a lot of top growth the first season, and need all their canes to continue to thrive.

Now for a few general pruning tips:

1. Invest in a good pair of shears and keep them oiled, adjusted and very sharp! Do not use anvil-type shears because they bruise the bark. If you use loppers, make sure they are also the pass-through type. A small pruning saw is a necessity for large canes and for getting into places that cannot be reached with shears or loppers.
2. Wear good, strong, durable gloves. They should be sturdy but flexible. It is also beneficial to use gloves with gauntlets that cover the forearm. Wear hard finish clothing such as denim and wear long sleeves.
3. Remove every leaf from newly pruned bushes; diseases tend to carry over in winter on old green leaves left on the bush. Once pruning is done, it is an excellent time to do a dormant spray; this will reduce insects and disease in the upcoming season.
4. Pay attention to where you are placing your hands. Roses don't stick you; you stick yourself on the roses! Experienced pruners rarely get severely scratched but it is a good idea to check to see if you have had a tetanus shot in the last 10 years.
5. Start at the bottom of the bush but look at the top before cutting. Do not let the "decisions" about what to cut make you tense or slow you down.
6. The cane will tend to grow in the direction the top bud is pointing - cut to an outside bud on upright bushes and to an inside bud on sprawling bushes. Cut about 1/4" away from the bud. If cut closer, the new growth may break off. If cut longer, an unsightly stub will remain. (continued on page 6)

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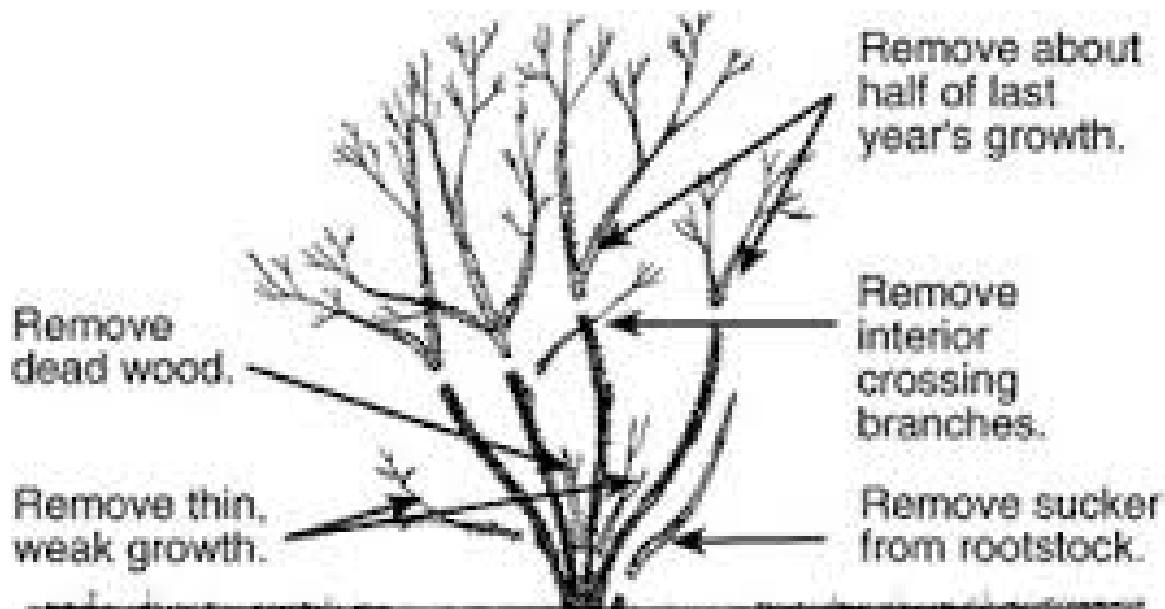
7. Cut back to good healthy wood. Discolored pith (interior of cane) may indicate frost or disease damage, and while such a cane may bloom, it will usually die back come summer. At best it is a poor framework for future growth.

8. Remove about one-third to one-half of the volume of the plant, leaving healthy canes, and the center of the plant open.

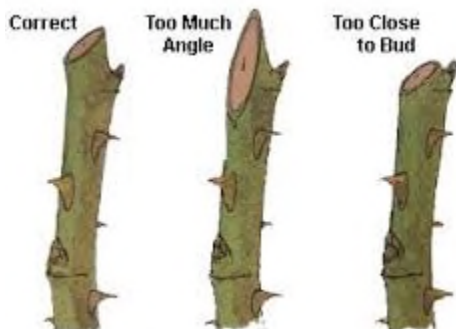
9. Large canes can be cut easily with sharp shears if they are bent slightly away from the cutting edges of the shears.

10. Do not worry if the cut cane bleeds; there is no evidence to show that it is harmful to either roses or grapevines. It is not necessary to seal cuts in climates where there are no destructive cane borers.

Pictures are worth a lot of words.



The above illustration shows the basics of pruning. Keep it simple. Remove dead, damaged and dinky (the 3 D's) stems and cut back part of last year's growth.



The illustration at the left shows the proper way to make your pruning cuts. You look for a new bud forming on the outside of the stem. You should cut about 1/4 inch above the bud at about a 45 degree angle. Cutting too close to the bud or cutting at too much of an angle so the cut ends up behind the new bud will result in a weak growth from that bud.

The illustration at the left is most applicable to Hybrid Teas, Grandiflora and Floribunda Roses. Shrubs, Old Garden Roses and Climbers are approached more for shaping and controlling the growth pattern. The 3 D's still apply.

## Things you should know:

We have several **new members** in the past few months. Watch for them at our meetings and welcome them to our group.

Lester Stowell

Aline Saturday

Paul Benson

Sheila Gist

Claire Johnson

## Rose Show Lunch

On Saturday, May 16, a Member and Judges Luncheon will be held at the Tulsa Garden Center downstairs at 12:30 p.m. following the judging at the Tulsa Rose Show. Even if you are not entering in the rose show, come and enjoy lunch with the fellowship of your society's rosarians. Ludger's Catering will be providing the following menu: Spring Salad, Entree (gluten free), Fresh Baguette Bread and Butter, Dessert, and Tea for the price of \$12.00. Reserve your spot at the April or May meeting. If you have questions, contact Liz Enochs at 918-520-9442 or [enochs.liz@gmail.com](mailto:enochs.liz@gmail.com).

## Our April Speaker

Mike Schnelle received his B.S. and M.S. degrees in Horticulture at Kansas State University, Manhattan. He went on and completed a PhD in Horticulture at Colorado State University, Fort Collins. Since 1989, Schnelle has served as professor and extension specialist at Oklahoma State University, Stillwater in the Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture. Mike's specialty is in floriculture and woody plant production and culture. He has interests in areas of ornamental horticulture from flowers to trees as well as edible crops, both temperate and tropical. Schnelle's ideas and experiences with plant materials are regularly published in the two leading national trade magazines, NM PRO and American Nurseryman as well as in popular press. Schnelle has lectured on plant materials and worked on horticultural projects throughout the U.S. as well as Mexico, Canada, Japan, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan, Lib-

ya, Nepal, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Belize, Egypt and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

## Mystery Rose Show Competition

**Saturday, May 16, 2015 at the  
Tulsa Garden Center, 2435 S Peoria**

**Open to the Public**

Bring a rose or roses that you have grown and enter to win--

Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Winners in each class

Entries permitted from

7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m

**Class A Large Rose: Single bloom**

**Class B Small Rose: Single bloom**

**Class C Spray Rose: One stem with 3 or more blooms per stem, large or small**

- Vases will be provided by the Tulsa Rose Society to display your rose(s)
- You don't need to know the name of the rose or what variety it is, but it must be home grown
- Enter multiple roses in all of the categories—NO LIMIT TO ENTRIES IN ANY CATEGORY

All entries and Prizes must be left in place until 3:30 p.m., May 16, 2015

## Tulsa Rose Society

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Mike Shoup answering question from the audience. Our March meeting attracted a number of visitors. We had over 100 members and guests in attendance. This was an excellent program which benefited everyone.