

What is Going On?

July and August - no regular meetings

September 13th - regular meeting

October 11th - Regular meeting - Speaker to be determined.

October 16 - 18th - South Central District Convention and Rose Show. Fort Smith, Arkansas See registration form and hotel information on page 7. You can show your roses and arrangements at this show. It is only a 2 hour drive. Come enjoy the show even if you don't exhibit.

November 8th - Regular meeting - Election of 2016 officers. Speaker - Dr. Don Johnson on climbers.

December 13th - annual Holiday gathering. Watch for details. Put the date on your calendar now.

Your Board did not meet during July so there are no board minutes for the month of July.

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2015**

A Challenge for Tulsa Rose Society Leaders and Members!

The purpose of the society is to educate the members and the public on caring for and growing roses that you will enjoy in your garden and your home. The society leadership attempts to do this by obtaining outside speakers to speak on topics that should inform us and help us have healthier gardens. Programs are also offered by some of the members that have experience and knowledge that can help the general membership and public.

This year we have had both kinds of programs. Bringing in an outside speaker has attracted more members and more of the public to attend the meetings. One meeting had over 100 in attendance. We were successful in getting the public interested for this one meeting but this did not result in any new members or increased attendance at other meetings.

The challenge the society leadership faces is what kind of programs (information) will benefit the membership and the public the most and how to get the word out to the membership and public about what is offered.

The challenge to the membership is giving feedback to the leadership about the programs that are offered and the kind of information the members need to improve their gardens. I have heard comments following presentations from different individuals that praised the program while another person said that it was a complete waste of their time. This can be expected since different people have different needs and different expectations.

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August Rose Care

1. Water - We have had record breaking amounts of rain this year, but not in all areas. Last night north Tulsa had a very good rain, but here in Broken Arrow we had no rain. A rain gauge is a small investment to help you know how much rainfall your garden receives. Mount it according to instructions so you get an accurate reading. A figure in the soil will give you an effective reading. Keep in mind a good thorough watering is much better than a little every day. On these extremely hot days you can give your roses a cool shower in the after noon to help relieve them of stress from the heat. This is not a substitute for watering. Also, don't let yourself become over heated in doing this.
2. If your garden seems to be drying out quickly you may need more mulch. Mulch does decompose and add nutrients to your soil, so it is important to add mulch to keep 2 to 3 inches covering the soil. The mulch will keep your soil cooler and help retain the moisture. DO NOT use the colored mulch. It will attract the heat and have the opposite effect than what you want to achieve.
3. Look at the calendar and see what shows you might participate in this fall. It will soon be time to start pruning for the fall shows. I will not explain that process here. You should follow your fertilization program during August. This will give your roses the boost they need to make the fall shows.
4. The rain has been good for providing moisture to our roses, but it has also helped produce a good crop of blackspot. If you had a good spraying program to prevent blackspot, you have been rewarded. If you were a little slack in your spraying you see the result in the colorful falling leaves. These should be cleaned up and removed from your garden to get the fungus away from your roses. The roses will recover and new growth will appear but it will need to be sprayed to keep the fungus from developing on the new growth. Spraying can kill the fungus on the rose but the infected leaves will only fall off.
5. Grooming is still important. You want to con-

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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.
 Like us on Facebook also.

tinue to remove the deadheads but you also should be removing unwanted growth from the center of the bush and those small blind shoots which will never produce a bloom. Your bush needs foliage to produce and maintain it health so do not remove more than 30% of the foliage at this time of the year.

6. Mark your calendar and make reservations for the fall activities that have been mentioned in this newsletter and those you find in the *American Rose* magazine. These will help increase your knowledge and your enthusiasm for growing roses.
7. Be sure to complete your Roses in Review. It is easy to go to the ARS website and complete it there. The list of roses is in the July/August issue of the *American Rose*.

The following information was taken from "The Rose Mite", a publication of the Central Arkansas Rose Society.

SOURCES FOR ROSES

Antique Rose Emporium: This is an excellent source for own root old garden or antique roses, shrubs, floribundas and "found" roses. Their nursery and display garden is amazing.
www.antiqueroseemporium.com and 800-441-0002.

Chamblee's Roses: The prices are very reasonable and the plants are healthy! They have literally hundreds of old garden and shrub roses including most of the Earthkind varieties. Their roses are own-root.
www.chambleerose.com and 800-256-ROSE.

Cool Roses: This family operated business is a source for roses budded on Fortuniana root stock. They have hybrid teas, miniatures and mini-floras, floribundas and some old garden roses. Good exhibition varieties are available from Cool Roses. www.coolroses.com and 561-684-2421

David Austin Roses: While you can buy David Austin roses in just about any nursery, this nursery/ site is THE source for all of the David Austin shrub roses. They offer a 15% discount to all ARS members.
www.davidaustinroses.com and 800-328-8893.

Edmunds Roses: Source for all types of roses. The company has offered roses for many years and usually has a nice variety. I haven't ordered from Edmunds since it was sold. www.edmundsroses.com and 888-481-7633.

K and M Roses: James and Daisy Mills own K&M Roses and also sell blueberries. Their roses are grafted onto Fortuniana rootstock. Hybrid teas, floribundas, shrubs and some old garden roses are available directly from this grower. A vendor of excellent exhibition rose varieties, the Mills' rose hobby lead them into the nursery business several years ago. www.kandmroses.com and 601-648-2908.

Rosemania: The Tucker's turned a hobby into a business when they established Rosemania. In early spring they offer Weeks' bare root hybrid tea roses. They also offer a wide variety of rose growing products and equipment. Their website is an excellent source of information. www.rosemania.com and 888-600-9665

Roses Unlimited: One of the first nurseries to offer only own root roses, Roses Unlimited has a wide selection of all types of roses. If you're having trouble finding an older variety, check with the nice people at Roses Unlimited. They have a lovely display garden and they have various events at their nursery.
www.rosesunlimiteddownroot.com and 864-682-7673.

For Love of Roses: Owned and operated by Richard Anthony and located in Brighton, Tennessee, FLOR is an excellent source for own root miniature and miniflora roses. Whit Wells and other hybridizers' roses are available in other nurseries and you may buy them to be shipped directly from this online nursery.
www.forloveofroses.com .

Silver Run Roses: This nursery is owned and operated in Westminster, Maryland, by John Smith. John has hybridized some of the “hottest” new hybrid tea roses available today. You may be familiar with his large white hybrid tea, Randy Scott’, or the new gold and orange “killer rose”, Sunny Sundays’. Email: silverrun-roses@aol.com or call 410-346-7544.

Wisconsin Roses: This mail order nursery specializes in exhibition hybrid tea roses and sells them as maiden plants. They will do custom grafting for you. Owner, Steve Singer provides a small stock of new roses imported from England and other hard to find exhibition roses. www.wiroses.com and 262-358-1298 or (preferably) email: wiroses@gmail.com .

NOTE! Remember to shop for your roses at your local nurseries. If they do not have the varieties you’re searching for these other wonderful vendors will have just what you need.

SOURCES FOR ROSE CARE PRODUCTS AND FERTILIZERS

Mills Magic Fertilizers: The Beaty Fertilizer Company and Ted Mills, Master Rosarian, teamed to develop some outstanding organic based fertilizers that are good for any garden but great for roses. My favorite is their Bloomkote, an extended release fertilizer with “minors”. www.millsmix.com

Monty’s Joy Juice: Another Master Rosarian, Monty Justice took a formula for a liquid fertilizer and further developed it into a super product that’s good for everything you grow. This product does not tamper with the soil’s pH—and that’s a good thing! You can order it on-line and through some local stores. It is good to use mixed by the gallon or with your spray products. www.montysjoyjuice.com

Nitron: Having used Nitron products for many years, all I can say is, “Try it, you’ll like it!” And it is an Arkansas based company. www.nitron.com

Rosemania: Rosemania has almost every rose-growing item you’ll need and the shipping is reduced for most products. The site also has some great information. www.rosemania.com

The Rose Gardener: Another rose enthusiast turned pro, Wendy Tilley decided that she would provide three good lines of rose care products: Barnel clippers (secateurs!), Bionic Gloves and Har-lane Labels/Plant Markers. I especially like the Barnel by-pass clippers and loppers and the excel-lent gloves for pruning. www.therosegardener.com

SOURCES OF INFORMATION ABOUT ROSES

American Rose Society: The mission of the American Rose Society is to increase the general interest in the cultivation of the rose for all people and to improve its standard of excellence. The ARS web-site provides a wealth of information regarding roses and their culture. The articles and Members Only sections are great, but what I like best are the links to the local district societies’ websites—they are too numerous to list here so you’ll need to make your own visit. www.rose.org

OTHER ROSE-RELATED WEBSITES:

www.Helpmefind.com: A site devoted to roses, clematis and peonies and all that is gardening related, including selecting, buying, breeding, caring for and exhibiting.

www.sactorose.org: Baldo Villegas' excellent website on roses provides information on rose care, rose people AND on the bugs that are our friends and foes. It is well worth a visit.

www.roseshow.com: Bob Martin's terrific website supports rose show exhibitors and encourages the public display of roses in their most perfect phase of possible beauty. Everyone can learn something from Bob, he writes very well and has a great website.

DISCLOSURE: Now that you're reading the small print...much of this information is based on my personal experience with the vendors and my visits to the various nurseries and website. You'll probably disagree with some of my assessments but that's okay—it may get you started on your own rose journey. I've certainly enjoyed my travels! For those nurseries and websites that I forgot to include—I'll catch you next time!

Carol Shockley,

Central Arkansas Rose Society

Note: www.tulsarosesociety.org: is our own website. Past issues of the rosarian reminder can be found there in addition to other information and links related websites. We also have a Facebook page that you can follow. You will get reminders of our meetings and occasional tips on rose care.

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The hope is that more of those in attendance benefited from the information than were disappointed.

How are programs selected? The First Vice President of the Society is Chair of the programs committee. It is difficult to get people to serve on this committee, so this often falls on the Chair. The committee makes a recommendation to the leadership of the society and the recommendation is either approved, deferred or disapproved. The final decision is not left to one person but all of the leadership of TRS.

Any member can offer suggestions as to programs that they would be interested in and or believe would be helpful to the membership and the public. The leadership has tried various methods of soliciting this type of information from the members but very little is returned.

One problem we encounter with teaching people to grow and care for roses is that it is of interest to only a few people since the "older" members have heard it many times and are not interested in hearing it again. For that reason we attempt to offer programs that offers newer techniques and products that are available for rose care. We have a number of Consulting Rosarians that will answer your basic questions and some can even make house calls to help members or the public with resolving their garden problems. There are also many good reference books and online resources that can answer basic care and growing questions.

Any member is welcome to attend the Board meetings and bring questions or ideas forward. The meeting is "normally" the first Thursday of the month in the volunteer room at the Tulsa Garden Center.

I hope this will help you understand the process of selecting programs for the society. I leave you with a challenge to let the leadership know you appreciate a program or even that it was of no value to you. Let them know what kind of program would benefit you.

My Roses Don't Bloom at Show Time!

The above statement is often heard from members who would like to show roses, but theirs are not blooming at show time. We know that roses bloom most of the time if they are getting the food, water and light they need. However they often go through cycles and have periods of no bloom, especially if we slack off on deadheading. The key is to prune the rose bush back so that it will put on new growth and create new blooms. I am not sure this is an art or science but the experienced rosarians who show roses learn how to do this successfully.

In the spring you pruned back your roses and they produced new growth and the blooms you were expecting. Do you remember how many days it took from the time you pruned the rose until it bloomed? Chances are you did not make a record or remember each and every rose bush's cycle. The following list of roses show the approximate bloom cycle for the roses listed. Keep in mind these are approximate times and your garden may vary from these dates.

One way of hedging your pruning is by only cutting back 1/3 of the bush to start with and then pruning another 1/3 in 5 days and wait another 5 days for a final pruning. This will not work on all bushes due to their size and condition. It is important to keep as much foliage as possible on your roses during the growing months since it is necessary for the proper development and health of the bush. If you try this, make some notes on a calendar and learn the bloom cycle of your roses. Generally the more petals the rose has the longer the bloom cycle. Miniatures often have a relative short bloom cycle. Remember that water, food and spraying must be continued on your regular cycles.

50 – 55 Days

Elina
The Temptations

45 – 50 Days

Allelujah
Brandenburg Gate
Brigadoon

Corina
Dorothy Anne
Editor Tommy Cairns
Elegant Beauty
Elmhurst
Fantasy
Ivory Tower
Keepsake
Moonstone
Osiana
Raphaella
Rouge Baiser
Saint Patrick
Signature
Silverado
Spring Break
Stainless Steel
Uncle Joe
Virginia
White Masterpiece

40 – 45 Days

Anticipation
Agnes Winchel
Anne Morrow Lindberg
Andrea Stelzer
Big Duke
Brides Dream
Christian Dior
Classic Touch
Coral Fiesta
Crystalline
Delicate Beauty
Dr. Bob Harvey
Dublin
Elizabeth Taylor
Elise Melton
Garden Party
Great Scott
Jane Pauley
Joyfulness
Korlingo
Lanvin
Leonidas
Louise Estes
Lynette

Mother's Value
Natasha Monet
Nightingale
Olympiad
Opulence
Pink Crystal
Rina Hugo
Rosie O'Donnell
Saphir
Secret
Sheer Elegance
Special Merit
Suffolk
Susan Elizabeth
Swathmore
Tempie Lee
Timeless
Touch of Class
White Success

35 – 40 Days

Capitan Harry Stebbings
Double Delight
First Prize
Marijke Koopman
Pristine

Note: If you want to become a serious exhibitor you will document the roses that you have to show and note the bloom cycle that they have in your garden. The environment can affect their cycle. Things like the weather are unpredictable but less so in the fall than the spring.

If you have not exhibited give it a try!



**South Central District Convention
and Rose Show**

Fort Smith, Arkansas

October 16-18, 2015

"Growing Roses in Arkansas Country"

Registration Form

Please print your name **exactly as you wish it to appear on EACH name tag.**

First Registrant's Name _____

Second Registrant's Name _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Do you plan to **exhibit?** ___ Horticulture ___ Arrangements

Are you interested in **clerking?** ___ Horticulture

	#of Attendees	Price	Total
Registration	_____	\$30	\$_____
Banquet	_____	\$25	\$_____
Total Enclosed \$			_____

Please make checks payable to: Fort Smith Rose Society

Send to: Barbara Jetton, 3408 S. 29th Circle, Fort Smith, AR 72901

To make your reservations for the event click on the link [Fort Smith Rose Society](#)

Mention "Fort Smith Rose Society" to obtain Executive Hotel at City Center hotel group rates @\$89 a night and that will include breakfast for 2 people max per room. To receive this rate please make your reservations by October 1, 2015. For reservations call 1-479-783-1000.

Payment can be made by check or credit card.

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The following will be available at our meetings.

For Sale:

Stainless Steel Plant markers:

20" \$2.00 15" \$1.75 10" \$1.50



Keep these in mind for birthday and holiday gifts!