

What is Going On?

March 8 - Mike Shoup of Antique Rose
Emporium, Brenham, TX;

pick up fertilizer orders

April 10-11 - Springfest at TGC

12 - Dr. Mike Schnelle, Professor of Horti-
culture and Landscape Architecture
at Oklahoma State University --
"Companion Plantings"

May 2 or 3 - May meeting - location to be deter-
mined

May 13th - Design entries need to be registered for
Rose Show

May 15 - 1 - 4 PM Rose show setup at Tulsa Gar-
den Center

May 16 - Entries 7 - 9 AM Judging 10 - noon
Open to the public noon - 3 PM. 3 PM tear down.

June 8 - regular meeting

July and August - no regular meetings

September 13 - regular meeting

FREE SEMINAR

Opportunity to hear a world class expert.

"LOW MAINTENANCE OLD GARDEN ROSES"

Speaker:

MIKE SHOUP

Hybridizer, Author

*Owner, Antique Rose Emporium
Brenham, Texas*

Recipient of the Great Rosarian Garden Hall of
Fame Award.

His display gardens draw thousands of visitors
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Specializes in Old Garden Roses.

He will share his unique view of roses and
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Rescues roses from old home sites and historic cem-
eteries throughout Texas and the South.

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Refreshments

*Book "Empress of the Garden"
for purchase*

Old Garden Roses for purchase

Tulsa Rose Society Meeting
Sunday—March 8, 2015
2:00 pm
Tulsa Garden Center

What To Do in March

1. Water - we are having a very dry winter. The last snow was very helpful but will not last long with our spring winds coming along. Even with the freezing temperatures the soil will dry out.
2. Check for damaged plants. The wind and the ice we have had will often break a cane or branch. The damaged part should be cut off and discarded.
3. Remove unwanted plants. We all have a rose that just doesn't bloom well or always has a problem.. Now is a good time to remove them and make a space for a new plant.
4. Clean out your beds. During the winter leaves and trash tends to blow in around our roses. I leave the leaves to hold in the moisture and protect from freezing. We should be moving past the freezing weather and need to start preparing our beds for the growing season.
5. Pruning - As the weather becomes nice we want to get out and start our pruning and spring garden work. Early March is probably too soon. Pruning the roses back will encourage new growth. If we get another hard freeze the new growth will be killed and the rose has to start over. It will recover but be set back some and not do as well as it would have had it not been frozen. Looking to nature as a key for the timing to prune we are told to watch for the forsythia to bloom. After it starts blooming it should be safe to prune but even that is not a guarantee.
6. Spraying - prevention is always considered to be a better approach than reacting to a problem when it comes to diseases in the roses. We see more products that are not hazardous to us or the environment, but are effective in preventing blackspot and molds. Neem oil and Mineral oil are popular for this.

Who We Are

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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.](#)

7. Insect control offers a bigger challenge. We need to ask ourselves if the insect is causing damage that we can not live with. Sometimes the presence of aphids will draw the beneficial insects and they will take care of the aphids. If we need to spray we should only spray the affected areas and avoid spraying our beneficial insects. They will die and be driven away from your garden and no longer working for you.
8. Spring feeding - early March is a good time to put down some of the organic materials such as alfalfa meal or some of the prepared mixtures such as Mills Magic Mix. Remove the mulch from around the bush and apply according to directions. Lightly scratch the product into the soil and recover with mulch. These products are safe and easy to use. They break down slowly and release the much needed nitrogen. You should water before and after applying any fertilizer. You may need to add more mulch in the spring as it naturally breaks down.

TULSA ROSE SOCIETY
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

February 5, 2015

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

The minutes for January were approved as published.

Judy Carter gave the Treasurer's report and presented a preliminary budget for 2015. Total assets for TRS were \$10,567.28 with a Certificate of Deposit of \$6,000 and a checking account balance of \$4,567.28. Income in excess of spending was \$595.00 for the 2014 year. Program costs for speakers and insurance expense under ARS for the coming year were reported. Pros and cons on reinstating the insurance at public events were discussed. The cost for event insurance would be \$5 per active member. Mary Horrigan brought up the issue of liability of board members and suggested that Judy Carter look into the cost.

Judy Carter reported that the fee for the Garden Center rooms would be going up. Preliminary budget was approved as written.

Audit report by Mary Horrigan was given and the financial reports were deemed to be true and accurate for the 2014 year.

Mary Horrigan gave the Membership report. Attendance at the last meeting was 18. InfoFair table on February 21 will be used to promote the featured speakers and the spring show besides enrollment in TRS. Carol Puckett asked about the cost for the February speaker, Julia Laughlin, retired professor from OSU. Mileage will be paid for her roundtrip to the February show.

The February meeting will be on "Bringing Beneficial Insects in the Garden" by Julia Laughlin, retired professor from OSU and owner of Bella Verde Gardens.

Mary Horrigan reported on publicity. She is trying to get events and speakers put into the *Tulsa World*. Carol Puckett reported that *Oklahoma Gardening* could also be used if events are known at least 2 weeks in advance, and she will contact them. Carol Puckett will try to establish a relationship with Channel 8 for advertising events.

John Carter has worked to update and revamp the newsletter and the website.

Judy Carter passed out the 2015 rosters to the board and the roster will be available at the February meeting to members.

Brenda Johnson brought up the idea of having a program on chemical safety. She also suggested giving trial ARS memberships to the speakers who come to the society.

Don Johnson proposed having a Midwinter Workshop in 2016. Dennis Voss will contact TCC about using TCC as a venue for the workshop. March 5, 2016 is the proposed date. Other dates overlapped with existing gardening programs or spring break.

New Business: Mary Horrigan proposed that Tulsa Rose Society start a Tribute program where members or nonmembers could donate money to TRS in honor of people. A minimum of \$5 donation was suggested. Judy Carter seconded the motion. Mary Horrigan, Judy Carter, and Brenda Johnson will be on the commit-

tee to work out details.

Mary proposed an Ad Hoc Committee to review fund raising. Judy Carter seconded the motion. Mary Horrigan, Judy Carter, and Brenda Johnson will be the committee. Ideas for fund raising will be discussed and then proposed to the Board.

Carol Puckett suggested a meeting on preserving roses and doing crafts on roses.

InfoFair was discussed. People are still needed for InfoFair on February 21. Signup sheet will be set out at February meeting to finalize the people helping.

Judy Carter moved that Gordon Beck be the nominee for the Member-at-Large for the coming year at the February meeting. The motion was seconded and approved. Dennis Voss and Butch Neumeier are appointed Members-at-large for the society.

Judy Carter brought up donating a rose in memory of Gale Ann Parker, wife of Wayne Parker. A rose in the Tulsa Rose Garden will be donated in memory of her.

The Board adjourned at 11:45.

Liz Enochs,
Secretary

Tulsa Rose Society General Meeting February 8, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 PM in the Tulsa Garden Center Ballroom by President Don Johnson. The program on "Bringing Beneficial Insects in the Garden" by Julia Laughlin, retired professor from OSU and owner of Bella Verde Gardens, began immediately because of the number of guests who were present to hear the speaker. An informative program on beneficial insects with tips on organic pesticides and integrated pest management was given with a question and answer period that followed the program.

The business meeting of TRS was held after the speaker had finished.

A quorum was present. Judith Carter, Treasurer, presented a proposed budget for 2015 previously approved by the Executive Board. Bob Patterson moved to accept the budget as written. Kathy Vaughn seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Judy Carter announced that 2015 Membership Roster was available for distribution to members and had copies available.

Gordon Beck was presented as the nominee for the TRS member-at-large for 2015. He was unanimously elected to the position.

John Carter was recognized for his outstanding contributions by managing, updating, and redesigning the Tulsa Rose Society web page and the *Rosarian Reminder* newsletter.

Mary Horrigan presented the new Tribute program to the TRS members and distributed a flyer on the details.

Meeting adjourned for refreshments at 3:20 p.m.

Liz Enochs,
Secretary

Taken from roseinfo.com - Guide to Antique Roses

Why Old Roses?

Overshadowed by modern hybrids, old roses have been overlooked in this century; but now there is a renaissance afoot to restore the older varieties to their rightful place in the garden. Their historic interest, color, fragrance, and form make old roses as indispensable to today's gardens as they have been for centuries. And as many gardeners will attest, the best thing about old roses is that they provide all these landscape values without becoming a maintenance burden.

Long before its extensive hybridization, the rose had survived cheerfully in the gardens of history. Early rose cultivators retained the resilience and fortitude programmed by nature, but these qualities have been neglected in modern hybrids developed primarily for showy blooms. Unlike modern roses which grow poorly without many hours of devoted attention, most old roses will give today's busy homeowner an appreciated rest from much of the heavy fertilizing, spraying and nurturing demanded by their younger cousins. Some old rose varieties actually prefer a minimum of pruning. And as specimens found in old cemeteries and abandoned homesites attest, many have survived without care from human hands.

Modern roses are hybridized primarily for their striking colors and long bud forms. The shape of the plant itself is not appealing, especially if judicious pruning is not practiced. Old roses have an inherent beauty of form, a quality which does not diminish over the years. The old rose colors tend to be more muted and pastel than modern hybrids, but many collectors develop a preference for the softer hues. Many old rose varieties display handsome foliage, while others set attractive hips in the fall. This makes old roses especially useful as landscape plants. The unforgettable "true rose" fragrances live in their undiluted form in old roses. You will not find such richness and diversity of fragrance in modern hybrids.

The plants you receive from us are vegetatively propagated, which means that the rose cutting you receive is part of an actual plant that could have been admired by Pliny, cultivated by a Chinese emperor, grown at Malmaison by Empress Josephine, or carried West by an American pioneerwoman. It is this tie with the events of human history that, we feel, makes the old rose the ultimate antique; unlike a painting or a piece of furniture, the old rose is a living testament to history and to man's quest for beauty.

A Bit of History

The rose has been the queen of flowers through the ages - yet where did it originate? Some roses are native to the United States, but the majority came from Europe and the Orient. Species roses, occurring naturally in temperate zones, were long ago cross-pollinated by nature - and later by man - to bring about new varieties.

In the late 1700s and early 1800s, European botanists explored the world in search of new plants of garden value and discovered roses in China and the Far East which bloomed year round (Chinas and Teas). From crosses between the Oriental and European classes (the once blooming Gallicas, Musks, Centifolias and Damasks) come the Noisettes, Bourbons, Portlands, Hybrid Perpetuals, Polyanthas and Hybrid Musks. Further crosses in more modern times created the Hybrid Teas, Floribundas and Grandifloras. As roses became increasingly popular in this century, Hybrid Teas replaced nearly every other class because of their beautiful bud form and unusual colors. But, interest in old roses is experiencing a renaissance today as Americans search out old roses in historic cemeteries and abandoned homesites where the plants have endured in spite of years of neglect.

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 train-
 ing
 sessions.
- Working with OK green house and nursery
 industries.
- Formation of fact sheets and circulars.
- Workshops.
- Special trial demonstration plots.
- Special projects and conferences.

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The Tulsa Rose Society had a membership table at the Tulsa Garden Center Information Fair on Saturday, February 21. Thanks to Mary Horrigan who setup the display and took it down and worked all day. She saw that we had some rose candies to pass out and a drawing for a \$25 Olive Garden Gift Card. Thanks to Lyuba Teakell and Kathy Vaughan, Brenda and Don Johnson who also worked shifts at the table.

Member news

Norma Whitehead recently had knee replacement surgery and is doing well at home.

Veronica Whittington has moved to the Dallas area. Her email will stay the same if you need to contact her.

Ordering Roses from Antique Rose Emporium

Mr. Shoup is planning on bringing at least 20 roses with him that he will offer for sale. If you are looking for a specific rose and he has it, he can bring it to our meeting on March 8th. Place a phone order by Thursday and state it is to be brought to Tulsa.

Phone orders: 1-800-441-0002 (Mon-Fri 9 - 4:30)

All roses are \$19.95 plus shipping and handling. Catalogues were recently mailed to all ARS members or you can go to their website: www.weAREroses.com.

If you want to purchase a rose please arrive early.

THE ANTIQUE ROSE EMPORIUM IS THE RECIPIENT OF THE GREAT ROSARIAN GARDEN HALL OF FAME.

This information taken from the Antique Rose Emporium website- by Mike Shoup.

Until the discovery of old garden roses, I shared the prevailing bias that roses were hard to grow, were fussy, needed to be sprayed, needed to be pruned in a certain way and were short lived. Roses we have since discovered have changed my bias and made me an advocate of these easy care roses and I truly believe they are the ultimate garden plant.

The beauty and hardiness of a rose called 'Mermaid' first got me hooked on antique roses in the late seventies, and my fascination with and unbounded appreciation for them has been growing ever since. I didn't start out as a rose lover. To my thinking, roses were just one bush with a thousand different flowers. With a Master's degree in Horticulture in hand, I started a nursery business in 1976 as a grower of woody ornamentals for the landscape industry and retail centers in central Texas. I soon lost interest in the overused plants I was working with (ligustrum, pittosporum etc.) and began to look for plants native to Texas that might fill the same niche.

On our forays to hunt native plants, my staff (which numbered two at the time) and I also started finding ever-blooming roses surviving without any apparent care in rather desolate surroundings. This was fascinating to me, for I had never thought of roses as something that could endure the notorious extremes of the Texas climate (droughts and blue northerns) without a gardener's care.

'Mermaid' opened my eyes. In 1982, while returning from a delivery and taking an unaccustomed route back to the nursery, one of my co-workers chanced upon a huge rose covering a chain link fence. He made an unauthorized "rustle," brought back flowers and cuttings, and urged me to go see it. It was surviving, indeed, performing spectacularly, in a completely neglected setting. My first thought was that there must be a landscape niche for such a specimen. Identified by a rosarian as 'Mermaid,' I could not find it available in commerce anywhere. Soon it, and the other "survivor" roses we stumbled across over the next couple of years, became the foundation of the Antique Rose Emporium.

These roses are different. For the past 30 years our goal has been to give credibility to these plants and happily we find ourselves part of a recent upsurge of interest in antique roses. We know from personal experience and from letters and comments of many repeat customers that there is no way one can begin to appreciate the versatility of these roses until after a few seasons of working with them. Nothing we say here will substitute for the benefits of hands-on experience. But we hope to answer enough questions (see our FAQs) and generate enough enthusiasm to launch you into the world of old roses with confidence. Be aware, however, that these are captivating plants, and once taken with them you're likely to never be the same.

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%John T Carter, Editor

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Our February meeting attracted a number of visitors. We had over 50 members and guests in attendance. This was an excellent program which benefited everyone.