

What is Going On?

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 5 - Note this is a Friday - Car pool from the Tulsa Garden Center. Must leave at 8:00 AM.

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 Enoch
(918) 664-5301

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



May Activities

May 2, 2015 9 - 11:30 AM

2718 Raintree Circle, Sapulpa

Visit Don & Brenda Johnson's Garden. Not only will you see many rose varieties but see how Companion plantings can be used. Blooms will depend upon the weather. Bring your camera!

May 3, 2015 2:00 PM

Tulsa Garden Center

This month's program is for you the membership (visitors welcome). We will be answering any rose gardening related questions you may have. We will be answering questions about the Rose Show and sharing information for you to prepare your roses to enter.

May 16, 2015 7:00 AM

Annual Rose Show

See Show Schedule for Details

Available online at

www.tulsarosesociety.org

Things To Do in May

1. Water - For the first time in several years our rainfall has reached the "normal" level. The last time I remember this happening it quit raining the first of May and did not rain until October. If you find your roses standing in water you need to fix a drainage problem or raise the rose planting higher so the roots will not drown. Remember to always water before and after fertilizing.
2. Spray - prevention is the key to keeping Blackspot off our roses. Whether you choose the chemical processes or "go green", acting instead of reacting will be the key to success.
3. Monitor your insect population. You will probably see a few aphids on your early buds. Since it is a while to show time you may want to see if you won't also attract some natural predators. As you get closer to show time you may need to spray your buds/blooms to protect their natural beauty. Remember, general spraying of an insecticide will kill the good guys as well as the bad.
4. Mulch - You might have adequate mulch if you used it for your winter protection and then spread it out. If you are a little light on mulch now is a good time to add it before the temperatures get higher and the soil dries out more quickly.
5. Follow up on your pruning. You may find a dead or damaged cane missed during pruning or you may have growth going where you do not want it. Remember you are in control. It is hard to prune for spring shows but if your roses are heading towards blooming out before the show you may need to cut them back some and hope for the next round to be close to show.
6. Remove roses that you lost during the winter and clean up the area so it will be ready for that rose you will win as a door prize at the next meeting. Look at the anticipated size of the rose you are planting to make sure it will have room to grow to its full potential. If it is crowded, air circulation will be limited and the condition for Blackspot will be created.

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 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.
[Like us on Facebook also.](#)

7. Roses that you anticipate showing should be closely watched so that you can remove side buds if you are trying for a single stem or you can remove the center bud if you are working for a spray. Doing this early will let the rose heal and the removal will not be noticeable at show time. This takes time but is necessary to produce the exhibits that make it to the awards table.
8. Check your name tags/labels that might have been damaged, or misplaced during the winter. It is also a good idea to have a list of your roses in sequence by bed so if tags end up missing you will have information to fall back on. My memory is not as good as it should be, so this has been a "name saver" for me. Be sure to label any new rose when you plant it. DO NOT leave the little metal tags on a wire on your rose. That little wire will become a noose and kill the cane it is on.
9. Mark May 16th on your calendar and be at our rose show. If you are not an exhibitor you can be a helper with placement or clerking or cleaning and packing up. If you have never exhibited, you can learn the basics at our May 3rd meeting.

Executive Board Meeting for April 2, 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, Dennis Voss, Mary Horrigan, Norma Whitehead, Butch Neumeier and Liz Enochs.

Springfest volunteers are needed. Thirty five roses will be up for sale.

Garden Tour at the Johnson house for TRS members will be on Saturday, May 2, from 9-11:00. Regular meeting will be on Sunday, May 3, because of Mother's Day on May 10.

For the Rose Show luncheon, Ludger's Catering was discussed, along with other vendors. Gordon Beck motioned that Ludgers be used to cater the luncheon; this was seconded by Butch Neumeier. The board voted unanimously to have Ludger's caters the luncheon and to charge \$12.00 for the luncheon which will be open for all TRS members to attend.

Minutes for the Board Meeting and the Regular Member Meeting were approved as written. Mary Horrigan motioned that minutes be accepted, and Gordon Beck seconded.

Don Johnson presented the Treasurer's Report provided by Judy Carter. Expenses for the preceding month were \$243.98, and income from the preceding month was \$1454.50. TRS has total assets of \$10,472.82. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as written.

Mary Horrigan reported on that five new members have joined TRS since the beginning of the year.

Old Business: Mary Horrigan reported that three different flyers would be used to promote the rose show. A flyer advertising the speaker, Dr. Mike Schnelle from OSU at the April meeting will be distributed at Spring Fest and the Tulsa Garden Center.

New Business: Mary Horrigan reported on donations that have been given to the Tulsa Rose Society. Donations of gift cards from businesses of \$175 were reported and included Mazzio's, Suds Car Wash, Lowe's, and Windsor Market.

Raffle was suggested for the next meeting as a fund raiser. A rose will be auctioned off as suggested.

Dennis Voss reported on the trip to Stillwater on June 5. Members will leave by car from Tulsa around 8:00 a.m. The Botanical Garden tour will be at 9:30 with a docent. Lunch will be at 11:30 at Brooklyn's. The afternoon will be spent at Bustani's Plant Farm and Bear Creek Farm. Plants can be purchased at Bustani's Plant Farm.

Dennis Voss asked for feedback on Ecofest at TCC. Mentioned in discussion was the problem with the table location this year for clubs that was separate from the rest of Ecofest; however, any event that promotes the Tulsa Rose Society was seen as positive. Dennis Voss also reported on the TRS scholarship given to a TCC student and said that she was able to take an additional class this spring because of the scholarship.

Spring Fest volunteers were sought, and many of the board members signed up for a time slot.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM. Liz Enochs, Secretary

Regular Meeting of Tulsa Rose Society on April 12, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 2:06 by President Don Johnson in the lower level of the Tulsa Garden Center. Thirty-nine people were present. Dr. Mike Schnelle gave an informative talk on companion plants with roses and gave out several handouts.

A rose was raffled and several door prizes were awarded. The meeting was adjourned for refreshments at 3:15 p.m.

Photos from last year's show. You can put together a bouquet from your garden or you can start your creative juices flowing and make a design for the Arrangements section of the schedule.



It does not have to be hybrid tea rose to win a prize.



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Variety Julia Child

Broken Arrow Rose Festival
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Best Rose in a B
Other



Rose Exhibiting by “Non-Exhibitors”

By Baxter Williams

Judging, it's probably because the thought of having an entry rejected would be a real embarrassment. Well, I have good news for you: Starting is easier than ever. Here are the elements.

Well-grown Roses. They are started by being fed, and watered, and trimmed, and kept pest free. Adequate nourishment is enhanced when the pH of the soil is in the 6.5-7.0 range, and when fertilizer additions include needed trace elements. It is probably time to invest in a soil test.

And if you have been using only natural fertilizers (manures, “meals”, composts, etc.), remember that they are “naturally” weak, compared to manufactured fertilizers, so they need to be applied **very** early in the first bloom cycle. And, just as an experiment, you might try using our Houston Rose Society Rose Fertilizer during this first bloom cycle – it is an “instant” product that can act in time to affect (size, color, stem and foliage) these first blooms.

Selection of Blooms. The judging of a rose show actually begins before the blooms are entered. It begins as you first look at the bloom-stems for the purpose of cutting them from the bushes. **You** make the judging call as to whether to cut them and take them to the show for entry – the judges only confirm your choices.

In all honesty, bloom selection is not all that difficult. Just cut long stems having good foliage and with large blooms on top. And then, holding them under water, re-cut them (so that they won't droop because of the air bubble sucked into the stems as they were cut off of the bushes).

Bloom Preparation. Bloom prep is a 2-stage process. The first stage has already been mentioned: re-cut the stems underwater, and then store them in the refrigerator at about 36 deg F. The second stage is a little more detailed.

Once put into vases at a rose show, it is time to tag the blooms. Hint: Valuable time is preserved when the tags are prepared the night before the show. Be careful to fill in all of the appropriate blanks on both halves (upper and lower) of the entry tags! Secondly, if necessary, bloom petals can be gently manipulated to arrange them into a more concentric pattern. Thirdly, gently wipe the leaflets with a soft cloth to give them a shiny look (Note: You must not use any additive to cause the shine).

A few “tools” come in handy in the prep area. Bypass pruning shears. Small grooming (fingernail) shears, to trim away any damaged leaflet edges. Tweezers, a small paint brush, for petal manipulation, a pencil, or two, a sharp penknife (or Exacto knife set), a square foot (or 2) of aluminum foil wrap, rubber bands, a recent edition of the American Rose Society “Handbook for Selecting Roses.”, and a copy of the Show Schedule, and a smidgeon of gutsy resolve.

C'mon; we can do this! Besides, the judges really do need something to do. Let's load 'em up. See you at the Show.

Tulsa Spring Rose Show May 16, 2015

Saturday, May 16 is our Spring Rose Show. Even if you normally don't enter the rose show, please consider entering the Mystery Rose Competition. This competition is for those who normally don't enter an ARS rose show, and you don't need to know the name of the rose.

Bring a rose or roses that you have grown and enter to win--Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Winners
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**
- **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

TULSA ROSE SHOW REGULAR ENTRIES

Schedules for the Rose Show will be available at the Johnson Garden Tour on Saturday, May 2 and at the regular meeting at the Tulsa Garden Center on Sunday, May 3. You can also find the show schedule online at <http://www.tulsarosesociety.org/id4.html>. It is at the bottom of the Activities Event Calendar page.

Volunteers Needed

Friday, May 15, will be the Rose Show Set-up at the Tulsa Garden Center. Please meet there at 2:30 p.m. to help setup and fill rose vases.

On Saturday, May 16, volunteers are also needed to help place entries from 7:00 to 10:30 a.m., clerk at 10:30 a.m., fill vases with water, and promote the Tulsa Rose Society. Sign up will be available at the Johnson Garden Tour and the May Meeting on May 3.

ROSE SHOW LUNCHEON

Attend the Rose Show Luncheon at 12:30 p.m. on May 16 in the lower level of the Tulsa Garden Center which is being catered by Ludger's. You can reserve a spot for \$12.00, but reservations need to be made Wednesday, May 6. You can pay at the Johnson Garden Tour on Saturday, May 2, or at the regular Tulsa Rose Society Meeting on Sunday, May 3. Make checks payable to the Tulsa Rose Society or pay with cash to Liz Enochs. If you cannot attend either of the events, but wish to attend the luncheon, please call Liz Enochs at 918-520-9442 to register and make arrangements for payment. Lunch will be spring salad, lemon pepper chicken with vegetables, rice pilaf, baguette, tea, and dessert. (Lunch is gluten free.) No tipping and no clean up. Hope to see you there!

Things you should know:

A visit to the Johnsons

Many of us have visited the Johnson's garden in the past. We can assure you it is well worth the short trip out to their home. If you are traveling from south and east parts of the area the Creek Turnpike is probably your best route. Follow the turnpike on past HWY 75 and take the Hwy 66 exit which is just before getting on I-44. Loop under the turnpike and reenter the turnpike for a short distance and take the first exit. At the stop sign, turn right (south) and continue until the first stop sign. Turn right and you enter Raintree Circle stay to the left and their home is on the left just a few houses from the entrance.

If you are coming from the north or northeast you may want to use I-44 and or Hwy 75. from their intersection with Hwy 66 follow 66 to the Creek and follow the directions above.

If the weather brings some warm days the roses should be at their peak. The hybrid teas may not be blooming yet but the Old Garden Roses and David Austin's should be showing lots of color. You will find roses that are not found in any other garden in Oklahoma.

Keep in mind this is a garden, we have had lots of rain and this is in the morning. There will be morning dew on everything, the paths will be wet and soft for walking. Wear comfortable shoes that are water resistant and you don't mind getting muddy. If you have trouble walking on uneven surfaces, bring your walker or cane.

Most importantly bring your camera. You will find every rose properly labeled. On large roses you may have to walk around to the other side to see the label.

The coffee pot will be on and there will be a few cookies. If you would like to share a morning snack from your kitchen feel free to bring it along. This program does not include lunch so we need to complete our visit by 11:30 AM. There are other groups visiting this weekend so we need to make room for them.

The following photos are from previous visits to their garden. They really don't show the roses well.



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Our April meeting saw 43 in attendance. Everyone learned a little more about companion plants that can enhance your garden and complement you rose planting.

Monoculture gardens are the ones that often suffer from major outbreaks of disease or pests. They only offer seasonal color.

Left: Mary Horrigan is telling about the drawing for a rose and free door prizes while President Johnson is preparing to introduce our speaker.