

October 2015

What Is Going On?

Come as a Rose for our October meeting!

October 11th - Regular meeting - Refreshments
Kate Beck and Sheila Gist

October 16 - 18th - South Central District Convention and Rose Show, Fort Smith, Arkansas. See registration form and hotel information on page 7.

November 8th - Regular meeting - Election of 2016 officers. Speaker - Wade Brown on climbers.

December 13th - annual Holiday gathering. We are invited to return to the home of Mary Horrigan in south Broken Arrow again this year. TRS will provide the meat dishes while everyone else brings a pot luck dish. We will be coordinating the pot luck when we are confirming your attendance. Seating is limited to our membership.

October Meeting

**Want to keep that beautiful rose?
Brenda Johnson will show us how
to dry roses for an everlasting
keepsake.**

**How do I get my Roses to Show?
President Johnson will show us
his techniques for transporting
roses to show (just in time for
SCD show)**

Question session

We are welcoming the cooler fall temperatures and our roses are responding favorably also. Sometimes our fall blooms will be the best we have seen all year. We know that these blooms can not last forever. You may also receive a rose for a special occasion that you would like to keep. Brenda Johnson will be demonstrating a technique at our meeting for drying or preserving roses that you can enjoy for years to come.

Our second speaker will be President Johnson. He is going to explain techniques used to take your roses to a show. This is a timely topic since the South Central District show will be the following weekend. We have all probably cut a number of roses and put them into a bucket or container that holds several roses and found when we took them out they were stuck together and the prickles on one rose tore the foliage of another rose that decreased the points that rose would score if entered in a show. Don will be showing us techniques to get our roses to show in their best condition whether traveling across town or the state.

Last month's meeting covered a lot of information and offered a time for question but you may have had so much information you did not know what to ask. After thinking about for a month and working in your garden you may want answers to other questions. Bring your questions and we (TRS Consulting Rosarians) will attempt to answer them. You are welcome to bring photos, cuttings, insects, etc.



What to Do in October

1. Continue watering as needed. Our rainfall in my area has stopped and the high temperatures are drying out the soil quickly. Watering is something needed year around. Lack of water is the major cause of losing roses during the winter months.
2. Continue preventative spraying. Keep the black-spot under control. You need to keep the foliage on the plants so they will have energy to make it through the winter months. Once we have had a couple nights below 26 degrees you can put your sprayer away.
3. You should not be fertilizing any longer. Fertilizing will encourage new growth which will be damaged or killed when we do have a hard freeze.
4. It is time to discontinue dead heading. Let your blooms develop into hips or dry on the bush. This will encourage your rose to enter a dormancy stage which you want when freezing weather is approaching.
5. Add mulch if you have areas that have decayed or been thinned out for some reason. If you have roses with bud unions you may want some extra mulch around the bush that you can use it to cover the bud union after the first hard freeze.
6. Watch for damaged and diseased roses and take corrective action quickly. Rosette needs prompt attention!
7. Watch for weeds, grass and anything undesirable growing in the area of your roses. You still need to keep a watch on your garden even if you are not cutting roses. Weeds and grasses can grow seed fairly quickly and drop them to cause you more problems come spring.
8. Clean, sharpen and lubricate your tools before putting them away for the winter. Follow label directions on storing chemicals. You can use an old ice chest to help protect them from freezing. Make sure your batteries are charged and protected from freezing also.

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
 Mark Stelljes (Bixby/So Tulsa) 918-232-0244

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.](#)

BINGO SOCIAL

On Sunday, September 27, 2015 we had 13 members meet for a pot luck sandwich lunch and a game of Rose trivia before engaging in a few rounds of BINGO. There were lots of prizes and great food. Mary Horrigan was very generous in sharing her home for the activity and has invited us back for our holiday party. She hosted it last year and it was great!

Spring Workshop and CR School

The Tulsa Rose Society will be hosting a Spring Workshop and Consulting Rosarian School on March 5, 2016. The speakers have been arranged for. The event will be a full day at the Northeast Campus of TCC. This is the same location we have used in the past. Lunch will be brought in for all registered attendees. Door prizes and silent auction items will also be part of the day. Further details are being developed and will be published in the newsletter in the future. Mark March 5th on your calendar now so you will avoid any conflicts.

Tulsa Rose Society
Executive Board Meeting
Thursday, September 3, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Don Johnson at 10:10 AM. Those present were: Don Johnson, Brenda Johnson, Butch Neumeier, Norma Whitehead, John Carter, Judy Carter, Gordon Beck, Carol Puckett, Mary Horrigan and Mark Stelljes. The minutes were approved as printed in the September *Rosarian Reminder*. The Treasurer's report was read and assets totaled \$10,200.64. The report will be filed for audit.

Committee Reports: Membership: Mary reported no new members. **Hospitality:** Brenda stated that George Morrow and the Carters will provide refreshments for the September meeting and Butch will bring drinks. Gordon Beck, Sheila Gist and Norma Whitehead will bring them in October and Toni Byrd and Brenda are signed up for November. **Newsletter:** John noted that he can always use more articles.

Programs: Our September speaker will be John Carter speaking on basic rose care. Richard Waters will speak on photography of roses in October and Wade Brown from the Ft. Smith Rose Society will speak on climbers at the November meeting.

Old Business: March Workshop & CR school – Don is checking on speakers for the meeting on March 5th at Tulsa Community College North Campus. He would like to ask Don Myers from Bayer in Ohio to come and speak on chemicals and asked for approval of his travel expenses. John moved that we approve up to \$750 for Mr. Myers to attend and speak; Gordon seconded and the motion was approved. Don will also check with several other possible speakers in the next few weeks. Mark suggested that we consider making this seminar eligible for Continuing Education Units so that it would attract more people such as Master Gardeners and other professional horticulturists. Don & Brenda will also contact the So. Central District and apply for the reimbursement funds that will help us present this workshop. Brenda is also going to talk to the new Broken Arrow Rose Club soon and she will mention ARS items and our workshop and activities. We will plan on having roses to auction and Mark will contact Weeks and Star Roses to see if we can get some plants donated for this event.

New Business: Mary asked for input to plan a social event for our members in September at her home. Sunday, September 27th, at 1 PM was chosen. She will have some refreshments and games on hand and we will announce this at our Sept. 13th meeting. Mary has also planned a "come as a rose" fun activity for the October 11th meeting and this will be put in the newsletter.

Gordon asked if our club would consider renting a booth at the Tulsa State Fair to publicize our club and activities. This was discussed and it was decided that we probably don't have enough members interested in this to provide manpower through the 10-day period or even over a weekend. Don noted that we are talking with Joe Schulte of Southwood Landscape about coordinating a club booth during his spring sale of roses. We will see how this works out.

Brenda gave the report of the Nominating Committee and Carol Puckett, Mary Horrigan, Judy Carter and Liz Enochs have agreed to continue in their offices. Gordon Beck has agreed to be nominated as President for the 2016 term. Elections will occur at the November meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m. Judith Carter, Acting Secretary

**Tulsa Rose Society General Meeting
September 13, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Carol Puckett at 2:01 p.m. in the Tulsa Garden Center Ballroom. There were 22 members present.

Raffle tickets were sold for the miniature Memphis King, and door prizes of coleus and matted rose pictures were won by all members attending.

Carol Puckett reminded members about the Ft. Smith Rose Show on October 16-18 and encouraged members to attend. She also reminded members about the "Come as a Rose" contest at the October meeting where an Olive Garden gift card will be awarded to the winner. At the October meeting, the guest speaker will be photographer Richard Waters who will guide members in how to take quality pictures of roses, and members will be able to go into the rose garden to practice. The November meeting will have Wade Brown from Ft. Smith to talk on climbers. November will also be the election of officers. December 13 will be the holiday party at Mary Horrigan's house. A bingo social will be also be held at Mary Horrigan's house on Sunday, September 27. Members are to sign up or let Norma Whitehead know that they are coming.

John Carter gave the September program on general rose tips including ground preparation, placement of the rose, proper nutrients, and other valuable information.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 for refreshments.

Submitted by Liz Enochs, Secretary

Announcement from the Antique Rose Emporium

It's time! The seasons are changing, not just at the Antique Rose Emporium, but for us personally, too. We have decided it is time to sell the Garden Center/ Event Venue of the ARE to another in hopes that it brings as much joy and fulfillment to them as it has for us the past 30 years. You are receiving this email because you know us, you know ARE, and we wanted you to hear it from us first. Also, you may be looking for just this type of opportunity or know someone else who may be.

Tulsa World Article - Winter Rose Care - Saturday, September 19, 2015



The Tulsa World ran a very informative article on winter rose care after interviewing Don and Brenda Johnson. The photo to the left was include with the article in addition to a half page photo of a beautiful Red Rose found in their garden.

Their tips included:

1. Water roses well during the winter
2. Move potted plants closer to your home
3. Protect the bud union on grafted roses
4. Cut tall canes back after hard freeze
5. Transplant dormant roses when needed
6. Remove unproductive plants from your garden

It is important for you to pay attention to your garden the year around and be alert for problems.

Tulsa Rose Society Members - you are invited to register and attend the following design workshop. You will learn the principles of design that will help you do designs for Rose shows. This is a minimal cost for all that you can learn. You can also enter the Tulsa Garden Club Show next May!

Tulsa Garden Club

Presents the Denise Caves Memorial Workshop 2015

“Designing Women”

Thursday, October 15, 9:30a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Tulsa Garden Center Auditorium

2435 South Peoria Avenue, Tulsa

Instructor: Shirley Tetreault

Shirley is a Master Flower Show judge and Certified Design Instructor for National Garden Clubs. She is a two-term past President of New Mexico Garden Clubs. She teaches a basic design class every year at the Albuquerque Garden Center and is a Master Gardener. Shirley was recently elected to serve on the NGC Executive Committee and is currently serving as National Garden Clubs Recording Secretary. Teaching methods will include demonstrations and hands-on practice.

Bring paper, pencil, scissors and a camera if you wish. If you have an extra flower container you no longer want, bring it to be sold as a donation to Tulsa Garden Club's Ways and Means.

Workshop limited to 30 designers. Send in registration now!

Fee: \$45 includes all materials, drinks, lunch and a small container.

Registration deadline: October 9, 2015. Mail fee to:

Sue Lovelace, 8235 South 112th East Avenue, Tulsa, OK 74133

(918) 286-3226

suelovelace@cox.net

Please include your check, name, address, phone and email



OCTOBER COSTUME FRIVOLITY
Plan now to join the fun.

COME AS A ROSE

Wear a headpiece, clothing item, make-up and/or full costume that represents a rose name.

Costumes on Parade
 Mystery Guest
 Lots of Prizes, Refreshments

Grand prize
 \$25 Olive Garden Gift Card for best rose representation.
 Must be TRS member to win.



The above photo was from our *Come as a Rose* meeting in 2014. Our members showed a lot of creativity in coming up with costumes. You do not need to get elaborate. A hat and shirt can make an easy and fun costume. Great prize for the best costume.

Drying Roses

Article Source: <http://EzineArticles.com>

There are many ways to dry flowers. One of the best ways is to dry flowers with the use of silica gel. Silica gel is a drying compound (desiccant) for use in drying flowers. Using this method allows one to dry flowers while the flowers retains its shape and superior color. The silica gel mixture can be used over and over so the initial expense of about \$20.00 for a large can is a one- time expense. Other less commercial examples of a desiccant are fine sand, borax powder, alum, finely ground kitty litter, and detergent powder. All these may be used to draw moisture from plant material.

Remove stems from flowers. The flower heads may be wired for extra support before burying in desiccant. Fill a box with at least one inch of silica gel. Place flowers either on their sides or upright. To ensure the same drying time, dry similar flowers together. Do not let flowers touch or overlap one another. Cover flowers gently until flowers are completely covered. Close the box tightly.

Silica gel dries flowers most effectively, because it dries them in 2-6 days retaining beautiful color and shape. This desiccant comes in white crystals or as color-indicator crystals. When the color-indicator crystals are dry, they are blue. While absorbing moisture they are pink. Flowers may also be dried in the microwave in combination with silica gel. To do this pour about an inch of desiccant in a microwave dish. Place flowers and gently cover with more silica gel. Put a small dish of water in the microwave with the flowers. This prevents the flowers from becoming dry and brittle. Set the microwave on medium for about 1-3 minutes. Because the drying takes place so rapidly, experimenting is necessary for different types of flowers. Take the flowers out of the microwave and let cool for 15-30 minutes before trying to reveal the flowers. Take careful notes to denote the drying times on the flowers tried.

Be sure to attend our October meeting to learn more about this process!



**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!