



The Rosarian Reminder

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Special points of interest:

- ◆ Refreshments:
 - Snacks -
- ◆ Rose Rusnam & Norma Whitehead
- ◆ Drinks - Mary Rowe

April Meeting, Sunday, April 13, 2 PM @ TGC

Roses for Large and Small Gardens

Some of us have large gardens and others small gardens. We know that some roses can get quite large (like Ballerina) and others very small (like Cinderella). Which roses will be the best for your garden. We have talked about companion plantings, so you have an idea what your roses will grow with, but what roses should you try in your garden?

Dr. Johnson will show some photos of roses in garden settings to give you a feel for having that rose in your garden. Karen Gardner (Roses Inc . Green Country) will show you some photos of roses that she has in stock which will help you match up your garden needs with what will work and what is available. Even if you do not plan to add any roses to your garden this year, this program will help you achieve a more beautiful garden.

President's Letter—April 2014

Dear Rosarians,

Greetings from Sapulpa! Things in the Johnson garden are, unfortunately, discouraging as far as Hybrid Teas go. Last month I noted that I had been seeing a lot of black canes and was curious as to which HT's would survive our severe cold. Well I have to say hardly any did well and, after uncovering them and pruning, most plants had to be cut back to 3 to 6 inches. I should note that these are almost all Fortuniana root stock, but those on traditional root stock did not fare well either. As a result I am not able to tell those varieties

that are extremely cold tolerant. Hope springs eternal for rosarians and perhaps these roses will grow out of the severe damage as they have in the past. Total loss occurred on only 4 plants out of over a hundred. Now for the good news - our shrubs and OGR's look terrific with no notable winter damage at all. The miniatures and miniflora's also came thru fairly unbothered by the winter. I think there is a lesson here for rose growers. I would like to hear from you regarding your winter damage. Email at no1roseman@aol.com if you have similar or differing outcomes and whether

you winter-protected or not.

We had a marvelous 2nd arrangement workshop with good attendance and our students did some amazing modern arrangements. Special thanks to Judy for an incredible demonstration of miniature designs and to Norma who brought many lovely modern containers for folks to use. Our next class will be on Saturday April 19 and we will do Oriental arrangements. We expect to see a very large number of arrangement entries in our Spring show as a result of these work shops.

What to Do In April . . .

1. Water! Water! Water! **Water!** We have had an extremely dry month/year in addition to the cold and wind. Be sure you have a rain gauge so you know how much rain you get in your own garden. I recently had an inch of rain but that is about all for the year.
2. April means you should be safe to prune if you have not already done so. Your roses will grow and bloom without pruning but they will not be as beautiful as they can be.
3. For your established roses you should have given them their first feeding. An organic type of food spread around the bush and scratched into the surface of the soil is a good starting process. Remember, water your roses before fertilizing and again following the fertilizing. Newly planted roses should not be fertilized until they complete their first bloom cycle.
4. Protect your new basils and growth from the wind. New growth is pretty tender and can easily break in our 40 - 50 mile per hour winds. Push a stake of some type into the ground where the new growth can be tied to it for extra strength. There is a plastic material about 1/2 inch wide that you can tie the new growth to the stake and it will not damage the cane. You can also use strips of nylon material or other soft material. Do not use a wire tie. It will damage the canes.
5. It is time to start your pest prevention programs. If you are going to use chemical sprays make sure the product did not freeze during the winter. Read the directions again to make sure you are following them correctly. Sometimes you may want to alternate products so the a resistance is not built up against one chemical. If you are using a systemic treatment remember that it must be absorbed by the plant and distributed through the plants system before it is effective. There are a number of new organic products available now if you prefer "organic" but there are precautions that you should follow with them also. READ

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 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
 Ed Neumeier - First Vice President - Programs
 Carol Puckett - Second Vice President - Membership
 Norma Whitehead - 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.

THE LABEL and FOLLOW DIRECTIONS!

6. Put down a good layer of mulch around your plants in the garden. This will help hold the moisture in and make the weeds easier to control. For Roses the small pine bark mulch works well. Avoid the red and black died mulches. They will attract and hold too much heat in your soil. You can also go the Tulsa Green Waste site and get free mulch.
7. Enjoy your garden! Take a morning walk through the garden and watch the new growth and buds appear. You can also be on the alert for problems while they are still small ones. Keep in mind there are a number of "good bugs" that are working to help you. Are the "bad bugs" really doing that much damage to your garden?

TULSA ROSE SOCIETY
March 5, 2014
BOARD MEETING

President Don Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM in the Tulsa Garden Center Volunteer Meeting Room. Also attending were Brenda Johnson, John Carter, Judy Carter, Norma Whitehead, Butch Neumeier, Gordon Beck, and Dennis Voss. Absent were Carol Puckett, Bob Peterson and Beverly Forester.

Judy Carter gave the Treasurer's Report and noted a balance of \$6,502,88 in the checking account. She also reviewed a proposed budget. Gordon Beck made a motion to accept the budget as presented. Judy Carter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Hospitality sign up sheets were made available to be used at the regular meetings.

The roses that were won by some of the members who attended the Oklahoma Rose Society Bingo will be given to the new members and for door prizes.

John Carter, Editor, gave the Board the new Rosters for 2014.

John Carter reported the Storage Unit was opened and, with a little help from the lady in charge of the units, they moved all the equipment and supplies to a new unit. The Rose Show Awards were taken to the home of Norma Whitehead for storage until the May 17th show.

Don Johnson reminded the Board of the School for Modern Arrangements will be held at the Garden Center on Saturday, March 8, 2014.

New Business: We will be looking for Gardens

of members for a spring or summer Garden Tour. This does not need to be a roses-only garden, but with miscellaneous flowers and shrubs also.

Brenda Johnson will check for a source of Polo Shirts for the workers to wear at the May 17th Rose Show which will be held in Broken Arrow. They will probably be Blue, bright enough to be recognized by the public as Tulsa Rose Society members. These will be made available for all Tulsa Rose Society Members.

John Carter presented a handout with instructions on how to exhibit Roses for the Broken Arrow exhibitors. Don thanked John for designing this brochure. Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Norma Whitehead, Secretary

TULSA ROSE SOCIETY
March 9, 2014
GENERAL MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 PM at the Tulsa Garden Center Ballroom. A quorum was present.

Judith Carter, Treasurer, presented a proposed budget previously approved by the board. There were no questions and the members present voted to approve the budget as presented.

Brenda Johnson discussed the purchase of new shirts for the club and recommended J&L Promotions of Kellyville. She showed a picture and invited members to sign up. She will order the shirts and there is no minimum order.

The program was on spring preparation. Meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm.

Norma Whitehead, Secretary

Tulsa Rose Society Show Information



The Tulsa Rose Society is working with the *Broken Arrow Bringing Back the City of Roses* Committee to hold the TRS show in conjunction with a community effort to encourage citizens of the community to grow roses in their gardens. Other activities including a community show will be held in conjunction with the TRS Rose Show.

The Tulsa Rose Show will follow our regular schedule and process. It is just being held in a new location. Other Activities will be taking place at the same location. We should see an increased number of visitors to our show. It will be a great opportunity to make new friends and invite people to join us.

For the judges and out of town exhibitors needing a hotel room a special rate has been established at the Broken Arrow Holiday Inn Express. Address: 2201 N Stone Wood Circle, Broken Arrow, OK . Phone: 918-355-3200. The rooms will be held at the special rate until **April 25th**. The code will be **ROSE** for anyone wanting the special rate of **\$79-king or \$99-double queen**. The hotel is just off Hwy 51 (Broken Arrow Expressway) at the Elm (161st) St exit. It is next to the Bass Pro Shop and is less than a mile to the show location. There are a number of restaurants in the immediate area and other shopping.

Show schedules have been printed and will be available at the April and May meetings. It is also available on our website (www.tulsarosesociety.org) under the Activities page. There will be a "public" show separate from the TRS show. In addition to Roses they will have photography and art works shown and judged. The show and other activities will be open until 4:00 PM.

Show setup will take place Friday afternoon. If you can help fill vases and distribute them, be there about 2 PM. We will have the regular setup process to go through. We will also need some volunteers from 5 PM until 7 PM to help the community enter their roses. Judging will be from 7 PM until 8:30 PM. Their show will be separate from our show but they will be using our vases to improve the uniformity of the show.

**Nienhuis Park Community Center
3201 N 9th St, Broken Arrow, OK**

Roses for Your Garden - Large or Small

A picture is worth a thousand words, so you should plan on attending the Meeting on April 13th to get a lot more information than I can put into this article.

There really are no secrets to selecting the correct rose for your garden. The starting point would be to determine how many hours of sunlight does the selected rose get. Roses like 6 - 8 hours of full sunlight to encourage their blooming and growing as we like them to. You can purchase a sunlight monitor to stick into the ground at that location and it will give you a reading as a guide. Or you can monitor your garden and check every couple hours to see if the area has moved into the shade. Remember that this time of the year the trees are not leafed out so their shade area will change as they leaf out.

The second consideration is water. Roses need to get at least an inch per week and more when the temperatures get above 95 degrees. By the same token roses do not like to stand in water. If you use an automated sprinkler system, place a rain gauge in that area and run the system, measuring the amount of water the area receives. Note also if there is water standing after the watering occurs.

If the desired location will receive the light and water necessary for a rose to grow it is time to look at the neighborhood. Review the list of good companion plants in the last issue of this newsletter. If nothing is growing in that area now, dig into the soil and see if there are a lot of roots and how large are they. The area may be far enough from a tree to get the required light but the ground may still be full of roots from the tree or other large shrubs. You will notice the preferred companion plants do not tend to send

roots out in all directions. If you find a lot of roots, they can be cut out but in most cases they will grow back in within a few months. Those roots will take the moisture and nutrients from the soil that the rose needs. Roses tend to be relatively shallow rooted so it is possible to put a metal underground barrier around the planting area. It will be necessary to dig out a large area and use a metal that will not rust very quickly. It should probably be 12 inches deep from the surface of the soil.

Now you need to determine how large of an area you have for the rose to grow in. Roses do not like neighbors who get pushy. They also need good air circulation to prevent things like black spot developing.

With this information, go to the Rose catalogues and look for a pretty rose you like that will fit into the area you have. Read the documented size and plan on it being larger.

Additions to your directory.

Lyuba Treakell
13026 E 46th St, Tulsa, OK 74134
918-230-8281

Sammy & Ray Stevens
1504 S Aspen Ct, Broken Arrow, OK 74012
918-814-5370

Ella Jo Yocham
P. O. Box 665, Kellyville, OK 74039
(918) 247-6764

Peggy & BeJay Tsai
2904 E 27th St, Tulsa, Ok 74114
918-561-6886

Correction

Mary Horrigan
918-451-0538

Volunteers needed for SpringFest Membership Booth

Dear Rosy Friends,

The Tulsa Garden Center Spring Fest is the 11th and 12th of April, the Friday and Saturday BEFORE our regular meeting Sunday the 13th. This event is an excellent time to promote the Tulsa Rose Society. We hope you are planning to have a wonderful weekend purchasing plants to go with your roses and attend our meeting which will feature roses that you might want to purchase for your garden.

If you were not at the meeting and did not get a chance to sign up to help at our rose booth here are some times that we could use your help. If you volunteered THANK YOU! As you see the list below needs one person for each time slot with the exception of the first time slot on Friday. If you were not at our last meeting, and would like to participate, the time slots that are "OPEN" are listed below. We will be able to give away free rose catalogs to anyone who wants them as well as sell Mills Magic Fertilizer, knife sharpeners (for sharpening your pruners) and stainless steel plant markers.

FRIDAY APRIL 11th

9:00---12:00 (FULL)

KAYE MACLASKEY---ELLA JO YOCHAM—VERONICA WITHINGTON

12:00---3:00—NEED ONE PERSON

GORDON BECK—CAROL PUCKETT---(VOLUNTEER?)

3:00—TILL CLOSING---NEED ONE PERSON

DON & BRENDA JOHNSON---(VOLUNTEER?)

SATURDAY APRIL 12

9:00—12:00

MARY HORIGAN & NORMA WHITEHEAD—(VOLUNTEER?)

12:00—3:00

BUTCH NEUMEIER & CATHY VAUGHAN—(VOLUNTEER?)

3:00—CLOSING

DON & BRENDA JOHNSON & (VOLUNTEER ?)

Parking is very limited at the Garden Center. Volunteers are asked to park in the Woodward Park area or east of the rose garden on the street just south of the Historical Society building. Please give me a call if you would like to volunteer! Brenda - 918-227-1954

This is a great time to see and meet fellow gardeners and get some great prices on annuals and other plants.

Rose Society Member Shirts, Aprons & Caps

Dear Rose Society Members,

We have ordered shirts for the Tulsa Rose Society members who signed up at the last meeting. I will call you when they are available. It would be nice to wear them at SpringFest. Don and I got ours and they are truly beautiful. The shirts are a royal blue with a red rose and green leaves. I can hardly wait for everyone to see how nice they are. J and L Promotions made a hat as a demo for anyone that might want a hat. The aprons are also something that I think you might want, too. They have two nice deep pockets for holding whatever you need. The cost of the apron with the logo is only \$13. The cost of the shirts is \$20. If you want your name added it is another \$1. The ball cap will be \$12.00. I will wear my shirt to Spring- Fest and I will have samples for you to try at our next meeting.

If you want to order, please let me know. Those of you that have already ordered will have your shirts by our next meeting or sooner! You will need to make your checks out to Tulsa Rose Society and be sure and put shirt, apron, and/or hat on your check. After everyone has paid for their shirts, our treasurer will write one check to J and L Promotions.

The aprons are something that I really did not think about until I saw the J and L Promotions catalog. Aprons were Grandma's primary tool for kitchen uses as well as collecting eggs, carrying chicken feed and garden vegetables, drying children's tears and many other things.

Today the apron has almost been forgotten. However, for those of us who have rose shows and still garden, the apron has new meaning. We can carry our bypass pruners in its pockets and we can use it for shows by placing winning ribbons in the pockets

with a pencil or pen and a key punch that is used on the entry tags. This same apron can also hold beautiful stems of roses cut to bring in from the garden. I guess the list could go on but it will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace that old-time apron that served so many purposes.

We hope you will consider owning one of these items and wearing them to our events.



Design Workshop

We can look forward to many great designs at our Spring Rose Show from the class members of the design workshop that Don & Brenda have been giving. The photo below shows members of the class that met March 8th.



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TULSA ROSE SOCIETY
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Enter The Best Tulsa Rose Show

Enter the ALL NEW Tulsa Rose Show, May 16-17 this year in historic Broken Arrow, OK - Bringing Back The Roses, including **CASH AWARDS**.

All the usual categories and judging system are the same, but the location and events around the show are new.

Broken Arrow's **Bring Back The Roses** is planning an all day family festival with a rose photography and rose illustration competition, games for kids, vendors with plant related information. In the evening a gala honoring the winners with wine and hors d'oeuvres will be held on historic Main Street in an elegant top floor ballroom overlooking the roses on Main.



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