

TULSA ROSE SOCIETY

No Meeting in August

The Tulsa Rose Society will not meet during the month of August. In the past attendance at this meeting was very low, so the board decided to skip this month and welcome everyone in the fall. Our first fall meeting will be on September 10th. See you there!

We have our fall meetings all lined up.

September 10 - this will start early at 1:30 with a special Meet, Greet and Eat gathering. We will have small finger sandwiches, drinks and snacks to start with. Following the meeting we will have our regular "sweet" treats.

Our speaker will be Dennis Niklas of the Oklahoma Rose Society. Dennis grows numerous miniatures and Miniflora's. He is a top exhibitor and has shown his roses on the Tulsa show, South Central District shows and National shows. Dennis will have photos in addition to telling us about the best way to care for the little ones.

October 8 - Mike Shoup of the Antique Rose Emporium will be our guest speaker. Mike is an author of several books in addition to operating the Antique Rose Emporium. Watch for the September newsletter for his topic. He may also be able to bring pre-ordered roses so watch for those details. In October we will also have a report from the Nominating Committee of the officers nominated to serve in 2018. If you would like to serve in some capacity, contact Don and Brenda Johnson.

November 12 - November is our election month so we will be voting for our new officers. Our Speaker will be Dr. Jen Olsen from OSU. She has been leading the research on rosette disease and will report the results of their projects for 2017.

December 10 - Mary Horrigan has offered her home again for our holiday gathering. The Society will furnish the Ham and members are asked to bring a pot luck dish. This will be coordinated as we confirm attendance at a later date. We have a lot of fun with games and activities that Mary puts together.

January 8 - (or the first meeting of the year, depending on the weather!) We will start the new year off with the installation of our 2018 officers. At this time we do not have a program defined, so let us know your ideas!

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Looking Ahead

August -- No Meeting

Sept 10 -

Dennis Niklas

Oct 8 - Mike Shoup

Nov 12 -

Dr. Jen Olsen

Refreshments -

If you can bring snack items, please let Judy Carter know.



What To Do in August

1. Water is always at the top of the list. There have been some nice amounts of rain but we are seeing the temperatures rising so they will dry out. Check your rose bed. A finger stuck into the surface of the soil will tell you if it is moist or dry. Remember a good watering is much better than a little bit every day. Be sure to water before fertilizing.

2. Spraying must be continued. Fungus will continue to develop even during the heat of the summer. Some of the little showers just add to the ability of the fungus to develop. Keep in mind that it is not long until the rose shows start and you need clean healthy foliage to show your rose.

3. Insect control is important for show roses also. Spider mites can be as bad as black spot in damaging foliage. Watch for them as well as other insects. Wash the spider mites off. This takes a repeated effort over several days. Treat other insects when you have a problem.

4. Roses require feeding to be healthy and produce the blooms we need. At this time of the year a soluble (liquid) feeding generally produces the quickest results and is easy to apply. Miracle-Gro and products like that can be easily applied and you will see results quickly. I like fish emulsion which I mix in a watering can and apply around each bush. If you apply a granular fertilizer remember it needs to be watered to dissolve the fertilizer.

5. Mulch is still very important and should be maintained to help retain the precious moisture. Make sure your mulch has not molded and formed a barrier to prevent moisture from penetrating it. You can observe for problems as you water or you can occasionally loosen up the mulch with a tool.

6. Grooming is still important. You want to continue to remove the deadheads but you also should be removing unwanted growth from the center of the

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Your Club Officers for 2017 are:

Gordon Beck - President
 Dennis Voss - 1st Vice President - Programs
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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 Thursday of every month at the Tulsa Garden Center at 10:00 AM. Everyone is welcome. Visit our website at www.tulsarosesociety.org.

bush and those small blind shoots which will never produce a bloom. Your bush needs foliage to produce and maintain its health so do not remove more than 30% of the foliage at this time of the year.

7. Mark your calendar and make reservations for the fall activities that have been mentioned in this newsletter and you find in the *American Rose* magazine. These will help increase your knowledge and your enthusiasm for growing roses.

8. 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*.



Watering Your Roses

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The key to growing bigger and better roses is maintaining the proper balance in the soil of air, water, and nutrients.

While there are many reasons why your roses did not perform, as they should last year, some problems have simple solutions while others are more complex. Many are simple physiological problems, and have no relation to an infectious disease. Many arise from problems with plants environment, such as: too much water or too little water, poor drainage, insufficient soil aeration, or a nutrient deficiency, etc.

To better understand water and its relationship to the soil, you should first understand how plants' roots and stems utilize water in the soil. By implementing changes in the soil's structure, you will allow for better soil drainage and an improvement in the air and soil movement.

Water is one of the most common compounds on earth, profoundly affecting all plant growth, both physically and chemically. The dictionary refers to water as a transparent, odorless, tasteless fluid. To a plant, it is the lifeline of its existence. Water is the means by which fresh air is introduced into the soil, since rainwater contains more oxygen than normal tap water. When the soil contains sufficient oxygen, combined with the proper nutrients, it results in a greater pulling in of moisture by the root system. This abundance of moisture is what puts that crispness in the petals of your finest looking blooms, and substance in the foliage.

A plant's tissue is about 90% to 95% water. With this in mind, it is easy to see that without this vital compound, roses would not exist. While water is considered one of the main resources required to sustain life on the plant, it can also cause some significant changes to take place within the soil that should be addressed. These changes can trigger the start of retro-gradation in a balanced soil.

What happens when water is added to a soil? It forces carbon dioxide out of the soil. The carbon dioxide is generated by the plants roots and soil microorganisms. At the same time, it carries dissolved nutrients to the root zone where they can be absorbed by the fine feeder roots. Even though roots absorb fertilizers from the soil, they do not benefit from it at this time. It is only after fertilizer has gone through the cycle in the leaves (photosynthesis), that roots derive the benefits of the nutrients. This is one of the reasons why a deep soaking once a week is more beneficial than a light sprinkle two or three times a week.

Now that you know how water interacts within the soil, it is easy to understand how a rose bush standing in water because of inadequate drainage will affect that plant's growth. While roses in containers require a large quantity of water, having their roots



constantly immersed in water is the best way to kill the plant because it interrupts its supply of oxygen. The ideal situation is to have a soil retain as much water as the soil's texture allows. This is referred to as "field capacity" and assures sufficient moisture to keep leaves turgid at all time.

Pruning For Beautiful Fall Roses

Timing The Bloom Cycle

By: Paula Adlong, Master Rosarian and Judge (Taken from the Rose Mite - August 2010)

For a number of years we have tried to fall prune our roses to target several rose shows so that we can have maximum blooms. One can time the pruning to have blooms for a show, but always be mindful that Mother Nature has the final say. Temperatures and moisture also have an important influence on the maturing of the blooms.

Fall pruning is not as severe as spring pruning. In the fall you just want to remove the spindly growth, dead or diseased canes and cut back to sturdy canes no smaller than pencil size in diameter. This type of pruning is healthy for your bushes even if you don ' t exhibit roses. It stimulates new growth that will produce beautiful fall blooms.

Our fall shows usually range from the second week through the fourth week of October, so I usually pick the midpoint of these shows as the target date to prune. Count back 40 days for low petaled roses, 45 days for medium petaled roses and 50 days for heavy petaled roses. Some Rosarians stagger prune (they prune 1/3 of the bush, wait three days, prune another 1/3, then three more days and finish the pruning). That is just too much for me and I have had great success in just whacking the bush all at once. Some bushes resent staggered pruning and will sit and pout until all is pruned. Either way, you are going to get fabulous fall blooms, so go for it. After pruning we give the bushes a big push with lots of nutrients. Besides our regular feeding we add a fertilizer that is high in phosphorus, a little more iron and the most important ingredient, copious amounts of water. Now sit back and watch those little bushes produce award winning roses. We plan to begin pruning August 28.

South Central District Convention And Rose Show 2017 November 3 – 5



The Golden Triangle Rose Society is pleased to host the annual South Central District Convention of the American Rose Society. The residence and show location will be the Holiday Inn Beaumont Plaza, 3950 IH 10 S, Beaumont, TX 77707. Special room rates of \$92 + tax, single or double, \$102 + tax Corporate Suite, or \$112 + tax Presidential Suite are in effect. Hotel reservations referencing ROSE are available at 409-842-5995. The Rose Show, Speakers, and Saturday Awards Banquet will be held at the Hotel. Friday night reception and meal and Sunday breakfast will be at the Tyrrell Park Garden Center.

Please use this form to register for the Convention. Make checks payable to: Golden Triangle Rose Society, and mail to Becky Davis, Registrar, at 5548 Crosstimber Dr., Orange, TX 77632.

Registration Form

Name(s) to appear on tag _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail _____ Local Society _____

Will be showing roses _____ Will help during show _____ Clerk _____

Registration prior to October 15, 2017 \$50 x _____ = \$ _____

Saturday awards banquet only \$25 x _____ = \$ _____

Registration after October 15, 2017 \$60 x _____ = \$ _____

Registration includes Friday reception, Awards Banquet, and Sunday breakfast. Please select a Banquet menu item:

Prime Rib _____
Chicken Cordon Bleu _____

Please indicate which events you will attend so that we can prepare enough food

Friday reception _____
Sunday breakfast _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____



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The following will be available at our meetings.

For Sale:

Stainless Steel Plant markers:

20" \$2.00 15" \$1.75

Keep these in mind for birthday and holiday gifts!



Don't forget the Weed Out in the Tulsa Rose Garden from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month this summer. Water and doughnuts will be available to volunteers.

