



# The Rosarian Reminder

Tulsa Rose Society  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

December 2014

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## Special points of interest:

- ◆ **Christmas Pot Luck**
- ◆ **January - sharpening of tools**



## Holiday Meeting - December 14, 2014



**CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
**SUNDAY, DEC. 14, 2014, 2 PM**  
 Home of Member Mary Horrigan  
 13145 S. 121st East Ave., BA  
 1 mile west of old Roses Inc location

RSVP by Dec. 6 to Norma Whitehead, 918 **286-8244**  
 Please join us for good food and fellowship.



See page 4 for more details

## President's Letter—December 2014

Dear Rosarians,

Another year in the garden is about gone. It was overall much better than the preceding several years and we can hope for still better next year. We are overdue for a year of normalcy with no late spring freeze and lots of rain.

In spite of our late, seemingly devastating spring freeze, the resiliency of the rose was evident and by fall, bloom was about as good as ever.

Our early November hard freeze is confusing to me and others. Our roses have not entered true dormancy. I have checked with our friends in Fort Smith and other members and they generally agree

that it apparently did not stay cold enough for sufficient time to induce dormancy. As a result it is probably better to wait a while longer to "top" our plants for winter for fear of injury. If you have already topped off don't worry as any injury this might cause will likely not be severe.

Our charming Frivolity Chair has a great Christmas party planned. Don't miss it. I assure you the food will be fabulous and it will be fun.

We have recently updated recommended roses for our area and would like to hear from you. If you have had roses that have performed well for you over time we can add to our lists. Generally it takes about 3 years to adequately

ly evaluate a new rose.

We have frequently had surveys handed out to inquire about what topics you would like for meetings and we have had mixed results. Please, if you think of a really good topic, contact me or our program chair Carol Puckett in person or by phone. We want to provide programs that are meaningful and useful to rosarians.

Many of us attended a recent workshop on rose rosette disease and we heard some very useful information on control. We hope to present this soon.

Blessings to all in this most wonderful season.

Don

### What To Do in December

Winter protection is the first thing that comes to mind this time of the year. How much and where are the big questions. There is not an easy answer to these questions. Last year was the coldest in recent history. If your roses made it alright then what you did will probably work this winter. Some of us saw that it took most of the summer for the real damage to show up.

If some of the rose bushes have grown overly tall and in danger of being blown over, they can be topped somewhat and should be staked. If the wind rocks the plant it will damage the root system.

If some of your rose bushes have sunk too low and are no longer thriving, soon will be a good time to lift them. Go around the bush with a spading fork and gently lift up the roots while working soil under them. Stake to keep loosened bushes from being blown over, but do not prune. Some rosarians say it is a good idea to strip the leaves after this operation. Water well once, then mist every day that it does not rain for the next week or so. Of course do not attempt this if the soil is frozen.

Keep potted roses watered. Roses in beds will not need as much water as in the spring but do not let roses get dry over a long period of time.

December is the time to be ordering your roses for spring delivery and building the new beds you will need. Take advantage of the days when the weather will allow you to work outside. If you do not want the hassle of dealing with bare root roses you can pick up potted roses in the spring. Your rose bushes can be a significant investment so take precautions to protect these investments.

You also need to take care of your tools so they will be ready to serve you next spring. Make sure all of the foreign matter is removed from your tools. Use steel wool to remove soil and anything else before covering with a light coat of oil. Sharpen all tools before putting them away and make a list of things needing to be replaced. It might be a good Christmas list!

### 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](mailto: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

After the last spray of the season, run some hot water and white vinegar through your sprayer to clean away any spray residue. Lubricate the sprayer according to the manufactures directions. Store with the sprayer open to prevent condensation from occurring.

Store pesticides safely and protect from freezing. If you can not bring them into a heated area, use insulated storage containers and pack with insulating material. Keep them away from sunlight and safe from children and pets.

Store fertilizer and rose amendments in a protected area where they will not be exposed to moisture. A spare trash can with a plastic bag inside makes a good storage container. Seal the plastic bag after putting in the contents. Keep the lid on. Mice love Mills Magic Mix, but it's a bit expensive for mouse food!

TULSA ROSE SOCIETY  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
November 6, 2014

President Don Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:20 AM. Attending were Brenda Johnson, Butch Neumeier, Dennis Voss, Carol Puckett, Gordon Beck, Mary Horrigan, Liz Enochs, Judy Carter, Norma Whitehead. Absent was John Carter.

Don asked Mary Horrigan to audit the Society Books for 2014.

The Nominating Committee reported Liz Enochs will replace Veronica Whithington as the Nominee for Secretary. It was noted that Veronica will be out of the country and not be available for many meetings.

Judy Carter gave the Treasurer's Report and noted a balance of \$5,009.47 in the Checking Account.

Brenda Johnson agreed to make a list of roses that do well in our area. She also announced that Bob and Doris House are digging up their roses and will be giving them away as they are retiring from exhibiting. They have given the rest of their awards to Tulsa Rose Society. We appreciate their generosity very much.

Our December meeting and holiday party will be held at the home of Mary Horrigan. Don and Brenda will be picking up the ham. Mary will mail cards to remind members and guests of the party and also a map with directions to her home.

Discussion was led by Mary of how to make our Society more visible and promote our Spring Rose Show. She suggested we have a beginners and Novice Section to help exhibitors learn more about exhibiting. We should all "learn more to win more" and not to be afraid to compete.

Norma Whitehead  
Secretary

Tulsa Rose Society  
General Meeting  
November 9, 2014

President Don Johnson opened the meeting at 2:10 p.m. with a welcome to the members and guests.

Brenda Johnson, Chair of the Nominating Committee read the list of the Nominees for the coming year. Don Johnson was nominated for President, Carol Puckett for First Vice President, Mary Horrigan for Second Vice President, Judy Carter for Treasurer and Liz Enochs for Secretary.

Brenda Johnson called for any other nominations from the Floor. There being none, Gordon Beck moved that the nominations cease and the Slate of Officers as presented be elected by acclamation. The members approved the motion.

Member Diane Nail came through the room with invitations for everyone to our holiday party. Mary then gave a report on plans for the Christmas Party to be held on December 14, 2014 at 2:00 pm at her home. A list was passed around for the membership to sign and indicate what vegetable, salad or dessert that they would provide. You will receive a telephone call if you were not present so we will have information for how many will attend. The Board hopes to see you there.

Don introduced Butch Neumeier, Liz Enochs and Brenda Johnson and asked them to join him for a Question and Answer Round Table. It was very informative and covered most everything for protecting your roses this winter, including winter spraying.

The meeting was adjourned for refreshments at 3:30 p.m.

Norma Whitehead  
Secretary



## Henry Bennett (rose hybridizer) Portrayed by Gordon Beck - surprise visitor at our November meeting

(From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia)



**Henry Bennett** (1823–1890) was a pioneer in the systematic, deliberate hybridisation of [roses](#). The tenant farmer from Stapleford in the Wylde Valley near Salisbury, Wiltshire (United Kingdom) applied the systematic breeding used in raising cattle to roses and emphasised that his roses were raised scientifically from known parents. His [hybrids](#), between Teas and Hybrid Perpetuals, were called Pedigree Hybrids of the Tea Rose. He is considered the father of the [Hybrid Tea](#) class. Important [cultivars](#) are the Hybrid Tea 'Lady Mary Fitzwilliam' (1882), a parent of 'Mme. Caroline Testout' and the Hybrid Perpetuals 'Captain Hayward' (1893) and 'Mrs. John Laing' (1887).<sup>[1]</sup>

Henry Bennett was a cattle and wheat farmer in Stapleford in the mid-1800s. He married Emma Rebbeck in July 1852, and they had 8 children: John, Charles, Maria, Francis, Mary, Arthur, Charlotte Emma, and Edmund. Charlotte Emma died in infancy. Henry Bennett decided that the future was not in cattle and wheat, but a new source of income was going to be necessary, and that would be roses. In 1865, he bought his first roses and planted them on the farm, to propagate for sale. His knowledge of cattle breeding suggested to him that he might be able to make great advances in rose cultivation by applying the same principles to rose breeding – that of using known parents, selected for the qualities desired in the progeny. His first efforts were unsuccessful, so from 1870 to 1872 he visited successful rose hybridizers in France.<sup>[1]</sup>



Dianne Nail and Mary Horrigan (pictured at left) hand delivered invitations and gift bags at our November meeting. If you were not there you had an invitation mailed to you.

This year our Christmas gathering will be in Mary's home. Her home is located at 13145 S 121st East Ave, Broken Arrow. This is about a mile west of the old Roses Inc. location.

Meat and drinks will be provided by the Tulsa Rose Society. The meal will be completed with your pot luck items. You are asked to RSVP with Norma Whitehead at 918-286-8244 no later than December 6th. Norma will help coordinate the pot luck so we won't have 6 green bean casseroles and no desserts.

The get together will include the installation of our 2015 officers as well as some lighthearted fun and fellowship. If you wish to engage in a "white elephant" gift exchange bring an inexpensive (<\$10) item in your gift bag or wrapped for an exchange.

This is a family event so bring your spouse and or family members who enjoy our company.



## **CONSULTING ROSARIAN SCHOOL ~ 2015**

The San Antonio Rose Society will host a Consulting Rosarian School, January 23 – 24, 2015, at the Holiday Inn Express (Airport), 91 NE Loop 410. This will be an accredited school for new CR Candidates as well as a school where current CRs can update their credentials. There are approximately 26 CRs who need to “audit” a school in 2015 in order to retain their active CR status.

Registration will begin at 5:00 p.m. on Friday evening (Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>) to be followed by a Hospitality Reception with plenty of food and beverages. During the Reception, Tommy Hebert will give us a sneak preview of his successes at hybridizing and creating new roses. The School presentations will be on Saturday (Jan 24<sup>th</sup>) with time for new CR Candidates to take the Exam at the conclusion.

We have an exciting agenda planned, with notable speakers that we know you will enjoy. The full Agenda is included on the Registration Form (attached). Back by popular demand is Dr. David Reed from Texas A&M who will give his always entertaining discussions on soils and soil amendments, and water and fertilizer. Carol Shockley will give her ever-popular views on new and promising rose introductions. And, if we have missed anything, a stellar panel of rose growers (Don Adlong, Eddie Garcia, James Laperouse), will cover it.

Please note that the Registration deadline is January 5 – so that we can finalize our plans and requirements for any Handout materials as well as needed food and beverages.

We will have door prizes, including some roses. This will be a fun-weekend and Winter Workshop for non-CRs, where we will dispense good rose-growing information, friendship and comradery. Plan to come!!

Questions/Comments may be directed to Murray Warner, General Chairman at 210-313-3371 ([dmwarner@satx.rr.com](mailto:dmwarner@satx.rr.com)) or Ed Bradley, Co-Chair, at 210-658-8074 ([brad9@satx.rr.com](mailto:brad9@satx.rr.com)).

Clue 3  
State Flower

## **News from the ARS Convention and District Show and Meeting**

We are pleased to announce that Norma Whitehead was awarded the District Outstanding Consulting Rosarian for 2014. This is the last of the District Awards she can be given since she has all of the others. Don Adlong was awarded the District Outstanding Judge for 2014. JoAnn Bradley was awarded the District Silver Medal Award.

In the show, Don Johnson won Artist and Bronze awards in the Design exhibits. Don and Paula Adlong won both the National and the District McFarland awards. This is very seldom if ever done. They were competing against a number of top exhibitors from around the country. Other exhibiting winners that also exhibit on our show are Wade Brown and Ralph Cooper.

Dr. Don Johnson, our esteemed president, was also presented the Best Hybridizer of the South Central District by the American Rose Society. Congratulations to all of our winners!

A special salute goes to District Director Brenda Johnson who organized a fantastic district event and banquet in Tyler, Texas. As you can imagine, the banquet room was beautiful with lovely rose centerpieces. Brenda did an exceptional job of emceeing the banquet from the preliminary remarks, award presentations, introduction of the ARS President, and a truly fine dinner. Long speaker? No, no We were treated to a delightful video presentation of some of the world's interesting and beautiful gardens. It was a memorable evening and one of the finest banquets ever - all due to Brenda's attention to detail and her charm. Reporter - Mary Horrigan

**ARS/SCD CONSULTING ROSARIAN SCHOOL**  
 (Hosted by the San Antonio Rose Society)  
**HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS, SAN ANTONIO AIRPORT**  
 January 23 – 24, 2015

**Friday, January 23rd**

5:00 – 6:00 pm	REGISTRATION	Hotel Lobby
6:00 – 9:00 pm	WELCOME RECEPTION	Durango Room
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Tommy Hebert's Rose Creations	Durango Room

**Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 – 8:30	BREAKFAST SNACKS & BEVERAGES	Hotel Food Court
7:30 – 8:30	REGISTRATION	Hotel Lobby
8:30 – 8:45	SCD NEWS & UPDATE	SCD Director
8:45 – 9:00	CONSULTING ROSARIAN MISSION	Paula Adlong, SCD CR Dir.
9:00 – 9:45	SOIL COMPOSITION & AMENDMENTS	Dr. David Reed, TX A&M
9:45 – 10:00	Break	Buena Vista Room
10:00 – 10:45	INSECTS THAT LOVE ROSES	Molly Keck, Entomologist
10:45 – 12:00	ROSE DISEASES & CHEMICAL SAFETY	Tommy Hebert
12:00 – 12:45	Lunch	Buena Vista Room
12:45 – 1:45	ROLE OF FERTILIZER & WATER	Dr. David Reed, TX A&M
1:45 – 2:45	NEW ROSES WITH PROMISE	Carol Shockley
2:45 – 3:00	Break	Buena Vista Room
3:00 – 3:45	NEWEST CULTURAL PRACTICES	Panel Discussion:
3:45 – 4:00	QUESTIONS & ANSWERS	Don Adlong, Eddie Garcia,
4:00	ADJOURN	James Laperouse
4:00 – 5:00	CR EXAMINATION	Paula Adlong

**HOTEL REGISTRATION:** Room Rate \$89 (King or Double) – plus tax. Rate good through January 1, 2015. To make reservations, call 1-210-308-6700. There is no reservation code, but please mention that you are with the Rose Society CR School.

<b><u>CR SCHOOL REGISTRATION:</u></b>	<b><u>NUMBER</u></b>	<b><u>PRICE</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>
REGISTRATION FEE	_____	X \$15 pp	= _____
FRIDAY EVENING RECEPTION	<i>Included in Registration</i>		
SATURDAY LUNCH	<i>Included in Registration</i>		

**NAME(S) DESIRED ON TAGS** \_\_\_\_\_

**CURRENT CR** \_\_\_\_\_ **NEW CR CANDIDATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_ **CITY** \_\_\_\_\_ **ST** \_\_ **ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

**TELEPHONE (\_\_\_\_)** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL** \_\_\_\_\_ **SOCIETY** \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to: **San Antonio Rose Society.**  
**MAIL TO: Donna Warner, 10514 Ballerina Ct, San Antonio, TX 78217-3907**  
**Registration Deadline: January 5, 2015**

**Tulsa Rose Society**  
**Application for Membership/Renewal**  
**(Everyone should complete the following information)**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse or Household Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Bus. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Interests or Hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal ( ) New Member ( )

Would you like to receive our newsletter electronically? ( ) No ( ) Yes (Email address required.)

Are you a member of the American Rose Society? ( ) No ( ) Yes

**Tulsa Rose Society Membership:**

Membership dues are \$20.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like your Roster mailed to you? \$1.50 for postage and handling \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**South Central District Membership:**

Newsletter only (Quarterly) \$5.00 (Electronic only) Email required

Patron Supporter includes newsletter Family \$40.00 Individual \$25.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donation to Tulsa Rose Society Trophy Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

The Tulsa Rose Society is a not for profit organization (501-c-3) and your donation may be tax deductible. Consult your accountant or tax advisor.

Total Membership Fees & Donations \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to: Tulsa Rose Society and mail with this application to:  
 Judith Carter, 1825 W Lincoln St, Broken Arrow, OK 74012

**Tulsa Rose Society Dues are based upon the calendar year and due January 1<sup>st</sup> each year. Members joining after June 30<sup>th</sup> only pay 50% of the regular dues amount. Members paying by February 1, 2015 will be included in the 2015 Membership Roster.**

The Treasurer will forward membership information to appropriate organizations along with the appropriate payment.

## Tulsa Rose Society

%John T Carter, Editor  
1825 W Lincoln St  
Broken Arrow, OK 74012-8509



Time to Pay  
Your 2015  
Dues!



The following will be available at our meetings.

For Sale:

Stainless Steel Plant markers:

20" \$2.00    15" \$1.75    10" \$1.50

Diamond Sharpening tools:

Single file    \$8.00

Package of 3 files    \$18.50

One medium, fine & super fine included

