



TULSA ROSE SOCIETY MEMBERS'
CHRISTMAS PARTY
SUNDAY, DEC. 11, 2016, 2 PM
Home of Member Mary Horrigan
13145 S. 121st East Ave., BA

HAM BUFFET

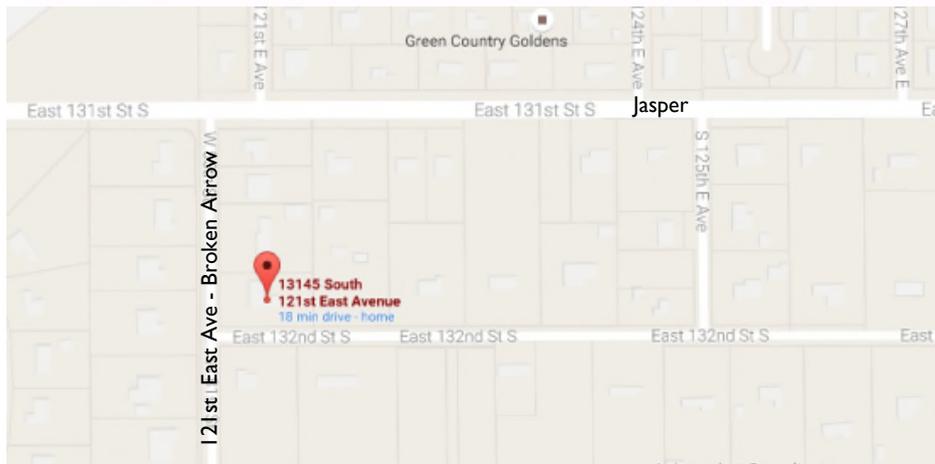
Ham provided by Rose Society.
Potluck side dishes & desserts, tea, coffee

PRIZES & SURPRISES *** LIGHTHEARTED FUN

IF YOU DID NOT SIGN UP AT NOV. MTG,
PLEASE RSVP BY DEC. 1
TO NORMA WHITEHEAD 918 286-8244



Please join us for a good time of fellowship & food.



Note: GPS units can sometimes get Tulsa and Broken Arrow addresses confused. If you are coming from the west part of Tulsa, follow the Creek Turnpike to the 129th East Ave exit. Then go south. Same if coming from the east. Coming from the north follow HWY 169 to the Creek Turnpike and go east to 129th East Ave exit. Coming from Bixby take 131st Street East. Mary's home is located on the corner. Parking is along the street. Pullout of the street as much as you can. Lost, call John Carter at 918-906-7770.

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Looking Ahead

- Jan 8 - Laura Chalus - Update on the TGC and Rose Garden
- Feb 12 - Pruning & tool sharpening
- Mar. 12 - Bingo

Refreshments -

If you would like to help with refreshments for any of the future meetings let Judy Carter know.





Do Roses Become Dormant?

With degrees in Plant Physiology and Plant Pathology from Ohio State University, Botanist and Master Rosarian Rich Baer writes to bring rosarians a better understanding of rose garden botany. Rich Baer's complete article was published in the October 2015 Portland Rose Society newsletter, Rich & Dr Charold Baer editors. With limited space, only excerpts from the article are used here.

...Even though there is positive evidence that modern repeat flowering (recumbent) roses do not have the ability to become dormant, there are many prominent writers and rose growers who just will not believe that this can be true... To be botanically accurate roses are not dormant, they are quiescent (*inactive; tranquilly at rest*)...

All around us are signs that plants are working their way into a state of dormancy... Plants have the ability to measure the length of days by chemical means and when these chemicals reach a certain level the plant re-ponds by initiating the dormancy cycle. What do they do? For one thing, many of them begin to store much of the sugar they are producing during photosynthesis in the form of starch, much of it in the roots... Cooler and shorter days cause the plant to reabsorb many of the elements in the leaves and eventually the leaves all drop off, whether they have put out fall color or not is not relevant. The plant goes into a state of dormancy, suspend-ed animation if you like, and cannot grow again until certain requirements are met. In most cases, what allows a plant to break dormancy is the plant being exposed to a certain number of hours of cold below a certain temper-ature. It is for this reason that many northern plants cannot be grown where there is no cold season...

Just as you cannot stop your maple tree from becoming dormant, you cannot make your roses go dormant. They just do not have the genetics that will allow that to happen. However, there is and has been the miscon-ception that roses need to rest during the winter if they are going to bloom the following season. The reason for this misconception is probably because gardeners see almost all of their other woody perennials become dormant and they assume that is what roses are supposed to do. But any gardener that watches what is going on realizes that modern recumbent roses are different from your fruit trees and other woody perennials. You will not see their leaves changing color in the fall. Nor will you see their leaves fall off.

The reason I want you to know the difference is in recognizing what you should be doing in the fall to help prepare your roses for the upcoming winter, no matter what climate you live in. There are a number of sugges-tions erroneously given for things you can do to help your rose plant become "dormant". Withholding fertilizer late in the year is one example. This is a good practice since with the days getting shorter and cooler the rose plant will not be able to utilize fertilizer applied in late fall and the fertilizer will probably be wasted by being leached through the root zone by winter rains. In any case, applying fertilizer late in the season will not stimu-late the rose into a flush of growth as has been mistakenly implied.

Withholding water is recommended, because this is supposed to stress the plant so that it will go through the process of becoming dormant. **This practice only leads to stressing the plant**, which is not something you want to do to any plant at this critical time of the year.

We are advised to stop deadheading our plants because it will stimulate the plant to produce new growth and that is bad just before the winter season because this new growth will be susceptible to winter kill. Appar-ently the person who thought this idea up has never visited a rose garden in the fall. When we do not deadhead a rose, the rose produces new growth from right below where the un-deadheaded flower remains. The only thing deadheading does is to direct the plant to produce new growth where we want it to be. No deadheading will not lead to the plant hardening off its woody parts so that it can survive the winter better. The new growth produced in the late fall on the plant after dead heading will all be removed when spring pruning is done, so whether it survives the winter or not is a moot point. Allowing hips to grow may lead to some pretty displays in the garden over the winter, but it certainly will not in any way help the plant survive the winter. According to the rhetoric, hips are supposed to send a signal to the plant that it is time to become dormant, but if the plant does not possess the physiology to become dormant, the signal certainly will be futile.

I often see the recommendation that during the middle of the winter season it is necessary to pull off all of the foliage which will make them rest (become dormant). What a shame that so many months of beauty are be-ing lost to archaic ideas. A hard freeze will terminate all of the currently forming flowers buds and end our roses for the year. Without a hard freeze, a few warm, sunny days will produce some beautiful winter roses. Since they are not going to go dormant, just continue to enjoy them for as long as they are producing something you can enjoy. We are blessed to live in a climate that is very kind to roses and we very rarely lose roses to the ele-ments. They just keep grow-ing all year round, although during the winter it is often very, very slowly.

What To Do in December

As I am writing this we have had our first freeze of the year. This is one of the latest freezes Tulsa has had in several years. Your winter protection should be in place now! Winter protection is necessary now that we should be having freezing temperatures at night. Failing to winter protect may result in loss of some roses or make them slow to start in the spring. How much to protect is one of those "it depends" questions.

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 too dry over a long period of time.

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!

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 manufacturer's 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

Who We Are

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Your Club Officers for 2016 are:

Gordon Beck - President
 Carol Puckett - 1st Vice President - Programs
 Mary Horrigan - 2nd Vice President - Membership
 Liz Enochs - Secretary
 Judith Carter - Treasurer
 Dr. Don Johnson - Immediate Past President

Consulting Rosarians:

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 Norma Whitehead (North Broken Arrow) - 918-286-8244
 Butch Neumeier (Claremore) 918-342-2885
 Mark Stelljes (Bixby/So Tulsa/BA) 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 Thursday of every month at the Tulsa Garden Center at 10:00 AM. Everyone is welcome. Visit our website at www.tulsarosesociety.org.

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!

Clean up the storage/tool shed and put everything in its place so you will be ready to go when spring returns. It will be here sooner than you think!

Now is a good time to catch up on your reading. Go back through your American Rose magazines and see what you missed while you were busy this past year.

And, send in your dues to your Rose Societies!



Rose Executive Board Meeting - November 2016

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by President Gordon Beck in the Tulsa Garden Center New Volunteer Room. Present were Don Johnson, Brenda Johnson, John Carter, Judy Carter, Butch [Neumeier](#), Dennis Voss, and Liz Enochs.

Minutes from the October Executive Board and the October Regular Meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

Office and Committee Reports

Financial Report

Judy Carter gave the financial report. Current assets for the Tulsa Rose Society are \$10,554.87 and report was filed for audit.

Hospitality

Refreshments are needed for the November meeting. Brenda Johnson, Judy Carter, and Liz Enochs will bring food. Butch Neumeier will bring tea.

Newsletter

John Carter announced that the next newsletter will contain the form for the renewal of dues.

Publicity

Carol Puckett has notified many avenues to advertise the next speaker, Casey Hentges, who will be giving a talk on bulbs at the November meeting.

Nominating Committee

Brenda Johnson announced the officers' slate for the 2017 year: Gordon Beck, President; Dennis Voss, First Vice-President; Mary Horrigan, Second Vice-President; Liz Enochs, Secretary; and John Carter, Treasurer. Gordon has selected Butch Neumeier to be an appointed board member.

Old Business

Gordon Beck reported on the name tags. Cost is \$7.75 for one name tag to be made, and for forty name tags, the cost is \$5.81 each. Hanging tag is \$3.50 each to recognize the elected officers and consulting rosarians. Judy Carter moved to have the society pay for the hang tags for elected board members and consulting rosarians. Butch Neumeier seconded. Motion passed.

New Business

November meeting will be the election of officers and the speaker is Casey Hentges, the host of Oklahoma Gardening on OETA.

December meeting will be the Christmas buffet and party at Mary Horrigan's house. Dues payment will also be promoted at the Christmas party with a gift drawing for those who pay their dues at the party.

January (or the first meeting) will be the installation of officers and election of a member to the board. The Tulsa Garden Center Director, Laura Chalus, will be the speaker at the January meeting.

Don Johnson has received approval for an Arrangement School. It will be held on Saturday, March 25, 2017, in Dallas, TX, and will also be a workshop for ARS arrangements. \$600 has been approved by the South Central District to help with costs of the arrangement school.

Judy Carter recommended that the Garden Center rental for the December meeting be cancelled because of the Christmas party at a different location. She will handle this.



Rose Show -- The 2017 Rose Show will have setup at the Garden Center on Friday, May 19, and the show will be Saturday, May 20, 2017. Movement of properties is an issue because of the labor required. Gordon Beck suggested the possibility of paying HOW to help carry and set up.

Rose Bingo was suggested for the March meeting. Don Johnson moved that we have a Bingo meeting for March. Butch Neumeier seconded it. The Board approved with the condition of getting roses to be offered for bingo. An April meeting was proposed to have Karen Gardner, owner of Roses, Inc., in Broken Arrow, as the speaker.

February meeting was suggested to be about tool preparation and possibly spring pruning. A mini rose show was recommended for May and June with general care and questions on roses. Dennis Voss will create the final program list.

Butch Neumeier motioned to close the Board meeting, and Judy Carter seconded it. Meeting was adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Liz Enoch, Secretary

Tulsa Rose Society General Meeting - November 2016

The meeting was held in the auditorium of the Tulsa Garden Center and started at 2:08 p.m. on November 13 with 49 people present. The Tulsa Garden Center Executive Director, Laura Chalus, briefly talked about the Rose Garden and announced that Jen Olsen, a specialist from OSU, identified and marked roses in the garden that were affected by Rose Rosette Disease. Laura is asking for help from the Tulsa Rose Society and others to help dig up and dispose of the infected roses. The dig-out is scheduled for Tuesday, November 22 at 9:00 a.m. Volunteers are encouraged to bring their own tools.

Brenda Johnson, Chair of the Nominating Committee for the officer selection for 2017, proposed the following slate of officers -- Gordon Beck, President; Dennis Voss, first vice president; Mary Horrigan, second vice president; Liz Enochs, secretary; and John Carter, treasurer. Additional nominees were asked for, but none were nominated. Gordon Beck called for a motion, Debra Langley moved that the slate of officers be accepted, and it was seconded. Motion passed. President Gordon Beck announced that he would appoint Butch Neumeier to the board.

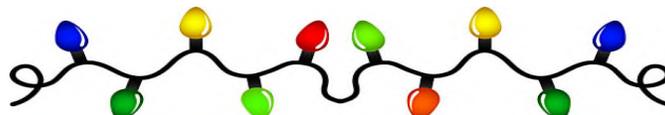
Carol Puckett, First Vice-president, introduced the speaker, Casey Hentges, who is the host of Oklahoma Gardening, a show on OETA. She gave a talk on bulbs, differentiating the two types of bulbs and giving suggestions on planting.

Door prizes of selected bulbs and a couple of roses were given away.

Members were encouraged to sign up for the Christmas Party and indicate what dish they would like to bring to the potluck. Ham will be provided by the Rose Society. Members were also reminded about the name tag signup.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:24 for refreshments.

Liz Enochs, Secretary



HOSE CONNECTORS



Picture of typical hose connector. Small. When tightened to hose bib, diverter handles often face the wall. Notice in the side view in figure 2, valve handle sticks out further than the diverters—making it difficult to hook up hose or to turn the diverters (in technical talk—a knuckle buster).

Alternative—



This unit is significantly larger, stands out farther than the hose bib, making it much easier to connect & turn diverter handles. Another big advantage is it swivels. The top is stationary and connects to hose bib, but bottom swivels so there's no problem with it facing toward the wall. Works great. I've switched to install the larger unit on all my hose bibs. Originally, only place I could find them was Ace Hardware. Don't know if Lowes or Home Depot now carry them. At Ace, they've gone up to \$12, but in my opinion, worth it.

Submitted by Mary Horrigan

Gardening Tips

Please share your gardening tips. The article on the left was submitted to the newsletter by Mary Horrigan who found this solution to a common problem. Often when we are shopping for gadgets like hose connectors we just pick out one without thought if it is the best solution. One way to avoid some of these type problems is to have a reference such as this article to give us an idea of the features we should look for.

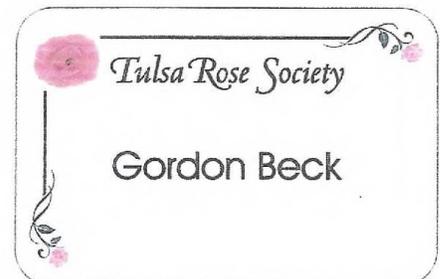
It also helps to shop at a hardware store or garden center that offers a wide selection the types of gadgets that we use in our garden. You can even shop "online" to see what types are available before going to the local store to make your purchase.

Help your fellow rosarians by sharing your gardening tips. Send your tips to our editor at editor@tulsarosesociety.org for inclusion in a future newsletter. It may not be the next one but I will find a place for it in the future.



New Name Tags

Our President has located a local source for new name tags for our membership. This will be a plastic name tag with a magnetic clasp on the back. It will have a rose on it and your name. Overall size is about 2"x3". The cost will depend upon the size of our first order so we will be taking orders during the next couple of meetings to get them for everyone that wants one ordered. The cost will be \$8 and an example is shown at the right.



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 \$ _____

Membership Plastic Name tag – One time purchase \$8.00 \$ _____

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:
 John Carter, 1825 W Lincoln St, Broken Arrow, OK 74012

Tulsa Rose Society Dues are based upon the calendar year and due January 1st each year. Members joining after June 30th only pay 50% of the regular dues amount. Members paying by February 1, 2017 will be included in the 2017 Membership Roster.

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



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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!



Pay your dues at the Christmas Party and be entered in a drawing for a special PRIZE!

We welcome some new members in the past few months. Kathy & Mandel Chenoweth, Carla & Terry Childs, Denise Clemonds, Dale Isgrigg, Deborah Langley, Cindi & Richard McMurray, Jean Roberts, John & Roberta Sharber, Kim & Jerry Tackett and Janet & Rick Whaling.

Remember to pay your dues by February 1, 2017 to be included in the 2017 TRS membership directory.