



# The Rosarian Reminder

Tulsa Rose Society  
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## Special points of interest:

- ◆ Meeting location changing
- ◆ Pay your dues!
- ◆ Register for Winter Workshop
- ◆ Order your rose fertilizer for 2014
- ◆ Refreshments:  
Snacks - Karen Gardner & Judy Carter  
Drinks - Alice Klein

## February Meeting, Sunday, February 9, 2 PM @ TGC

**Note: We are trading meeting locations with the Orchid Society. That means we will meet in the Tulsa Garden Center Ballroom (the basement). This will make it easier for the Orchid society to bring in their plants and will give our group a more cozy meeting area and we will not interrupt them getting our supplies from the basement.**

## Rose Garden or Roses in Your Garden?

**This year we are recognizing and directing our education effort towards the use of roses in your garden, Most of us do not have a rose garden, we have roses in our garden. We do love our roses and want the best for them but we recognize**

**that care of the entire garden is important to you. We hope to expand our programs to recognize the entire garden and not just the roses.**

## Companion Plants for Roses

Barry Fugate, Horticulturist for the Tulsa Garden Center and the Linnaeus Garden will be our speaker for our February meeting. Barry will be talking about what plants can make good companions for our roses. We recognize that different plants require different care. An arid-loving plant like a cactus would not be happy if their rose neighbor kept the neighborhood wet all of the time. Conversely the rose would not be happy if it only got watered when the cactus did. Plan on attending our meeting to learn how you can have a lovely garden including roses.

## President's Letter—February 2014

February is a "DONT MISS MEETING".

We are privileged to have Barry Fugate as our speaker. I have asked Barry to present plants suitable for using in "a garden of roses" and he tells me he has prepared a new program suitable for us. This concept is a bit of a

change for many of us with an emphasis on featuring roses in our garden not just as a monoculture but to incorporate beautiful perennials and other shrubs and plants mixed in with the queen of the garden - the rose. On our recent trip to England we saw this concept beauti-

fully demonstrated and we are beginning to adapt this to our own garden. Perhaps if we can spread out the rose we may find them to be healthier. I am very, very, very guilty of overcrowding roses.

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## What to Do In February . . .

1. **Water! Water! Water! Water!** We have had an extremely dry month in addition to the cold and wind. Fortunately we have an occasional day when the temperatures are moderate and we can water our garden and yard. Dry turf and plants will suffer much more from the zero temperatures than if they are moist.
2. If you winter protected your plants check them to see their protection is still in place. Make repairs and reestablish the protection for the remainder of the winter. We still have a couple months of freezing weather ahead of us.
3. Check your unheated tool shed/storage area for damaged products from the freezing. Our unusually cold temperatures may have damaged chemicals and any other liquids you have stored. It is better to cleanup the mess now before it becomes warm and more of a mess. I have had below freezing temperatures almost 5 days in a row and that will get to things that may never had been a problem before. Our record low is -4, not considering the wind chill.
4. Continue to monitor your garden for damaged and broken limbs, wind blown debris and broken irrigation systems. You should have your system turned off at the water source so you will not have any water leaks. If you turn it on during the good days, turn it back off after completing your watering. When the system is running check to see that you don't have leaks from frozen connections and sprinkler heads.
5. Get your registration in for the spring workshops, fertilizer orders and pay your dues if you have not already done so.

## 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

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 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](http://www.tulsarosesociety.org).

## GTRS CR School

The Golden Triangle Rose Society will be holding a CR School March 1 in Beaumont at Tyrrell Park. The school will be from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. For those working to become new CR's the test will be given at 1:00 pm.

The school will be for anyone desiring to become a CR, to re-certify as a CR, or anyone just wanting to gain rose knowledge.

There will be **no charge** for the school.

Anyone interested in attending, please e-mail Dale Dardeau [ddardeau@gt.rr.com](mailto:ddardeau@gt.rr.com) or call 409-886-4616.

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We are starting a series of monthly member arrangement classes February first with our experienced arrangers teaching those who are newcomers to this art. Arranging is something any rosarian can do with a little background knowledge and can add to your overall experience in the hobby. If this is successful we may offer it again in the future. February can be a dangerous Month for rosarians who listen to non-rosarian authorities who often tell you to prune but be advised and wait until mid to late March. Whatever you do don't forget to water if we have prolonged dry spells.. Failure to supply water in winter is probably the one greatest cause of losing roses. Be sure to check out the new and beautiful South Central District web site at [www.arsscd.org](http://www.arsscd.org) .See you February 9.

Don

### **S/C District Director News**

Hello everyone! I'm sure many of you may be wondering what a S/C District Director does. Well, let me explain that the S/C means South Central and because of where we live we are automatically a member of the South Central District. This district includes three states designated by the American Rose Society. These three states for our district include Oklahoma, Texas and Arkansas. Just for your information, there are 18 districts throughout the US. I have an executive board that helps make decisions concerning the events and schools within our district. We also have a quarterly district newsletter, "The Rosarian" that anyone can subscribe to for \$5.00. Debra Bagley is the editor and has been awarded the silver medal for her outstanding reporting of all the events in our area that include outstanding articles on rosarians within our area as well as interesting articles on roses. If you are missing out just because you are unaware that we have a district newsletter you can send your check for \$5.00 to Ed Bradley at 8811 Phoenix Ave., Universal City, Texas. 78148. Make your check out to S//C District and write on it subscription to newsletter. If you would like to support those societies that host schools and district conventions you can become a District Patron by paying \$25.00 which includes a subscription to the district newsletter. If you become a Patron for two it is \$40.00 and also includes a subscription to the district newsletter. I highly recommend this newsletter because it is such an excellent publication.

We also have a wonderful district website that you can go to and get information about upcoming events by using the calendar. Our web master is Jay Goode

and he lives in the Dallas area. Go take a look and see what Jay is doing with our web site:  
[WWW.ARSSCD.ORG](http://WWW.ARSSCD.ORG)

Our district will be hosting the rose show within the National Convention at Tyler, Texas as well as holding our District Convention at the same time. This is a huge undertaking and we need volunteers to help with this show. The date set for this show is October 17-18-19. The show will correspond with Tyler's rose festival. Don Johnson is in charge of the set up for the show which will be Thursday the 16th. This show will be on a Friday and be up till Saturday at 4:00. If you think you can help Don with set-up please let him know.

Oklahoma City is holding a Rose Bingo on Saturday the 22nd of February at Will Rogers Park. Don't miss this if you can go and have lots of fun winning roses. Also OKC is hosting the mid-winter workshop the following weekend. If you are a CR you can get your hours credit for 4 more years. If you are wanting to learn more about rose culture and stay on the cutting edge of what's happening in roses don't miss this!

Sincerely in Roses, Brenda Johnson

### **What's Happening in the Tulsa Rose Garden**

We remember the wide spread rosette that was obvious in the Tulsa Rose Garden last fall as we went into the winter. Some of the roses were removed but the rosette was so widespread there just was not resources to remove every infected bush.

The Tulsa Parks Department has been working closely with Oklahoma State University to develop a plan of attack. Shortly work will begin to cut the roses back drastically. Those showing rosette may be cut back to the bud or root. Yes, it is too early to be cutting the roses back but, with the resources the Tulsa Parks Department have, they have to start now.

Following the pruning a spraying will take place. This will be a combination of a "dormant" treatment also containing a Neem component to help treat any mites that might not have been removed. The products that can be used in public gardens are very limited so this will be their best effort. The next step will be to see what grows out. The Tulsa Rose Society will NOT be pruning in the Garden this spring.

**SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT CR SEMINAR/WORKSHOP****Hosted by the Oklahoma Rose Society****March 1st, 2014 - 8:00AM - 3:00PM****Will Rogers Park Garden Exhibition Center****3400 N.W. 36<sup>th</sup> St., Oklahoma City, Okla.**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fee** \_\_\_\_\_ **@\$35** \_\_\_\_\_

*Fee Includes Registration, Friday's Welcome Reception and Saturday Lunch*  
*Please make checks payable to the **Oklahoma Rose Society***

*Send to: Renee Niklas, 12816 Oak Hill Drive, Piedmont, Oklahoma 73078*

**Refunds will be made if requested by February 26, 2014.**

**Hotel Information:** *You must make your own reservation for hotel. Courtyard by Marriott-Oklahoma City Airport : (Not on airport property)*  
**4301 Highland Boulevard, Oklahoma City Okla. 73108-1813**

**Phone: 1-800-321-2211 or (405) 946-6500                      Room Rate \$ 89.00****Ask for: (Oklahoma Rose Society Room Block Feb2014) for discount. King or Double Queen beds available. Book before February 7, 2014.****You must contact hotel if you need to cancel hotel reservations.****The Friday reception will be at Will Rogers Garden Exhibition Center From 6 -8 pm. Hospitality meal provided.****Silent Auction/Door Prizes/Fun and Fellowship****For questions contact Jack Dickson-405-234-6809 or Email at**  
**dads426hemi@att.net    This Seminar has been approved for up to**  
**4 CR Credits.**

## Tulsa Rose Society

General Meeting

January 12, 2014

Immediate Past President Judy Carter called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm in the Tulsa Garden Center ballroom. Judy welcomed everyone to our new meeting place for 2014. She then introduced John Carter to perform the installation of this year's officers which was not able to be performed earlier due to the cancellation of the December meeting because of inclement weather. John installed Don Johnson as President, Butch Neumeier as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-president, Carol Puckett as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, Norma Whitehead as Secretary and Judy Carter as Treasurer.

**Unfinished Business:** Don and Brenda Johnson presented Judy with a gift card in appreciation of her two-year service as President.

Don called Dennis Voss of Tulsa Community College forward and asked Judy to present to him our club check for \$500 to be used for a horticulture-related scholarship at TCC. Dennis thanked the society and he hopes to bring one of our scholarship recipients to a later meeting.

**New Business:** Judy nominated Gordon Beck to fill the position of at-large member of the Executive Board. There were no further nominations and the election was approved. The other two at-large members are Bob Peterson and Beverly Forester.

The meeting was adjourned for a program on tools by Don Johnson and tool sharpening by John Carter. Refreshments were also served. It was also announced that Anna Staggs had just passed away.

Norma Whitehead, Secretary

### Longtime TRS Member passes

Anna C. Staggs, a long time resident of Tulsa, passed away on Friday Morning, January 10, 2014 at the age of 93. Anna was born on September 18, 1920 in Creek Mine Camp north of Henryetta, Oklahoma. Her family moved into Henryetta in 1925 where she grew up and graduated from St. Michael's Catholic School in 1938. Anna graduated with an Associate Degree from Benedictine College in Guthrie, Oklahoma in 1940. During World War II she served on the United States Draft Board in Okmulgee County where she

met her late husband, Marvin H. Staggs. They were married in October, 1945 and moved to Tulsa, Ok in 1946, where she resided until the time of her death. Anna served on the United States Draft Board again during the Vietnam War from 1963 to 1975. From 1975 to her retirement in 1984 she worked for the Social Security Administration. For more than 30 years Anna was associated with the Indian Nations Council, Boy Scouts of America, first as a Den Mother, and then as a volunteer. She and Marvin travelled to many scout jamborees and activities throughout the nation. She was awarded the highest adult Boy Scouts honor – the Silver Fawn Award.

Since 1975 Anna has been a member of the Tulsa Rose Society. She served for twenty years as the editor of the society's newsletter, the Rosarian. She also served as secretary of the Sooner State Rose Society, South Central District Vice President, Horticulture and Arrangement Judge, and she travelled throughout the nation to judge roses at numerous shows. She was locally known for her beautiful rose arrangements, especially her miniatures and she won many awards and ribbons. In addition to her numerous awards, Anna was a Bronze Medal and a Silver Medal Award recipient of the American Rose Society.

Anna is survived by her sons Joseph W. Staggs and wife Pat of Ijamsville, Maryland, Marvin L. Staggs and wife Kathy of Tulsa and Stanley D. Staggs of Tulsa. She is also survived by her grandsons Monty B. Staggs of Hoover, Alabama, Bradley Staggs of Tulsa, Ryan Staggs of Tahlequah, Todd Dafforn of Wichita, Kansas, James Bennett of New Market, Maryland, Lt. Col. Robert Bennett of Vicenza, Italy, and her granddaughter Robin Dafforn of Chicago, Illinois. Anna is also survived by six great-grandsons and three great-grand daughters.



Obituary from the Tulsa World.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Tulsa Rose Society

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2014 Fertilizer Order

Compare these prices to Rosmania prices.

Product	Size	Cost	Qty Ordered	Amount
Mills Magic Rose Mix	10# drum	\$ 16.00		
NKP 6-5-1 20	20 # bag	\$ 23.00		
	40 # bag	\$ 45.00		
	40# Drum	\$ 56.00		
Mills EasyFeed Liq	1/2 gal	\$ 16.00		
NKP 14-6-4 1 Gal \$ 29.50	1 Gal	\$ 28.00		
	2.5 Gal	\$ 66.00		
Bloomkote	20# Drum	\$ 42.00		
NKP 16-18-14	40# Drum	\$ 82.00		
Special Rose Show Conc.	8 oz	\$ 12.00		
	16 oz	\$ 18.00		
Rose Starter Fert( 11-40-6)	20 # bag	\$ 17.00		
	40 # bag	\$ 32.00		
Beaty's 100% Worm Castings	20 # bag	\$ 17.00		
Liquid Seaweed	1 Gal	\$ 27.00		
Fish Emulsion	1 Gal	\$ 18.00		
The Essential Gardner's Kit	personal care	\$ 25.00		
Total Due at Delivery				

Please complete order form and Return to John Carter, 1825 W

Lincoln St Broken Arrow, OK 74012 Orders Due Feb. 10, 2014

The prices remain the same as last year. One new item was added. It is the Essential Gardner's Kit. It consists of 4 personal care items in a small bag. The products are all natural and made without any dyes, chemicals or parabens. The kit contains 1—2 oz. Salvation Gardner's Salve, 1—2 oz. Mischievous Body Scrub, 1—4 oz. Herbal Shield Bug Repellent, 1—.15 oz. tube of Mint Lip Balm. These are packaged in a muslin bag.

## Tulsa Rose Society

### Executive Board Meeting

January 9, 2014

President Don Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. at the Johnson's home. Also present were Judy Carter, John Carter, Butch Neumeier, Norma Whitehead, Carol Puckett, Bob Peterson, Beverly Forester and Brenda Johnson.

No meeting was held in December and the minutes for the November meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

Judy gave the Treasurer's report and noted a balance of \$5,682.17 in our checking account. With the Certificate of Deposit of \$6,000.00, the total assets at year-end were \$11,682.17. The report will be filed for audit. John Carter reported that he paid another year's bill for the storage unit at 38<sup>th</sup> St. Mini Storage. He also noted that our unit had been broken into again and the door was damaged. He spoke to the manager and they promised to have it fixed. It is not known if we have had any losses, but John will check that later.

**Committees:** New appointees are George Morrell – Door Prizes, John Carter – Properties, Judy Carter – Nominating, Don Johnson and Butch Neumeier – Show Co -Chairs, Carol Puckett – Publicity. **Hospitality** – Brenda will be chairing this committee and will pass around a signup sheet for volunteers. She will bring the leftovers from today's meeting on Sunday. **Show:** Norma reported that she had purchased some crystal items to be used in our spring show. Judy will reimburse her for these items. **Newsletter/Website** – John stated that he had changed the look of our newsletter and hoped it would work well for the new year. **Programs** – Don will discuss these with Butch after the meeting.

**Old Business: Scholarships:** Judy stated that our scholarship check should be presented to Dennis Voss at our next meeting since we did not do this in December. The Board agreed. **Flower Show** – Beverly reported on the status of the show invitation from the Broken Arrow "Bring Back the Roses" committee. Everything is on track for May 17 at the Niehuis Community Center and she invited the officers and members to attend the reception at the BA History Museum following the show. She also asked if we could furnish some instructions for the public who may wish to enter their roses.

**New Business:** Don and Brenda would like to present some seminars on making floral arrangements using roses. This was discussed and Don and Brenda will determine the time and place. They will ask for signups at the regular meeting for those interested. Don also discussed starting a "new member" mentoring program; he feels this will be helpful to new members.

Judy recommended sponsoring a half page advertisement for TRS in the convention booklet for the upcoming National Garden Club convention and meeting in Norman, OK, April 30 - May 3. She will create the ad and the cost is \$30. Don suggested putting in something about our May 17 rose show. This motion was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m. for lunch and a discussion on possible programs for the coming year.

Norma Whitehead, Secretary

## Make Your Roses Even More Beautiful With These Companion Plants

**Jenny Peterson** List condensed from the following website:

<http://www.houzz.com/ideabooks/8351931/list/Make-Your-Roses-Even-More-Beautiful-With-These-Companion-Plants>

Companion planting simply means that some plants can, and should, be planted together to create a beautiful and healthy garden. When choosing companion plants for your roses, opt for ones that have the same sun and water requirements first, and then choose for beauty.

I've compiled some classic pairings for you as well as some unusual ones that you may not have considered. USDA hardiness zones are given for each, but simply look for a similar substitution if one of these falls outside your particular zone.

**1. Shrubs and evergreens.** Shrubs, trees and evergreens provide structure in the garden, so that there is something to look at during the cooler months, when flowers are not as plentiful.

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**2. Ornamental grasses.** This is a more unexpected pairing, but one that really works. The smaller leaves of roses and the pop of their color are striking against the softer, more free-form appearance of ornamental grasses.

**3. Flowering perennials.** An almost unlimited number of flowering perennials pair well with roses. You'll want to choose other flowers that complement, rather than compete with, your roses, so look for perennials with smaller or larger forms, different leaf types and a variety of flower colors and shapes.

**4. Foliage plants.** Now don't get me wrong; many foliage plants can also have flowers. The flowers might be dramatic, charming or insignificant, but with these types of plants, it's the foliage that really shines.

**5. Herbs.** I love the combination of edible herbs and roses, and when the herbs are beautiful as well, it's a great pairing just waiting to happen.

**6. Architectural plants.** These types of plants have very distinct, strong forms — the perfect foil for classic and exuberant roses.

**7. Vines and ground covers.** If you're using a wide variety of shrub roses that grow from 2 to 6 feet tall or taller, then your eye will naturally gravitate toward the midrange in your garden. And if you allow your eye to stop there, you're missing out on a lot of planting opportunities.