

TULSA ROSE SOCIETY MEETING
SUNDAY February 10, 2019 2 p.m.

“A Great Start for a Rosey New Year!”

Program #1 -- A Q&A with our Consulting Rosarians

Program #2 -- Free garden tool sharpening (bring clean tools!)

Come and enjoy the fellowship and information!

At this time of the year most of the gardening is or should be in the planning stages rather than physical activities. Our plants are mostly dormant and getting a little confused over the wide degree swings in temperature we have seen. Most of us are anxious to get back in the garden and start the process that will give us a beautiful garden. So how do we:

Get Our Roses Off to a Good Start

Our February meeting will cover the topics related to the care our (rose) garden needs to get a good start on the new year. Most of us are experienced and have done this for years., but some of our members have limited experience. Our Consulting Rosarians will lead the discussion. Everyone is free to ask questions. If you are one of the experienced gardeners you might share how have been successful in getting your garden started. Each of our gardens are slightly different in the amount of sunlight it gets, the air circulation, the water system and pH of the soil.

Some of the questions to be answered:

- When do I start pruning?
- Do I prune all my Roses the same?
- How do I know what kind of Rose I have?
- What do you mean by improving air circulation?
- When do I fertilize?
- What do I fertilize with? How about manure?
- When do I start spraying? What do I spray?
- Are there “Good” bugs?

Stay tuned for our March 10th meeting -- we are going to play Bingo For Roses again this year! Butch Neumeier has spent this winter growing lots of roses in his greenhouses for us and we will also have other commercially grown plants there. We hope to see you there!

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Looking Ahead

Feb 10 - Basics of rose care & tool sharpening
Mar. 10 - Rose Bingo

Refreshments -

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



Things to Do in February

- Water? Water has always been first on the list of things to do to keep your roses going. January has been fairly normal in most areas. Everyone does not get the same amount of rain and snow so you should check your garden.
- Soil samples - If you have not taken soil tests yet you should do so soon so you will have time to plan and take any corrective action that may be needed. pH problems are not corrected quickly.
- If you prepared a new bed you should be turning the planting mix every few weeks (if it is not frozen or buried under snow). If you still need to prepare a new bed or rebuild an existing one you should be working on it whenever we have some nice weather.
- You should plan your fertilization program for the year and place your order for any products that you might need.
- Check the temperature of the area you are storing your chemicals, especially during extremely low temperatures. It is not often we have seen wind chill temperatures below zero and single digit temperatures for several days.
- Check your roses for damage. If you have damaged canes go ahead and cut them off so only a clean cut is exposed to the insects and elements. If you have any limbs or debris that has fallen on your rose bushes, be sure to remove it. Check around your rose bed for anything that is not right and take the time to fix it.
- If you have not removed any unwanted roses now is the time to do it. If you plan to replant another bush in that location be sure to remove all of the roots and soil to leave a clean and disease free planting location. Go ahead and fill the hole with your planting mix and water it down very well. You should probably turn it up every week or so and give it another good watering so it will be ready for planting.
- Do a little homework. Review how the past year went and what worked and what did not work. If

Who We Are

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Your Club Officers for 2019 are:

Laura Chalus - President
 Heather Michaelson-Hale - 1st Vice Pres.- Programs
 Sheila Gist - 2nd Vice President - Membership
 Eileen Engleson-Stearns - Secretary
 Dianne Nail - Treasurer
 Gordon Beck - Immediate Past President

Consulting Rosarians:

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 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 Thursday of every month at the Tulsa Garden Center at 10:00 AM. Everyone is welcome. Visit our website at www.tulsarosesociety.org.

your prevention methods did not stop the black spot and insects, try to figure out why and plan a better process to try this year. Review the available products and application methods to see if a different product would best fit your garden. You should also review your feeding program. Did your program develop and maintain strong and healthy canes and foliage? If not was your pH too low or too high? That will prevent your fertilizers from being used by the bush.

- Have questions? Need HELP? Your consulting Rosarians are here to help you! If you get "online" help make sure you are getting information for our area.

BINGO FOR ROSES IN MARCH!



Tulsa Rose Society -- Board Meeting January 13, 2019

The meeting was called to order by new president Laura Chalus in the Tulsa Garden Center Volunteer Room. Present were Heather Michaelson-Hale, Sheila Gist, Eileen Engleson-Stearns, Dianne Nail, Mary Horrigan, Don Johnson, Judy Carter, Sammy Stevens, Butch Neumeier, and Gordon Beck.

Secretary's Report

The minutes for the December Board meeting were approved as published.

Treasurer's Report

Dianne Nail reported that current assets are \$10,622.27 with \$4,558.13 in the checking account and \$6,064.14 in the CD. Membership is 26 paid members. Dianne will submit CD info to Laura for review.

Committee Reports

Hospitality -- Judy Carter continues to be in charge of refreshments and snacks at general meetings. Members are encouraged to bring snacks & drinks.

Facebook -- Sammy Stevens reported that the Facebook group is a closed group; however, members are able to share our TRS Facebook with friends.

Programs -- Heather submitted the following program topics:

January 13 - Propagation by Paul Stratton

February 10 -- Tool Sharpening by Butch Neumeier, Gordon Beck & Dennis Voss plus Spring Prep Q&A

March 10 -- Rose Bingo - encourage your friends to come

April 14 -- Preparation for the Rose Show

May 11 -- Last minute show prep by Show Chair Don Johnson

June 9 -- National Rose Month

Butch is working on roses for our Bingo fundraiser. His cuttings are doing well so far and should be ready for Bingo. He also has donations coming from rose distributors.

Membership -- Dianne Nail has been calling inactive members, checking on participation. Sheila and Mary will provide information for new members. They are also looking at ways to get members more involved in TRS.

2019 Members Directory -- Laura is reviewing and updating the directory. She hopes to have it ready to give to members at the February meeting.

Newsletter -- Judy Carter continues to write and publish our TRS newsletter, but she would really appreciate someone taking it over. Please contact her if interested.

Education/Research: Laura announced that the AGRS Rose Trials with 13 entries will arrive in March at the Center.

Unfinished Business

Our society would like to remember and honor the late John Carter by purchasing a memorial brick engraved with his name in or near the Rose Garden. Laura will look into any upcoming plans that might establish a brick walkway in the Rose Garden where bricks could be purchased for engraving as memorials.

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New Business

None.

Announcements

Laura announced that the next Board Meeting would be held on Feb. 7 and the General Meeting on Feb. 10. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Eileen Engleson-Stearns, Secretary

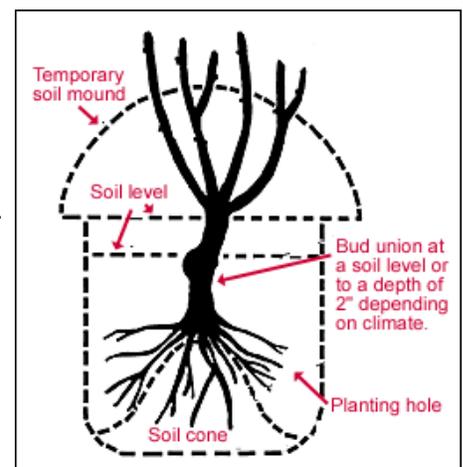
Why Bare Root Roses?

The question has been asked, "Why do they sell bare root roses?". It might help you to understand if you knew how the rose came to be bare root. A lot of roses are started in fields and grown just like other field crops. It generally takes about 3 years for the rose to reach the size to be harvested for resale. The roses are dug from the soil and the soil falls from the roots. It would be best for the roses to be dormant at this time but in the areas the roses are grown (CA, TX) that does not often happen.

The roses will be trimmed and some are packaged with sawdust around the roots. They are then stored in refrigerated warehouses until time to be shipped. The cool air encourages the roses to go dormant. They are then shipped to areas as the weather approaches the temperatures to allow them to be planted. Shipping only the bare root roses is much less expensive than planting the rose in a pot and shipping the pot and potting mix which would increase the shipping costs.

Most retail outlets will receive the bare root roses and pot them up and get them started for a couple months before the retail customer is ready to plant them. Many rosarians will purchase the bare root roses and pot or plant them in their gardens which saves them in the cost of the rose.

At the time a bare root rose is received the rose has been out of soil and under refrigeration for several months so the first step in planting the rose is to soak the roots for a period of time to rehydrate the rose before it is placed in a planting medium. Planting in a potting mix helps the roots get the air they need and it is easier to control the moisture level. If you are planting your rose in your garden before the chance of frost is past it is important to protect the new planting until the last chance of frost is past. The diagram at the right is an example. When it is safe to remove the temporary soil mound do so very carefully since there may be new basils growing.



Society News

We were sorry to hear of the passing of former member Mark Stelljes a few days ago. In the last year, he had suffered from a brain tumor and other ailments. Mark was an active member of our Society and started the business, Roses, Inc., where he sold roses commercially and helped our club with various events through the years. We send our condolences to his family.

We were informed that work will continue in getting the Tulsa Rose Garden free of Rosette and more new plantings are scheduled. We are through with the trial program from Oklahoma State University and will be receiving trial roses from American Garden Rose Selections (AGRS) in March for planting. Heather Michaelson-Hale, Chief Horticulturist, will be leading the crew in preparing the grounds on the 4th garden tier and overseeing the planting. There will be a miniature rose, a hybrid tea rose and some floribundas, polyanthas, and shrubs included. Laura Chalus and Heather will be judging the results later in the year.

Laura stated that there will be Rose Garden clean-up and pruning on the last Saturday of each month starting on March 30. Times will be from 8 to 11 AM. Please come and just bring your pruners, etc. Water and donuts are usually available for the workers.

The Broken Arrow Rose Festival Committee has again invited our Society to participate in their annual festival on May 31-June 2. We are discussing manning a table for handing out information and will help in judging their Rose Show on Saturday. Chalk art contests and kite flying will be part of the weekend events. More information will be publicized later.

Don Johnson will chair the TRS Rose Show on May 11th. We will be using the schedule written by Liz Enochs last year since we were unable to hold the show in 2018 because of the cold spring weather. Laura is exploring options for making the Mother's Day weekend a combination event with the Bonsai Society and looking at inviting possible vendors to sell during the weekend. Since our club meeting follows on Sunday, we may be able to extend our rose display overnight and publicize this to attract more visitors. Stay tuned!

The Golden Triangle Rose Society in Beaumont, TX, is hosting the So. Central District Consulting Rosarian School on March 9, 2019. The hotel is the Holiday Inn Beaumont Plaza and the class will be held at the Beaumont Botanical Gardens in Tyrell Park. If you are interested in attending, please contact Laura Chalus for information and the registration form.

We wish to thank Liz Enochs for the donation of a Keurig coffee/tea maker to use at meetings. Eileen Engleson-Stearns has volunteered to set up this machine at our meetings and help everyone learn how to use it in creating their beverages. She has also purchased a plastic tub to store the machine and the supplies. Thank you, ladies, for your generosity!

Happy Valentine's Day, everyone!





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