

## No meeting during July and August Next meeting will be September 11th.

This is our second year to skip meetings during the hottest summer months. We will resume our meetings on September 11th. Plans for the program are not firm yet. You will still receive a newsletter in August.

The days we have been having with the heat index over 100 degrees have put a lot of stress on our roses and our bodies if we have had to be out in it. Water is the most important thing for your roses during this period of excess heat. It is still a good idea to continue your preventative spraying for black spot. You also need to be watching for spider mites who like the hot dry conditions. Look for lower leaves looking pale as the mites eat away the underside. Only a miticide spray is effective if you elect to spray. They can be washed off the leaves using a water wand with pretty good pressure applies to the bottom of the leaves. This need to be repeated for three days in a row to get them thoroughly discouraged and to move on to another plant.

The Tulsa Rose Garden had its second weeding day on June 18th. There were at least 40 volunteers again. The photo at the right shows some working on level two. It had been cleaned out at the last weeding but the weeds had established a foot hold and were growing again. Several volunteers worked on level three and got the



south east bed cleaned out. There were an number of very large weeds which are now gone. There are still a few roses scattered out through the beds. They are examples of roses that can survive no food, water or spraying. Unfortunately many of the identifying labels are gone.

Another weeding day will be scheduled in July. The date has not been established yet. It will be early, 7 AM - 9 AM to avoid the heat.

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### Looking Ahead

July ?? - Weeding in the Tulsa Rose Garden

Sept. 11 - TRS meeting at TGC

Oct 21-23 SCD Rose Show, Pasadena, TX

### Refreshments -

If you would like to help with refreshments let Judy Carter know.



## Rose Society Board Meeting - June 9, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 10:09 a.m. on June 9 by President Gordon Beck in the Tulsa Garden Center New Volunteer Room. Present were Gordon Beck, John Carter, Mary Horrigan, Norma Whitehead, and Liz Enochs.

Minutes from the May Executive Board and the May Regular Meeting were approved as published in the newsletter by Mary Horrigan motioning the approval and Gordon Beck seconding it. Motion passed.

### Treasurer's Report

John Carter gave the treasurer's report. Tulsa Rose Society has assets of \$11,130.62.

Gordon Beck asked for a cost of the Spring Rose Show, and John Carter estimated that the Rose Show cost at least \$500.00 and that did not include the cost of the rental storage unit for the show supplies.

### Membership

Mary Horrigan said that we have had 3 new members join over the last month. Eight people have signed up from recent events and shows for our email list to know about meetings.

### Hospitality

All board members need to bring a topping for the ice cream social meeting on June 12th. Three gallons of ice cream will be provided by the Tulsa Rose Society.

### Editor

Even though there will not be a general meeting in July and August, the newsletter will be sent for the months of July and August.

### Publicity

Postcards will be sent to members about the meeting each month.

### Programs

June meeting program on photographing roses has been cancelled because the speaker ended up not being available. Ice cream social with members bringing their favorite rose and explaining what they like about the rose will be the program for June.

No programs have been set for meetings beginning with the September meeting.

### Old Business

Tulsa Garden Center will be offering a program on Rosette Program for a fee.

Gordon Beck reported on the cost of having name tags printed. The cost would be approximately \$5.50 to \$7.00 per name tag for an order, depending on how many were ordered. A signup sheet for potential ordering of the name tags will be at the next meeting.

The vertical sign that was newly purchased was on display at the Spring Rose Show.

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### What To Do in July

1. Take care of yourself. When working outside drink plenty of liquids, preferably cool water. Avoid soft drinks and alcoholic beverages. They will actually dehydrate you. Work early in the morning before the heat or in the evening after the temperature starts coming down.
2. Water, water & water. Be sure the roots get a good soaking at least twice a week so that the feeder roots do not dry out. Keep a good layer of mulch in place so that the moisture does not evaporate too quickly. Loosen the mulch if necessary so the water does not run off. On extremely hot days when the roses appear to wilt, give the foliage a refreshing shower. Do it early enough in the day so the foliage is dry by night-fall. Do not water the foliage in the morning before the sun is shining on the rose.
3. Continue feeding. During the heat the roses will still enjoy a light feeding. Remember to water before feeding. We need to promote healthy foliage to develop and maintain a good root system. This will be important when we need our show roses. A granular food with slow release properties will work well as well as foliar feeding as you water. Watch for signs of lack of nutrients, such as nitrogen or iron.
4. Continue spraying. Maintain your spray program so the funguses and insects do not take control of your roses. It is important to keep good healthy foliage on your roses so they can maintain a good healthy root system and will be ready to produce the blooms we want for the fall rose shows.
5. Keep the spent blooms off your roses. Dead-heading or harvesting your blooms for your or your friends' enjoyment will keep your roses from going dormant.

### 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 or emailed 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 2016 are:

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

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

### Looking at the calendar!

July and August - No regular meetings - watch for special activities.

September 11 - Regular meetings resume

October 9 - Report of Nominating Committee for 2017 officers

October 21-23 - SCD Rose Show, Pasadena, Texas

November 13 - Election of 2017 Officers

December 11 - Installation of Officers and special activity.



## **So You Have A Blackspot Problem**

By: Ted W. Mills, ARS Consulting Rosarian and Judge

If most rosarians would confess, they surely have experienced a siege of blackspot. How can so many be affected with this malady? Isn't there someone somewhere who can furnish an answer to our universal problem? And blackspot invasion is one problem that raises its ugly head at the slightest opportunity. There is no plant disease that discourages rosarians more than this scourge. Multitudes have cancelled the hobby just because there seems to be no end to the plague. But hearken your ears -- there are ways to minimize and probably eliminate this plant sickness. Listen closely as I offer 25 years of experience dealing with blackspot.

We need not doubt that professional rose growers have made strong attempts to eradicate blackspot. After all, their livelihood depends on the continuance of the rose-growing hobby. Of course there are other diseases that attack our precious rose bushes, but none with the frequency of blackspot. Plant pathologists refer to it as *Diplocarpon rosae*.

Don't you just love those high brow words? But only plant laboratory technicians would understand that lingo. I prefer to speak in down-to-earth terms and that's what I will use in this article. Of all methods thus far advanced in the fight against blackspot, the best thus far is that which includes plant genetics. In other words, the action calls for development of plant tissue that will become immune to blackspot invasion. Already we see progress in this light with the introduction of the now popular variety, 'Knock Out'. Hardly any bush of this species shows the slightest bit of fungus attack. Sales have skyrocketed as rosarians clamor for bushes that ward off disease. Wouldn't it be ideal if all varieties could enjoy such immunity to disease? So I would say to the laboratory people: "get busy and furnish more bushes that possess this virtue."

But until the rose world is blanketed with 'Knock Out'-type varieties, it behooves us to limit the bad effects of blackspot and render it powerless as much as possible. We all know that blackspot is incurable; however by practicing some basic rules we can manage to cope with it. We may even dismiss it from our rose gardens.

Cleanliness is the first rule of good health whether it involves humans or plants. This calls for the dismissal of all debris that might harbor fungus spores. And it is these spores that cause widespread affliction in roses. A blackspot of 1/4 inch in diameter expels thousands of disease spores that are microscopic, but very contagious to rose tissue, both leaves and canes. It is this reason the malady races through our gardens like wildfire. As soon as the spore reaches a healthy leaf it begins its damaging work. Leaves turn yellow, and if left on the plant, their spores will invade the tissue of neighboring rose plants. Soon the yellowing maximizes and the leaves fall to the ground. If the plant becomes defoliated it suffers immeasurably and sometimes dies. Removal of infected leaves is a must. These must be moved from the site and destroyed - not in a compost pile but transferred far from the rose garden premises.

Since blackspot cannot be cured, it calls for the rosarian to develop a defensive program that will prevent blackspot invasion. The most effective method deals with spraying. I am conscious of the fact that most rosarians despise the chore of spraying. However, the successful rose grower adheres to a spray program that is both regular and effective. If by chance the hated blackspot does appear, hurriedly remove the infection and accelerate the spray program.

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Never increase the dosage of fungicides, rather increase the frequency of chemical application. When spraying, always follow the instructions listed on the chemical's container and practice safety rules during the actual spraying. It is very important to do so.

Now what should the spray program include? Contact a Consulting Rosarian for advice on effective chemicals designed to counteract blackspot and determine the most effective time frame the roses require spraying. Stick to that regimen with diligence. If it rains immediately after spraying, repeat the spraying just as soon as the weather permits. Always combine a systemic chemical with a contact chemical. It is a good policy for rosarians to look for products that carry the American Rose Society's seal of endorsement. This insures that the product has been garden-tested by ARS's approved testers throughout the USA. Remember that contact or surface chemicals provide immediate attention; whereas, the systemic-type chemical's action is effective but delayed. Become familiar with the products that are best suited for blackspot prevention by accessing information on the ARS website [www.ars.org](http://www.ars.org). Also, my own local rose society maintains an excellent website that offers advice on various spray formulations. Its site is [www.chattanoogaarose.org](http://www.chattanoogaarose.org). Click on Spray Chart for Large Gardens for the data. A helpful toll free number of 1-800-858-7378 is the National Pesticide Telecommunications Network. This is a 24-hour service. These sources provide a wealth of free advice on plant-disease and insect problems facing rosarians.

Since blackspot develops on wet tissue, it behooves the rosarian to maintain rose beds that are not constantly saturated with water. Never expose bushes to sprinkling systems if failure to spray has entered the scenario. If the temperature is warm and damp conditions prevail, the untreated area is ripe for blackspot invasion. I remember well trying to help a greens keeper cope with blackspot on roses planted near a golf course sprinkler. It was a losing battle and the rose bed had to be re-located. Be that as it may, remember this fact: water does not cause blackspot, failure to spray on a regular basis does allow its invasion.

I know I have preached that the Rosarian should never use a power blower to clean rose beds of debris. I still concur with that thesis. Since the wind is the force that helps spread spores from bush to bush, doesn't it make good sense to not provide the air current that carries the devilish blackspot spores? Use a rake to clean rose beds. It's a bit more work but its use will never spread the spores that lurk on diseased leaves. We all know that some rose varieties are more hardy than others. Hybridizing often weakens plants and strains of this weakness make certain bushes more prone to disease. For instance, the well known variety, 'Garden Party', has served as a barometer for me to detect powdery mildew. Some varieties also acquire blackspot easier than others. Become acquainted with those bushes that seemingly allow blackspot invasion to enter the garden repeatedly. Make notes of this fact and be sure to spray these varieties with extra diligence.

Yes, we who are truly dedicated to rose growing can help ward off dropouts in our hobby simply by dispelling the fear of blackspot invasion. Encourage the struggling rosarian to practice some of the actions listed above. To do this you will be serving the band of rose brothers and sisters who want roses to continue to thrive and the participants in the hobby to increase immeasurably.

### ***Roses in Review - Due by September 26, 2016***

In the July/August edition of the American Rose Magazine the forms for submitting your Roses in Review for 2016 appear. You can also submit your information from the ARS website. Consulting Rosarians are required to submit the form every year. If you do not grow any of the roses listed still submit the form.



The next Board Meeting will be held on August 4, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. Gordon Beck will not be at the meeting because of being out of town. Vice-president Mary Horrigan will be running the meeting.

Gordon thanked Butch Neumeier, John and Judy Carter, Tegan Crum, Don and Brenda Johnson, Mary Horrigan and Liz Enochs for helping with the Rose Show.

A group trip to the Tulsa Botanical Garden was suggested to be moved to the future by Gordon Beck in order to have the gardens more developed.

John Carter motioned that the meeting be adjourned at 11:57 a.m. Norma seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

Liz Enochs, Secretary

### **Tulsa Rose Society General Meeting - June 12, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by President Gordon Beck in the lower level of the Tulsa Garden Center on June 12 at 2:12 p.m. There were nineteen members present.

President Beck presented Liz Enochs her certificate for having become a Consulting Rosarian. He also thanked the people who helped in organizing and putting on the rose show. The president also previewed name tags and informed members that the society would be placing an order for them in the fall with members electing to purchase them at a cost between \$6-7.00. A list was passed around for people to indicate if they wanted to order a name tag in the fall.

Members were reminded that the Tulsa Rose Society will not meet for a general meeting in July and August. The next meeting will be Sunday, September 11, 2016.

Vice President Mary Horrigan announced that there were three new members to the society. She also held a raffle for a generator, a lawn spreader, and a potted rose.

Members who brought roses talked about why that rose was one of their favorites. Some of the roses brought were Red Knockout, Pink Drift, Boscobel, Enigma, Uncle Joe, Don Juan, Golden Showers, and So-optimist International.

Mary Horrigan also had a fun game for the members. Two teams were formed, and members had to think of as many roses as possible that were named for states, cities, singers, and entertainers. Lively debates about some titles happened between the two teams, but fun was had by all.

Members enjoyed ice cream and toppings and good fellowship. The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Liz Enochs, Secretary

## A Memory from the Past - a short history lesson

The Trophy pictured at the right was recently brought to the Tulsa Garden Center by an unidentified person who was wanting to find a home for it. The TGC called us and I picked up the trophy to see what it was really about. It was mostly black from tarnish but, with some scrubbing, it looks like it does in the photo. The trophy is very light in weight so it is only silver plate and not silver so it does not have any monetary value.

One side of the trophy is engraved “Perpetual Challenge Trophy” presented to “Men’s Rose Club of Tulsa” by Arthur P. Truex. Who was Arthur P Truex?

The Tulsa Garden Club hosted a roundtable discussion on roses in 1934, led by the rosarian Arthur Truex, who would become the president of the American Rose Society; at that meeting, Tulsa Parks Superintendent Doolittle discussed the plans of the formal terraced garden at Woodward Park, then under construction, and he proposed that the Tulsa Garden Club become the sponsor of a single terrace to be planted with roses. The club planted its first roses on the fourth terrace in March 1935, and it continued to supply new and replacement roses for the garden thereafter. The fourth terrace became known as the “Tulsa Municipal Rose Garden” at that time.



In 1938, Arthur Truex—who had been the invited speaker at the Tulsa Garden Club meeting when Doolittle first presented the concepts of Fox’s terraced garden four years earlier—reported on “The New Municipal Rose--Garden at Tulsa, Oklahoma,” for *The American Rose Annual*. He wrote that the soil was sandy with just the right amount of clay, and that all beds had been prepared with additional leaf litter to achieve a pH of 6.4, with no deficiency of nitrogen or phosphoric acid. Truex marveled at how the first 1,800 roses planted in 1935 survived a severe drought, thanks to the devotion of club members and the care of city parks staff: “If ever roses are happily situated, those in the Woodward Park garden must be practically overcome with joy.”

Arthur Truex was an influential rosarian who had a hand in the establishment of roses in the current Tulsa Rose Garden. The “Men’s Rose Club of Tulsa” was the organization from which the Tulsa Rose Society was formed. We have no records to show that he was a member, but most likely he was.

Some of the engravings on the trophy and brass plate at the bottom show that Dr. Childs, the first president of the group won the trophy three times, the 7th president Homer Spencer won the trophy 4 times. The latest name added was in 1976 and that was Emmett Farris. The only name on the trophy that I can say I met was Willard Williamson who won the trophy in May 1959. He still attended meetings occasionally in the early 2000’s before he moved to Texas to be under the care of his family. He has since passed away.



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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!



### *Your Place in History*

*You may not have a place in history as Arthur Truex does but your membership in the Tulsa Rose Society makes you important to the Society here in 2016. We would like to feature some biographical information about our members so we get to know each other better. I ask you to write up a paragraph or more about what got you interested in Roses and what are some of your other interests. We will take a page or two each month to include this information in the newsletter so we get to know each other beyond our contact at our meetings. We have some very talented members who play musical instruments and make many beautiful things that are not rose related.*

*Write up your interest/experiences and family information that you would like to share with your fellow members of the Tulsa Rose Society. You can hand them to me at a meeting or include the in an email or as an email attachment to [editor@tulsarosesociety.org](mailto:editor@tulsarosesociety.org).*