

**TULSA ROSE SOCIETY MEETING**  
**SUNDAY May 14, 2017 2 p.m.**

## Rose Show Time

**Saturday, May 6th,** Broken Arrow Rose Festival & Rose Show  
Entries 8 - 11 AM Classes by color - name optional  
Located at Farmers Market, 418 S Main, BA.

**Saturday, May 13th,** Tulsa Garden Club Spring Show held at the Tulsa  
Garden Center. Entries - 8 AM - 10 AM

**Saturday, May 20th,** Tulsa Rose Society Spring Show - help at the Tulsa  
Garden Center. Entries - 7 AM - 10 AM

Listed above are 3 opportunities for you to show your roses. All of these shows are open to the public for entries. For the Broken Arrow show you only need to show up with your rose. You do not need to know its name or anything about it. There are classes by color(8), youth, most fragrant, mini, and small and large bouquets. There are also some cash prizes.

For the Tulsa Garden Club show there are a few classes for roses. You will need to complete an entry tag. Containers are provided. Judging by National Garden Club rules. See Judy Carter for details.

The Tulsa Rose Show has a number of classes in which you can enter your roses. A schedule is available and members will be available to help with your entries. If you have several of one rose you may be able to enter more than one by putting them into different classes. Containers are provided. You may need to provide some wedging material. Detailed instructions will be given at the May 14th meeting.

### **Everyone Bring a Rose**

We are asking everyone to bring a rose to our May 14th meeting. This may or may not be of the variety that you will enter in our show. The purpose of bringing the rose is to educate the membership on the different types of roses, how they can be "groomed" to be "show" exhibits and how they can be entered into the show. This will help you select the roses that you can bring for exhibit on May 20th.

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#### Looking Ahead

May - show time

#### Refreshments -

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



### Things To Do in May

**Water** - As I am writing this it is raining at a good pace and the rain gauge shows over two inches. Check your local rain gauge to see what you have received. Warmer temperatures coming will dry out our gardens again. Remember to always water before and after fertilizing.

**Spray** - prevention is the key to keeping Blackspot off our roses. Whether you choose the chemical processes or “go green”, acting instead of reacting will be the key to success.

**Monitor your insect population.** You will probably see a few aphids on your early buds. Since it is a while to show time you may want to see if you won't also attract some natural predators'. As you get closer to show time you may need to spray your buds/blooms to protect their natural beauty. Remember, general spraying of an insecticide will kill the good guys as well as the bad.

**Mulch** - You might have adequate mulch if you used it for your winter protection and then spread it out. If you are a little light on mulch now is a good time to add it before the temperatures get higher and the soil dries out more quickly.

**Follow up on your pruning.** You may find a dead or damaged cane missed during pruning or you may have growth going where you do not want it. Remember you are in control. It is hard to prune for spring shows but if your roses are heading towards blooming out before the show you may need to cut them back some and hope for the next round to be close to show.

**Remove roses that you lost during the winter and clean up the area so it will be ready for that rose you will win as a door prize at the next meeting.** Look at the anticipated size of the rose you are planting to make sure it will have room to grow to its full potential. If it is crowded, air circulation will be limited and the condition for Blackspot will be created.

**Roses that you anticipate showing should be closely watched so that you can remove side buds if you are trying for a single stem or you can remove the**

### Who We Are

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#### Your Club Officers for 2017 are:

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

#### Consulting Rosarians:

Don & Brenda Johnson (Sapulpa) 918-227-1954  
John Carter (North Broken Arrow) 918-355-8020  
Liz Enochs (South Tulsa) 918-664-5301  
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](http://www.tulsarosesociety.org).

center bud if you are working for a spray. Doing this early will let the rose heal and the removal will not be noticeable at show time. This takes time but is necessary to produce the exhibits that make it to the awards table.

8. Check your name tags/labels that might have been damaged, or misplaced during the winter. It is also a good idea to have a list of your roses in sequence by bed so if tags end up missing you will have information to fall back on. My memory is not as good as it should be, so this has been a “name saver” for me. Be sure to label any new rose when you plant it. **DO NOT** leave the little metal tags on a wire on your rose. That little wire will become a noose and kill the cane it is on.



## **Tulsa Rose Society Executive Board Meeting -- April 6, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 10:18 a.m. by President Gordon Beck in the Tulsa Garden Center New Volunteer Room. Present were Gordon Beck, Don Johnson, Brenda Johnson, Mary Horrigan, Judy Carter, John Carter, Dennis Voss, Sheila Gist, Butch Neumeier, and Liz Enochs.

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

### **Office and Committee Reports**

#### *Treasurer's Report*

John Carter gave the treasurer's report. Bingo netted almost \$700 after expenses. Fertilizer orders will net approximately \$200 after current inventory is sold. Current assets for the Rose Society are \$10,561.99.

#### *Membership*

Mary Horrigan had no new members to report.

#### *Hospitality*

Refreshments are needed for the April meeting. Sheila Gist, Brenda Johnson, and Gordon Beck volunteered to bring items.

#### *Editor*

John Carter reported that he can always use articles.

#### *Publicity*

Mary Horrigan reported that postcards were sent out to members to remind them of the meeting on Sunday, April 9.

#### *Programs*

Karen Barrett from Roses, Inc will be presenting the program for April. May will be a panel to discuss rose entries for the May show.

#### *Spring Fest*

Two roses will be offered from a drawing at Spring Fest, and the roses will be given to the winners at the Sunday meeting. If no one claims them, they will be used as door prizes.

### **New Business**

Gordon proposed using the previous scholarship money to promote rose literature for members and for the public. He also purchased blue fabric to use as tablecloths for Springfest and other occasions.

Broken Arrow has a table for Tulsa Rose Society to promote the rose society at their show on May 6.

Brenda Johnson will be asking for clerks at the regular meeting to help with the May Rose Show. Sheila Gist will make coffee and bring the doughnuts for the rose show.

### **Old Business**

Name tags for members who have paid will be distributed at the general meeting.



Judy Carter suggested donating to the Tulsa Rose Garden to support the new tier development. Don Johnson motioned to defer any action on giving money to the Tulsa Rose Garden for the time being. Motion was seconded by Butch Neumeier. Motion passed.

Mary Horrigan would like to see some extra ways to raise money that are not so labor intensive.

John and Judy Carter had sample business cards mock ups for the Tulsa Rose Society to be used at events and meetings. Between 3 different styles, the board chose one that was succinct and mentioned ways to contact the society and indicated when our meetings were. Brenda Johnson motioned that we order 1000 cards. Don Johnson seconded. Motion unanimously passed.

Facebook page for Tulsa Rose Society Friends that Sammy Stevens created has been well liked. More people in TRS need to be made aware of it.

Don Johnson motioned that the board meeting be adjourned. Butch Neumeier seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

Liz Enochs, Secretary

### **Tulsa Rose Society General Meeting - April 9, 2017**

President Gordon Beck called the meeting to order at 2:06 in the lower level of the Tulsa Garden Center. Thirty eight members and guests were present. He invited any interested member to attend the next Board Meeting at the Tulsa Garden Center at 10:00 a.m. on May 4 and announced that the next general meeting will be on Mother's Day, May 14. Everyone on that day is encouraged to bring a rose from their garden. He also announced that the Tulsa Rose Society Rose Show would be on Saturday, May 20.

Vice President Dennis Voss introduced Karen Barrett, the owner of Roses of Green Country, Inc., who presented a powerpoint on growing roses. She emphasized working with nature, rather than against it. She recommended choosing favorable planting sites, selecting roses known for disease resistance, following integrated pest management (IPM), and using companion plants along with the roses. She also underscored the need to walk your garden daily to do small jobs in weeding and pest management, along with surveying the health of your roses. A short question and answer period followed.

After Karen Barrett's presentation, Brenda Johnson emphasized for all members to bring a rose from their garden to the general meeting next month. A small competition will be held among the members and prizes will be awarded for the best entries.

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

Liz Enochs, Secretary

### ***Volunteers needed on May 19th to setup the show.***

Volunteers are needed to meet at the Tulsa Garden Center on Friday after 1 PM to help setup the room for the rose show. Properties will be brought from our storage location and must be moved into the auditorium. Vases and bowls must be filled and distributed to the tables where members will be doing entries. The awards table must be setup with the appropriate signage and trophies. With several volunteers this effort can be completed by 4 PM.

Volunteers are also needed Saturday morning to help exhibitors get their roses placed in the show.



## Who should bring a rose for the rose show?

**Question #1:** I want to promote the Rose Show, and will be posting information on the Facebook page. I would like to know under what circumstances we (or the new members especially) should bring in a rose? If the rose we choose has one or two dots of black spot on one or more leaves, but the bloom is pretty, should the owner bring in the rose? We have had many talks about how to display a rose, but I don't think much is being said about imperfections. Often when you look at a rose, it is so pretty, but if you take off leaves, it looks rather silly.

**Question #2:** My roses would never win anything, and I don't care, but have often wanted to participate because the rose is so pretty. I remember the rules, but the rose is pretty, and I would just like to show it. Are we encouraging beginners to bring in the best that they have or if we can see that the rose does not meet the criteria to win, do we leave it alone?

**Answers:** We have an entry for beginners called the NOVICE CLASS. There are actually TWO Novice Classes one for large roses and one for miniature or mini-flora roses...one bloom per stem with no side buds. Each rose entered is initially judged against other roses of the same variety. If you have the only rose of that particular variety it is judged against itself for its freshness and overall beauty and could very well get a blue ribbon. If there is another entry of the same variety your roses and the other entry will be judged for the best of the two; one would receive a blue and the other a red or second place. There could be multiple entries of the same variety and then there would be given a 1st 2nd 3rd and honorable mention. If your rose has black spot or there are some other defects it might lose points but it might also be the best rose of that variety and still receive a blue ribbon or 1st place for that particular variety.

I have judged shows where the weather conditions have been bad for the roses but we just looked for the best of each variety even though they were all damaged in some way due to weather or insects. If the bloom is lovely and fresh and you can cut a stem long enough to place in a vase you should enter it! The only MUST is you must know the name of your rose to enter it. If your not sure if it is a hybrid tea, floribunda, shrub, or OGR (Old Garden Rose)...we can help with classifications to get it in the right category. Please bring a rose to the next meeting and we can demonstrate exactly how easy it is to enter a rose from your garden.

Brenda Johnson

We welcome 3 new members and 2 members renewing:

Renae Blackmore  
Tulsa, OK 74170

Carolyn Nave  
Tulsa, OK 74136

Rose Ann Bolin  
No information

Renewing:  
Deborah Langley  
Bartlesville, OK 74003

Laurie Allard  
Tulsa, OK 74137



Karen Barrett of Roses of Green Country, Inc, was our April Speaker. She and her husband Stuart brought their son who was an additional entertainer for us!

**DEADHEADING . . . . .** by Ed Bradley - From the San Antonio Rose - May 2017  
**(What, When, Why, and How To)**

**What is it?** “Deadheading” is not a form of witch craft. “Deadheading” is a term unique to the rose world. Simply defined, “Deadheading” is the removal of old blooms from the rose bush. This is an essential task to promote continuous new and healthy growth, which in turn, produces new blooms (since blooms are produced on new growth). As the rose bush “re-cycles” from one bloom cycle to the next, “deadheading” is a form of continuously grooming the bush to the shape and size desired.

**When to do it?** There may be several approaches to deadheading. Depending on your energy level and the type of roses grown, you may choose not to deadhead and allow the rose bush to enter into a stage of natural growth. However, most rosarians find it beneficial to deadhead and thereby control the growth of the rose bush. Personally, I try to follow the following principle (which I made): Question: “When do you remove the old bloom?” Answer: “When the bloom no longer contributes to the beauty of the garden.” In other words, when the bloom begins to show its age, it should be removed. Certainly before the petals drop to the ground.

**Why do it?** As already mentioned, deadheading is a continual grooming which can be used to control the size and shape of the rose bush. However, the over-riding reason is to spur new growth, and thereby produce new blooms earlier. Surprisingly, if the old bloom is not removed, new growth will eventually occur. Most rose blooms will naturally die and separate from the stem at the base of the peduncle – just above the first leaflet. Some rose growers refer to this as “selfcleaning”. As this occurs, you may see new growth sprouting from the buds at this point. This growth, however, will not be as big, healthy and strong as you might desire. If you remove the old bloom at a lower leaf, where the stem is larger, you will get a much bigger and stronger new stem. Therefore, what you are really doing by deadheading is assisting nature to start that new growth earlier, and to get that new growth where you want it to originate from.

**How To (or Where)?** Where do I cut off the old bloom? The conventional answer is “just above the first five-leaflet leaf”. The first 2 or 3 leaves below the bloom will have only 3 leaflets. You want to go lower than that in order to get to a stronger growth-bud. On a 12 – 18 inch stem, I will typically remove 8 – 10 inches with the old bloom. Make the cut just above a full leaf that is growing to the outside of the bush.

**General:** Here in south Texas, we enjoy an elongated growing season of about 10 months. For normal repeat-blooming rose bushes, we may encourage 4 to 5 bloom cycles. Good, healthy growth, combined with energetic deadheading, will produce a rose bush 6 to 7 feet tall by the October bloom cycle. As we begin to experience our first freezing weather, we discontinue the deadheading practice, thus discouraging new additional growth which will probably be frozen.

*Words to live by ~*

“When you encounter problems along the way,  
change direction but not your destination.”

## Rose Exhibiting by “Non-Exhibitors”

By Baxter Williams

Judging, it's probably because the thought of having an entry rejected would be a real embarrassment. Well, I have good news for you: Starting is easier than ever. Here are the elements.

Well-grown Roses. They are started by being fed, and watered, and trimmed, and kept pest free. Adequate nourishment is enhanced when the pH of the soil is in the 6.5-7.0 range, and when fertilizer additions include needed trace elements. It is probably time to invest in a soil test.

And if you have been using only natural fertilizers (manures, “meals”, composts, etc.), remember that they are “naturally” weak, compared to manufactured fertilizers, so they need to be applied **very** early in the first bloom cycle. And, just as an experiment, you might try using our Houston Rose Society Rose Fertilizer during this first bloom cycle – it is an “instant” product that can act in time to affect (size, color, stem and foliage) these first blooms.

Selection of Blooms. The judging of a rose show actually begins before the blooms are entered. It begins as you first look at the bloom-stems for the purpose of cutting them from the bushes.

**You** make the judging call as

to whether to cut them and take them to the show for entry – the judges only confirm your choices.

In all honesty, bloom selection is not all that difficult. Just cut long stems having good foliage and with large blooms on top. And then, holding them under water, re-cut them (so that

they won't droop because of the air bubble sucked into the stems as they were cut off of the bushes).

Bloom Preparation. Bloom prep is a 2-stage process. The first stage has already been mentioned: re-cut the stems underwater, and then store them in the refrigerator at about 36 deg F. The second stage is a little more detailed.

Once put into vases at a rose show, it is time to tag the blooms. Hint: Valuable time is

preserved when the tags are prepared the night before the show. Be careful to fill in all of the appropriate blanks on both halves (upper and lower) of the entry tags! Secondly, if necessary, bloom petals can be gently manipulated to arrange them into a more concentric pattern. Thirdly, gently wipe the leaflets with a soft cloth to give them a shiny look (Note: You must not use any additive to cause the shine).

A few “tools” come in handy in the prep area. Bypass pruning shears. Small grooming (fingernail) shears, to trim away any damaged leaflet edges. Tweezers, a small paint brush, for petal manipulation, a pencil, or two, a sharp penknife (or Exacto knife set), a square foot (or 2) of aluminum foil wrap, rubber bands, a recent edition of the American Rose Society “Handbook for Selecting Roses.”, and a copy of the Show Schedule, and a smidgeon of gutsy resolve.

C'mon; we can do this! Besides, the judges really do need something to do. Let's load 'em up. See you at the Show.



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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!



Keep Broken Arrow Beautiful' s

4th Annual Rose Festival and Rose Show

Saturday May 6th, 2017 8 AM - 3 PM

Farmers Market, 418 S Main, Broken Arrow, OK

Hometown Rose Show: 8 color classes, Youth, Most  
Fragrant, Mini, Small and large bouquets.

Bring your Roses from 8 - 11 AM - Judging 11 AM - Noon

Noon: winners announced - Cash Prizes & Ribbons

