



Rosarian Reminder

Tulsa Rose Society

October 2016

Next meeting will be October 9th.
Tulsa Garden Center Ballroom
2 PM

Steve Wood, Tulsa Master Gardener and certified Master Composter will talk on Composting and Mulching at our October meeting. We know the importance of mulching our roses, so we hope to see you there.

What is Composting?

The following definition was taken from the The Compost Guy website:

Composting is a bio-oxidative decomposition of organic wastes under controlled conditions which results in a stabilized, humus-rich material.

Now we have more technical terms. **Bio-oxidative** – Composting involves countless aerobic (oxygen-dependent) microorganisms, including numerous species of fungi, bacteria, protozoans and actinomycetes – all contributing to the breakdown and stabilization of the waste materials. This ‘breakdown and stabilization’ of materials is what’s known as **decomposition**.

Organic Wastes – Not to be confused with a type of agriculture (or gardening), the term ‘organic’ generally refers to any material that was once part of a living organism, or is the waste product of a living organism – not a perfect definition (since likely some exceptions), but sufficient for our purposes

Controlled Conditions – While some may consider composting to be the exact same thing as decomposition or rotting, technically speaking it is really actually a human invention, and a human-mediated process.

Why Compost? Composting is beneficial from an agricultural, horticultural and environmental standpoint. Compost can be used as a mulch and such a mulch would be a good source of nutrition for our roses.

Casey Hentges, current host of Oklahoma Gardening will be our speaker in November. The topic has not been announced.



Programs for 2017 - What type of programs are you interested in for 2017? Our recent programs have been garden related but not necessarily rose related. Do you prefer the programs to relate to roses in a more direct manner or are general gardening programs as much interest to you? Let one of our officers know your preference so we can plan for 2017 to meet your needs.

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Looking Ahead

Oct. 9th - TRS meeting at TGC Nominating Committee Report

Oct. 15 - Weeding in the Tulsa Rose Garden

Oct 21-23 SCD Rose Show, Pasadena, TX

Refreshments -

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



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Price: \$27.95 or \$75.45 for 3 of the same variety.



A Bargain May Not Be a Bargain

By. Carol Shockley From the September Rose Mite

Several nurseries and even some of the excellent “mail order” rose vendors are having great sales on roses. I’m all for a bargain but planting roses and getting a good survival rate over winter can be a challenge. Our winter temperatures vary widely and can literally change from 75 degrees to 19 degrees overnight. The bushes want to bud when its warm only to freeze when the temperature drops. A well mulched mature rose (one that has a good root system established) can usually survive but a new bush will often dehydrate from the wind and die from the winter temps. While I’ve gambled on fall planting a few times and had some success, several years ago I decided to leave the gambling to others and just plant roses in the garden in spring. Lately, I’ve enjoyed “messing” with a few rose bushes in my greenhouse but even then I’ve had a few heating mishaps that resulted in some crispy critters. So—go ahead and gamble a few times and see if your microclimate affords you the luxury of fall planting; try some roses in your greenhouse or sunroom or just pay a little more for your roses and plant in the spring.

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 between \$7 and \$8.50. I do not have a photo to show at this time. Sign up at the October meeting.

What to do in October

- We have had a very dry September. Wind and temperature is drying the soil unless so we need to be watering.
- We need to keep up our spraying program. We don't want to loose that foliage before the fall shows.
- I notice that my mulch has broken down over the past 6 months. It is time to add more. Doing it after a good rain will help keep the moisture in and will help towards winter protection.
- You should not feed your roses any more this fall. It is time for them to begin going dormant so we do not want to be encouraging new growth that will get damaged by a freeze.
- Other than cutting roses for the shows you will enter it is time you can stop deadheading and pruning your roses. Leaving the spent blooms on allows for a hip to form if the rose had been pollinated. The bush feels that it has completed its cycle if it has produced seed to insure its continued existence.
- Now is the time to prepare a new bed for next year's planting. If you are killing grass with roundup or something like that you must use it while the temperature is above 70 degrees or it does not work. If you are digging up the grass you can do that anytime. You need to mix your organics with the soil or if you are creating a bedding mix, put everything together and mix it well. It will need to be watered well now and the mixing and watering process repeated during the next several months. That will give you a healthy bed for planting bare root or potted roses next spring.
- Fall is now officially here. It will be a while before our first freeze but we need to be planning for the winter protection we will use. It is easier to prepare before it gets cold.
- Caring for your tools should be an ongoing process but you definitely don't want to put them away for the winter with dirt or residue on them. Clean them with soapy water, dry well and put a protective coat of oil on them to prevent rust. You will probably use your sprayer a while longer but be sure to follow the manufactures guidelines for winterization. If it is battery powered, be sure to protect the battery from freezing temperatures. You may need to charge the battery once a month during the winter to maintain it.
- Now is a good time to evaluate the roses you have and decide if some need to go and if you are going to order replacements or new ones. Be sure you have a place prepared for the roses your order. Order from known sources so you know you are getting quality roses. Try to determine how much space the rose will require. You may be able to plant them 30 inches apart in the spring but in two years they may need to be four feet apart.

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 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
 Judith Carter - Treasurer
 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.

Looking at the calendar!

- October 9 - Report of Nominating Committee for 2017 officers. Composting and mulching program.
- October 15 - Weeding in the Tulsa Rose Garden and Rose show in Conway
- October 21-23 - SCD Rose Show, Pasadena, Texas
- November 13 - Election of 2017 Officers. Program by Casey Hentges, host of the Oklahoma Gardening program on PBS.
- December 11 - Installation of Officers and special activity.





Rose Society Board Meeting, September 2016

The meeting was called to order at 10:09 a.m. on September 8 by first Vice President Carol Puckett in the Tulsa Garden Center New Volunteer Room. Present were Carol Puckett, John Carter, Mary Horrigan, Don Johnson, and Liz Enochs.

Treasurer's Report

John Carter gave the treasurer's report. Tulsa Rose Society has assets of \$11,083.79. \$150.00 was income from sale of vases to the Broken Arrow Society. Rates are raising for the storage unit, from \$58 to \$65 dollars a month, but TRS is paid through February of next year.

Programs

Linda Vater will be the guest speaker for the September meeting. She is the garden guru for an OKC news station. Various outlets are being used to publicize her program. The meeting will be in the auditorium because of anticipated attendance. Carol Puckett will introduce the speaker and adequate projection equipment will be provided.

Steve Wood, a Master Gardener, will be the October speaker and will be talking on making compost. Casey Hentges, the host of Oklahoma Gardening, will be the speaker for November.

Hospitality

The newsletter requested people to bring food items for the September meeting because of extra anticipated guests. Several board members will bring food items.

Publicity

The Tulsa World and NPR will be announcing upcoming speakers.

Membership

Four new members have signed up in the past few months.

New Business

Mary Horrigan has offered her house to be used for the Christmas party. The Board was definitely in favor of her offer.

The TCC scholarship will be on hold until Dennis Voss is contacted to see if someone will be the recipient for the scholarship because of the phasing out of the horticulture program at TCC.

Ms. Laura Chalus is the new Executive Director for the Garden Center and will be at the Sept 11 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 p.m.

Liz Enochs, Secretary

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TRS General Meeting - September 11, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Carol Puckett at 2:07 in the auditorium of the Tulsa Garden Center. Seventeen members were present and fifty-one guests.

Vice President Puckett introduced Linda Vater, a garden host for Channel 4 in Oklahoma City who talked on English Garden Design and presented pictures of her own garden. She covered basic gardening principles, including a Potager, a French kitchen garden. Her garden, including her own Potager, have been featured in Southern Living magazine. She gave tips on what plants have been useful in her own garden. She also answered several questions from the audience.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 for refreshments.

Minutes submitted by Liz Enochs, Secretary

Falling in Love With Roses

Many people ask how I came to fall so in love with roses. When I was a teenager I had surgery and was recovering at home. A friend dropped by unexpectedly and brought me a huge bouquet of roses. The fragrance filled our small home. I had never seen anything like this before.

Shaking my head, I asked where she got them, she said, "my mother's rose garden." I come from a long line of gardeners. My family grew almost everything we ate—many times out of necessity. Even as a young child, I loved to work in the garden! But, I had no idea you could grow roses in your own garden. Her gift came at a time when I really needed it! I said then that someday I would have a rose garden and I would share my roses and sincerely hope that they could make someone feel as special as her gift of roses made me feel.

Still today, I remember than very special bouquet. Maya Angelou once said, "People will forget what you said. People will forget what you did. But people will never forget how you made them feel." Roses can help us make those around us feel very special, and just maybe help them fall in love with roses too.

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What is your story? How did you come to love roses so much that they became extra special in your life? Tell me your story so I can publish it here in our newsletter.





The Antique Rose Emporium Fall Festival of Roses is scheduled for Friday, November 4, 2016 and Saturday, November 5, 2016. We are really excited about our lecturers this year! This is just a tease of who will be guest speaking at the festival. We will be sending another email soon with exact times, topics to be covered and all other details.

Pam Pennick - writer, landscape designer and Austin gardener. Pam also authors "Digging-Cool Gardens in a Hot Climate" website. Pam shares her experiences from her garden as well as from the many gardens she travels to see.

Dr. William Welch - Professor and Landscape Horticulturist at Texas A&M University. He attended Southwestern University at Georgetown Texas for two years prior to going to Louisiana State University where he received an undergraduate degree in Landscape Architecture and later his MS and doctorate in Horticulture and Extension Education. Dr. Welch writes about gardening in Texas and the South.

Greg Grant - horticulturist, naturalist, garden writer, plant developer and really nice guy. Greg lives and gardens at his great grandparent's home place in East Texas. Greg's plant knowledge marries heirlooms and new varieties seamlessly.

Fall Exhibitors

If you will be exhibiting in fall shows you will not be following the regular schedule to prepare your roses for fall and winter weather. Your schedule will be delayed based upon the schedule of the shows you plan to participate in. The following are shows TRS members participate in:

Central Arkansas Rose Society	Conway, AR	October 15, 2016
South Central District	Houston, TX	October 22, 2016
Ft. Smith Rose Society	Ft. Smith, AR	October 29, 2016

South Central District Convention 2016 And Rose Show October 21-23

The Houston Rose Society is pleased to host the annual South Central District Convention of the American Rose Society. The residence location will be the Hampton Inn, 4741 East Sam Houston Parkway South, Pasadena, TX 77505, A special room rate of \$89.00 + tax, double or king, is in effect. Hotel reservations referencing **HRS** are available at 281-998-3300, or using an E-link (see below). The Rose Show and Trade Show and Speakers will be at the Pasadena Convention Center, 7902 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, TX 77507.

The Sunday morning Garden Tour will feature two large gardens. Bring your cameras and note pads.

Please use this form to register for the Convention. Make checks payable to: Houston Rose Society, and mail to Patsy Williams, Registrar, at 2502 Leprechaun St., Houston, TX 77017.

Registration Form

Name(s) to appear on tag _____

Address _____

(City, State ZIP)

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail _____ Local Society _____

Will be showing roses _____ Will help during show _____ Clerk _____

Registration prior to October 2, 2016	\$70	x	=	\$
Registration after October 2, 2016	<u>\$80</u>	x	=	\$ _____

Registration includes Friday reception, Speakers, entry to Rose Show and Trade Show, Awards Banquet, free parking, and Garden Tour. Please select a Banquet menu item:

Beef Medallions _____
 Chicken Florentine _____
 Vegetarian _____

Saturday Box Lunch (with registration) \$10 x _____ = \$ _____

Turkey _____
 Ham _____
 Vegetarian _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____

Hotel E-link -- http://hamptoninn.hilton.com/en/hp/groups/personalized/H/HOUPDHX-HRS20161021/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG .



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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!



The photo on the left shows the before condition of the rose beds while the one on the right shows the after appearance following the weeding day on Sept. 17th. They have worked down to level 4 now and with the work done the weeds are getting fewer and have been halted from coming back on level 2. Next weed out day is Oct. 15th.