



# The Rosarian Reminder

Tulsa Rose Society  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

September

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## Regular Meeting September 14, 2014

Hopefully we are almost past the summer heat and ready to begin our preparation for the fall shows. We are resuming our regular meetings at the Tulsa Garden Center, Sunday, September 14, 2014 at 2 PM. Remember that we meet in the Ballroom (basement).

Bring 2 or 3 of your best blooms from your garden and tell us something about them. We will also answer questions you may have about your garden. As an inspiration for you to enter the fall shows, Dennis Niklas will share slides from the spring ARS show held in California.

## President's Letter—September 2014

We are fast passing the doldrums of August and entering into a wonderful season of fall bloom. Our roses are probably getting spindly and a lot of yellow or discolored leaves are starting to show up, but they are just defending themselves from the late summer heat (providing they are not infested with spider mites). If you are patient and continue good horticultural practices in another month or so you will be rewarded with some of the best blooms of the year.

Now is the time to make absolutely certain you maintain adequate watering as determined by

the finger test – placing your finger into the soil to be certain it is kept moist. It is also critical to maintain whatever spray or drench program you use against black spot and continue this until we experience a good hard freeze of 28 degrees. You should have stopped fertilizing with soluble fertilizers or at least stop by the first week of September. This is a good time to cut out dead and damaged canes. Depending on whether you want bigger blooms or more numerous blooms you need to do some pruning. If it is bigger show quality blooms you

should cut back to a cane at least as big as a pencil and preferably larger, about a quarter inch above an outward facing bud eye. If you simply want as many blooms as possible then just cut back to smaller canes and allow sprays to form. Another option and a healthier one for the rose is just to “neaten” up the plant into shape and remove only the spent petals leaving the peduncle and stamens intact; from this hips will form and signal the rose to go dormant and thus make it better prepared for winter. For floribundas or other roses that form many

## Special points of interest:

**October meeting - we will talk about Roses in the Tulsa Botanical Garden.**

- ◆ **Refreshments:**  
**Snacks - George Morrell & Veronica Withington**
- ◆ **Drinks - Dennis Voss**

### What to Do in September

- Water - Nothing new here. Water is important all 12 months of the year. We have had some nice rains in some areas but others are dry. Check your rose beds regularly and give them a good soaking watering a couple times a week instead of a little every day.
- Feeding - It is time for fall weather to start making an appearance and with the cooler weather our roses will grow more. It is about time to stop feeding but with the rose show still 6 weeks away they will still need some nourishment to get them ready for the show. We want to stop feeding in time for the roses to go dormant before the first freeze. Organics are good to feed with this time of the year.
- Spraying - We need to continue our spraying program until we get our first freeze. With dew on the roses in the morning and a warm afternoon, it is an ideal environment for funguses to grow. Watch for insects and treat as needed. Remember there are good bugs eating the bad bugs. Your spray will kill the good bugs as fast as the bad bugs.
- Spider mites - Those little critters are around and will do significant damage if not treated. The simple solution is to simply wash them off the roses with a water wand with good pressure. This process must be repeated for at least 3 days in a row to break their cycle. If you are going to use chemicals you must use a miticide and not an insecticide.
- Mulch - you need to be maintaining and possibly building up your mulch to be ready for winter protection. The mulch will save you on your water bill and help keep the weeds and grass from growing in your beds.

### 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

#### 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 Wednesday of every month at the Tulsa Garden Center at 10:00 AM. Everyone is welcome. Visit our

- Deadheading and Pruning - This month we published a list of popular roses and the approximate cycle date for them to put on new growth and blooms if you are going to show roses. It is 6 weeks until the South Central District show. Your miniatures will take about 30 days to bloom. Your hybrid teas will need the most pruning while your shrub roses will probably only need a good deadheading. Be sure to open up the center of your bush so good air circulation is maintained. Remove any small and blind shoots that can not result in a good bloom stalk.
- Register for the fall ARS and South Central District Show and make your hotel arrangements. We are fortunate this year that it is only a few hours drive from our homes.

**Tulsa Rose Society  
Board Meeting Minutes  
August 13, 2014**

President Don Johnson called the meeting to order at 10 am. Attending were Brenda Johnson, John Carter, Judy Carter, Norma Whitehead, Butch Neumeier, Carol Puckett, Bev Forester. Absent were Dennis Voss and Gordon Beck. Member Mary Horrigan also attended.

Judy gave the Treasurer's report and noted a balance in the checking account of \$4,968.80. Judy noted that we have paid for the brick to be placed at the Linnaeus Garden at Tulsa Garden Center. She reported that she had spoken with Mark Linholm, City of Tulsa Chief Horticulturist, and he would like our help with deadheading in the Rose Garden. Judy will check with him on a good date. Judy and John attended the recent TGC Affiliate meeting where it was announced that our TGC rental fees would increase by \$5 per month starting October 1, 2014.

Don Johnson advised the September program will be presented by Dennis Niklas of Piedmont, OK. He will give a PowerPoint program covering the Spring National Convention and Rose Show held in San Diego, CA. Don also requested everyone to bring their three best blooms to the meeting for a show and tell. Also Barbara Swiggart will make a short talk about an OSU continuing education program for those 55 and older.

Board member Bev Forester, who is a member of "Keep Broken Arrow Beautiful", reported that they appreciated Tulsa Rose Society for our help in having our Spring Show at the Nienhius Community Center and would like to continue working together; she felt it helped TRS and also helped KBAB.

Mary Horrigan presented several interesting ideas

about social fundraisers. We will hear more about this at later date.

Carol Puckett informed the Board that the Blue Bird Nursery near Coweta is going out of business and that they have roses at a very good price. Also they have sprays, fertilizers and garden supplies at close-out prices. Carol announced that Pinot Pallet is opening a business locally. They are in almost all of the other states. If you have not heard of this, ask Carol, it sounds like fun if you like Wine and Painting in a group setting.

Brenda gave a review of the plans for the Tyler Texas National Convention and Rose Show to be held October 16-19, 2014. South Central District will Host a Banquet at the Holiday Inn Hotel Friday night and will giving the District Awards to the recipients.

Norma Whitehead, Secretary

sprays it is helpful to remove the central bud of the forming spray which always blooms ahead of its surrounding buds and thus have a more uniform lovely spray.

Many experienced rosarians like to apply organic fertilizers in the fall as they will slowly break down over winter and be available for the emerging spring growth. If your foliage really looks bad with loss of substance look on the undersides of the leaves for the tell-tale salt and pepper signs of spider mites. You can shake the leaves over a white paper; if many fine dark granules appear, this confirms spider mite infestation. This requires either use of a miticide or vigorous washing of the under surfaces of the foliage every three days to wash the pesky critters off.

We want to have a show and tell of your best blooms for our September meeting and also bring in samples of any problems you might be experiencing. Probably our CRs can help you solve the problem. We also have a great speaker planned for you.

Don

### ***South Central District 2014 Awards Banquet and Meeting***

The South Central District will hold its Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet on Friday, October 17, 2014 during the ARS Fall National Convention and Rose Show. It's a chance to learn about what is happening in the SCD, socialize with SCD friends and members, and recognize those whose service has gone above and beyond for the SCD.

The Banquet will be conveniently held at the *Holiday Inn on South Broadway in Tyler* (the ARS Convention hotel) from 6:00 -9:00 pm in the Constellation 1 room. The price per person is \$25 payable to Jo Ann Bradley, SCD Treasurer. **Reservations must be made in advance. Reservations must be made by September 1 for this limited seating event.** Please make your reservation now and plan to attend this fun event! We hope to see you there!

#### **Menu:**

Seasonal baby greens with Raspberry Vinaigrette dressing  
 Chicken with Boisin Stuffing or London Broil with Mushroom Sauce  
 Whipped Potatoes  
 Oven Roasted Vegetable Medley  
 Fresh Hot rolls and butter  
 Pecan Pie or Cheesecake with fruit topping  
 Coffee, Tea and water  
*A cash bar will be available for your enjoyment.*

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**Please indicate the number of meals by main entrees:**

Chicken with Boisin Stuffing	_____	X	\$25	_____
London Broil with Mushroom Sauce	_____	X	\$25	_____
		<b>Total</b>		_____

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send your completed form and your payment check (made out to the *South Central District*) to:**

Jo Ann Bradley  
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 Universal City, TX 78148

*Direct any questions to Debra Bagley ([dlb0319@msn.com](mailto:dlb0319@msn.com)) and 972-422-5068.*

### ***My Roses Don't Bloom at Show Time***

The above statement is often heard from members who would like to show roses but theirs are not blooming at show time. We know that roses bloom most of the time if they are getting the food, water and light they need. However they often go through cycles and have periods of no bloom, especially if we slack off on deadheading. The key is to prune the rose bush back so that it will put on new growth and create new blooms. I am not sure if this is an art or science but the experienced Rosarians who show roses learn how to do this successfully.

In the spring you pruned back your roses and they produced new growth and the blooms you were expecting. Do you remember how many days it took from the time you pruned the rose until it bloomed? Chances are you did not make a record or remember each and every rose bush's cycle. The following list of roses show the approximate bloom cycle for the roses listed. Keep in mind these are approximate times and your garden may vary from these dates. One way of hedging your pruning by only cutting back 1/3 of the bush to start with and then pruning another 1/3 in 5 days and wait another 5 days for a final pruning. This will not work on all bushes due to their size and condition. It is important to keep as much foliage as possible on your roses during the growing months since it is necessary for the proper development and health of the bush. If you try this make some notes on a calendar and learn the bloom cycle of your roses. Generally the more petals the rose has the longer the bloom cycle. Miniatures often have a relative short bloom cycle. Remember that water, food and spraying must be continued on your regular cycles.

#### **50 – 55 Days**

Elina  
The Temptations

#### **45 – 50 Days**

Allelujah  
Brandenburg Gate  
Brigadoon  
Dorothy Anne  
Editor Tommy Cairns  
Elegant Beauty  
Elmhurst  
Fantasy  
Ivory Tower  
Keepsake  
Moonstone  
Osiana  
Raphaella  
Rouge Baiser  
Saint Patrick

Signature  
Silverado  
Spring Break  
Stainless Steel  
Uncle Joe  
Virginia  
White Masterpiece

#### **40 – 45 Days**

Anticipation  
Agnes Winchel  
Anne Morrow Lindberg  
Andrea Stelzer  
Big Duke  
Brides Dream  
Christian Dior  
Classic Touch  
Coral Fiesta  
Crystalline  
Delicate Beauty  
Dr. Bob Harvey  
Dublin  
Elizabeth Taylor  
Elise Melton  
Garden Party  
Great Scott  
Jane Pauley  
Joyfulness  
Korlingo  
Lanvin  
Leonidas  
Louise Estes  
Lynette  
Mother's Value  
Natasha Monet  
Nightingale  
Olympiad  
Opulence  
Pink Crystal  
Rina Hugo  
Rosie O'Donnell  
Secret  
Sheer Elegance  
Special Merit  
Suffolk  
Susan Elizabeth  
Swarthmore  
Tempie Lee  
Timeless  
Touch of Class  
White Success

#### **35 – 40 Days**

Captain Harry Stebbings

For ARS Members from Marilyn Wellan, Past President, ARS

Dear Rose Friends,

Thank you for giving me a chance to respond to this request for your signature from Hal Reynolds. He represents a few members on the west coast that would like to make this change to the ARS Bylaws. It has already been voted down by the ARS Bylaws Committee and the Board of Directors which I still serve on. Now their efforts are to get enough signatures to get the issue on the ARS ballot by referendum.

I **STRONGLY OPPOSE** THIS PROPOSAL for the following reasons – the same reasons that made up the position presented by the Bylaws Committee to the ARS Board of Directors at its last meeting in San Diego when the motion was voted down. **Our members do need to hear the opposing side of the story.**

- 1) The current provision of the ARS Bylaws which require Vice Presidential candidates to have served at least a full three-year term as Regional or District Director was established for very important reasons, as follows:
  - a. It is essential that ARS Vice Presidents (who will become ARS Presidents) possess knowledge and experience about the goals, operations, financial status, needs of members, etc. that can only be gained - and can only be assured - by his or her service on the ARS Board of Directors.
  - b. A candidate who has served his district or region as a national Board Member will have become known by his or her members and peers in the course of that service. As a result, his or her leadership skills and ability to serve the national organization, and his or her tendency to serve with dignity and thoughtful deliberation, will be evident.
  - c. Under the current Bylaw, candidates for ARS Vice President will have demonstrated a *major commitment* to the national Society by having previously served as currently required. The required prior service is not too much to ask of one who would hold the organization's highest office of ARS President.
- 2) There has never been a shortage of candidates for Vice President/President. There have always been 2 or more candidates.
- 3) Under the current Bylaws, the Vice President and President can only serve one term. "New Blood" is introduced to the Board through the District and Regional Director positions and is ensured by term limitations. Through their service as Directors they gain the knowledge and experience to go on to the Presidency. It is a logical and best practice procedure that ensures the organization will be in knowledgeable and capable hands.
- 4) The proposal, as presented by Mr. Reynolds presents no good or compelling reason to change the current Bylaw, but there can be serious consequences for the Society if it is approved.

Let me suggest a few circumstances that might result in "serious consequences" for the Society that are referred to above:

The person elected Vice President is an automatic member of the 5-member Executive Committee which is charged with handling the affairs of the Society when the Board is not in session. An unknown, untested "wild card" could wreak havoc for the Society if it turns out that person is unprepared to serve, is disruptive, manipulative or self-serving, for example.

After three years, that person is automatically elevated to the position of President, and there is currently no provision for removing or impeaching a President who proves to be drastically wrong for the Society.

The proposal refers to pre-1998 ARS Bylaws where prior service for Vice President/President candidates was not a requirement. Back then, **candidates were known and only became electable because of their record of service**, and through introductions published in the ARS magazine. That was before the internet, e-mail and all the new social media. Today, if the proposed provision were in place, the "wild card" unknown candidate could get himself/herself elected by blanketing social media, never having proved himself/herself to be able and worthy of the position.

Let me also show you where the reasons cited by this group are absolutely false or are based on false premises:

"The leadership of the ARS is seen by the general membership as a tightly closed private club . . . no room for new blood or new thinking." **FALSE.** A glance at the list of District and Regional Board Members will reveal how many members



have not previously served in a national capacity. *But* those members *have* demonstrated a willingness to serve the Rose and the Rose Society by having been involved in local, district and regional matters. This is a perfect demonstration of how progression through the ranks of leadership is very important.

“ . . . only about 90 people are eligible to run for VP/President, and of those only about 30 or so are young enough to take on the commitment . . . ” **BAD ASSUMPTION.** A bank of 30-90 potential presidents is *an incredibly rich pool from which a president will emerge*, specifically because they will have become known through their deeds, dedication, service, leadership and abilities.

The Bylaws were “changed to specifically to eliminate one person from becoming President.” **FALSE.** That “one person,” I believe they mean Tommy Cairns, **was** elected Vice President/President in 1997 before the Bylaw change. I believe I was chairman of the Bylaws Committee when the change was made, and in fact, I believe I proposed the amendment, which was designed to insure VP candidates are well-informed and have a history of service to the Society that can be measured by the voting membership at election time.

One cannot become the President of a large corporation just because he would like to be president. He must demonstrate an ability to serve by his work history.

One cannot become a University President because he would like to be president. He must first demonstrate his fitness for the position by his ability and work history.

One cannot become a Military General because he would like to be the general. He must first demonstrate his ability to lead and to fight for the right reasons and to win.

(One CAN become a US President without credentials, but the vetting process is long, arduous and expensive.)

I apologize for the length of this letter, but I believe all this needs to be said. *I can assure you that if this measure makes it to the ballot, I will work hard to see that it is not passed. I feel that strongly that this proposal is not a good one for the ARS.*

Thank you again for letting me know of the request for signature that you received. I hope you will decide not to sign. You may share this opinion with anyone you wish, and I hope you will.

Signature



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One additional thought . . .

If you have already signed the petition but no longer support the proposal, I have just learned that you can write to ARS (US Mail or E-mail) and advise that you would like to withdraw your name from the petition.

## Birthday Celebration

Mabel Fuhrmann will be celebrating her 90th birthday, Saturday, September 20th, 2014. A reception will be held from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM at the Fleming Center at Methodist Manor, 4134 E 31st Street, Tulsa. If you would like to attend, Please RSVP Mary White, 405-830-5591 or [marywhite@swbell.net](mailto:marywhite@swbell.net). Feel free to send a card.

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The following will be available at our meetings.

For Sale:

Stainless Steel Plant markers:

20" \$2.00    15" \$1.75    10" \$1.50

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Single file    \$8.00

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