

TULSA ROSE SOCIETY MEETING
SUNDAY, April 8, 2018
2 p.m.

TULSA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING ROOM
(Please note the change in the meeting place!)

PROGRAM : "COMPANION PLANTS FOR ROSES"

SPEAKER: Karen Watkins of the Tulsa County Extension Office

Karen Watkins has been involved in the OSU Master Gardener Program for over 20 years at the Tulsa County Extension office. She is also a volunteer and tour director at the Linnaeus Teaching Garden located in Woodward Park in Tulsa. She has taught numerous classes on container gardening, butterflies and pollinators throughout the city and is the speaker/instructor of choice for many state-wide programs. All her knowledge is implemented and displayed in her own gardens being on various garden tours in the Tulsa area as well as featured in Lowe's Gardening Magazine and Southern Living Magazine.

We will also be discussing preparations for our upcoming rose show on May 12th, so bring your questions.

SPECIAL DOOR PRIZES
REFRESHMENTS
Please don't miss it.!

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Looking Ahead

April 8 - Companion Plants for Roses
May 6 - Meeting
May 12 - 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 April

- You should be completing your pruning and removing your winter protection if you have not yet done so. Watch the weather forecasts. Remember that your grafted roses will be more susceptible to freezing than your miniatures and own-root roses. You will need to watch your new basils and protect them from the wind or stake them up to prevent them breaking off.
- You should have put down your initial feeding of the roses. Keep in mind that your roses may not be able to use the feed if the pH of your soil is too high or too low. A pH of 6.0 - 6.5 is ideal for roses. Your soil pH can be tested with a simple tester you insert into the ground.
- You need to start your spraying program to prevent blackspot and powdery mildew. There are a variety of sprays available and you do not have to use highly toxic chemicals. If you have Earthkind® roses or disease resistant roses you should give them a chance to perform as they were advertised and skip the spraying.
- Watch the moisture levels in your soil. Some areas had a good rain but we are having lots of wind which can dry the soil out. If your soil is drying out pretty quickly you may need to add more mulch.
- Remember to water before fertilizing and after fertilizing. Newly planted bushes should not be fertilized until after they have bloomed.
- Pick up a show schedule at the April meeting and start planning your entries for the May show.

Remember the Tulsa Rose Society exists as an educational program for you and the community. Any time you have a question or problem relating to the care and growing of your roses feel free to contact one of the consulting Rosarians listed above or in your member directory. You can also find many resources online or in a number of good books on rose growing and care.

Who We Are

The *Rosarian Reminder* is published monthly by the Tulsa Rose Society. Submit information and articles to Judy 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 2018 are:

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

Consulting Rosarians:

Don & Brenda Johnson (Sapulpa) 918-227-1954
 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.

In the Tulsa Rose Garden

Funding has now been achieved for the construction of a pavilion-type structure on the east end of Level I along the street. Hopefully, this can be completed by the fund-raising event at the end of September this year. It will become a focal point for photos, small weddings and other events in the gardens.

A general workday in the Tulsa Rose Garden is scheduled for the last Saturday of each month from March through October. The work will vary each month depending upon the current need. Weeding will still be part of the effort of course. Meet at the Tulsa Garden Center Parking lot at 7 AM on the last Saturday and help!



**Tulsa Rose Society -- Executive Board Meeting
March 1, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. by Gordon Beck in the Tulsa Garden Center New Volunteer Room. Present were Gordon Beck, Mary Horrigan, Don Johnson, Brenda Johnson, Sammy Stevens, Dennis Voss, Dale Isgrigg, Sheila Gist, Lester Stowell, and Liz Enochs.

Secretary's Report

The minutes for the February board meeting and general meeting were approved as published.

Treasurer's Report

Liz Enochs gave the treasurer's report with the information provided by Judy Carter. Tulsa Rose Society has assets of \$10,096.86.

Committee Reports:

Membership

Mary Horrigan reported that 22 members attended the February meeting.

Hospitality

Everyone should bring a snack or finger food for our Bingo event. Sheila Gist will make coffee.

Programs

The April meeting will be about the May Rose Show for the first half hour, and we'll try to get a speaker on companion plants. Mary Horrigan would also like to see more variety in our guest lecturers. Karen Watkins or Barry Fugatt are possible speakers on companion plants.

Publicity

Mary Horrigan has put information about Rose Bingo in the Garden Center Newsletter and the Tulsa World. Gordon would like to have a flyer for Rose Bingo.

New Business

In Bingo For Roses, TRS will auction off the Austin roses. Don Johnson and Lester Stowell will wrap and bag roses. Mary Horrigan ordered additional roses from Mea Nursery for bingo and had 5 Knockouts from Lowe's donated. Jack Dickson from Oklahoma City Rose Society will be the bingo caller.

Brenda Johnson told the board that in the past, Tulsa Rose Society has donated \$150 to the South Central District Show to fund the Queen of Show Trophy for three years. Brenda Johnson would like TRS to donate the money in memory of John Carter for the Queen trophy. SCD needs to know by March 17. Brenda Johnson motioned to send \$150 to SCD in memory of John Carter; Dennis Voss seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Check will need to be sent to JoAnne Bradley with the South Central District.

Don Johnson, Show Chair, has judges for the May Rose Show. People are needed to help set up on Friday, May 11, at 1:00 at the Tulsa Garden Center. Dennis Voss will tally. Liz Enochs is preparing the show schedule. Brenda Johnson, Sheila Gist, Mary Horrigan, and Liz Enochs will prepare the trophies.

Gordon Beck announced that the 2019 show date will be May 11, 2019.

Mary Horrigan will be in charge of printing up a sheet to promote the Tulsa Rose Society at Spring Fest and the Broken Arrow Rose Festival. Sammy Stevens motioned to purchase color cartridges for Mary Horrigan's printer; Lester Stowell seconded. Motion carried.

Liz Enochs introduced the idea to buy a rose in memory of John Carter and Clint Fuhrmann. Brenda Johnson motioned to buy the roses for the rose garden; seconded by Sheila Gist. Motion passed.

Dale Isgrigg motioned to adjourn; Dennis Voss seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 11:52 p.m.

Liz Enochs, Secretary

March 11 - Bingo For Roses

Over 40 members and guests attended Rose Bingo on March 11 at 2:00 p.m. in the Tulsa Garden Center auditorium. President Gordon Beck welcomed everyone and Jack Dickson called numbers for participants to be able to win roses. Two sessions of bingo were available where people purchased cards for \$5 a piece. More than 80 rose bushes were available, and most were distributed. Some David Austin varieties were also available by silent auction. A table with assorted items for sale was also available to raise funds for the Society. An large assortment of finger foods were available for all to enjoy and thanks go to all who brought food and helped with the setup.

Upcoming Rose Events!

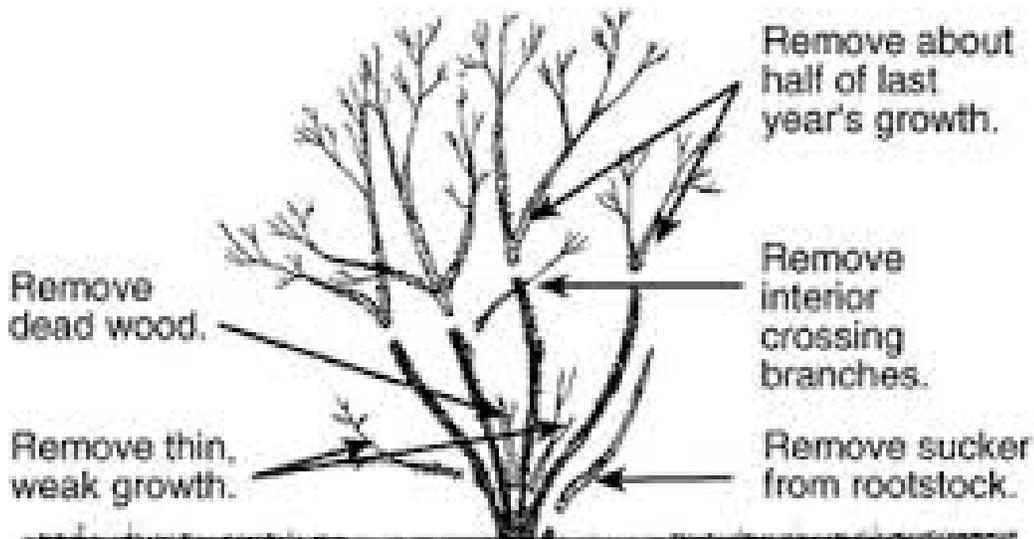
Don't forget to prepare your roses for our Rose Show on May 12th. And if you can help set up the show on May 11 in the afternoon, please let Don & Brenda Johnson or Liz Enochs know. Lots of helping hands make short work! Also let Liz know if you can make an arrangement for our Design Division. We want to see you there!

Broken Arrow Rose Days -- April 28 thru May 6

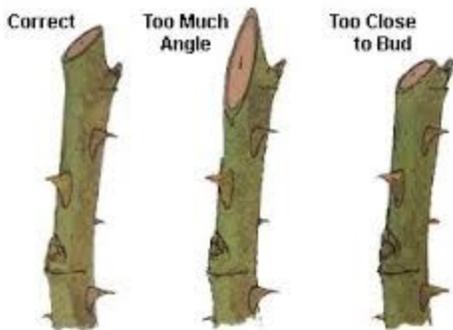
Come join the Broken Arrow Rose Festival Rose Show on May 5 from 8 AM to 3 PM. Enter your roses from 8 AM to 11 AM and win cash prizes and ribbons,. There will be an art contest, children's activities, music, vendors and food trucks all around the Farmer's Market area. And if you would like to help judge the show, just let Bev Forester know.

There will also be a fun "Rose Kites over Broken Arrow" on Sunday, May 6th, for all to enjoy. There will be free kites to decorate and fly, sponsored by Hideaway Pizza. The schedule of events can be found at KeepBAbeautiful.org.

Pictures are worth a lot of words -- we hope this helps.



The above illustration shows the basics of pruning. Keep it simple. Remove dead, damaged and dinky (the 3 D's) stems and cut back part of last year's growth.



The illustration at the left shows the proper way to make your pruning cuts. You look for a new bud forming on the outside of the stem. You should cut about 1/4 inch above the bud at about a 45 degree angle. Cutting too close to the bud or cutting at too much of an angle so the cut ends up behind the new bud will result in a weak growth from that bud.

The illustration at the left is most applicable to Hybrid Teas, Grandiflora and Floribunda Roses. Shrubs, Old Garden Roses and Climbers are approached more for shaping and controlling the growth pattern. The 3 D's still apply.

A few more pruning tips:

1. Do not prune old roses (once bloomers) in the winter or spring. The blooms on the old roses are produced on current growth. If you prune them now, you are pruning your spring flowers away!
2. Do not prune newly planted roses - they need to get established before you remove any growth (other than dead wood).
3. Prune first year roses (those you have grown for one season) lightly. They may not have developed a lot of top growth the first season, and need all their canes to continue to thrive.



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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!

