

TULSA ROSE SOCIETY MEETING
SUNDAY February 11, 2018 2 p.m.

Garden Smarter

Gardening for most of us is a hobby or form of leisure activity. It should not become a burden or so much work that we no longer enjoy our garden. Of course what is hard work for one person can be a release of mental stress for another. We all must find our own place and pleasure in the garden.

To be smarter with our gardening we need to learn the proper techniques and timing to do the “work”. You have heard the term “Work Smarter, not Harder”. That will apply to our garden activities.

At this time of the year most of the gardening is or should be in the planning stages rather than physical activities. Our plants are mostly dormant and getting a little confused over the wide degree swings in temperature we have seen. Most of us are anxious to get back in the garden and start the process that will give us a beautiful garden. So how do we:

Get Our Roses Off to a Good New Year

Our February meeting will cover the topics related to the care our (rose) garden needs to get a good start on the new year. Most of us are experienced and have done this for years. However, some of our members have limited experience. Our Consulting Rosarians will lead the discussion. Everyone is free to ask questions. If you are one of the experienced gardeners you might share how have been successful in getting your garden started. Each of our gardens are slightly different in the amount of sunlight it gets, the air circulation, the water system and pH of the soil.

Some of the questions to be answered:

- When do I start pruning?
- Do I prune all my Roses the same?
- How do I know what kind of Rose I have?
- What do you mean by improving air circulation?
- When do I fertilize?
- What do I fertilize with? How about manure?
- When do I start spraying? What do I spray?
- Are there “Good” bugs?

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Looking Ahead

Feb 11 - Basics of rose care

Mar. 11 - Bingo

Refreshments -

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



Things to Do in February

- Water? Water has always been first on the list of things to do to keep your roses going. January has been drier than normal in most areas. Everyone does not get the same amount of rain and snow so you should check your garden.
- Soil samples - If you have not taken soil tests yet you should do so soon so you will have time to plan and take any corrective action that may be needed. pH problems are not corrected quickly.
- If you prepared a new bed you should be turning the planting mix every few weeks (if it is not frozen or buried under snow). If you still need to prepare a new bed or rebuild an existing one you should be working on it whenever we have some nice weather.
- You should plan your fertilization program for the year and place your order for any products that you might need.
- Check the temperature of the area you are storing your chemicals, especially during extremely low temperatures. It is not often we have seen wind chill temperatures below zero and single digit temperatures for several days.
- Check your roses for damage. If you have damaged canes go ahead and cut them off so only a clean cut is exposed to the insects and elements. If you have any limbs or debris that has fallen on your rose bushes, be sure to remove it. Check around your rose bed for anything that is not right and take the time to fix it.
- If you have not removed any unwanted roses now is the time to do it. If you plan to replant another bush in that location be sure to remove all of the roots and soil to leave a clean and disease free planting location. Go ahead and fill the hole with your planting mix and water it down very well. You should probably turn it up every week or so and give it another good watering so it will be ready for planting.
- Do a little homework. Review how the past year went and what worked and what did not work. If

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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

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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.

your prevention methods did not stop the black spot and insects, try to figure out why and plan a better process to try this year. Review the available products and application methods to see if a different product would best fit your garden. You should also review your feeding program. Did your program develop and maintain strong and healthy canes and foliage? If not was your pH too low or too high? That will prevent your fertilizers from being used by the bush.

- Have questions? Need HELP? Your consulting Rosarians are here to help you! If you get "online" help make sure you are getting information for our area.

BINGO FOR ROSES IN MARCH!



Tulsa Rose Society -- Board Meeting January 4, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 AM by Gordon Beck in the Tulsa Garden Center Volunteer Room. Present were Mary Horrigan, Don Johnson, Brenda Johnson, Judy Carter, Sammy Stevens, Butch Neumeier, Dale Isgrigg and Liz Enochs.

Laura Chalus, Executive Director of Tulsa Garden Center, dropped in on our meeting to give us an update on the Garden Center. She announced that the Linnaeus volunteers would now be able to work in the Rose Garden and earn volunteer hours. Jen Olsen is still monitoring the roses that OSU planted and AGRS is again giving roses to be evaluated in a trial in the Rose Garden.

Secretary's Report

The minutes for the December Board meeting and general meeting were approved as published in the *Rosarian Reminder*.

Treasurer's Report

Judy Carter reported that current assets are \$10,310.12. Membership as of December 20, 2017, was submitted to the Garden Center and TRS was confirmed to have 60% membership in TGC which allows TRS to have free rental of our meeting room. This will save the society over \$500 this year.

Committee Reports

Membership -- One new membership was submitted at the November meeting.

Hospitality -- Judy Carter will remain as chair of this committee.

Publicity -- Mary Horrigan will send out a postcard to the members about the January meeting and also contact the Tulsa World about our meeting.

Programs -- Laura Chalus will be our guest speaker and give an update on the Garden Center in January. Mary will contact Karen Barrett about donating roses to have at Rose Bingo in March. Weeks Roses will also be contacted for roses.

Nominating Committee -- Installation of officers will be held at the January meeting,

New Business

SpringFest at TGC will be held on April 13-14, 2018. TRS would like to have a booth for information and possibly selling garden stakes. There will be no Information Fair this year.

Gordon would like to have the Master Gardener handouts on various rose topics to distribute at SpringFest and the Broken Arrow Rose Fest.

Old Business

Remembrance of long-time members was discussed. Harry Smola, Clinton Fuhrmann and John Carter need to be recognized for their service to the Society. Brenda Johnson motioned that a rose be donated in honor of Harry Smola in the Tulsa Rose Garden through the Tulsa Garden Club. Butch Neumeier seconded and the motion passed. Remembrances for Clinton and John will be decided later. A committee will recommend actions for the Board.



A thank-you card and box of chocolates will be given to Aaron Skaggs, caretaker at TGC, in appreciation for setting up our meetings at the Center.

Purchase of ARS liability insurance is due to ARS and \$5 per member is required. Sammy Stevens made a motion that this fee be paid. Butch Neumeier seconded and the motion passed.

Gordon thanked Mary for hosting our club Christmas Party in December.

The Rose Show Chair for the May show will be Don Johnson and Butch volunteered as co-chair.

Judy Carter brought up the annual fertilizer order. After discussion, the Board voted not order any this year. She also brought up the TRS website and the need for a new webmaster. Gordon will ask at the next general meeting if there is anyone interested in taking this job.

Butch moved that we adjourn at 11:30 AM. Sammy seconded and the motion passed.

Liz Enochs, Secretary

Tulsa Rose Society -- General Meeting January 14, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Dennis Voss in the absence of President Gordon Beck in the Garden Center auditorium at 2:10 PM. Twenty-one people attended the meeting.

Brenda Johnson installed the newly elected officers and board members for 2018. Judy Carter was also honored with a flower bouquet for taking over the treasurer's duties and the newsletter after John's passing, along with the responsibilities of being Hospitality Chair.

Mary Horrigan, 2nd Vice-President, highlighted the people who help the meeting run smoothly. Eileen Engleson-Stearns for providing general help; Cathy Chinoweth for selling raffle tickets, and Diane Nail for handling the name-tag sign-up. Mary also highlighted Butch Neumeier, board member and klong-time rosarian, who has been a professional ballroom dancer, a race car driver and a fire chief before developing his love of roses. Various photos of his talents were available to view. Butch also announced that he was compiling a list of fertilizers and chemicals that he was willing to order for members during February.

Laura Chalus, Executive Director of the Garfden Center, gave a presentation on the focus for 2018 and what has happened during 2017. Pictures of the rose tiers from a year ago were contrasted with current pictures, showing the dramatic improvement. Jen Olsen from OSU is continuing to monitor the roses in the fifth tier to gain information on Rose Rosette disease. Laura also announced that the Linnaeus volunteers would now get credit for their hours working in the Garden. Improvements in the mansion were also showcased, including painting rooms, refinishing floors and updating the bathrooms. She introduced Heather Michaelson-Hale who has the job title of Horticulture Technician, a great addition to reprising the beauty of the Rose Garden and Woodward Park. Laura also gave a tour of the Garden Center mansion, highlighting areas that the public rarely sees.

Dennis Voss adjourned the meeting at 3:15 PM for refreshments.

Liz Enochs, Secretary

Member News

We were treated to a very informative program about the Tulsa Rose Garden by Laura Chalus at our January meeting. There were 21 members and guests in attendance. It was great to see many of our members in attendance and they paid their dues and for their name tags.

We were informed that work will continue in getting the Tulsa Rose Garden free of Rosette and more new plantings are scheduled. Jen Olsen of Oklahoma State University will also spend a lot of time in the Tulsa Rose Garden working with the roses. Linnaeus volunteers will also be able to earn work credits in the Rose Garden this year and that will help the manpower issue there.

Please keep your good thoughts going for our president, Gordon Beck, as he recovers from treatment and surgery for kidney stones, and for our treasurer, Dianne Nail, as she recovers from knee replacement surgery. We hope to see them back at our next meeting! We hope all of you have stayed clear of the flu bugs, but if you haven't, we hope you recover quickly. We send our best wishes to those who have been "under the weather" and we hope you are back with us soon.

Bev Forester wants to let everyone know that there will be a Rose Rosette Workshop held at the Battle Creek Golf Course clubhouse, 3200 N, Battle Creek Dr., Broken Arrow 74012 on Tuesday, Feb. 20th, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Jen Olsen from OSU will be presenting the program. All are welcome!

Laura Chalus, Executive Director of the Tulsa Garden Center, wrote to invite those who volunteered in the Rose Garden in 2017, to consider helping again in 2018. Just in the past few months there have been 30 Taylor Junipers added to the Rose Garden, another round of national rose trials are on the way, and plans made to expand the pollinator friendly plants onto tier 3. Special volunteer days will be on the 2nd Tuesday and the last Saturday of each month through October as weather allows. We hope you can find a day where you can help, too. Come help our Rose Garden look its best!

Beautiful Arrangements from the 2017 District 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!

