

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

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*All are invited to
Tulsa Rose Society's
Bingo For Roses*

Over 75 rises and other prizes have been donated by national growers, including David Austin varieties.

Sunday, March 11, 2018 -- 2-4 PM

Tulsa Garden Center

2435 S. Peoria Ave.

Complimentary snacks and drinks will be available.

Cost: \$5 per card per session - there will be 2 sessions.

Have fun and take home a rose or two for your garden!

Information: Gordon Beck, gordonleebeck@yahoo.com

What does BINGO teach me about Roses?

BINGO may not teach us about growing our roses, but it does a couple of important things. First, it provides the membership some social time. Whether we admit it or not, part of the reason we join and participate in organizations like the Tulsa Rose Society is the contact we have with people who become our friends and we enjoy seeing and spending time with occasionally. BINGO provides us social time to share a cup of coffee and a cookie.

Secondly, it is a means to raise funds to support our rose show and the cost of using the Tulsa Garden Center for meetings and shows. It also lets you get some new roses for your garden at very little cost. Come and join us for an afternoon of BINGO!

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Looking Ahead

Mar. 11 - Bingo

April 8 - Rose Pests

May 12 - show time!

Refreshments -

We expect a large number to attend Rose Bingo, so we ask all members to bring a finger food to share.



What To Do in March

March can be the time to start pruning. We need to wait until the chance of hard freezes are past, which can be as early as mid March but watch the weather for warnings of a late freeze. Keep these objectives in mind as you prune.

1. Remove dead or diseased branches and canes. Most of this can be done in advance of regular pruning.
2. Remove canes that have begun to decline. Look to the branches coming from the cane. If they are vigorous, long and clean, the cane is still a good one. If not, take it out at the bud union. Sometimes a cane is old after one or two years: sometimes it is still productive after scaly bark was formed. Removal of unproductive canes results in strong new basils that renew the vigor of the bush.
3. Remove freeze-damaged wood; check the pith and if it is discolored cut lower, even if it means going to the bud union. Often the branches or canes will appear healthy in spite of the discolored pith and indeed they often will go ahead and bloom more or less normally, then die back in the stress of summer's heat.
4. Control the size of the bush. In our climate, with good cultivation, bushes can get out of hand. Many of us like large bushes on the theory that a big bush will produce more roses than a little one, but they can only outgrow the allotted space and can get too tall to tend properly.
5. Remove one crossing cane where two can damage each other.
6. Shape the bush. There are two things to consider here and most important is to try to give each branch a chance to take advantage of the available space and light. The other reason is aesthetic and that probably is least important from the standpoint of the health of the bush. The beautiful vase-shape illustrated in the pruning books is nice and if it can be accomplished after the other objectives are accomplished, fine.
7. After your pruning you need to cleanup your rose bed and remove any "trash" from it that might harbor insects or disease.
8. It is time for the first feeding also. Decide upon a program for the year and make the first application. You should always water before fertilizing. You may need to pull back the mulch and spread the material and lightly work it into the soil. Water again following the feeding.
9. You may want to spray the ground for insects and fungus possibilities before replacing the mulch.
10. Add to your mulch and you will want to protect the bud union for another month until all chance of freezing is past.
11. It is time to start your regular spray program as the foliage begins to appear. It is important to spray weekly or

Who We Are

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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
 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.

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- even more often as the new foliage appears. Your regular spraying should be for blackspot and only spray when you have insect problems. There are many beneficial insects that can help your roses. Don't kill them!
12. We have had a wet couple of weeks, but have not recovered from the drought conditions. The forecast is for a below normal rainfall period during the spring. Make sure your roses are getting the necessary moisture they need. And one good weekly watering is better than a little dose daily.
 13. If you do not see growth emerging from a rose, the winter weather may have gotten it. It will be time to shovel-prune it and prepare the bed for a new rose.
 14. Enjoy the beauty as it comes!

Come play Bingo For Roses on March 11!



Tulsa Rose Society - Executive Board Meeting February 1, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m. on February 1, 2018, by Gordon Beck in the Tulsa Garden Center New Volunteer Room. Present were Gordon Beck, Mary Horrigan, Don Johnson, Brenda Johnson, Judy Carter, Sammy Stevens, Butch Neumeier, Dale Isgrigg, Heather Michaelson-Hale, and Liz Enochs.

Gordon Beck gave an overview of what the Tulsa Rose Society has done over the past year. He verified that the TRS annual rose show will be Saturday, May 12, 2018. Spring Fest will be April 13 and 14, and the Rose Society will have an inside table for the public, but we cannot sell anything.

Secretary's Report

The minutes for the January board meeting and general meeting were approved as written.

Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report

Judy Carter gave the Treasurer's report. Current assets are \$10,812.12. Don and Paula Adlong gave a donation of \$80 in addition to their annual membership. Judy filed the IRS 990-N report for 2017 with the IRS.

Membership

Mary Horrigan reported that we had added 17 new members during 2017. 21 members and guests attended the January meeting and no new members were added.

Publicity

Mary Horrigan announced that she will start using the free publication, the *Coffee News*, to announce about the Tulsa Rose Society meetings and events.

New Business

The meeting for Feb 11 will cover awakening roses and getting roses ready for spring. Gordon Beck will cover soil and pH. Dormant spray will be done by Don Johnson, along with March rose tips. Fertilizing and moving plants will be handled by Liz Enochs. Butch Neumeier will pass out a fertilizer, fungicide, and insecticide order sheet for members to be able to place orders.

For the Spring Rose Show, Mary Horrigan would like more explanation given to the members about rose show needs since the terms, sequence and duties in the rose show are foreign to most members.

Rose Bingo will be on for the March meeting. Mary Horrigan has arranged for 35 roses to be donated from Weeks roses. Don Johnson will try to get some David Austin Roses. Liz Enochs suggested using gardening items like fertilizer, gloves, and other items as prizes also.

The 2017 books will be audited soon. Mary Horrigan with the help of Dale Isgrigg will perform the audit.

The Board thought it would be a good idea to let Roses Inc sell roses at the meetings and at the Rose Show. The foot



traffic would bring people into the rose show.

Judy Carter announced that the Tulsa Rose Society would be able to have one of the shelves previously used by the Tulsa Herb Society because the Herb Society has moved out of the Affiliates storage area in the basement.

Old Business

Gordon Beck will be placing an order for the most recent name tag order.

With SpringFest and the table inside, Gordon Beck is wanting to have OSU handouts on roses. He also wants materials that will promote the rose show.

Judy Carter will submit a check to the American Rose Society for the cost of liability insurance.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:25 p.m.

Liz Enochs, Secretary

Tulsa Rose Society - General Meeting February 15, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. in the auditorium at the Tulsa Garden Center by Gordon Beck. 24 members and guests were present.

Brenda Johnson announced that there would be an arrangement class for members who were interested and passed around a sign-up form. Another form for people to bring refreshments in the coming months was also passed around. However, for the Rose Bingo March meeting, everyone was asked to bring a finger food of some kind.

Mary Horrigan spoke about the Oklahoma City Rose Bingo on Feb. 24 and our own Rose Bingo on March 11.

Bev Forester invited everyone to attend the Rose Rosette Seminar that will be held in Broken Arrow at the Battle Creek Golf Club on February 20, 2018, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Jen Olsen, professor from OSU, will talk about the disease and the findings that she and her team have made.

Judy Carter introduced the 2018 TRS budget, explaining the anticipated costs. Budget was approved for 2018.

The program was presented by Gordon Beck, Don Johnson and Liz Enochs and covered pH and soil, do's and don't's in the garden, bare root roses, rose care in March, and fertilizing. Butch Neumeier had a fertilizer, fungicide, and miticide order sheet that he passed out to members. He will collect the order forms at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m. for refreshments.

Liz Enochs, Secretary



Pruning Points “In My Neck of the Woods”

By Brenda Johnson

When to prune is the most asked question I hear. The easiest thing to say is “when the forsythia blooms”. That wonderful shrub has bright yellow blooms up and down its stems in early spring. However, I try to wait until mid-March and prune after removing the mulch I used for winterizing from around the base of the rose. After pruning I push the mulch back over the base of the rose until the danger of hard freezes is over. (Our last freeze date for our area is April 15th.) Keeping this in mind, I watch the weather and usually the first week in April is a good time to uncover your rose, while keeping an eye on the weather forecast. The reason I wait to prune is that pruning can stimulate the rose to grow and a late freeze will damage the new growth and canes on your rose.

Always follow the 4 “D’s” when pruning. These are: remove the Dead, the Diseased, the Damaged, and the Dinky (much smaller than a pencil). If you have a black cane, remove it - the cane is dead. If you have a cane that is green on the outside, but the center of the cane is dark, cut down the cane until the center of the cane is white. You will be cutting off a part of the cane that is dying and will never produce a bloom. Also cut off crossing canes and canes that are growing toward the center of the rose bush.

How far down should I prune? This is another questions that is often asked. If you have a hybrid tea, then the general rule of thumb is 12-18 inches (higher for more blooms, lower for larger blooms). If you have a floribunda,, 18-24 inches (higher for more blooms, lower for larger blooms.). If you have a once-blooming climber or old garden rose, wait until after they bloom to prune. If you have a shrub rose, you prune for shape and size. However, I would suggest at least 1/3 of the shrub be cut back and even a little more if needed. I have miniature roses and I cut them back at least half or more. My miniflora's are pruned similar to my hybrid teas depending on their size.

The above are generalizations and how I personally prune in my rose garden. I would encourage you to call any consulting rosarian who has been growing roses and is experienced at pruning and care of roses in our area. CRs , or Consulting Rosarians, are those members listed in your roster or newsletter whose purpose is to help those who want to grow beautiful roses.

Pruning will rejuvenate your roses and your canes will be strong enough to hold the beautiful blooms that will form on your rose bush.

Happy pruning, everyone!

Member News

Please keep your good thoughts out there for former member, Mark Stelljes, who had recent surgery for a facial tumor and for our Arkansas friends, Don and Paula Adlong, who recently lost their son and who are having some challenging physical problems. We send get-well wishes to Norma Whitehead and Dianne Nail who have battled the flu bug recently. We send our best wishes to those who have been “under the weather” and we hope you are back with us soon. Happy St. Patrick’s Day!



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REMEMBER THAT DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME STARTS THIS SUNDAY AT 2 AM!

***** SET YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD ONE HOUR. *****

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!

