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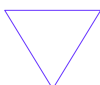
Newsletter of the Tenarky District of the
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Mark Your Calendars.

The next mid-winter convention will be held in

Bowling Green, KY

at the Holiday Inn
February 18-19,
2005. A CR
school will be
held on Sunday
February 20.

Superb!

Tenarky's 2004 district convention was nothing short of superb. Attracting 110 registrants from seven states, the show drew many of the top exhibitors from the area.

The rose show on Saturday was of the highest quality. Organization under the leadership of Jim Preston and "Team Tenarky" made the convention flow flawlessly. The show was directed by Howard Carman and was extremely well-run.

Twenty-nine exhibitors or exhibiting teams were represented on the head table. The District's highest trophy, the J. H o r a c e M c F a r l a n d Award, was earned by Greg Sanders for the first time. The highest trophy for miniature roses, the ARS Ralph Moore Award, was won by Bob and Chris Thorpe.

This year, all Queens were

won by Tenarky residents. Queen of the Show, the best of the 33 blue-ribbon-winning hybrid teas, was won by Don and Sara Jo Gill with **Signature**. Minifloras were separated from miniatures, with sepa-

was earned by Mary Jane and Peggy Utz for **Marchesa Boccella**. Novice Queen was awarded to Henry Head for **Veteran's Honor**.

The arrangements for the convention were called "national caliber." A Tenarky-record 60 arrangements graced the hall of the Holiday Inn, filling one entire wall and a large portion of a second. The Arrangements Royalty Award was earned by Glenn Fuqua for a mass design, **Dawn at the Downs**.

Programs were given by Robert Sutherland and Whit Wells and were well-received by those in attendance. Marilyn Wellan, celebrating her birthday in Kentucky, addressed the convention as keynote speaker and informed us of the progress being made in Shreveport.

At the banquet, the silver medal was awarded to Donna Tarrant and John and Kay Rogers. Outstanding Consulting Rosarian was awarded to Noah Wilson. The District's Outstanding Judge was Rhonda Spruiell.

Jim Preston humbly directs the credit to the able team who assisted him but deserves many kudos from all of us who attended this well-organized and friendly convention.

rate royalty awarded to each. The respective Queens were **Butter Cream**, shown by Robert Sutherland, and **Fairhope**, shown by Jimmy and Evelyn Moser. Dowager Queen



Henry Head, of the Sons of the American Revolution, presented the colors at the 2004 Tenarky Convention in Louisville.

Greg Sanders' Head is Growing!

There was nothing unusual about the early spring. As usual, Greg Sanders prepared his roses for Nashville, the first outing of the spring shows.

He had a number of good entries, but the finest was his Memphis King that took the miniflora Queen that day.

When he packed up his loot and headed home that Saturday, his wife, Laura, noticed that he had a little trouble putting his hat on. She didn't think any more about it, though, at least not for a few weeks.

The next weekend was the Bowling Green show, where Greg took mini Queen, this time with Hilde. Two shows, two Queens. Again Laura saw him loosen the hat a notch as he packed up his trophies and headed back to Louisville. She dismissed the hat loosening as a sign of the heat. It was June after all, and she thought Greg might be retaining some fluid.

In the summer, there was the Indianapolis all-miniature show, where Greg competed with some of the greatest exhibitors in America—and took Queen with Nancy Jean. This time he loosened his hat to the loosest notch he could—and it barely fit.

His friends were starting to notice something a little different about

Greg at this point—some thought he was losing weight; others thought he had dyed his hair; and one thought he was having botox injections!

Things really started to happen in August at the Kentucky State Fair. There, Greg won every single royalty award, a clean sweep. He won Queen with Suffolk, King with Louise Estes, Princess with Veteran's Honor, Mini Queen with

fall exhibitions, Greg hit the show circuit again, this time heading to Cincinnati for the Buckeye district. He didn't take a Queen, but he did earn a mini King and several spots on the court. Not bad for a district show.

The next weekend he headed to Evansville where he, you guessed it, won Queen again. Actually, not one, but two Queens with Cajun Moon and his third mini Queen of the year with Nancy Jean. Even casual passersby were noticing the growth of his pate by this point.

His final show of the year was the Tenarky district convention where many of the Top Guns from the district and beyond competed with Greg. In fact, urgent communiqués went out from members of the Louisville rose society: "Please come to compete in our district and beat Greg. We can't do it!"

Well, the Tenarkians did finally stall Greg. He didn't take a single Queen on October 2, at the District show. He had to settle for the district's highest honor—the J. Horace McFarland award (in addition to mini King, again with Nancy Jean). All in all,

you'd have to consider that a career year with seven Queens and a J. Horace McFarland award. No doubt that would make Greg Tenarky's unofficial "Top Gun" for 2004.

In all seriousness, Greg is a humble, helpful, and good-humored exhibitor. We salute his great achievements and rejoice in his successes this year.



Nancy Jean, Mini King with Hilde, and Mini Princess with Tiffany Lite. Now it was becoming obvious to his friends what was happening. Greg's head was growing! And justifiably so—he had won five Queens for the year, and it wasn't even September!!

After taking a short respite from exhibiting in order to prune for the

Director's Report *by Kent Campbell*

This is a historic document of a sort, being the first "all-electronic" issue of the Tenarky District newsletter. It will be sent to all individual members of rose societies in the Tenarky District whose email addresses have been supplied to us. It will also be available on the Tenarky website (www.tenarky.org) for anyone in the world who can log on and wishes to retrieve it that way. There will be no "hard" copies, i.e. printed and mailed copies, made available by the district. This is an extra issue – the two traditional issues per year, which will be available by subscription only for those desiring "hard" copies, will be forthcoming. Those issues will also be available electronically.

The Tenarky District Convention at Louisville was a spectacular success. Linda Jansing, LRS President, Jim Preston, Convention Chairman, and "Team Tenarky" – all those Louisville society members who worked hard to provide us with a memorable weekend – are owed a debt of thanks from all attendees. A

very high standard for such future events was established.

Attendance by our ARS President, Marilyn Wellan, added greatly to the festive atmosphere. She celebrated her birthday while there and obviously enjoyed interacting with the approximately one hundred attendees. Her after-dinner presentation was informative and extremely well-received.

The programs by Robert Sutherland and Whit Wells were also well-received. Reports that they were four-star quality circulated among those in attendance. On Sunday after the convention, thirty individuals attended the judges' school sponsored by Tenarky and organized by our horticultural judges chairman, George Poe. Twenty two current judges had their credentials updated and extended to 2008. Six new judge candidates, two from Tenarky, took and passed the exams. Linda Jansing and Howard Carman will be seeking opportunities to apprentice during the

coming season.

Having judged at the Buckeye District Show, the national show at Tulsa, and several top local shows throughout Tenarky recently, I feel that I have ample means of comparison to allow me to say without fear of contradiction that our Tenarky show was top-flight – second to none. Check our website for winners and pictures.

My column in the next issue of Katnips will feature news from the Tulsa National, including Board of Directors actions. A thorough write-up of the February mid-winter workshop will also be included. I have been receiving very positive feedback from many individuals about the program, which has been advertised in a very brief format by means of a "flyer" mailed and passed out by hand to friends and acquaintances. It appears to be a real drawing card! Save those dates – February 18 and 19th and February 20 for the Consulting Rosarian School. See you in Bowling Green.

Cyberspace's Coolest Rose Hangout

With the arrival of fall and winter, the chores in the rose garden are winding down. Are you looking for a way to get your rose fix while waiting for that first spring growth?

If so, then go online to the **Rosarian's Corner** at <http://www.rosarianscorner.com> where you can talk roses with growers from coast to coast and across the world.

The RC has 33 active forums covering everything from general rose gardening, exhibiting, miniatures, OGRs, photos, a Rose of the Week, and much more. You can keep up with rose news from across the

world and make friends with cyberrosarians of all experience levels.

Currently, there are 1088 members, having posted nearly 75,000 items!

Online, you'll find big-name rosarians, including hybridizers, exhibitors, and others from across the country. I won't be a name-dropper and mention them here, but suffice it to say you will recognize a lot of folks.

After getting to the RC homepage, sign up with a screen name (mine is PapaSuth), and you'll be ready to introduce yourself on the "Welcome Mat" forum.

Your questions, comments, and photos are welcome. You can even use cool emoticons to add spice to your posts. The Rosarian's Corner is a pleasant place to spend some time reading, learning, and educating other people with our common interests.

The forum is run by Cliff Orent and Michelle LeVan-Steklenski who are knowledgeable, helpful, and friendly hosts.

Tenarky is under-represented on the board, so I hope you'll take time to join the RC. It's free, and no salesman will call your home or email you. When you do sign up, tell them "PapaSuth" sent you.

Spotlight Garden: Larry and Ann Peck

The rose garden of Larry and Ann Peck grows on a hilltop in east Tennessee near the Holston River. Surrounded by hay fields and woods and at 1100 feet elevation, they have a unique microclimate where they are able to grow both tender and cold-hardy roses. Their property is also home to a garden railway with four trains and several hundred feet of track in their hybrid musk beds, with a three-foot tunnel formed by **Ballerina**.

The Pecks grow 500-600 roses in the ground, though counting is somewhat meaningless when considering some of the roses like **La Belle Sultane** grow so densely that they suffocate weeds and occupy a 5 by 4 by 6 foot triangular area. They grow 50 or so more roses in what Ann refers to as the “pot ghetto,” and a few minis in containers.

For Ann and Larry, the interest in roses developed separately and at different times. For Ann, “Roses have always been a part of my life.” Both her grandmothers grew roses, and a neighbor’s mass planting of **Queen Elizabeth** bushes is one of her early memories of roses. When she had her own garden, **Queen Elizabeth** was among her first roses.

Ann’s own garden started in Houston with about 15 hybrid teas. She married Larry and moved to New Orleans, with the roses. Unfortunately, the neighbors were enamored with the blooms and helped themselves to everything except **Don Juan** which grew out of reach, and **The Fairy**, which for some reason they didn’t cut.

For Larry, the path

to rose growing has been quite different. “He tolerated my roses until he got interested in the historic side of the Old Gar-



The Pecks front garden in Tennessee, near the Holston River is surrounded by hay fields and woods. Photos courtesy of Larry and Ann Peck.

den Roses. Now we have his historic beds that show the history of rose development starting with his species garden. Now our roses are for both of us, although there are some that are more his than mine and vice versa,” Ann wrote.

Their location gives the Pecks some unique challenges. The Holston River at the base of their property brings frequent fogs that protect the roses from frost but also brings additional disease pressure, especially for blackspot and anthracnose. A fungicide regimen including Man-



A found red rose.

we remove the rose so that any eriophyid mites are dead....Because we are surrounded by hay fields and forest, there are beneficial insects ready to move into our roses when herbivorous insects and mites move in. Holding back and waiting for the good guys to arrive does work here, and we’re working on companion plantings to keep the beneficials even closer...we don’t ever use broad spectrum insecticides...Portraying roses as hard to grow and requiring lots of chemicals and fuss drives people away from the hobby.”

Ann has a strong preference for cluster blooming flowers, and recommends the “totally overlooked”



Mrs. Woods’ Lavender-Pink Noisette is one of the Pecks’ highly recommended roses.

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The Protein Power Plan for Roses

by Robert Sutherland

Whoppers with no buns? Steaks with no potatoes? “Atkins approved menus” at major restaurants? It seems you can’t listen to the news, read the paper, or see a commercial without hearing the “miraculous results” of the high protein, low-carbohydrate diets. In my office, celery and carrot sticks have been replaced with industrial-sized barrels of pork rinds. Whether it’s the Protein Power, Atkins, or South Beach flavor, the current fashionable diets all seem to have one thing in common—lots of protein, and very few carbohydrates. In fact, I wonder if Clara Peller were alive today, would the Wendy’s commercials inquire, “Where’s the Bun?”

After hearing my friends, relatives, and coworkers go on *ad nauseum* about how wonderful this lifestyle works for them, I think I’m finally ready to give it a shot—not for myself, but for my rose bushes. I have often touted the benefits of buying bulk organic feeds from local feed stores or co-operatives and have praised the economy and organic punch provided by alfalfa, cottonseed meal, fish meal, blood meal, kelp meal, and others.

You may read that fish meal for sale in a one pound bag at a garden center has a “9-3-2” analysis, or something similar. But if you go to the feed store, there is no such description. The only number you’ll see is something like “65% crude protein.” So, is this fish meal from the feed store the same, or at least similar,

that sold at the garden center?

Looking at protein molecules in general, we recall from Biology class that proteins are made up of amino acid combinations. Amino acids are composed of carbon, hydrogen, oxygen, and our friendly neighborhood nitrogen atoms, nitrogen being one of the big three nutrients our roses crave.

So, understanding that nitrogen is con-

typical protein values for several common feeds we may use on our roses:

Blood Meal has 80% crude protein which is approximately 13% nitrogen;

Alfalfa is approximately 17% crude protein, or 3% nitrogen;

Cottonseed meal is 41% crude protein, or about 6.5% nitrogen;

Fish meal is 62% crude protein, or about 10% nitrogen;

Or if you are lucky enough to find feather meal in bulk, you would have an 85% crude protein or 13.5% nitrogen fertilizer.

This will only tell you the amount of nitrogen in your fertilizer, and not the phosphorous, potassium, or trace elements,

but the Ingredients101 site does list the phosphorous and other nutrient levels of the feeds. Different grades of these ingredients may yield different protein values, but the conversion factor should give you a good idea of the amount of nitrogen you’re adding to your rose bed.

So give those roses a boost of nitrogen. Give those rose beds the gift of a 50 pound bag of something high in crude protein. And pass me a couple of those chocolate covered Krispy Kreme doughnuts. Protein power may be good for the roses, but I’m not ready for it myself just yet.



tained in the amino acids, which are the building blocks of proteins, leads us to the conclusion that protein is indeed good for our roses. But, knowing how much nitrogen is in this “crude protein” will enable us to have a significantly better idea of the amount of nitrogen we are putting on our roses.

A little internet research revealed that the typical conversion factor from crude protein to nitrogen percent is approximately 6.25. So for a feed that is “62.5% crude protein,” we have a fertilizer with 10% nitrogen.

From the website www.ingredients101.com, we find the

Time to Join the American Rose Society

At the time of publication of the last issue of KATnips, there were approximately 1100 households on the mailing list of ARS members residing in the Tenarky district. KATnips was mailed to all of these households in the past.

When we gathered email addresses from local societies to send out the summer issue electronically, I was ecstatic to have 500 email addresses. I assumed this would reduce the hard copy mailing nearly in half. However, when I compared the ARS members list to those provided by the local societies, I found only 200 of those email addresses were on the ARS list. That means that 300 of you had not been previously receiving KATnips because you are not members of the American Rose Society.

The ARS has now embarked on its most bold membership drive ever—a campaign to add 10,000 new members. And they have made a great offer.

So to the 300 of you (and to anyone else in cyberspace reading this who isn't a member of ARS), I encourage you to join ARS for the "Top 10" reasons Bob Martin gives below. See the next page for membership application.

By Robert B. Martin, Jr.

Support Your Local Rose Society There are more than 350 local rose societies affiliated with the ARS. You don't have to be an ARS member to belong to one, and it is good to support your local rose society. The ARS also supports your local society. For example, it provides information to local societies on how the local societies can better serve their members. It directs inquiries from prospective members to local societies. It provides a blanket insurance program for local societies that enables them to obtain insurance for their activities at considerably less expense than if they tried to obtain insurance separately. Also, the ARS is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as an educational organization that is exempt from Federal income taxation. Local rose societies affiliated with the ARS are also eligible for tax exemption as an educational organization under a "group exemption" procedure under the blanket of the ARS. Contributions to local rose societies that have been recognized as eligible are tax deductible. This support of the local rose societies by the ARS is valuable, and you support your local rose society by joining the ARS.

Visit Promised Rose Gardens ARS headquarters and the Gardens of the American Rose Center are located in Shreveport, Louisiana. With over 42 acres and 20,000 roses, the American Rose Center is the nation's largest park dedicated to roses. The Gardens are open seven days a week March 30th through October 31st, and in the evenings between Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve for a wonderful Holiday treat. Your membership in the ARS gives you free admission should your travels ever take you to Shreveport. But if they don't, your automatic membership in the American Horticultural Society's Reciprocal Garden Admission Program allows you free admission to more than 100 select gardens and horticultural events throughout the United States.

Support Rose Science The ARS is an educational organizational that supports the horticultural science of roses. It under-

takes cooperative research programs on rose problems at universities and experimental stations. It also tests and evaluates rose-related products. As the International Registration Authority for Roses, the ARS records the registration of the roses of the world and maintains the most comprehensive database of roses of historical and botanical importance in the world. The ARS publishes the information periodically in *Modern Roses*, the latest edition of which, *Modern Roses XI*, contains information on over 24,000 rose varieties. Your membership supports these important activities.

Engage Your Special Interests The ARS has a variety of publications about roses, including special interest quarterly bulletins. They include *Rose Exhibitors' Forum*, devoted to all aspects of rose exhibiting and rose culture; *Rose Arranger's Bulletin*, featuring tips on arranging, design, materials, techniques and arrangement show results; *Mini/Mini-Flora Rose Bulletin*, offering a wealth of information specifically designed for miniature and mini-flora roses; and *The OGR & Shrub Gazette*, with articles for lovers of old and landscape roses. There is a small added cost for each, but your membership is the starting place.

Become a Consulting Rosarian The ARS has a Consulting Rosarian Program consisting of more than 2,200 expert rose gardeners around the country who provide free expert advice to gardeners who want to learn how to grow better roses. You don't have to be a member of ARS to use the services of your local Consulting Rosarian. But you do have to be a member if you want to be a CR; in fact you have to have been a member for at least the last three years. The best way to learn about roses is to prepare to teach, so if you want to learn a lot about roses, you want to be a part of this program.

Show Your Roses – Judge Others A central activity of nearly every local rose society is the annual sponsorship of a rose show. The rose show is an opportunity for rosarians to show non-rose growers the vast potential and beauty of roses. You don't have to be a member of the ARS to show your roses in your local show, in fact you don't have to be a member to show your roses in a national show. But let's suppose you really want to get serious about growing and showing the best roses. Then maybe you ought to become a rose judge and, to do that, you have to have been an ARS member for at least three years. And suppose you wanted to compete for District and National rose show trophies – the top awards. Well, you also have to be a member to do that.

Search for the Perfect "Ten" The ARS has for 78 consecutive years conducted an annual survey of newer rose varieties, to determine how they actually grow in the gardens of America. Now called *Roses in Review*, the roses are rated on a ten-point scale, and older varieties are periodically reassessed. You don't have to be a member to participate in this survey, but it's valuable and your membership supports it. Then each year the ARS publishes and sends to every member, *The Handbook for Selecting Roses*, in which the findings from these surveys are published, along with information on thousands of commercially available roses. The *Handbook*, which fits right in your pocket, will help you select roses for your gardens and can save you some big bucks in making the best choices. It might even help you find the perfect "ten" for your garden.

Read All About It. Your membership in the ARS will bring you 11 monthly issues of the *American Rose*, a 46 page full color monthly magazine with columns, feature articles, advertisements and information on all aspects of rose growing. Then, in December of each

year, you will receive the *American Rose Annual*, a perfect bound 132 soft cover book containing full-length feature articles with scientific information on roses and rose culture, plus articles of general interest to rose lovers. The *American Rose Annual* has been published annually since 1916 and back issues are collector items, challenging some members to collect them all.

Connect With Nice People. Rose people are the nicest people I know. I have found the nicest ones of all in the ARS. They gather at two National Conventions and a Miniature Rose National Conference each year to share their roses, hear lectures, take garden tours and hang out together. They've even been known to dress as roses. Each District also has its own convention and conferences where local rosarians gather. The ARS is a volunteer organization and through it you get the opportunity to work together with people who have but one primary purpose – to enhance knowledge of the rose. The personal connections people build through their involvement in non-profit organizations provide the backbone of relationship communities, and the ARS is just that – a relationship community. Through service on committees, in offices and the undertaking of commitments to the ARS, I have developed friendships throughout the United States. Everywhere I go, I know there are rosarians who welcome the opportunity to share their gardens, their friendship and to simply talk roses. With the ARS I have friends, many of whom I haven't met yet. You can be part of this community of friends.

The Roses Deserve It So that's a lot of benefits to consider, but now we come to the most important. The benefits cited above are the tangible things we get from joining the ARS, the *quid pro quo*. But the most important thing is not tangible; it cannot be evaluated as a business transaction, and whether you get your money's worth. The higher question is not what we get but what we give. The rose is the most beautiful flower in God's creation, a gift that has been generously given to us. It is not in the "getting" that we receive but in the giving. By giving to roses, we receive from them. My friend Lynn Snetsinger has said that we are the "Guardians of the Rose." That is the role God gave to those of us who love roses and the roses deserve it. The rose is so generous in our gardens. It always gives back in multiples for whatever we put into it. So how do you give back? Well, you join the community of those of like mind and you give to it. To modify the words of President John F. Kennedy: "Ask not what the rose can do for you, but ask instead what you can do for roses." As Sherlock Holmes said to Dr. Watson: "Our highest assurance of the existence of Providence seems to me to rest in the flowers. All other things, our powers, our desires, our food, are all really necessary for our existence in the first place. But this rose is an extra. Its smell and its colour are an embellishment of life, not a condition of it. It is only goodness which brings extras, and so I say again, that we have much to hope for in the flowers." The ARS is our hope for the rose and my hope is that you will join us. Ω

American Rose Society

10,000 NEW MEMBERS CAMPAIGN!

The American Rose Society has embarked on a national membership campaign, and the goal is most ambitious – ARS wants to grow by 10,000 new members! The Tenarky District is participating in the campaign because we know when our parent society is growing, it can serve our rose-growing hobby and our local society better. We believe this is the best membership offer ARS has ever made!

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EXCITING NEW MEMBER OFFER: FREE MINI ROSE BUSH plus \$5 DISCOUNT ON 1ST YEAR DUES

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Free miniature rose bush, courtesy of Nor'East Miniature Roses, a division of Greenheart Farms.

If you are not a member of ARS, please join. If you are a member, please encourage friends, family and colleagues to take advantage of this membership opportunity now. Tell them that membership in the ARS brings many advantages to rose enthusiasts, no matter what direction their rose growing hobby takes them.

- ◆ Horticultural education and support for beginner, intermediate, experienced growers.
- ◆ 11 issues of the beautiful and informative, full-color *American Rose* magazine.
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- ◆ Free access to the beautiful Gardens of the American Rose Center, including Spring Bloom Festival, Green Thumb Gardening Series, and Christmas in Roseland.
- ◆ Free access to more than 100 affiliated botanical gardens across America.
- ◆ Camaraderie with rose growers from across the nation.
- ◆ Knowledge that you are supporting the 112-year-old American Rose Society and the valuable work we are doing in the botanical world of roses.
- ◆ Members enjoy many different areas of interest, including exhibiting, crafts, photography, writing, teaching, collecting, convention, garden tours, youth activities and social events.
- ◆ Coming soon! Informative and helpful “Members Only” section on www.ars.org.

Please help us get an early boost to our membership drive by joining the campaign now. Your support and your help will be invaluable in providing the enthusiasm and the funds to extend the campaign even further – to the general public on a national level. Solid growth now will not only insure the well being of the Society, it will help ARS expand our resources and provide better services to our members.

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District Show Results—Horticulture

Section	Description	Winning Rose(s)	Exhibitor(s)
A-1	Mini Bowl	Autumn Splendor	Linda Jansing
A-2	Mini English Box	Kristin, Bee's Knees	Greg and Laura Sanders
A-3	Mini Stages of Bloom	Autumn Splendor	Robert Sutherland
A-4	Three Minis	Conundrum	Robert Sutherland
A-5	Two Mini Pairs	Tiffany Lynn, Foolish Pleasure	Robert Sutherland
A-6	Three Mini Sprays	Kristin, Black Jade, Grandmaw's Baby	Tammy Boswell
A-7	Tucker Twelve	No Winner	
A-8	Mini Artist Palette	No Winner	
B	Miniature Royalty		
	Miniature Queen	Fairhope	Jimmy and Evelyn Moser
	Miniature King	Nancy Jean	Greg and Laura Sanders
	Miniature Princess	Irresistible	Robert Sutherland
	Mini Court of Honor	Miss Flippins	Don and Sara Jo Gill
	Mini Court of Honor	Bee's Knees	Robert Sutherland
	Mini Court of Honor	Hilde	Rosalie Sanders
	Mini Court of Honor	Arcanum	Rosalie Sanders
	Mini Court of Honor	Hot Tamale	Robert Sutherland
C	Miniature Novice	Charismatic	Greg Bonn
D	MiniFlora Royalty		
	MiniFlora Queen	Butter Cream	Robert Sutherland
	MiniFlora King	Memphis King	Greg and Laura Sanders
	MiniFlora Princess	Foolish Pleasure	Rosalie Sanders
E	Miniature Spray	Jilly Jewel	Howard Carman and Paula Williams
F	MiniFlora Spray	Amy Grant	Mary Jane and Peggy Utz
G	Single Miniature	Little Artist	Mary Jane and Peggy Utz
H	Micro Miniature	Red Minimo	Gloria Levitt
I	Miniature Open Bloom	Breath of Spring	Vern Kraus
J-9	Small Garden Challenge	Veteran's Honor	Doyle Clark
J-10	Senior Challenge	Keepsake, Hot Princess	Bob Woodworth
J-11	Three Hybrid Teas	Elizabeth Taylor	Kent and Claire Campbell
J-12	Three Floribunda Sprays	Showbiz (2), Stadt den Helder	Vern Kraus
J-13	Triple Play	St. Patrick, Chihuly, Erin Alonso	Andy Plaszc
J-14	HT Stages of Bloom	Opulence	George Poe
J-15	Hi-Lo	Black Magic, Memphis King	Bob and Chris Thorpe
J-16	OGR Challenge	Marchesa Boccella, Sombreuil, Sydonie	Bob and Chris Thorpe
J-17	Judge's Hybrid Tea	Flaming Beauty	Jim Englert
J-18	Judge's Mini	Hilde	Rhonda Spruiell
J-19	Artist's Palette	No Winner	
J-20	English Box	Gemini, Signature, Lynette	Andy Plaszc
J-21	Tin Can		Mary Jane and Peggy Utz
J-22	Rose in a Bowl	Moonstone	Jim and Barbara Preston

	Tenarky District Challenge Classes		
K-23	J. Horace McFarland Award	Uncle Joe, Louise Estes, Pop Warner, Cajun Moon, Moonstone	Greg and Laura Sanders
K-24	Mack and Maybeth Blackburn Award	Pat's Choice, Crystalline, Touch of Class, White Success	Don and Sara Jo Gill
K-25	Roy and Florence Graff Award	No winner	
K-26	Robert and Glenda Whitaker Award	Mavrik, Louise Estes, Suffolk, Bride's Dream	Gerry Schweitzer
K-27	Charles Dawson Award	Veteran's Honor, Belle Rouge, Brooks Red	Jimmy and Evelyn Moser
K-28	Grandiflora Challenge	No winner	
K-29	Floribunda Challenge	Orangeade, Playboy, Betty Boop	Bob and Chris Thorpe
K-30	Leonard and Mary Scott Award	Bride's Dream, Big Time, Veteran's Honor, Cajun Sunrise, Jema	Jimmy and Evelyn Moser
K-31	Lester Smith Award	Moonstone	John Skinner
K-32	Dr. H. R. Rumble Award	Sweet Melody, Irresistible, Marie Jeannette, Pierrine, Erin Alonso	Robert Sutherland
K-33	Ralph Moore Award	Pierrine, Bee's Knees, Fancy Pants, Fairhope, Doris Morgan, Miss Flippins, Scentsational	Bob and Chris Thorpe
L	Hybrid Tea Royalty		
	Queen	Signature	Don and Sara Jo Gill
	King	Dublin	George Poe
	Princess	White Success	John Skinner
	Court of Honor	Hot Princess	John Skinner
	Court of Honor	Fantasy	Bob and Chris Thorpe
	Court of Honor	Moonstone	Andy Plasz
	Court of Honor	St. Patrick	John Skinner
	Court of Honor	Louise Estes	Carolyn Phelps
M	Novice Queen	Veteran's Honor	Henry Head
N	Open Hybrid Tea	Jema	Jim and Barbara Preston
O	Hybrid Tea Spray	White Success	Jimmy and Evelyn Moser
P	One Bloom Floribunda	Pasadena Star	Linda Jansing
Q	Floribunda Spray	Pasadena Star	Linda Jansing
R	Polyantha Spray	Mothersday	Bob and Chris Thorpe
S	Climber	Aunt Ruth	Bob and Chris Thorpe
T	Single HT	Dainty Bess	Tammy Boswell
U-35	One Bloom Shrub	No winner	
U-36	One Bloom Modern Shrub	Outta the Blue	Tammy Boswell
U-37	Shrub Spray	Flower Girl	Jimmy and Evelyn Moser
V-38	Dowager Queen	Marchesa Boccella	Mary Jane and Peggy Utz
V-39	Victorian Award	Mermaid	Doug Dauffenbach
V-40	Genesis Award	R. Rugosa Alba	Richard and Cheryl Hartke
W-41	Fragrant OGR	Marchesa Boccella	Linda Jansing
W-42	Fragrant Modern Rose	Fragrant Cloud	Keith and Caszie Nall
X-43	HT Seedling	Seedling	Whit Wells
X-44	Miniature Seedling	Seedling	Whit Wells
	Sweepstakes		Robert Sutherland
	Mini Sweepstakes		Robert Sutherland

District Show Results—Arrangements

Section	Description	Title and Winning Rose(s)	Exhibitor(s)	Award
A-1	Mass Design	Dawn at the Downs—First Prize, Century Two, Playgirl, Doris Morgan, Elfinglo, Midnight Blue, Paradise, Green Rose, Apricot Nectar, Jema, Joyfulness, Mrs. Oakley Fisher, Princess de Monaco, Marijke Koopman, Louisville Lady	Glenn Fuqua	Royalty Award
A-2	Line Mass Design	Soaring High—Veteran’s Honor	Sara Jo Gill	
B-3	Moribana Design	Summer Garden—White Success	Sara Jo Gill	Oriental Award, Silver Medal Certificate
B-4	Oriental Free Style	Starry Night—Starry Night	Cheryl Pettus	
C-5	Abstract Design	Summer Joy—Crystalline, Moonstone	Donna Tarrant	Artist Award, Gold Medal Certificate
C-6	Parallel	Balloon Festival—Nine Eleven	Donna Tarrant	Bronze Medal Certificate
D-7	Choice of Design	Summer Memories	No Winner	
E-8	Choice of Design	Serenity—Louise Estes, Moonstone,	Donna Tarrant	Princess of Arrangements
F-9	Informal Exhibition for One	Picnic Time—Cary Grant	Chris Thorpe	Court of Etiquette Award
G-10	Judges Choice	Celebrate—Big Duke	Bill Carlson	Judge’s Certificate
H-11	Mini Mass Design	Tea Party—June Laver, Olympic	Sara Jo Gill	Mini Royalty Award
H-12	Line Design	Dance of the Roses—X-Rated, Pier-rine	Donna Tarrant	
I-13	Mini Oriental	Garden Pleasures—Cachet	Sara Jo Gill	Mini Oriental Award, Mini-Bronze Medal Certificate
I-14	Nageire Design	Color Abounds—Glowing Amber	Chris Thorpe	
J-15	Synergistic Design	A Blaze of Color—Hilde	Donna Tarrant	Mini Silver Certificate
J-16	Modern Design	Circle of Color—Louisville Lady	Donna Tarrant	Mini Artist Award, Mini Gold Certificate
K-17	Mini Judges Choice	Evening	No Entry	
L-18	Rosecraft, Dried	Echoes of Yesterday—Irresistible, Autumn Splendor, Pierrine, Chelsea Belle, Minnie Pearl, Doris Morgan, Sun Sprinkles, Soroptomist International	Charles Probus	Rosecraft Award



Left: Glenn Fuqua’s Royalty Award winning Mass Design Arrangement, “Dawn at the Downs.”

Right: Donna Tarrant’s Mini-Artist Award winning Modern Design arrangement, “Circle of Color” featuring Whit Wells’ Louisville Lady.



Lower Maintenance Rose Growing: Feeding with a Sump Pump

By Linda Jansing

Like so many rosarians, once I started growing roses I decided that more is better. Eleven years ago I started with six rose-bushes. Within two years I had 60, and the growth continued. By the time I had 100 roses, I had advanced from a pump up sprayer for spraying pesticides to a battery-powered one that pumped for me. I did not change my fertilization method, though.

My old method was to fill a large garbage can with fertilizer, then hand-dip the solution with one-gallon jugs and spread it to the roses. When the garbage can was empty, I reloaded until I had fertilized all of my bushes. I used the same method for fertilizing with Alfalfa Tea with one difference. Because alfalfa tea takes several days to ferment, I needed several garbage cans in order to have enough of the mixture to fertilize all of my bushes.

It seems odd to me now that I didn't recognize the need to change my way of fertilizing sooner. As my garden grew, so did the number of times I had to dip and lug the gallon milk containers around my garden. This was very time consuming and I ended up with tendonitis – tennis elbow. I eventually went to a doctor, and when I told her how I got tendonitis, she asked me how many of those milk jugs I lifted. When I told her it was over a hundred, she looked at me like I was nuts. I think I agreed with her but couldn't figure out an accurate method to fertilize. I had tried the siphon method but I never knew for sure how much fertilizer was getting to each plant, and I couldn't use it for alfalfa tea.

Shortly after my bout with a sore elbow, my husband and I had lunch with Jim and Barbara Zimmerman from Englewood, Ohio. We were in Cincinnati at a rose show, and during lunch, the conversation, as usual,

turned to roses. Jim had been growing and showing roses successfully for many years. He has been my mentor as I learned to exhibit roses. I knew that Jim had approximately 800 bushes, and I asked him how he fertilized. He told me about the sump pump method. It is very easy, as accurate as using the milk jugs, and it doesn't strain any muscles.

The day after Jim told me about it, I purchased the smallest sump pump I could find from Home Depot. Jim said he used a small one and he had lots more roses than I had. The brand I have is a Flotec, 1/6 HP. (See photo at left) I have used it for 3 years and have never had a problem. This pump cost approximately \$60, and that was the only investment I had to make. I already had several garbage cans, a garden hose, and an outdoor extension cord with a polarized plug. The length of the extension cord needed depends on where your electrical

outlets are located. I use two 50 ft cords in order to move around my yard. I also have an outlet on my front porch and in my garage, so I also move my extension cords. In order to use it for alfalfa tea, I also use a small piece of PVC pipe (a broom handle will do) and some sturdy rope. I tie the rope in a loop around the top of the sump pump and insert the pipe so it will lie across the top of the garbage can. This ensures that the sump

pump is not sitting directly on the bottom of the garbage can where the sludge is that has settled from the tea mixture. This extra step is not necessary for regular liquid fertilizer. When finished, I turn the sump pump upside down and rinse out all of the excess alfalfa mixture before putting the pump away.

This method works very well. My garden is spread out in various areas of my yard (that seems to be part of the "more is better" program). I have some roses in raised beds, some in rectangular beds, and others that are in other parts of my yard either alone or in a perennial garden and fertilize them all using the sump pump. In order to make sure each bush is receiving the right amount of fertilizer, I filled a one gallon milk jug with the hose attached to the sump pump and counted to see how long it took to fill the gallon jug. I checked it out a couple of times, and it works out to 16 seconds per gallon. I feed a gallon to my large roses and a half gallon to my minis. The amount of time will vary depending on the water pressure so you will need to do your own test if you try this method. I use a very flexible hose when I fertilize so that I can bend it when needed to stop the flow of the fertilizer until I walk to another bed.

I have not had tennis elbow for three years, and fertilizing is no longer a chore. In fact this time-saving method has allowed me to increase the size of my garden. When it comes to roses I still believe more is better.



Linda's \$60 1/6 HP Flotec Sump Pump



Linda Feeding Her Bushes the Lower-Maintenance Way.

Convention Photos



Greg Sanders and his winning J. Horace McFarland entry.



Bob and Chris Thorpe's winning Ralph Moore entry. Photo by Claire Campbell.



Don and Sara Jo Gill's Signature was Queen of the Show.



One whole wall of large-flowered arrangements filled the Holiday Inn. Photo by Howard Carman.



A full and busy prep room on show day. Photo by Howard Carman



Jimmy and Evelyn Moser's Fairhope won miniature Queen. Photo by Howard Carman.

More Convention Photos



Noah Wilson was named the District's Outstanding Consulting Rosarian.



Rhonda Spruiell was named Outstanding Judge.



Donna Tarrant and John and Kay Rogers were recipients of the District's Silver Medal.



Marilyn Wellan is made a Kentucky Colonel.



Whit Wells shows off his miniature seedling winner.




Jimmy and Evelyn Moser's winning Scott entry.

Rose Jumble

With this issue, we begin a new quarterly feature, the Rose Jumble. Below are a number of rose names, scrambled. Rearrange the letters to form a well-known rose name. For example, **June Cole** would be rearranged into **Uncle Joe**. Within each rearranged clue is a circled letter. Rearrange all the circled letters to form the name of the mystery rose. The first Tenarky rosarian to email the correct answer with the name of this issue's mystery rose to the editor will be recognized in this column in the next quarter and be praised by all Tenarkians for your erudition. This quarters's theme: **Hybrid Teas**.


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Now Rearrange the circled letters to discover "The Mystery Rose:"

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Spotlight Garden (Continued from p. 5)

white floribunda **St. John**. She also likes the Ben Williams floribunda **Orange Flame** “that makes traffic cones look pale by comparison.” Ann muses, “It’s really coincidental that these are the University of Tennessee’s colors. I never liked orange roses until we moved out to the country where the color orange works well with our green eastern woods as a backdrop.” The



Gypsy Boy, a once-bloomer.

Pecks also recommend **Natchitoches Noisette**, **Blush Noisette**, **Mrs. Woods’ Lavender-Pink Noisette**, and **Old Blush**, saying they “get better each year” after being charming even in their first season.

One of the strongest opinions the Pecks have concerns the rootstock on which their flowers are grafted. They buy grafted roses almost exclusively with multiflora rootstock. “Dr. Huey does not like the acidic clays, and I have dug up too many roses on Dr. Huey only to find no additional woody roots, just the ones the same size that I planted three or four years earlier.”

They bury the roses’ bud unions, so many go own-root, which is no problem since own-root roses grow so well for them. They purchase plants from Pickering, Ashdown, Roses Unlimited, Appalachian Rose, Sequoia, Sherando, High Country, Muncy’s, Chamblee’s, Rose Peddlers, Forest Farm, and Vintage, in no particular order.

They also grow about 10 roses on fortuniana rootstock. Before buying these, though, the Pecks grew *R. fortuniana* for two years to evaluate its winter hardiness. “It didn’t even lose its leaves, much less show any tip damage.”

Asked if they “rustle” roses, Ann responded, “I prefer the term ‘salvage’ because we usually ask permission. We were talking to Claire LeBerge at the

Montreal Botanical Garden about this and she translated it into her native French and then back into English where it came out as ‘rose salvation’ — that’s about right.”

The most enjoyable part of the rose growing hobby for Larry and Ann is sharing. They have a misting table set up to propagate cuttings to give to friends. “With Rose Rosette Disease an increasing danger, we need to try to keep alive the roses that are proven producers for this part of the country. We have taken rose suckers and cuttings only to go back a year later and find that highway expansion has destroyed the mother plant. Many families have a family rose and I’m trying to get the word out to share it before it’s down to a single plant.”

The Pecks have an unidentified Noisette that has survived winter temperatures as low as 28 degrees below zero. It has stumped four different noisette experts and needs wider distribution. Ann also has a “chance noisette”



Gertrude Jekyll, arguably the most famous of all Austin Roses.

seedling that she plans to name for a friend who was recently taken by cancer. In the spring of 2003, several friends shared their time improving this lady’s garden, which looked wonderful until her death several months later.

Their fertilization and watering regimen is markedly different from much of today’s conventional wisdom. “We tried the standard heavy feeding regimen for roses and even used superbloom to force masses of blooms for the wedding of one of my nieces. It worked, but the plants were weaker for having been fertilized through summer.” More recently, the Pecks have chosen not to fertilize during periods when abundant rainfall is lacking. Their feeding program includes mixed organics in spring with a heavy mulch that breaks down over time. Hybrid Teas and Hybrid Perpetuals may get an additional feeding if the summer is naturally rainy. “As long as our soils are home to tens of thousands of earth worms, the roses are growing and blooming well.”

Primary watering is done by nature, so they keep accurate records of rainfall. They are dependent on well water, so to supplement the watering needs, they use a drip system with ½ gallon per hour heads.

The Pecks also use no winter protection for their planted roses, but

since the bud unions are buried or the plants are own-root, they survive quite well. The roses in pots are kept on a cart that gets wheeled into a protected area when the temperature gets to around 0 degrees F.

Asked if they prefer one type of rose over another, they responded that they are "equal opportunity" rose growers with "no class or obscure cultivar we wouldn't like to try." Their philosophy is similar to that of Dean S. Reynolds Hole, who wrote, "I am well aware that whether the surface of a rose be globular, cupped, or expanded, and whether its petals be convex or concave, a perfect gracefulness of form is attainable."

The Pecks consider the internet "an important part of the future of rose growing...I think the internet has led to a much wider understanding of the problems of rose mosaic and Rose Rosette Disease. The internet provides a market for specialty rose growers and a way to check the reputation of less known rose growers through gardenwatchdog.com.

Some of their favorite web sites include:

www.helpmefind.com/roses for introductions to specific roses;

www.gardenweb.com/forums/roses for moderated discussions;

www.rosehybridizers.org for information about hybridizing;

www.members.tripod.com/buggyrose/ Baldo Villegas' pest and disease information site with lots of good links;

www.oznet.ksu.edu/entomology/links.htm the Kansas State University Entomology site.

In addition to resources and friends on the internet, the Pecks have gained a great deal of knowledge on roses and horticulture through reading, particularly books from the first half of the twentieth century.

The Pecks offer this advice to budding rosarians: "Get healthy (nonvirused) roses on the proper rootstock for your soil. Go to a garden near you and observe what grows well and see it at mid-summer....Find a mentor whose pesticide usage is attuned to your own." They also recommend a healthy amount of skepticism in identifying roses. "At one

time, I believed all roses were correctly labeled." Most are, but they know from experience that many are not. Now the Pecks grow "Not Sexy Remy" and three different versions of "Not Perdita," which were mislabeled versions of roses they ordered.

On Rose Rosette Disease (RRD), Ann must be considered one of the top experts nationally. She addressed the 2003 fall ARS convention in Washington, D. C. There were about 100 people present for her presentation, which took place the day before the rose show. The talk lasted just under an hour, but was followed by 90 minutes of questions and answers, plus another two days of one-on-one conversations where she learned many horror stories of people's losses to RRD. Rose Rosette Disease is a serious malady that warrants further discussion at a later date. For further information, Ann has an e-book on the disease that

can be viewed at <http://web.ntown.net/~apeck>.

In addition to the D.C. convention, the Pecks have attended five other ARS conventions, plus two national gatherings of the Heritage Rose Foundation, which they have enjoyed immensely. They said

"the level of knowledge of people in the audience is extraordinary and the speakers gear the talks to that level."



Rosa Bracteata.

They are very enthusiastic about these gatherings as sources of information on older roses.



Blush Noisette.

Asked if there was anything else rose related they'd like to share, Ann mentioned her favorite rose episode of a television show. It was the seventh season Andy Griffith Show episode (number 203) entitled "Only a Rose." Aunt Bee's potential prize winning rose gets broken by Opie's football before the big competition, and Clara "does the right thing."

Even with four years accreditation as Consulting Rosarians, a wide variety and quantity of roses, and a reputation as national experts on RRD, the Pecks don't by any means consider themselves omniscient regarding our national flower. "Ours is a rose study garden and we are very definitely still learning."

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Mary Jane and Peggy Utz were presented the Louisville Rose Society's Bronze Medal for many decades of service.

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