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## Upcoming Events

### Tenarky Fall District Convention and Rose Show

Sept. 24-26th

Hilton Hotel

Memphis, TN.

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### Fall National Convention & Rose Show

October 7-11th

Atlanta, GA

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### Louisville Rose Show

September 18-19th

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### Nashville Rose Show

October 2, 2010

Cheekwood

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*By Barbara Olive, 2010 Tenarky Convention Chair*

## Flowers, Food and Fun at Memphis

It is again Memphis' turn to host our annual district convention; and we hope all of our rose friends will come September 24th, 25th and 26th. We hope it will be a fun weekend for all rose enthusiasts and not just our beloved exhibitors.

Our traditional reception will be Friday night, and this will give everyone a chance to visit with one another and talk about the great roses that they are growing or that they brought for the show.

The show will be on Saturday with the grooming area opening at 5am.

We are trying something a little different in our scheduling and hope that you like it. It looks a little strange on paper, but we have intentionally spaced our programs out. We will have our first program from 10:30 until 11:30. This will give exhibitors a chance to get their entries in and take a breath. It also gives our non-exhibitors a chance

to sleep in a bit, enjoy breakfast and browse the vendors. We will then have a three hour break which will give everyone plenty of time for lunch, more shopping with the vendors and viewing the show before the next program begins at 2:30. Our district meeting will be at 3:30. Attendees will then be free until the 6:30 social time preceding the banquet.

We have scheduled quite a bit of down time  
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## Ted Mills Receives Klima Gold Medal

Congratulations are in order to Tenarky District's Ted Mills for receiving one of the American Rose Society's highest commendations, the Joseph and Marion Klima Gold Medal for Rose Education. As rosarians, we owe so much to Ted Mills who has inspired us all to be better rosarians. As an

author and lecturer and through his leadership in his local society and the Tenarky District, Ted Mills has served the American Rose Society and its membership well for over thirty years.

From the beginning, Ted's rose growing led him to seek all the information that he could possibly assemble. Exhibiting and teaching

others became his mission. Leadership in the local rose society led him to become involved in the Tenarky District matters where he became its Director. He became a Rose Show Judge and a Master Rosarian. His awards include Consulting Rosarian of the Year for the Tenarky District,

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## Ted Mills receives Klima Gold Medal



Pictured: Dr. Sam Jones, Ted and Mary Alice Mills— Photo by Barbara Brickman

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ARS Bronze Medal, and Silver Honor Medal. Election to American Rose Society's Executive Committee was his crowning achievement in that organization.

In his quest to grow blue-ribbon roses, Ted began to experiment with organic materials to feed his specimens. The results were amazing as superior growth in the plants was the result. With the splendid help of Clayton Beaty, an expert fertilizer manufacturer, Ted's experimentation led to the introduction of *Mills Magic Rose Mix*, a completely natural product that became endorsed by the American Rose Society and subsequently marketed and accepted by rosarians nationwide. Another product, *Mills EasyFeed*, has secured the same endorsement and acceptance as has the organic mix.

Today, Ted continues his great interest in roses by authoring a monthly column in the popular *American Rose Magazine*. Several national awards have been extended by the American Rose Society for his articles on roses. His greatest satisfaction in the hobby is found in his teaching others to grow these wonderful flowers. It's a love affair that grows with much enthusiasm.

I read with fondness the words of this special rosarian as he accepted this prestigious award and want to

share excerpts of his speech with you.

"I count it a high and honorable experience to be named 2010's recipient of the esteemed Klima Medal. No individuals have done more to further the advancement of rose culture than have Joseph Klima and his beloved wife, Marion. Deeply interested in the American Rose Society, this couple have been faithful stewards of its welfare. Their passing has left a distinct void in our membership. The Klima Center is a lasting monument that signifies their great love for the rose."

"Upon receiving notice of this distinguished award, I count it a highlight of my life. I accept the honor with deep humility and will always cherish it with pride for ARS. Many rosarians have contributed to my success in rose culture and I hasten to offer them my sincere thanks. I appreciate the kind words in the introduction and will strive conscientiously to teach the art of rose growing as long as I am physically able."

"I regret that I cannot be with you on this special night. Due to my adverse health condition and that of my wife, Mary Alice, we cannot travel long distances. Mobility is the problem affecting us both. It is cancer with me and cardiac illness with her. In spite of this affliction, rosarians can count on my "The Last Word -- On Roses" articles appearing in the *American Rose* magazine through 2011. These are already in the custody of the ARS editorial staff for future publication."

"My initial association with roses really ignited my courtship with Mary Alice. Sixty years ago she and I were elected as officers of our high school alumni association. The need for flowers to decorate the banquet tables presented a problem. Remembering that my sister's next-door neighbor had a beautiful rose garden, we set out to secure roses. In a matter of minutes we had the flowers that we needed. Right after the ban-

quet, we started dating and after a year of courtship, marriage occurred. The rose adventure ushered in a relationship that continues for 60 years."

"A hospital visit to Lester Smith, a sage rosarian who had won the Nicholson Bowl, really precipitated my interest. On a bedside table a vase of the most beautiful roses my eyes had seen caught my attention. Asking where these came from, I was surprised that Lester had grown them in his rose garden. He promised to teach me to grow them likewise. He did this and a rose garden of 400 plants was the result. It was then that I really began to long for increased knowledge about roses. A search for information on roses included visits to libraries, use of the Internet, counseling with skilled rosarians, attendance at workshops and seminars, and my involvement in rose culture practices were all a part of my training. This added activity enabled me to improve in the hobby. Exhibiting brought head-table recognition as trophies began to mount. However, this did not fully satisfy my calling. It was teaching others this art that commanded my attention. As a Rose Show Judge and Master Rosarian, I was prepared to impart rose knowledge to the aspiring rosarians. It has been a wonderful journey that has enriched my life."

"My road to rose-growing skill is crowded with unselfish rosarians who have imparted expert advice to me along the way. Rosarians such as the late Lester Smith and the late Howard Walters were major contributors to my rose education. Others include John Dickman, Tommy Cairns, Robbie Tucker, Bob Whitaker, and Noah Wilson. Many others willingly gave valuable instruction to me as I began to crave added knowledge.

To them I am deeply grateful.

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# Director's Column — "The Gift of Roses"

By: Dr. Sam Jones, Tenarky District Director



**Pictured: Tenarky District First Lady Nancy Jones and District Director Sam Jones**

## The "Gift of Roses" Abounds

### In the TENARKY District

This is a banner year for roses in the TENARKY District!

Highlighting TENARKY rose events for 2010, the annual TENARKY District Rose Show and Convention will be the weekend of September 24-26<sup>th</sup> in Memphis at the Hilton Hotel. The Saturday show typically offers some of the highest quality blooms and arrangements that can be seen by area rosarians and the public. On Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, horticulture judges can update their credentials and new apprentice judges can become approved at the Judges School/Audit.

Congratulations to Ted Mills who was awarded the ARS 2010 Klima Medal for Outstanding Achievement in the Field of Rose Education at the Spring National Convention in Shreveport, May 1, 2010. Upon publically receiving his medal at the June meeting of the Tri-State Rose Society of Chattanooga, Ted said that "My greatest satisfaction from roses comes from enabling and teaching others to grow and enjoy them." Ted's Mills Magic Rose Mix (distributed by Clayton Beaty Fertilizers of Cleveland, TN) has been a boon to rosarians for decades, and his rose-growing articles and media appearances have inspired the love of roses in thousands.

Congratulations also to Jeff and Cindy Garrett, Chattanooga's Tri-State Rose Society leaders, who were recognized with the 2010 ARS Glenda Whitaker Membership Award for their outstanding accomplishments with new members. Their efforts have contributed toward building a strong, enthusiastic and knowledgeable rose society, which was particularly evident in January with a highly successful CR school organized by Tri-State member Dan Brickman, who is the new District CR Chair.

The two rose societies in Knoxville continue growing active, supportive fellowships. In February, they jointly welcomed Nancy and me with warm overnight hospitality for our first official visit as District Director. A large crowd from the Knoxville and Holston Rose Societies, guided by Kathy Brennan, Susie Epperson, and Martin Skinner, kicked off an exciting rose season with a program on fertilizers, as Richard Weidner from Cookeville conducted a popular pre-meeting rose-growing discussion.

The Cookeville Rose Society, led by VP C. B. Coburn and President Evelyn Breyer, hospitably invited Nancy and me to join an eager crowd of beginners and veteran rosarians for their May meeting at Sara Johnson's family nursery. Also in May, Nancy and I were royally entertained overnight in Memphis by the Dixie Rose Club and the Memphis Rose Society, for a picnic meeting at Jimmy and Evelyn Moser's Bartlett, Tennessee Rose Garden that was laden with hundreds of blossom-filled, exhibition-quality roses.

The spirit of celebration was evident in May at the Bowling Green Rose Society's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Rose Show, as the artistic arrangements competed with horticulture entries for Best of Show attention. The show displayed some of the highest quality roses by exhibitors and judges and was attended from as far away as Louisville, Nashville, Knox-

ville, Ohio, Indiana, and points in between.

In June, an Arrangement Seminar for beginning arrangers with audit credit for judges was conducted by Jeff and Jennifer Harvey, concentrating on "Table Arrangements." It was particularly aimed toward teaching Garden Club members to create designs with roses, and offered generous supplies of hands-on floral and line materials. On September 11<sup>th</sup>, Connie Baird and Sara Jo Gill are conducting an "Arrangement Day" Seminar at Cheekwood Botanical Gardens in Nashville. Building on basic information provided by the Harveys, they will provide aspiring arrangers creative options for design types, principles, elements and construction.

In August and September, rosarians in the Louisville area can show their roses while competing for awards and money at the Kentucky State Fair's Rose Show (August 21<sup>st</sup>) and the Louisville Rose Show (September 18<sup>th</sup>). An outstanding regional exposition, the Kentucky State Fair is attended by thousands of visitors, and the Louisville Rose Society's annual show will be displayed in a popular Lowes Home Improvement store.

The weekend of October 2<sup>nd</sup>, The Nashville Rose Show will help celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Cheekwood Botanical Gardens, where a world-famous, Dale Chihuly glass exhibit is being displayed throughout the gardens.

At the pinnacle of enjoying beautiful roses, during the second week of October, TENARKY rosarians have a singular privilege of attending the near-by ARS Fall National Rose Show and Convention in Atlanta,

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to address complaints of insufficient time to see the show, shop with vendors, visit with friends or catch a quick nap. I hope that our members like this and find that it makes for a more relaxing and enjoyable week-end.

Tammy Manderson is chairing the rose show. We are expecting this to be a great one. We have all been reveling in how gorgeous the roses have been this year. I have talked with several people in different parts of the country, and everyone says the same thing.

Our seasoned exhibitors know what to expect. I hope those of you who have never exhibited will consider bringing a rose or two or doing an arrangement. We have novice classes in both horticulture and arrangements and lots of regular classes as well. It is a shame to see classes in rose shows with no entries. Our trophy people are working hard to come up with beautiful trophies for the winners, which is an added incentive.

Connie Baird, our previous district arrangements chair, is in charge of the arrangements' division and she has come up with a wonderful schedule that is going to be a lot of fun to work with.

The major challenge that we faced going into this convention was that we were competing with the ARS national convention which will be held in Atlanta two weeks after our convention. This has made getting speakers very difficult. At this time we are still awaiting final confirmation on one of our speakers.

I would like to rave a little about our other one. Blann Britton will be unknown to most of you. He is not an active ARS member, and I don't know that I have ever seen him at a rose show. He is, however, an EXCELLENT rose grower and rosarian. He is an Arkansas farmer who has several hundred acres of fruit trees,

berries and assorted vegetables. When I first met him, I assumed that this was his occupation. I was aware that he was from a very respected farming family. However, it turns out that he actually has a "real" job. He is now a semi-retired (only working three days a week!) financial planner and analyst. He also grows several hundred roses and grows them beautifully. Talk about an over-achiever! He is exceedingly knowledgeable about fungicides, miticides, herbicides, insecticides and every other chemical. On top of all of this knowledge, he is a very interesting and wonderful speaker. I know that every one of you will thoroughly enjoy meeting and hearing him.

The highlight of our district conventions is always the garden tour, and I know you will not be disappointed. Murray and Karen Creasy are in charge of the tour and they always do an incredible job. Their gorgeous yard will be one of the gardens on tour and you will love it! Their garden is a panorama of hundreds of roses interspersed with shrubs, annuals and perennials overlooking a small golf course lake.

Our new horticulture judge's chair, Joe Spruiell, is also going to have a judging school for those that are interested in becoming a judge or that need to audit a school. From the comments I have heard, I think quite a few of our judges need to audit! For more information see Joe's article about the school. on page 8.

As you can see, we have packed a lot into the weekend, especially considering that we have still left a lot of free time for everyone to do whatever they want. I hope all of our friends will come and spend the weekend with us in Memphis. If you have any questions, you can call me at (901)493-3200 or Tammy at (901)937-1210. Email:

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### BEING A JUDGE IS A SPECIAL PRIVILEGE

By: Dr. Kent Campbell

Any Rosarian, especially in Tenarky, who might know me personally or who may be familiar with my writings, knows how strongly I feel about the value of rose shows to our hobby in general and to any society in particular. There are many elements involved in the production of an outstanding artistic rose show, but there is one that is often overlooked. Simply put, it is the need for quality judges.

It so happens that this subject has been on my mind lately because Tenarky is quite short of horticulture judges, and it must be said, woefully short of arrangement judges. This matter is complicated for show producers because none prefer to invite judges from near-by societies who might otherwise come to the show as exhibitors. After all, active judges enjoy an occasional opportunity to exhibit, and in my opinion, should be required to do, as I say, a certain amount of exhibiting! To take this thought one step further, those who love exhibiting should move naturally into the process of becoming a judge! Not only will it open new vistas for you, but I think you owe it to the rose world – a "paying back" for the service provided to you, so to speak!

Of special interest to those of you out there who are reading these words and who may be moved to consider this course of action, there will be a horticulture JUDGES SCHOOL at the Memphis Tenarky District Convention September 24-26. I must say that as I became more and more interested in exhibiting, I attended two or three judges' seminars and studied the manuals before I had enough nerve to take the test. As a desirable "side effect," you might say, that arose from this, I really became a winning exhibitor as I learned more and more about presenting good roses. (Cont. page 12)

## October 7-11th

### GRITS – Great Roses In The South

### Put Us On Your Schedule!

By Bobbie Reed, *Master Rosarian*  
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Yes, it's true, the rose societies of North Georgia – Greater Atlanta, Greater Gwinnett, Northeast Georgia, and South Metro Rose Societies – invite you to attend the 2010 Fall ARS Convention and Rose Show right here in the Deep South. The most frequently asked questions I receive are about where and when. We'll be hosting this event at the **Marietta Conference Center/Hilton**, just up I-75 from Atlanta, north of the Perimeter (I-285), about three miles west of the highway.

The key dates are **October 7-11, 2010**. Thursday will be an arrival day, with an evening beer-tasting. Friday will be speakers and the welcome reception. The rose show and more speakers will occupy Saturday, plus a bang-up party at the Atlanta Botanical Garden. Garden tours are on Sunday, followed by the awards dinner. And on Monday, we'll have an all-day arrangements' seminar hosted by the national chair of arrangements' judges, our own Sandy Dixon. There will be other tours as well: Friday, visit the Martin Luther King, Jr., Center, the Carter Center (yes, they both have rose gardens) and have lunch at the world-famous Varsity. Saturday tours will include the Marietta Trolley and a visit to the Atlanta Aquarium and the new World of Coke. Monday will also have a special tour event; we'll be in the heart of Civil War history in Marietta, so we're putting together a tour of nearby sites of historical importance and a visit to an encampment of Civil War re-

enactors. Here we go, "Marching Thru Georgia."

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### Conference Schedule

#### Friday, Oct 8

- 8am-8pm **REGISTRATION/INFO open**
- 8am-8pm Refrigerated truck available
- 9am-6pm Rose Show set-up
- 9am-6pm **Vendors open**
- 9am-6pm **Children's activity area**
- 9am-6pm **ARS shop**
- 9am-6pm **Quilt display**
- 9am-6pm **ARS Board Meeting**
- 9am-4pm **Atlanta Highlights Bus Tour:** MLK Center, Carter Center, Fernbank Rose Garden, The Varsity
- 9am-2pm **Pick Your Passion**
- Quilters**-visit three quilt shops around Marietta
- Photographers** – visit a garden to take photos, return to hotel for critique session
- Newsletter editors** – open discussions on how to produce good newsletters
- Rose Lawn** –visit the garden and tour a Victorian house.
- 2pm Speaker: **Connie Vierbicky:** "Austin Power, Roses of International Intrigue"
- 3pm Speaker: **Pat Henry:** "Exciting Roses from around the World"
- 4pm Speaker: **Dr. Robert J. Burns:** "Eudora Welty's Roses, A Legacy of Southern Roses"
- 5pm **First-Timers' Reception**

- 5:30-7:30pm **Welcome Reception** on the Terrace
- 7pm+ Dinner on your own

#### Saturday, Oct 9

- 4am-10am **Rose Show preparation** areas open
- 6-9:30am **Rose Show entries** accepted
- 7am-5pm **REGISTRATION/INFO open**
- 8:30-9:30am **Judges' Breakfast**
- 9-10am **Clerk's coffee & instructions**
- 9am-5pm **ARS shop open**
- 9am-5pm **Quilt display open**
- 9am-5pm **Vendors open**
- 9-10am **Marietta Trolley Tour**
- 10am-1pm **Rose Show judging**
- 10:30am-3pm **Bus Tour:** Georgia Aquarium, World of Coke
- 9am-12n **Children's Morning Out**
- 1-5pm **Rose Show open**
- 1-5pm **Children's activity area**
- 1:30pm Speaker: **Dr. Mark Windham:** "Developing Roses Resistant to Foliar Diseases"
- 2:30pm Speaker: **Tom Carruth:** "Outstanding Roses Hybridized by Tom Carruth"
- 3:30pm Panel: **Baxter Williams et al:** "How to Grow Your Society Membership"
- 5:30-10pm **Southern Spirits in the Garden,** Atlanta Botanical Garden

#### Sunday, Oct 10

- 8-9:30am **REGISTRATION/INFO open**
- 8-9am **ARS Committee meetings**
- 8-9am **Rose Hybridizers Association meeting**
- 8-9am **Deep South District Breakfast/Meeting**
- 9:15am-4pm **Bus Tour: private gardens**
- 10am-5pm **Vendors open**
- 10am-4pm **Rose Show open to public**
- 4pm-5pm **Patron's Party – An Ice Cream Social**
- 4pm-5pm **REGISTRATION/INFO open**
- 5pm-6pm **ARS membership meeting**
- 6:30-7:30pm **Cash Bar**
- 7:30-10pm **Awards Banquet**

#### Monday, Oct 11

- 9am-4pm **Arrangements Workshop: Modern Designs**
- 9am-4pm **Bus Tour: Civil War History** of the Marietta area.

## **Cookeville Area Rose**

### **Society Adds 19 New Members**

The Cookeville Area Rose Society sponsored a Rose Education Day in April. It was open to the public. There were two classes providing information on the basics of growing roses and selection of roses for the home garden. One of our goals this year is to increase our membership. We've added 19 new members through Rose Education Day and working at the Garden Center on week ends this Spring. We will have a rose garden tour (325 roses) for our June meeting. Our July meeting will be a covered dish supper and garden tour. We provided demonstrations of spring pruning and planting at Dogwood Park (a public rose garden in the center of town which we plant and maintain). We plan to visit the UT test gardens at Crossville in September.

Evelyn Breyer, President

## **Bowling Green Rose Society**

### **Celebrates 50th Anniversary**

The Bowling Green Rose Society celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary at our Rose Show on May 22. The local newspaper did an article on Bob and Ann Jacob's garden along with a picture of them and their rose garden. The article included information about our rose show. Kathy Dodson was interviewed on Midday Live, a local TV news program, about the rose show. We are a small organization, with only 20 members, but all of our members worked hard to assist our Show Chairmen, Kent Campbell and Bob Jacobs, helping us have a successful show. The show was very well attended by exhibitors as well as visitors. An invitation to attend our meetings this summer was mailed to all of the visitors who signed the guest register. Two new members joined at the June meeting. Tom Seibert, Southeast Regional Manager of Weeks Roses, spoke at our annual rose show dinner.

The Bowling Green Rose Society has

enjoyed a busy year in 2010 with many activities. We maintain a public rose garden at Riverwalk Park. It consists of floribundas, David Austin Roses, and other shrub roses.

A rose growing seminar was given by Bob and Ann Jacobs at Jackson's Orchard on May 1. Mary Ann Hext gave a presentation on growing roses for the public at the Ag Center for the Warren County Extension office. Jim Preston, member of the Louisville Rose Society, gave a grooming workshop for our local members on May 15. Our members will attend a Hot Rods Baseball Game on June 18 and a picnic at the home of Mary Hext on July 17.

Kathy Dodson, Secretary/Mary Ann Hext, Publications

## **Louisville Rose Society**

Again this year Sharon Wuorenmaa is selling cut roses from her garden at two farmers' markets with the proceeds going to the Louisville Rose Society to help defray the costs of the annual Fall Rose Show that will be held on Sep.18 and 19 at Lowes, Norton Commons, in Louisville. All are invited!

Louisville Rose Society is revising an old tradition of having meetings in members gardens instead of having a Rose Tour event. The May meeting was at Sheldon Rein's garden, and the June meeting will be at the garden of Carolyn Phelps. We find that it is much better to discuss rose problems, show grooming and other topics with "growing subjects."

Sharon Wuorenmaa, President

## **Holston Rose Society**

The Holston Rose Society has had a busy Spring. The major event was the seminar "Growing Beautiful Roses Made Easy" sponsored jointly with the Tennessee Rose Society. It was held at the University of Tennessee facilities and was attended by more than 100 persons. Lectures covered all phases of rose culture, and rose bushes were sold. The net profit was over \$1000 for each soci-

ety, and several new members were signed up.

Our programs have covered new rose introductions, pruning, spraying and fertilizing, products of Beauty Fertilizer, and bloom evaluation as seen by judges. We will be taking a trip to view the garden of Noah Wilson and hear about rose propagation. Coming up we will have a program on preparing for exhibiting at the Tennessee Valley Fair rose show and then a program for getting ready for Old Man Winter.

Martin Skinner, ARS Master Rosarian

## **Tri-State Rose Society of Chattanooga**

The Tri-State Rose Society of Chattanooga began the year by hosting a Consulting Rosarian school which was very well attended. As a result, our society has six new consulting rosarians. We also had consulting rosarians at six nurseries throughout the tri-state area on Saturday mornings helping folks select roses, answering questions and telling the public about our club.

Last year our society renovated the Ted and Mary Alice Mills Rose Garden at Veteran's Park in Soddy Daisy into a "no spray" garden. We rebuilt the beds and planted 112 roses that are said to be disease resistant. We met this spring at the garden to prune and fertilize the garden with organics. We met again in early June to cut spent blooms, shape the plants, apply a slow release fertilizer and mulch the beds heavily with pine straw. The garden is very popular with walkers and picnickers at the park.

Our meetings have been well attended with informative programs. Our guest speakers have included Baxter Williams from Houston, TX, and Dr. Raymond Cloyd from Kansas State University. We are in the process of planning our "Tour of Roses" garden tour next spring.

Cindy Garrett, President

## Tennessee Rose Society Seminar Adds 19 New Members

Tennessee Rose Society has had a busy and exciting 1<sup>st</sup> 6 months in 2010.

**February.** We kicked off our new year with a very successful seminar, "Growing Roses Made Easy," co-hosted with Holston Society at the University of Tennessee. Our Susie Epperson pulled this event together with the help of 30 plus TRS members. As a result of this effort, TRS gained 19 new members and \$1,890.00 for our "Rose Show Account."

**March.** A pruning demonstration before our meeting/program was given by Richard Weidner and Mike Thompson and attended by all new members plus many of us old members needing a brush-up course.

**April.** A workshop/program, "Growing Roses in East TN", given by Kathy Brennan and sponsored by Meadow View Garden Center was attended by 25 "eager-to-learn" community gardeners.

**May.** Dogwood Arts Festival Open Rose Gardens Event, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> weekends, with 6 TRS members participating: the Bates, Brennans, Carlsons, Spruiells, Franklins and Jane Witherspoon. Their gardens had many visitors from the East TN area.

Our members visited rose gardens in the Chattanooga, TN area hosted by Jeff and Cindy Garrett and Dan and Barbara Brickman.

Four TRS members held two separate workshops/programs. Susie Epperson and Ron and Libby Alexander held one at Out of Eden Garden Center and Kathy Brennan held one at Stanley's Garden Center.

**June.** Our Picnic/Social was hosted by TRS Secretary, Steve Franklin and his wife Hanna. This event was chaired by Mary Frances Carlson and Rhonda Spruiell. We had 65

members who attended.

After the picnic, we had a fun auction of garden-related items brought by members. We laughed, raised our paddles, and laughed some more not knowing for sure what we bought and for how much. Our auctioneer and helpers were most entertaining. This event raised \$588.00.

We visited the Crossville, TN Rose Trial Gardens hosted by Dr. Mark Windham, a U.T. Professor in Plant Pathology. This event coordinated



"No-Spray Roses for the Southeastern United States"

University of Tennessee Rose Trial Gardens located in Crossville, TN

by Susie Epperson proved to be a fun and very educational event.

June being Rose and Library month, TRS formed a partnership with the Knox. Co. Public Library, as asked by ARS. We gave the library a subscription to the *American Rose* magazine and the reference book *Modern Roses 12*. Members took roses to their neighborhood libraries.

We have a newsletter, "*The Tennessee Rosebud*," edited by Mary Bates that is published in full color; articles are written by members and photographs used from members' gardens.

In addition to all the above, we are working on two very large and special rose events for 2011, which will

involve the Community of Knoxville. Also, we are planning for the 2011 Fall District Convention and Rose Show. Kathy Brennan, President

## Dixie Rose Society Gains New Members with Rose-Growing Seminar

The Dixie Rose Club held our annual Winter Workshop in March, which educates the public on growing roses. The seminar was approximately 4 hours and covered all aspects of growing roses. This year we increased our membership by 9 new members on that day.

The club started our summer garden meetings in May at the garden of Jimmy and Evelyn Moser. Our garden meetings run through September. This is a great opportunity to see different varieties of roses and also different landscape ideas.

This Fall the Dixie Rose Club and the Memphis Rose Society will host the Tenarky District Rose Show and Convention in Memphis, Tennessee, September 24 – 26 at the Hilton. Both clubs are working very hard to provide a great rose show and convention. Tammy Manderson, President

## Nashville Happenings

It has been a year of challenges for the Nashville Rose Society. For the first time in decades we cancelled a Rose Meeting due to ice and snow in Feb. May caught us by surprise with over 20 inches of rain in 3 days causing a devastating flood not seen in this area in over 100 years.

We had to relocate our meeting place in May and June due to the 50th Anniversary of Cheekwood. Cheekwood canceled meeting space due to the installation of the World Famous Dale Chihuly Exhibit.

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Two of our members, Sam Jones and Pat Bullard, combined forces to introduce the only rose in the world honoring a Symphony Orchestra. Working with Jackson and Perkins hybridizer, Keith Zary, in March they introduced 'Crescendo', honoring our Nashville Symphony. This 'Gemini' and 'New Zealand' cross will be featured in the 2011 J&P catalog. It should be an outstanding exhibition rose as well as an excellent garden rose.

Congratulations to the editors of our *Nashville Rose Leaf* for another outstanding year and the award of the ARS Silver Medal for Newsletters.

For the year 2010, we have returned to the basics of rose growing in our programs. By taking advantage of our many years of experience and expertise in the membership, we asked our members to present most of the programs and hold informal question and answer sessions. It is a venture that has more experienced rose growers sharing their knowledge with newcomers and inexperienced people who want to learn to grow roses. It has been a good mix.

In July, Jeff and Jennifer Harvey, Tenarky Arrangement Chairs, held a successful Table Class Arrangement workshop. On September 11th, Connie Baird and Sara Jo Gill will have Arrangement Day at Cheekwood Botanical Gardens. Arrangement Day will focus on the Basics of Design and Oriental Concepts. For details, call 931-729-5259.

We look forward to seeing you at the District Rose Show in Memphis this year and extend an invitation to you to come to our Nashville Rose Show October 2nd & 3rd.  
Larry Baird, President

## Horticulture Judging School at the Tenarky Convention

The Tenarky District will host a judging school at the fall show and convention that is scheduled for September 24-26, 2010, in Memphis at the Hilton Hotel. The judging school will be held on Sunday, September 26. Presentations will begin at 8:30 am and continue through the morning. The presentations will cover most aspects of judging roses.

For those who wish to become apprentice judges, the written examination will be given at 1:00 pm followed by the practical examination that requires the candidates to judge a series of types and classes of roses that simulate an actual rose show. ARS requires that those taking the examination register ahead of time and pay a fee of \$10 for the privilege. Some study materials will be sent ahead if the registration is received early enough. Of course, all candidates should purchase the judge's manual from ARS and study it thoroughly prior to the school. Those who wish to take the examination should notify the Tenarky Chairman of Horticulture Judges, as early as feasible, with an email to [spruiell@comcast.net](mailto:spruiell@comcast.net) and/or send your registration fee to:

Joe Spruiell  
9705 Tunbridge Lane  
Knoxville, TN 37922

Alternatively, you may indicate that you plan to take the exam on the convention registration form.

Several of our current judges need to audit the school in order to maintain their status as judges. This will require attendance at the judging school presentations, but does not require that the examination be taken again if the judge's status is currently active. Judges in the Tenarky district can check to see when their active status expires by checking the list of Horticultural Judges on the Tenarky

website ([www.tenarky.org](http://www.tenarky.org)).

Anyone interested in knowing more about judging roses may audit the school, whether they are current judges or not. Auditing without taking the examination is free of charge.

Though not required, we would appreciate knowing if you plan to audit the school. Just mark the appropriate box on the Convention registration form or send an email to: [spruiell@comcast.net](mailto:spruiell@comcast.net).

A tentative schedule for the school is given below.

### **Schedule for Horticulture Judging School, September 26, 2010**

- 8:30 am *Basics of Judging Roses*  
Joe Spruiell (includes HT)
- 9:20 am *Judging Sprays and Floribundas*  
Noah Wilson
- 9:55 am *Judging Miniatures and Minifloras*  
Robert Sutherland
- 10:30 am *Judging Species, OGRs, and Shrub Roses*  
Terry Lee
- 11:05 am *Judging Challenge Classes and the Court*  
Dr. Kent Campbell
- 11:40 am *End of Morning Session*
- 1:00 pm *Written Examination*
- 2:00 pm *Practical Examination*



# Some Thoughts About Competition by Dr. Kent Campbell

Past Tenarky District Director- ARS Master Rosarian and Judge



Photo courtesy of www.tenarky.org

As with so much of his writing, Bob Martin's superb acceptance speech for his Klima Award last year points to the importance of the rose show to the existence and growth of a society. Further, he maintains that it is a tool in teaching, learning, and, indeed, constantly improving rose culture.

Unfortunately, there seems to be a small but vocal group of members within many societies that are anti-exhibitors because they "do not believe in competition." I was in the field of education for thirty-eight years and the "good and bad" of competition has been debated in those circles for at least that long or longer.

The earliest competition that comes to mind produced a very bad result. Two brothers of the first family, Cain and Abel, built separate altars and made sacrifices to the Lord. Cain, sensing that Abel's sacrifice found the most favor with the Lord "raised up in anger and slew his brother."

A far different result came when the Greeks in the sixth century B.C. conceived the Olympics to honor their strongest, fastest, brightest, and most artistic citizens. The object was to reduce the probability of war among the city-states which would be preparing for the games. Here, therefore, may be the first planned effort to channel the natural human instinct to win into a harmless competitive situation.

Realizing this side of human nature, societies long ago began exploiting the concept of competition to invigorate efforts and improve results in nearly every facet of life. As a result, the modern free industrial world, and America especially, has become a culture steeped in competition. It is difficult to think of any human endeavor, from schooling to vocation, to avocation, that has not been turned into a contest. Our overabundance of sports at all levels, and for both sexes, is just the beginning. Pastimes, hobbies and clubs of all descriptions have competitive aspects, if they are not actual contests in their entirety.

It is a proven fact that competition stimulates efforts to achieve. The Adam Smith theory of a free economy holds simply that the individual who makes the best pair of shoes for the most logical price will be the most successful. Modern economy has become a great deal more complex than that, but a competitive market out-produces every other type of market in the world.

As alluded to earlier, competition can have a bad side under certain conditions. For all the benefits we know that can accrue from rose shows, there can be negative aspects resulting from the competition. (Please notice that I did not use the verb "are", but "can be", meaning simply that there is a possibility of questionable effects, not a certainty.) Following are some of the negatives that can arise from competition.

1. Rose shows over-stress competition until winning becomes so important that all other aspects of the show (beauty, friendship, education, recruitment, et. al.) are subordinated – even lost.
2. Rose shows concentrate attention upon prize-winning cultivars and thus limit the variety needed for an artistic garden.

3. High-pressure preparation before a show produces a nervous and physical strain on some participants.
4. The letdown after a competition, particularly after losing, over-balances the value of the stimulation originally provided by the show.
5. The competition idea stimulates the competitive instinct rather than the artistic; that is, the individual's interest in the show is essentially to win, not to help produce a great work of art to give to the community.
6. Disappointment over losing an entry or a disagreement with the judges' decision may lead to hard feelings, loss of friendships, or even withdrawal from the society by those affected by the results, or offended by criticism of the loser.

The dislike of competition is an attitude, and attitudes are learned. This is an attribute which can arise from many different sources. Overstressing competitive situations with children can be unhealthy and produce lingering effects. Individuals that do not "win" very often in many of life's events tend to hate competition.

Older rosarians must combat negative attitudes about shows, especially as they affect exhibiting the products of one's efforts to others. Friendship and guidance to novices go a long way toward building good attitudes toward the total rose hobby.

The following statement from a 1929 issue of a school music magazine is still worth considering after 70 years: "Fine performance ought always to be the outcome of inward appreciation – not an artificially imposed ribbon or certificate." Is it too idealistic to think along these lines today? (Continued on page 10)

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If one works with the love of beauty in the forefront of their thinking, rather than the love of winning, the greatest of all possible pleasures will be achieved, the creation of something special!

While the positive values of rose shows have been mentioned here and there throughout this little essay, the following statement from one of the younger members of our society, Mary Ann Hext, who has been exhibiting for only two or three years seems like a good way to end. It draws things together very nicely. "From my point of view, rose shows aren't really competitive events, but a way to share what we have worked so hard to produce. We see varieties of roses that we are not familiar with that may encourage us to grow for ourselves. We meet other rosarians and share experiences, making new friends. It is nice to get a ribbon or dot and to get something on the trophy table, but the rose show is like a culminating event for us to display our efforts. It is not so much a competition against each other, but against ourselves to work harder to produce better quality roses. I have a hard time understanding how anyone could think a rose show is not a wonderful event for a society."

### **Ted Mills Receives Klima Gold Medal** (Continued from page 2)

"Although I had contributed rose articles to President Wyckoff's Rose Tips in the *American Rose*, it never dawned on me that I would be selected to write an ongoing column for the magazine. Former President Marilyn Wellan came to Chattanooga to announce to our Society members my selection. I approached the duty with enthusiasm to provide rose culture information to aspiring rosarians. It was an answer to my dream that I could help others learn this enjoyable hobby." Ted Mills

Any person applying for an Apprentice Rose Judge Certification must have the following qualifications:

1. Must be a member, either regular or joint for 36 consecutive months immediately preceding application.
2. Must have personally grown garden roses or been involved in their culture for five years.
3. Must know intimately the characteristic and range of variability of at least 100 varieties, of largely grandifloras, hybrid teas, floribundas, miniatures, minifloras, climbers and Old Garden Roses and be able to verify labeling.
4. Know and follow ARS show rules and be aware of standards of judging; know the technical requirements concerning disbudding, bud vs. bloom, ideal form, substance, color, size, etc.
5. Must be observant and careful in all details.
6. Must be able to substantiate decisions with concrete and specific reasons.
7. Must be a person of high integrity who is able to subjugate all personal likes, dislikes and biases.
8. Must be diplomatic, constructive, definite in adhering to rules and passing judgment.
9. Must have successfully exhibited (by winning two ARS certificates and

five blue ribbons) for at least three years in at least five rose shows.

10. Must have worked as a show clerk in at least three rose shows, in this way familiarizing himself with proper show procedures.
11. Must have completed an accredited judging school, (which need not be in the district where the applicant resides) and passed the written and practical test.
12. If an applicant is not successful in passing the test, one year must elapse before a member may reapply.

*Guidelines And Rules For Judging Roses*, The Official American Rose Society Horticulture Judges Handbook

### **Roses in Review Survey**

The 85<sup>th</sup> annual Roses in Review Survey is now available for your participation. There are two ways for rose growers to participate. The traditional way is by filling out the paper forms that are included in the July issue of *American Rose*. When you have completed the forms, mail them to Tenarky District RIR Coordinator -Jeff Garrett. If you wish to complete your ratings online, the RIR survey can be accessed directly on the ARS website. Be sure to read the instructions on the most common questions asked. It's a fun, easy and fast way to submit the information. Don't forget the survey closes at the end of the day on September 26.



Pictured: Dr. Sam Jones, Cindy and Jeff Garrett— photo by Barbara Brickman

## Tri-State Rose Society of Chattanooga Rosarians Win Prestigious ARS Award

Congratulations are in order to Jeff and Cindy Garrett, dynamic Master Rosarians of the Tri-State Rose Society of Chattanooga. In May at the ARS Spring National Convention held in Shreveport, Jeff and Cindy were awarded the prestigious ARS Glenda Whitaker Award for Achievement in Membership.

Jeff and Cindy are often found speaking to rose societies throughout the Tenarky District. By encouraging the host society to recruit new ARS members, they are helping to ensure the future of the hobby they love. Community garden tours including their own beautiful garden have encouraged others to grow roses.

Workshops at local nurseries with emphasis on the rose culture information available on the ARS and local society websites followed with hands-on help at the local society meetings has resulted in increased membership. Power Point presentations on rose growing basics to groups including Master Gardener classes have also been successful avenues to encourage new members to join their local society as well as the American Rose Society.

As Editors of *Basal Breaks*, they

strive to write informative articles that will encourage the novice rose grower and inspire the society veteran members to help promote the rose by increasing membership.

By alternating serving as President of their local society for several terms they have inspired others to join the fun of growing roses. They are recipients of the ARS Silver Honor Medal, Tenarky's Outstanding Consulting Rosarian Award and District RIR Chairman (Jeff).

Congratulations Jeff and Cindy!!! You are an inspiration to all of us.

## Nashville Rose Show Showcases Chihuly Glass Display and 'Crescendo' Symphony Rose

The Nashville Rose Show will be held at Cheekwood Botanical Gardens the weekend of October 2-3<sup>rd</sup>. Cheekwood is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a world-famous, Dale Chihuly glass exhibit throughout the gardens. Inspiration for the Arrangement Division of the rose show will follow the Chihuly's artistic designs. The Horticulture Division features a 'Crescendo' special limited class for exhibitors growing the "Symphony Rose," a new hybrid tea developed by Keith Zary of Jackson and Perkins honoring the Nashville Symphony. The rose will be commercially introduced in 2011. For more information, contact the Co-Chairs of the show, Sam and Nancy Jones, [gsamj@bellsouth.net](mailto:gsamj@bellsouth.net), 615-646-4138.

## Tennessee Rose Society Announces 2011 Tenarky District Rose Show and Convention

### Roses, Friends and MORE!

**More roses....**Roses from all over our district!

**More friends....** More rosarians and

more future rosarians!

**More info....** More information that will help you grow great roses!

**More fun...** Good food, entertainment, and gardens to visit!

The Tennessee Rose Society is celebrating its 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and planning an exciting Tenarky District Rose Show and Convention for September 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> next year at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, TN. Come enjoy the beautiful UT Gardens and visit the new Beall Family Rose Garden. Don't miss this fun-filled event with more roses, more friends, more new rose information and just more fun. The rose show and gardens will be open to the public with no admission.

## Director's Column

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October 7-11<sup>th</sup>. Held at the Convention Center in Marietta, GA, even closer to our District, the show will feature entries from across the nation competing for ARS's most coveted trophies and challenge classes of hybrid teas, miniatures, and minifloras, shrubs, and old garden roses.

What other ways can you enjoy roses this year? Photography gives you the "Gift of Roses" again and again. ARS challenges amateur camera bugs to enter rose photos in a variety of categories before the November 26<sup>th</sup> deadline. You might invite friends and neighbors to your garden when your roses are heading toward their peak of blooms. You can take advantage of your ARS membership by getting a list of public rose gardens and stopping by when you are in the vicinity. (An ARS four-month membership is now free for all new local society members).

Continue celebrating the "Gift of Roses" in season and out!

**Local Society Relations Committee** (LSRC) provides an immediately accessible link between the **American Rose Society** (ARS) and you and your society. Its goal is to keep you up-to-date with the latest information, services, and benefits available to you from the ARS.

The Committee wants to field your questions, hear your concerns, share the best ideas that we've gleaned from successful societies and recognize your good work in your own society. Its purpose is to help your society to grow even stronger!

You will hear from the Committee through the **ARS & You** on-line publication, on the ARS website itself, through e-mails to your editors, and through individual articles in your district and local society newsletters. However, it cannot be successful in our mission without your help! Your input is needed and valued. While it cannot promise a perfect growing season, the Committee is dedicated to help you with issues facing nearly all rose societies today by providing you with the best information available from the ARS and other sources, and helping you to be aware of and to receive all of the many wonderful benefits that the ARS offers all of its members.

**OBJECTIVES OF THE LOCAL SOCIETY RELATIONS COMMITTEE CHARTER**

- To work with ARS leaders in finding and implementing programs which strengthen local societies, sharing the best ideas of successful societies and providing recognition for outstanding contributions to the network of the local societies, communities and the ARS.
- To coordinate with the National Membership Committee, Programs Services Committee, etc.
- To relate, update and disperse

- the latest information and services which benefit local societies and their members.
- To use the *ARS & YOU* and other ARS publications, to promote and publicize the benefits of ARS and its services to members.
  - To employ the ARS website as a tool for local societies to comment, ask questions and make suggestions and obtain information from the ARS and/or LSR committee.
  - To act as an intermediary and/or arbitration committee for resolving problems relevant to local societies affiliated with the ARS.

**TRIAL MEMBERSHIP**

Don't miss this great opportunity to introduce interested rose growers to the benefits of ARS membership. There are 3 ways people can get a Trial Membership:

- General public goes to the web site - \$10
- Someone is a member of the local society but not ARS - \$5
- Someone joins a local society and they get signed up immediately for a Trial Membership – **free!!**

You must send in the new member information to ARS headquarters, [laura@ars-hq.org](mailto:laura@ars-hq.org). To sign up and for more information, please visit <http://www.ars.org> or call 1-800-637-6534.

With our best regards,

**Your ARS Local Society Relations Committee 2010-2012**

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**Being a Judge is a Special Privilege!**

There are many of you out there who are ready and who should attend a school and become a judge. As I said, being a judge adds a whole new dimension to your rose world. I did nine nationals and numerous district and local shows. What a wonderful experience it has been! Remember this, those of you who are especially interested in arranging: You must be a horticulture judge before you can undertake the work to become an arrangement judge.

I urge any of you who love exhibiting to give this matter your utmost consideration.

**Nashville Rose Society Announces Arrangement Day**

The Nashville Rose Society is proud to sponsor Arrangement Day, conducted by our own National Award winning arrangers Connie Baird and Sara Jo Gill. On Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30 to 3:00 in the Classroom at Cheekwood Botanical Gardens in Nashville.

Connie Baird will cover the Principles and Elements of Design and basics of flower arranging. Oriental principles and concepts will be presented by Sara Jo Gill. A light lunch will be provided followed by an afternoon hands on workshop that will give everyone the opportunity to practice their flower arranging. **Bring lots and lots of flowers**, clippers, and any container you would like to work with. Registration is \$10.00 and will have to be limited to 25 people due to space in the classroom. Make checks to Nashville Rose Society and mail to: Connie Baird, 2571 Totty's Bend Rd, Duck River, TN 38454

## Tri-State Rose Society of Chattanooga

The effort you expend in properly maintaining your plants and keeping them well fed will indeed pay big dividends down the road. It's just like having "money in the bank" for a healthy and vibrant rose garden.

Our rose season begins when we prune our roses in March of each year. Once pruned, we spray all of our plants with liquid lime sulfur to eradicate any disease spores that might have survived from the previous season. Then we begin our fertilization program by applying Mills Magic Rose Mix. This gets our roses off to a good start for the coming season.

The roses use lots of energy to produce that spectacular spring bloom. Once our first bloom cycle is complete, we like to give our plants a boost of nitrogen. Our experience is that we get more basal breaks after the first bloom cycle than any other time of the season. Beaty Fertilizer offers a couple of good products that do the job for us. BloomKote 16-18-14 is a slow release granular fertilizer with micronutrients. Applied at ½ to 1 cup per plant, BloomKote will last about 4 months in your rose garden. Golden Medallion Professional Nursery Formula 12-6-6 is another slow release product that will supply lots of nitrogen for up to 6 months. It should be applied at 1 cup per plant.

Around July 4<sup>th</sup>, we apply another round of Mills Magic Mix. Also,

during the growing season, we will occasionally apply other organic materials such as processed chicken litter, composted cow manure, and alfalfa pellets.

We also like to liquid feed our roses at least a couple of times a month. Our favorite liquid product is Mills Liquid EasyFeed, however, we also do not hesitate to use other liquid products that are on the market. When the weather is hot, we like to use the liquid products weekly at half strength. This helps keep the roses hydrated and also gives them a steady diet of nutrients.

Roses have two types of roots: feeder and anchor. The feeder roots are the very fine white roots that take up nutrients. The anchor roots have basically two functions: hold the plant in place and store the nutrients supplied by the feeder roots. Energy that is stored in the anchor roots is used by the plants as needed.

I am sure many rosarians go through a similar routine to "kickoff" the rose season, however, there is one important task I have left out. It is imperative that the soil pH be checked to verify that it is in an acceptable range for roses. With 7.0 being neutral, below 7.0 is acidic and above 7.0 is alkaline. Roses like soil on the acid side somewhere between 6.2 and 6.8 with 6.5 being about perfect. We find that from time to time, our soil tends to get too much on the acidic side, therefore we apply some dolomitic lime to

get it back in the acceptable range. Remember, if the pH is not correct, you are wasting your time and money applying fertilizer, as the plant will be unable to take up the nutrients. If, during the growing season you notice some of your plants aren't performing as expected, check the pH. Having your pH correct is perhaps the most important thing you can do to help your roses be healthy and vigorous.

By now you may be asking yourself, "What does any of this have to do with money in the bank?" Well, we have been taught to put money in the bank for a time of need. We feel that most of the mid to late season fertilizing we do is "money in the bank" for our roses to use to give us a great fall bloom and again next spring when our roses need lots of energy to begin growing. As most rosarians, we prune our plants rather severely in the spring. It takes lots of energy for a plant to recover and produce all of the new spring growth. If our plants are lacking energy in the spring, new growth will be spindly and weak.

In the spring, all rosarians are full of energy and more than willing to do the necessary chores required to get their roses off to a good start. Once the weather gets hot, however, lots of good intentions turn to just that - good intentions. The effort we put forth in keeping our plants healthy and well fed throughout the entire growing season will pay big dividends in the fall and next spring.

**The new ARS format for the *Exhibitor's Quarterly* will be a combination of a website blog and a quarterly mailing to interested ARS members. The ARS website will contain sign-up information for those members who want the *Exhibitor's Quarterly* e-mailed to them on a quarterly basis.**

**The *Miniature/MiniFlora Bulletin*, *Old Garden Rose and Shrub Journal*, *Rose Arrangers' Bulletin* and *ARS Exhibitor's Quarterly* are all now available online at [www.ars.org](http://www.ars.org) free to all ARS members with the members password. The members' password is listed on page 5 of each issue of *American Rose*.**

## A Little Bit of History

### Tenarky District History

In 1974, what is now the Tenarky District was called "The TenKy District." Sometime before 1979, several societies from Arkansas joined the district and the name was changed.

The first district rose show of the new district was held Sept. 23-24, 1978, at Cheekwood in Nashville. Dates of origination of some of the Tenarky local societies include:

Knoxville, 1926; Tri-State, 1932, Memphis, 1946; Tennessee, 1946; Holston, 1949, Louisville, 1953; Nashville, 1953; Bowling Green, 1960; Dixie, 1964; Blytheville, 1965; Cookeville, 1993; Lexington, 1996; Capitol City, 2002; Greene County, 2005. Sadly, in 2006, the Knoxville Society, the oldest in Tenarky voted to disband due to the small number of members left and their age. They were no longer able to continue. In 2008, Lexington disbanded as did Greene County in 2009.

Five national conventions have been hosted by Tenarky societies: Nashville, 1982 and 1990; Louisville, 1999; Memphis, 1971 and 2005. In all cases, these were fall nationals and the district show was included in the national show.

The Tenarky Winter Workshop started in February 1979 and was hosted by the Golden Circle Rose Society of Jackson, TN, for the next twenty-one years through 1999.

Tenarky Historical Information courtesy of [www.tenarky.org](http://www.tenarky.org)

### Once upon a Time- Holston Rose Society

Jan. 27, 1949

Two rose growers, namely Mr and Mrs. U. S. Cate, conceived the bright idea of organizing a rose society in their neighborhood. They carried out that idea by inviting to their home a group of other rose growers from their vicinity, on Jan. 27, 1949, 7:30 PM. \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. U. S. Cate was nominated and elected as President. \_\_\_\_\_

The 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday night in Feb. was selected as the next meeting date \_\_\_\_\_

It was moved and seconded that the dues would be \$2.00 per couple \_\_\_\_\_

The committee on selecting a name reported that they suggested "The Holston Rose Society." This was accepted. \_\_\_\_\_

A time limit of the March meeting was set as the deadline for persons being "charter members," \_\_\_\_\_

March 24, 1949

Mr. Phelps read a letter from Dr. Allen (the ARS President) acknowledging our affiliation with the American Rose Society and pledging his cooperation \_\_\_\_\_

\*Information from the Secretary's minutes for the meetings.

Martin Skinner,

ARS Master Rosarian

Holston Rose Society

### In the beginning- Tri-State Rose Society of Chattanooga

In 1932, the Chattanooga Rose Society was formed. Dr. J. Horace McFarland, for whom the national ARS trophy is named, came to Chattanooga to help get it started. It was composed of ladies only. Their interest waned as time passed. Rose growing was admired by them, but age caused their actual involvement in the hobby to cease. It was in the late 1940's that a group of Chattanooga men formed the Men's Rose Society which was accredited by ARS. Actually, in 1950, the ARS National Convention and Rose Show were held in Chattanooga. The late Lester Smith, a distinguished Chattanooga rosarian, won the coveted Nicholson Bowl. A Silver Honor Medal winner, he was the man who taught me rose culture, as well as Jeff and Cindy Garrett and many others. It was about 1950 that the name was changed to Tri-State Rose Society of Chattanooga. This was due to the fact that we had members from bordering states of Georgia and Alabama as well as Tennessee. However, one might say that Chattanooga's rose membership was first recognized by ARS in 1932. The name changes evolved as the Society grew in numbers.

Ted Mills, ARS Master Rosarian  
ARS Horticulture Judge

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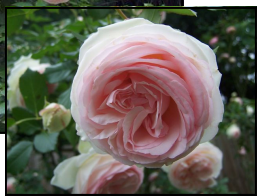
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Congratulations to Claire— our dedicated Webmistress— for receiving this prestigious award!

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**'Eden'**



**'Sombreuil'**



# The Gardens of Sam and Nancy Jones

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*A Special Thank You to Sam and Nancy for sharing these beautiful photos of their garden.*

**'Simplicity'**



**Sam and Nancy Jones**

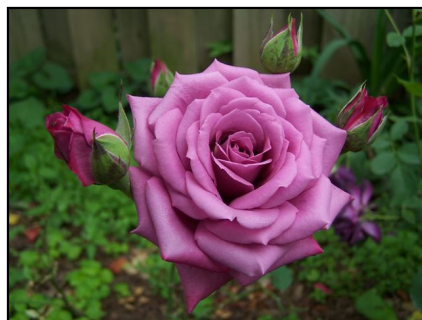
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