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All Rose Society Members & Friends Are Invited to Attend the 2014 TENARKY Winter Workshop: February 21-23, in Franklin, TN

All Rose Society members and friends are invited to soak up vital rose information and enjoy rosy contacts and friendships at the 2014 TENARKY Winter Workshop weekend, February 21-23, at the Marriott Hotel-Cool Springs in Franklin, Tennessee. Featured presenters include ARS Vice-President Pat Shanley and horticultural specialists, including Paul Zimmerman, Matt Pilcher, Carol Shockley, and Richard Anthony.

Weekend exciting events, beginning Friday evening through Sunday noon, include an informative, welcoming, "Dressing Up Your Garden" talk by popular speaker, Matt Pilcher. Saturday is full of rose seminars and lectures, from exhibition roses to everyday roses. Pat Shanley, Clayton Beaty and Nancy Jones will share tales from their ARS trip to China. Latest and Time-Honored Selections bare-root roses from Weeks and Certified Roses will be offered for sale, benefitting the TENARKY District.

Saturday's featured speaker is rose guru Paul Zimmerman who will share the latest news from the Biltmore Rose Trials.

Sunday morning is the Consulting Rosarian School which is not limited to CR's only but is open to anyone who wants to learn more about growing great roses from the best rosarians in our region.

For more information, please contact us: Sam and Nancy Jones, phone: 615-646-4138; Email: gsamj@bellsouth.net or visit www.tenarky.org for details. We are looking forward to seeing all of you in February!



Pat Shanley
ARS Vice President



Paul Zimmerman

TENARKY District After Rose Show

Hello Rose Lovers!

What a wonderful show! Congratulations to all the winners of the Tenarky District Rose Show. The roses were gorgeous and the awards were exceptional! I met so many interesting people who love to talk roses. Rose heaven indeed!

The Louisville Rose Society welcomed the exhibitors with a casual Friday reception that included a slide show presentation of LRS member gardens, organized by Linda Jansing.

A small but quality group of 23 Tenarky District rose lovers convened on Saturday to put on a beautiful exhibition.

Hybrid Tea Queen was Veteran's Honor, won by two newcomers from near Columbus, OH. Clark Ross (31) learned roses from his grandfather. Tyler Roberts (27) caught the rose bug from Clark. They both have a raging case of rose fever and it was fun to share it.



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TENARKY District After Rose Show

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Richard Anthony showed his rose love in the minis and minifloras. His roses were stunning. Richard provided certificates from his For Love of Roses catalogue as awards for all the district awards, as well as the mini royals, then proceeded to win many of them. Way to go Richard! After the exhibition, Richard clerked, and then immediately presented his program, Minis and Minifloras, Now and Tomorrow. Crazy rose love! Welcome to Tenarky, Richard, and many thanks to you!

Another young rose lover, Leslie Wuoremaa (Sharon's daughter), had Best of '04 for the Mini Queen.

Donna Tarrant and Paula Williams both won gold in the Arrangements.

Scott Drucker gave a wonderful program on landscaping with roses, showing beautiful gardens of his design and others around the world.

Congratulations to Phyllis Bergant who won Novice Queen and the LRS Doug Dauffenbach Novice Award of \$50.

I was thrilled to win the first Monty Justice Memorial Award. I had three pink HTs: Elizabeth Taylor, Bride's Dream and Secret. I loved it and was especially honored to have won, following in Monty's footsteps again. Monty's Plant Food Company was another generous patron of the show, and I enjoyed winning some of my favorite liquid feed.

A full list of our patrons is included in this edition to thank them for their support!

At the Awards Dinner I showed a short slide show of my customer gardens. Louisville is on the Ohio River and has plenty of deer that want to eat our beautiful roses. Besides showing some beautiful rose gardens, one focus was wildlife protection.

Dr. Tina Jennings of Remarkable Roses told a few brief stories about the effect her roses have had on some of her children clients. Tina's conclusion was that roses can be used to calm and to teach.

Mike and Chris Thompson were honored with the Tenarky Silver Medal Award. They are professional rose gardeners, so I had lots to discuss with them. We shared our issues and our secrets.

Carolyn Phelps was recognized with the Bronze Medal Award for service to LRS and ARS. Carolyn is a tireless worker for the Louisville Rose Society. This show could not have happened without Carolyn's involvement.

Many thanks to the entire Convention Committee:

Phyllis Bergant, Howard Carman, Carol Graf, Richard Hartke, Linda Jansing, Mary Lindle, Sherry Lindle, Carolyn Phelps, Ellen Reed, Jim Schmidt, Donna Tarrant, Paula Williams and Sharon Wuoremaa.

Finally, I want to thank all the people who came to compete and share their love of roses. It was a first class show and a wonderful memory for us all!

Time to get back to my garden! Aahh! What I live for...beautiful roses! And with less work now. Just cutting and loving!

*Janet Miller
President, Louisville Rose Society*



TENARKY Website Updates

Please send updates for the Tenarky Website:

- New Presidents and Editors with contact information for Local Society page
- Updates to CR page
- Updates to Horticulture & Arrangement Judges pages
- Rose Show Dates and Schedules for Events page

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ARS Judges Seminar to be held during TENARKY Winter Workshop

According to American Rose Society Guidelines For Judging Roses, an ARS Judge must continue his or her membership in the American Rose Society and must accumulate at least four hours of seminar/audit credit at approved audits or schools every four years once they become officially accredited.

ARS Horticulture Judges needing to update their four hours of seminar/audit credit may do so at the TENARKY District Winter Workshop on Saturday February 22nd from 1:30-5:30.

Topics that will be covered include:

- Basics of Judging Roses
- Recent Changes in Judging Roses – *John Rodgers*
- Judging Miniatures, Minifloras and Sprays – *Noah Wilson*
- Judging Old Garden Roses and Shrubs – *Mary Bates*
- Judging Challenge Classes and the Court- *Michael Thompson*
- Question and Answer Session – *All speakers*

Everyone is invited to attend and learn more about how to become an ARS Apprentice Judge or just learn more about the art of judging roses.

Due to illness, Dr. Spruiell will be unable to participate in the Judges Seminar as planned. Instead, if you are interested in becoming an ARS Apprentice Horticulture Judge or need more information about the Judges Seminar contact: the contact for the Seminar will be Dr. John Rodgers, Phone 865-539-5226

Director's Message

China Rose Officials Welcome ARS Good-Will Ambassadors

By Sam Jones, TENARKY District Director

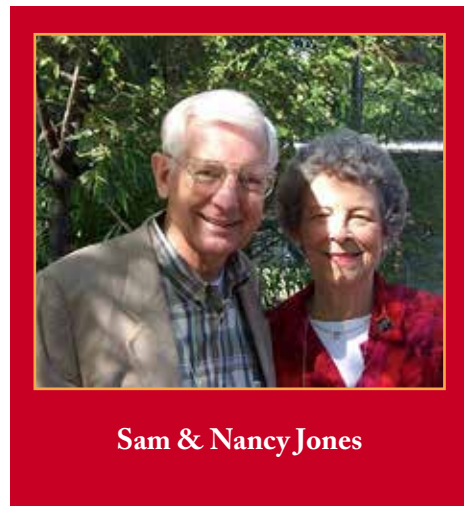
Nancy and I were privileged to join a delegation of 12 good-will ambassadors to China as representatives of the American Rose Society, and more importantly, of the spirit and beauty of American roses.

During almost two weeks, traveling at the invitation of ARS Vice-President Pat Shanley and her good friend, Dean Chen, from a well-connected and celebrated rose family of China, Rose garden directors and horticultural officials of mega-population cities welcomed us with unbelievable hospitality and cordiality. "Silk carpets" were rolled out wherever we went, and everything we needed to make our travels pleasant and successful was provided, topped off by incredible banquets and toasting to the bonds of friendship between Chinese and American leaders of the rose industry.

Beginning our journey in Shanghai on September 24th, for 12 days we toured outstanding rose and horticultural gardens in Shanghai, Taicang, Changzhou, Beijing, and Daxing, where in urban and rural locations we witnessed what Pat Shanley described as the "Greening of China."

Dean Chen's mother, known as China's "Rose Lady" and most famous rosarian, Madame Jiang Entian, had pioneered the introduction of western style hybrid roses during the early years of the Chinese People's Republic and supervised the construction of China's first official public rose garden in Beijing. Last year, the Madame Entian Rose Park was opened, along with a palatial hotel, Rose Manor, which hosted our delegation, and broad expanses of gardens with plantings of thousands European cultivars, in Taicang City, her hometown and Dean's birthplace. Elements of the park include a horticultural research division, a wedding chapel, an exhibition hall, and convention and retreat facilities for large and small groups.

In Changzhou, we attended the opening celebration of the 8th China Flower Expo at the Changzhou Botanical Garden, among



Sam & Nancy Jones

2000 honored guests on a rainy morning. As the weather broke in the afternoon, we attended the "Garden-of-Excellence" Award presented to Zijing Rose Park by the World Federation of Rose Societies. This well-designed rose park is dedicated to preserving Chinese native species roses which have contributed to the development of most of the beautiful hybrid classes of roses now enjoyed all over the world. At the award ceremony, Pat Shanley spoke about the importance of China's contributions to the world's enjoyment of roses, and read a proclamation from ARS President, Jolene Adams.

In Beijing, we were overwhelmed by the vast amount of roses that have morphed into 100,000 plantings of 1000 varieties since Madame Entian introduced and carefully tended 200 modern western rose cultivars

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Nancy Jones attending the 8th International Flower Expo, Changzhou, China, standing in front of peacock flower sculpture



ARS Delegation touring the Temple of Heaven, Beijing: Front row (l to r), Temple hostess, Will Radler, Sam Jones, Nancy Jones, Jayce Heirs, Pat Shanley, Marilyn Wellan, Chinese Interpreter, Beijing Driver, Bill McNamara; back row: Temple Garden Director; Leo Watermeier, Clayton Beaty, Pam Heirs, Jay Heirs, Louis Acree

China Rose Officials Welcome ARS Good- Will Ambassadors

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in Beijing 50 years earlier. In addition to cultivating roses, the Beijing Botanical Garden is a seasonal show-place of color and fragrance of annual and perennial flowers spanning hundreds of acres, lining pathways with manicured, sculptured bed and topiaries. A massive tropical conservatory and a forested planting of Dawn Redwoods maintained by the Beijing Science Education Center are also notable features. Throughout the garden we saw families, children, grandparents, adolescents, singles and couples enjoying elaborate recreational facilities designed to bring humanity and nature together in close and healthful contact.

Everywhere, Chinese people reflected friendly, smiling faces and a youthful culture undergirded by ancient traditions. The Cultural Revolution of the 1960's, breaking the stifle-hold of a peasant caste supporting the privileged few, has largely been overcome, and China is restoring and reconnecting with its roots

of grace, peace, and tranquility—ideals that are embodied in classical Chinese gardens of by-gone dynasties and emperors. Witnessing expressions of hope and anticipation of a bright future, we were privileged to open doors of cooperation between small but important aspects of our two vast nations—the American and Chinese Rose Societies.

What lessons did we learn from ancient and modern gardening traditions of China, which, incidentally, are only beginning to embrace the American and European developments of the romantic mystique of hybrid roses?

The first lesson the Chinese seem to have mastered is that gardening involves elements of the spirit which touch and uplift the heart and soul, as well as venues of color and fragrance. Gardens in China offer not only beautiful blooms, but are places for closer contact with nature and nature's Creator. Chinese believe that gardens can stretch more than our muscles and senses—our eyes, ears, and noses—but also expand our imaginations, spirits and meditations.

The second lesson is that gardens are more than the preserves of dedicated gardeners for expending their talents for creating ever more beautiful roses, but are also locales for people at every stage in life, including families, children, adults, singles, and couples, to enjoy their work. China has recovered the “main thing” about gardening, that its beauty is intended for sharing. In China, gardens are designed for people, for enriching communities, neighborhoods, monuments, and locations where they gather. The lesson for us is, when rose gardens are designed for personal benefit

only, their potential pleasures diminish exponentially.

Thirdly, in China, gardens are designed not only for people, but as places where they can enjoy one another. We saw retired men in gardens meeting regularly at gaming boards, adult groups practicing the graceful movements of Tai Chi, reviving their inner “Zen” and connection with the universe together, and women gathering for exercising and stretching their arms and legs. Chinese gardens not only enrich people, but are ideal places for meeting together.

When our gardens reflect values of expanding our spirits, our sharing, and our social bonds, we can be confident of the future of the American Rose Society, because such values are not only lasting, they are eternal. And roses offer the highest opportunities of foretasting bits of eternity in our homes and neighborhoods.

Exciting happenings in the TENARKY District are spelled out elsewhere in this newsletter, both about past and coming events. Read them to stay in touch and join us at the Winter Workshop in February for an annual renewing of our spirits, hope, and anticipation for a great season of roses in the coming year.



*Beijing Botanical Garden Topiary,
Living Flower Sculpture*



*Western Style Hybrid Tea Roses,
Beijing Botanical Garden*



*Great Wall of China near Beijing:
Sam Jones, Pat Shanley, Will Radler*

A Little Birdie Showed Me

By: Ted Mills, ARS Master Rosarian & Judge

RoseDoc's good friend, ex-Hamilton County Executive Dalton Roberts of Chattanooga, is a great lover of birds. His newspaper columns are fascinating and filled with genuine interest in nature's

feathered friends. Anyone who sincerely harbors such a deep love for birds certainly must have a spirit of aiding helpless human beings. Dalton's depiction of these winged creatures is indicative of a man who has a heart to serve mankind. His descriptive columns have increased RoseDoc's love for birds. Thank you, Dalton.

As RoseDoc pondered the assignment of writing a column for beginners in rose growing his thoughts turned to birds. After all, he had witnessed their behavior with much enjoyment. Watching them gave him a lesson in what it really takes to be successful in growing roses. Just how does a bird's behavior have anything to do with growing roses? Let's review the bird conduct to find the answer.

It so happens that RoseDoc has several bluebird boxes awaiting the spring arrival of these beautiful birds. Every year these winged creatures arrive to begin their reproductive cycle of raising young. It is a joy to witness their behavior.

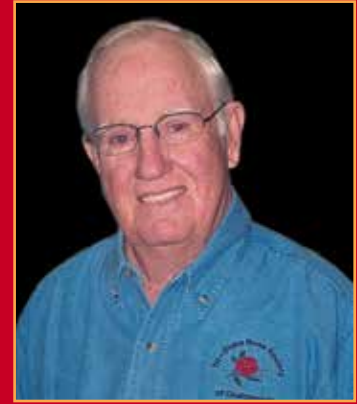
At their first arrival time the male specimen scouts the area for the best possible place to establish residence. He is not interested in glamorous cathedral-type homes. The more natural habitat serves him best. And so it is with the rosarian. He or she wants the best possible place to prepare a rose bed. No excessive shade is to be tolerated. Sunshine pleases roses as much as rain pleases tadpoles. Select the best possible spot to plant the bushes. Avoid tree roots that sap nutrients from roses. Seek good drainage and the bushes will applaud your action.

Once the ideal place is found by Papa

bluebird, he and his mate prepare the nesting place. Twigs, straw, and pine needles are ready forms of nesting materials. And so it is with the rosarian. Construct a rose bed that is filled with nutritious soil and organic composting material. Make sure the planting mix is porous. Why? Because air and water must freely enter the root zone of rose plants. Raise the bed if good drainage is absent.

It is amazing to see Papa bird cater to the needs of Mama bird and their offspring. Both parents help in the feeding chore as they make frequent trips to their awaiting baby birds. They go all out and even deny themselves of the luscious worms carried in their beaks. To see them bring water to their thirsty brood is a delight in itself. Some human parents could benefit by mimicking this thoughtful bird behavior. And so it is with the beginning rosarians. They must furnish proper fertilizers which promote healthy growth. Sacks of feed left in garden sheds will never help unless the rose grower applies it regularly to hungry bushes.

It would be utopia if animal life did not have to cope with predators. Unfortunately, nature does not permit such a scenario. Sadly, bluebirds are victimized by hawks and other predators. Even those noisy blue jays rein havoc on eggs that are resting in bluebird nests. This fact causes many defenseless birds a great deal of travail. And so it is with the rose grower. Disease and insect invasion cause many rosarians to shy away from rose growing. If this situation confronts the beginner, seek advice from informed growers. The American Rose Society



Ted Mills

and the local rose society Consulting Rosarians (C/R's) will gladly furnish proper defensive and offensive action to curb the problem.

Even bluebirds realize the importance of water to the health of their babies. And so it is with rose bushes. Nothing is more important to the life of a baby bluebird than an available supply of water. Without it, the baby dies. So do rose bushes perish when denied water for a long period of time. If RoseDoc can get this message across to the beginning grower he will have successfully taught the most important phase of growing these beautiful flowers.

Once the bluebirds have finished their job of raising young and teaching them to fly, the young birds are on their own. A great feeling of accomplishment is their parents' reward. And as to roses, the beginning rosarians feel great when their roses reach blue-ribbon status throughout the garden.

The next time a rose garden is visited, be sure to gaze upward. Some beautiful bluebirds may be overhead. Papa bird, adorned in his sparkling blue feathers, will inspire you as he did RoseDoc. Pay strict attention to bird behavior at nesting time and learn a valuable lesson in rose culture.

Lyda Rose

by Linda Jansing, ARS Consulting Rosarian

Since we are coming to the end of another rose season, it is time to evaluate how the roses performed this year. It's time to decide which roses should be shovel pruned and which roses to order for next season. Lyda Rose is a great rose to add to any garden. It is a very versatile shrub and blends into any area in the yard.

This rose was introduced in 1994 by Kleine Lettunich. She named this plant for her daughter and for the song from Music Man. Lyda Rose is a seedling from the white hybrid musk, Francis E. Lester which was introduced in 1946. The difference of 48 years from the parent rose to this excellent shrub rose was well worth the wait.

There are so many good qualities of Lyda Rose that I don't really know where to begin. It is a single petal variety. Each of the individual 5 petals is white with lavender pink edges. The stamens on each flower are golden yellow and so lovely they almost look artificial. The color combination of each bloom is outstanding and since this shrub usually blooms in large clusters, it is definitely a show stopper in the garden. The dark green foliage provides a beautiful frame for the delicate flowers and the strong, spicy fragrance is a wonderful addition to this exceptional plant. The size and dimensions of each blossom are often compared to the blooms of the dogwood tree. Although dogwoods are certainly beautiful, the coloration and flush of blooms from Lyda Rose far exceed the tint of the massive dogwood blooms in the spring.

I currently have 3 of these plants in my garden. My first Lyda Rose stands alone against the house, right outside my bedroom window. It is indeed a treat in the morning to open the curtains and see the delicate, willowy canes of this shrub moving about in the wind. The reason I planted it in that particular location

is the limited sun. Lyda Rose performs well even with some shade. It probably gets about 4 hours of sunshine daily in that location and has done very well for several years. In fact, it has done so well that I added 2 more bushes when I was looking for hardy plants to replace my 2 rhododendrons that were on either side of my glassed in back porch. The rhododendrons were beautiful but not winter hardy. My 2 bushes of Lyda Rose have filled the spots beautifully. They are vigorous growers and have managed to fill in perfectly.

If you are waiting for me to start telling you the faults of Lyda Rose, you will have to wait a long time since I haven't found any negatives about this shrub. Besides

the qualities I have already mentioned, there are more. The disease resistance is excellent in my garden but I do spray regularly. The flowers have a strong spicy fragrance and the bush is winter hardy in zones 5-10. As if all of this isn't enough, it often wins "Best Modern Shrub" at rose shows.

The 2013 American Rose Society's Handbook for Selecting Roses continues to rate Lyda Rose very high at 8.9. I certainly give it a high rating in my garden. One last positive about this rose is that it is beautiful as a cut flower and lasts a very long time in a vase.

The accompanying photos of Lyda Rose are from my garden.



BLACK GOLD - "There's Magic in Muck"

by Chris Beardshaw, an English Gardener

This paper is an explanation of the qualities of well-rotted organic matter, homemade compost or farmyard manure and the many benefits to add them to your garden.

1. Organic matter breaks down soil particles, improving aeration and drainage while stimulating beneficial soil organisms that release nutrients as a part of the roots digestive process.

2. The material absorbs large quantities of water in the summer months locking water into the soil making it available to the plants. Research proves that up to 50% more water is available to soils treated with organic matter; therefore, reducing the need to water as often.

3. Consequently, by locking water into the soil, the applied fertilizer is held ready to be absorbed by the plant's roots. Insufficient organic matter allows little capacity for the plant to retain the nutrients put down as they wash out during rain storms or heavy watering.

4. Organic matter also acts as a cooling system while it protects the roots from the hot summer sun, keeping them cool during the hottest months of the year.

5. Organic matter, such as horse manure, puts back into the soil nitrogen and trace minerals, these are the first nutrients to leach out of the soil. It works together with the slow release fertilizer making sure your plants are well fed.

6. Use the two layer rule when applying matter to your soil. (Do not remove the old mulch unless it has not broken down; then remove what is necessary). First, apply a good layer of horse manure (3 inches); make sure the manure is well rotted and not green. Green matter will burn your plants.

Top the manure with a nice dressing of

double ground hardwood mulch. Double ground gives you a jump start to the decomposing process.

7. Try to not buy bagged mulch because one does not know for sure what kind of wood is in the bags, and it may not have the beneficial microbes needed to break it down.

Fresh mulch needs nitrogen to break down; horse manure emits the needed nitrogen for this process. If your mulch is still as high in the fall as when you applied it in the spring, then it did not have sufficient nitrogen and your plants did not receive nutrients from it.

STEPS TO TAKE FOR GOOD SOIL (LOAM)

1. Amend soil with a good soil amendment like Nature's Helper.

2. Use ¼ clay matter for nutrient and water holding capability.

3. Put down a good well-rotted organic matter such as horse manure.

4. Use a nice top dressing like double ground hardwood mulch.

5. Take soil test and adjust if need to, for a 6.5 pH.

If you take care of the plant's root system by creating a well balanced soil structure which allows air, water and nutrients to be taken up by the plant's roots, the plants in your garden will reward you with beautiful green leaves, strong canes and lastly, big beautiful flowers.

Submitted by Kathy Brennan
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ARS & You

by Mary Ann Hext, Editor



Do you receive an electronic edition of the ARS & You each month? If not, you are missing out on news from the ARS, its officers, the districts, ARS members, local rose societies and their members, rosarians and rose growers through the rose world! The newsletter also recognizes achievements of individuals throughout the rose world.

The newsletter is sent by email to ARS local society members in the US and foreign countries and to those ARS members who don't belong to a local society for whom the ARS has an email address. It is also sent to some former members in hopes they will rejoin.

ARS & You is a subcommittee of the ARS Local Society Relations Committee, a standing committee of the ARS to promote the activities and mission of the ARS and to serve as a liaison between the ARS leaders and local societies. The current vision of the editor (Mary Ann Hext, a Bowling Green and Nashville RS member) and LSRC Chair (Sue Tiffany, Rainy Rose Society member) is for each newsletter to have information that will appeal to the wide variety of interests of rosarians so they will become or continue to be members of the American Rose Society and to share a wide variety of information and photos that will be of interest to the many aspects of our hobby. Articles, photographs, and a poem written by several Tenarky members have been featured in the newsletter.

If you would like to share information, articles and photos from your local society, please send them to the editor (mhext@outlook.com) for possible inclusion. If a member of your local society is not receiving the newsletter, please send the name and email addresses. Feel free to use the newsletter and its contents as a recruiting tool for your society membership and for ARS membership.

Highlights from TENARKY 2013 Fall Convention and Rose Show

Miniature Queen of Show - Best of '04
Sharon Wuorenmaa



Whit Wells District Award
Baldo Villegas, Cooper, Lo and Behold, Rocky Top, and Thelma Lou



Miniflora Queen - Rocky Top
Richard Anthony



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Miniflora Court - Blue Suede Shoes
Shown by Richard Anthony



Lester Smith Award - Let Freedom Ring
Shown by Mike and Chris Thompson



Miniflora Spray - Whirlaway
Shown by Linda Jansing



Mini/Miniflora Open Bloom - Rocky Top
Shown by Richard Anthony



King of Show - Moonstone
Shown by Tom Lehmann



Miniature Rose in a Bowl - Mr. Leonard
Shown by Carolyn Phelps



Judges Class Mini/Miniflora - Lady E'Owyn
Shown by Mark Nolan



Highlights from TENARKY 2013 Fall Convention and Rose Show

Floribunda Spray - Playboy
Shown by Linda Jansing



Hybrid Tea Spray - White Success
Shown by Mike and Chris Thompson



Court of Honor - Milestone
Shown by Sheldon Rein



Best Climber - Fourth of July
Shown by Janet Miller



Court of Honor - Erin Elizabeth
Shown by Clark Ross and Tyler Roberts



3 Mini/Miniflora - Memphis Music
Shown by Linda Jansing



Highlights from TENARKY 2013 Fall Convention and Rose Show

Hybrid Tea Rose in a Bowl - St. Patrick
Shown by Tom Lehmann



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One Bloom Floribunda - Hannah Gordon
Shown by Mary Ann Hext



Mack & Marybeth Blackburn Award
Folklore, Tineke, Let Freedom Ring, & Deidre Hall
Shown by Sharon Wuorenmaa



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Court of Honor - Black Magic
Shown by Janis Buford



Charles Dawson Award - Uncle Joe, Veteran's Honor & Let Freedom Ring
Shown by Carolyn Phelps



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3 Hybrid Teas - Moonstone, Randy Scott, & Louise Estes
Shown by Tom Lehmann



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Miniflora Court - Good Old Mountain Dew
Shown by Richard Anthony



Highlights from TENARKY 2013 Fall Convention and Rose Show

Judges Class Hybrid Tea - Let Freedom Ring
Shown by Elton Smith



Mini/Miniflora Artist's Palette
Liberty Bell, Mikayla Danielle, First Choice, Nashville Music, and Whirlaway
Shown by Leslie Wuorenmaa



Miniature English Box - Marriotta
Shown by Mary Ann Hext



Miniature Rose in a Frame - Joy
Shown by Richard Hartke



Miniature Spray - Joy
Shown by Mary Ann Hext



3 Stages of Bloom - Let Freedom Ring
Shown by Richard Hartke





Matt Pilcher

*Matt Pilcher, A.A.S., Horticulturist
Perfect World Landscapes, LLC*

Matt Pilcher has over fifteen years of experience in the gardening and green industry, having earned an A.A.S. degree in Horticulture. As horticulturist for Perfect

World Landscapes, LLC, in Nashville, Tennessee since 2007, Matt previously owned his own landscaping company and has also held positions with Nashville garden centers, including Lot Manager/Head Grower/Contractor & Retail Sales for Bates Nursery and Garden Center and Lot Manager/Sales for Moore & Moore West Garden Center.

Matt has given lectures to garden clubs and other local groups, and has taught in the Horticulture Department of Nashville State Community College.

Matt's extensive plant knowledge and people skills are combined in his present job as the team leader for Perfect World Landscapes, LLC.



Asclepias-Tuberosa



Pat Shanley

*Pat Shanley
American Rose Society Vice President
ARS Marketing Committee Chair*

Pat Shanley lives and gardens in Glen Cove, NY, where she has designed her new garden of 150+ roses. Pat Shanley's first experience growing roses wasn't rosy. She

was frustrated to find her roses needed to be chemically treated to survive. Seeking help, she sought out advice from her local rose society. And the rest is rose history. Since that fateful day, Shanley has slowly risen to the top of the national rose scene.

Pat currently serves as Vice-President of the American Rose Society and Chairman of its Marketing Committee. She is the creator and president of the Manhattan Rose Society. Her articles have been published in The Rosarian, Dune Rose, Skyscrapers & Roses, and the American Rose magazine. In addition, she has co-authored The Sustain-

able Rose Garden- A Reader in Rose Culture, a book dedicated towards providing rose gardeners with tips and tricks on how to effectively plant/maintain an environmentally friendly rose garden. She was the Guest Editor of the ARS 2012 American Rose Annual. She also serves as a member of the Steering Committee for the Great Rosarians of the World (GROW) Award Lectureship, and is responsible for organizing the organization's annual GROW-East lecture series every year.

Since her beloved pet dog suffered a premature death due to the accidental inges-

tion of chemical pesticides, Pat has been a passionate advocate of sustainable rose gardening. She wants to see more eco-friendly methods incorporated and utilized in the gardening world. This desire doesn't stem entirely from the environmental benefits, however. She believes switching to more environmentally friendly rose gardening is the key to attracting young, budding rose enthusiasts to local societies. Pat ultimately believes she and other sustainable rose gardening advocates have a great opportunity to lead and innovate in today's emerging new world of roses.



Paul Zimmerman

Roses: How to Grow Knockout and Other Modern Garden Roses. Additionally, Paul is the exclusive rose consultant to Biltmore in Asheville, NC, where he serves as Director of the Biltmore International Rose Trials. He is also a member of the Advisory Board of American Garden Rose Selections™ (AGRS™) Trials.

Paul has written award-winning articles for *The American Rose*, as well as *Organic Gardening*, *Fine Gardening*, *Rosa Mundi*, *Perennial Magazine*, *American Nurseryman* and other gardening magazines. Currently he hosts the blog “Roses Are Plants, Too” on *Fine Gardening* magazine’s website. He is an active Consulting Rosarian and “Cyber CR” as well. He lectures internationally and



Paul Zimmerman

Paul Zimmerman Roses: “Roses are Plants, Too!”

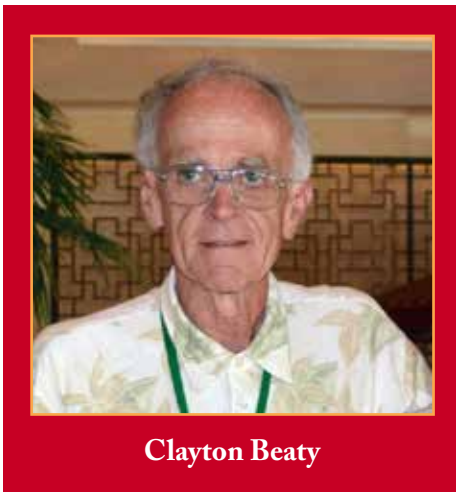
Paul Zimmerman is the owner of Paul Zimmerman Roses, a company dedicated to “Budding the Rose Grower in All of Us,” with the motto: “Roses are Plants, Too.” He is the author of the popular book *Everyday*

has also served as an International juror for numerous Rose Trials.

Paul gained hands-on experience with roses while living in Los Angeles, California with a company he founded specializing in the care, design, and installation of rose gardens. A founding member of the Tensile Town Rose Society, he learned about growing a variety of roses from Dr. Tommy Cairns and Mr. Steve Jones, both former Presidents of the American Rose Society. As a speaker and performer, Paul had an early career in stand-up comedy, making appearances on popular TV shows where he met his current partner, Pam Stone of the ABC sitcom, “Coach” and host of the syndicated radio show, “The Pam Stone Show”.

Paul and Pam now reside in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains of South Carolina, where Paul specializes in teaching and growing roses and Pam is an accomplished dressage horseback rider, having competed at International Levels.

Paul established the first International Rose Trials on the East Coast, and only the second one in the country! On Saturday evening of the TENARKY Winter Workshop (February 22nd), he will tell about the Biltmore International Rose Trials, showing the beauty of these trials in the spectacular Biltmore rose garden and explaining how they affect our selections for our own rose gardens!



Clayton Beaty

combining the best nutrients for growing roses.

Clayton is a member of the Tri-State Rose Society in Chattanooga and the American Rose Society. He is the recipient of numerous awards, including the 2012 Silver Honor Medal from the



Clayton Beaty

Beaty Fertilizer – Mills Magic Rose Mix

Clayton Beaty, Cleveland, Tennessee, founded Beaty Fertilizer, Inc. in the 1970’s and later partnered with Ted Mills of Chattanooga, Tennessee to produce “Mills Magic Rose Mix”, a revolutionary product

American Rose Society, TENARKY District, the 2011 Bronze Medal from the Tri-State Rose Society, and a Presidential Citation from the American Rose Society.

Clayton is a founding member of the American Garden Rose Selections, an

organization which recognizes and recommends quality garden-worthy rose varieties for the various regions of the United States through testing and dissemination of objective and reliable information.

Richard Anthony

“The Miniflora - Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow”

Richard J. Anthony is a practicing CPA with a passion for roses. He transported 1,040 roses from his Ohio home to Brighton, TN on December 30, 2012 and opened a new business named For Love of Roses, LLC,

which is a one-stop shopping e-commerce miniature and miniflora rose nursery.

Acquiring the assets of Whit Wells' Mid-South Roses, Richard and his team have dedicated themselves to providing the best exhibition and garden-quality miniature and miniflora roses. Seedlings

from both Richard and Whit are under evaluation in Tennessee and other parts of the country. New roses scheduled for introduction are currently announced on his website, www.forloveofroses.com.

Richard is an accomplished exhibitor with 102 Queens of Show to his credit including three National Queens and eight



Richard Anthony

District Queens. He is also an accredited ARS Horticultural Judge, Consulting Rosarian and a two-term member of the ARS Miniature and Miniflora committee. He is also an avid writer about roses and has given rose presentations at ten ARS District meetings and Four ARS National conventions.

Carol Shockley

“Exciting Exhibition Roses for 2014”

Carol Shockley grew her first rose garden 28 years ago, after a friend suggested that they would be easy and colorful. “They have indeed been easy to love and added color to my life and to my garden,” Carol recently wrote.

Carol's garden now includes about 125 large roses and 225 minis and minifloras (particularly exhibition varieties). She enjoys growing new varieties and exploring their exhibition potential. However, she says, “My roses share their garden with Japanese maples, succulents, perennials and hydrangeas and my newest love....elephant ears!” As an exhibitor, however, Carol says, “My roses win just enough to make it fun. If I can put

roses in court and sneak a few into the ‘big three’ every year I’m a happy rose nut.”

Carol has received the Silver Honor Medal and the Outstanding Consulting Rosarian award from the TENARKY District; and the Bronze Medal from her Central Arkansas Rose Society. She is a Master Rosarian. She has had the distinct honor of editing both the



Carol Shockley

TENARKY KATNIPS newsletter and her CARS Rosemite; she has also served in various offices for CARS, including Rose Show Chair. “AND,” she says, “special members of my family are my two Basset Hounds—Duke and Rex!!”

Nashville Rose Show Returns to Spring May 17-18, 2014, at Cheekwood Hall

By Sam and Nancy Jones

This year, the Nashville Rose Show returns from holding a fall to a spring show in Cheekwood's Botanic Hall, May 17-18, 2014. As in the past, members of the rose society, guests, and the public participating or attending the show will be admitted free. Anyone growing roses outdoors are welcome to enter roses in the show. The top winning rose, "Queen of the Show," and runners up ("Queen's Court") must be classified in the hybrid tea or grandiflora categories. Other types of roses may be shown in a variety of other classes, including miniatures, minifloras, large climbers, and shrubs of all types. Special "Challenge Classes" will include roses shown in specified groups, numbers, colors, and displays.

As usual, the Nashville Rose Show consists of two primary divisions: Rose Horticulture and Rose Arrangements. Always popular with the public, arrangements shown will include traditional, modern, and oriental style designs. Ribbons for first, second, and third places will be offered in each competition class, and valued keepsake prizes will be awarded for the winning entries. Certificates from the American Rose Society or the Nashville Rose Society will also accompany the winners. The Nashville Rose Show is officially credited according to standards and guidelines set by the American Rose Society (ARS), the oldest horticulture society in American, established in 1893. It has been held annually in Nashville since 1953, when the local society was formed.

The rose show opens to the public on Saturday, May 17, 1:30 to 4:30 PM, and on Sunday, May 18, 11:00 to 4:30 pm. Entries may be placed in the show on Saturday morning, May 17, between 6:30 and 10:00 am. Stems of blooms and foliage cut from outdoor-grown rose bushes may be shown as one-bloom-per-stem and as sprays (multiple blooms per stem), displayed in vases provided by the show to the exhibitors. Additional information, including schedules and rules for entries, is available online at www.nashvillerosesociety.com or by contacting co-chairs of the show, Sam and Nancy Jones, nancypj@bellsouth.net; telephone 615-646-4138.

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The Nashville Rose Society Hosts the 2014 TENARKY Winter Workshop February 21-23, Marriott Hotel - Cool Springs – Franklin, TN

Friday February 21st

* Welcome/Supper Fajitas (beef, chicken)

Seafood Stir-Fry

* Speaker: **Matt Pilcher – “Dressing Up Your Rose Garden”**

* For a complete schedule, information about the speakers, list of bare root roses for auction, etc. visit:

www.tenarky.org

Saturday February 22nd

Seminar/Lectures:

Carol Shockley – Exhibition Roses

Paul Zimmerman - Everyday Roses

ARS in China -

- Pat Shanley – ARS Vice President
- Nancy Jones
- Clayton Beaty

Richard Anthony - “Miniflora Roses”

Speakers Panel

Rose Auction

Tenarky Members Meeting

Awards Banquet – Speaker: Paul Zimmerman - Biltmore Rose Trials

Sunday February 23rd

* CR School

– 4 Hours CR Credit

*CR Lectures – Rose Cultivation

(All Workshop Participants Welcome)

Judges Seminar - Contact:

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Rooms: Reserve by January 25, 2013: A special Block of rooms has been reserved at the Marriott Hotel – Cool Springs, Franklin, TN, for the workshop rate of \$95 per night plus taxes (single or double occupancy). Call 615-261-6100. Reservations after Friday, January 25, 2013, are subject to availability.

Mention the TENARKY District (American Rose Society).

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Klima Award Winner

2010 - Ted Mills

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1955 - W. B. Overton
1957 - Mrs. J. E. Darr
1958 - Charles P. Dawson
1959 - Lester V. Smith
1960 - Edna H. Thomas
1961 - Mrs. H. A. Morris
1962 - John Allen
1965 - Harry L. Burgess
1966 - Jack Adamo
1969 - Luther Keeton
1971 - Leron D. Isaacs
1973 - Mr. & Mrs. W. B. Overton
1984 - Robert Whitaker
1989 - Judge T. Mack Blackburn
1990 - Dorothy & William McMahan
1991 - Monty D. Justice, Jr.
1992 - Henry Whitten
1993 - Peggy Bingham
1994 - Verlie Wells, Jr.
1995 - Clyde K. Chappell
1996 - John Brevard
1997 - Virgil & Helen Almond
1999 - Carol Shockley
2000 - Ted Mills
2001 - Jimmy & Evelyn Moser
2002 - Anne Owen
2003 - Glenda Whitaker
2004 - John & Kay Rodgers
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2007 - Mary Jane and Peggy Utz
2008 - Roy Guthrie
2008 - Martin Skinner
2009 - Joe & Rhonda Spruiel
2010 - Robbie Tucker
2011 - Kent & Claire Campbell
2012 - Clayton Beaty
2013 - Mike & Christine Thompson

2014 Events and Show Schedules

February 21-23

Tenarky Winter Workshop

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Franklin, Tennessee 37067
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May 17-18

Nashville Rose Society Rose Show

Cheekwood Botanical Garden and
Museum of Art

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May 31

Bowling Green Rose Society Rose Show

American Legion Hall
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Hext - Co-Chairs

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Louisville Rose Show

September 2014

(Date and Place TBA)

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Mike and Christine Thompson Awarded Silver Honor Medal

Each District of the American Rose Society may annually award the American Rose Society Silver Honor Medal to any ARS member who is an official member of that District who, in the opinion of the District Awards Committee, has provided meritorious service to the rose and its culture, for efforts expended in support of the American Rose Society and its objectives within the District. This year the TENARKY District gave this prestigious award to Mike and Christine Thompson.

Mike Thompson has been involved with roses since he was a teenager. His parents owned and operated Thompson Botanical Nursery in Oak Ridge. In his early years Mike worked with them after school and on weekends. Later he received his B.S. degree in Ornamental Horticulture from University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

After graduation Mike continued working with his parents at the Nursery. Later, while working at Walters State Community College in Morristown, he taught evening ornamental horticultural classes. He is currently owner and operator of Fairbanks Nursery and has been for the past 25 to 30 years. Additionally, during the past 15 to 20 years he has specialized in

planning, building, installing, and maintaining rose gardens. He currently cares for roughly 80 rose gardens in the East Tennessee area. Mike is adaptive to his customers' needs. He works with them to determine how much or how little they need him to do with their roses.

Mike has served twice as President of the Holston Rose Society and is an active member of the Tennessee Rose Society where he leads the Beginner Workshop at each meeting. He is a member of the

especially 'Queen Elizabeth.' Chris and Mike joined the Holston Rose Society in the mid-1980's and they later joined the Tennessee Rose Society.

Chris lived in Florida from age 6 to 18. She graduated from University of Tennessee in Knoxville in 1974 with a B.S. degree in Special Education-Speech-Language Pathology. She also married Mike that same month, June, 1974. Chris worked as a Speech Therapist in Jefferson County Schools from 1974 to 2005. She received

her M.A. degree in General Special Education in December, 1979. In 1995, she received her M.S. degree in Speech-Language Pathology. After retiring she held interim positions for Speech-Language therapists until 2012.

Chris is an Associate Member of the American Rose Society. As a member of the Holston Rose Society she has been Corresponding Secretary for several years, Vice President for two years, and is the current President.

Mike and Chris have been married for 38 years. They have a

daughter, a son, a grandson, and they are anticipating the arrival of a granddaughter in April.



American Rose Society and is also an accredited ARS Horticultural Judge.

Chris became involved with growing roses because of her husband, Mike. Growing and showing roses became a family affair with their two children. Her favorite rose is 'Double Delight,' however, she loves all of the pink roses,

**Sallie Blazer, Editor
The Holston Rose
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