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Attend the 2015 TENARKY Winter Workshop:

February 20-22, Franklin, TN

All Rose Society members and friends are invited to soak up vital rose information and enjoy rosy contacts and friendships at the 2015 TENARKY Winter Workshop weekend, February 20-22, at the Marriott Hotel-Cool Springs in Franklin, Tennessee. Featured presenters include:

Theresa Byington from Rose Chat Radio, will speak on "Social Media's Dynamic Potential for Roses." - Gaye Hammond, well known for her work with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in connection with Earth-Kind® Rose Research will speak about "Marketing Your Rose Society."

Baxter Williams from the Houston Rose Society will share his humor at the Awards Banquet on "Lessons I Should Have Learned Sooner." taken from his 45 years in the rose garden.

Cindy Worch, President of the Nashville Rose Society, will be speaking on "Growing Sustainable Roses - Nature's Way." - David Johnson, Weeks Roses representative, will speak on "What's New at Weeks Roses."

Carol Shockley returns to TENARKY for her fifth invitation for sharing her photos and passion for exciting new roses in 2015.

Latest and Time-Honored Selections bare-root roses from Weeks and Certified Roses will be offered for sale, benefitting the TENARKY District.

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!

Sam Jones

**TENARKY District Director
Candidate for Vice President of
the American Rose Society
2015 Triennial Election**



Term of VP's elective office: Three years (2015-2018)

Term of President's office (succeeding): Three years (2018-2021)

Voting Method and Dates: Ballots will be cast electronically online by clicking on at the election link on the ARS Website (www.rose.org) during the months of June and July, 2015.

Who is eligible to vote? Members and associate members of the American Rose Society. Voting instructions will be on the ARS Website and in the American Rose magazine, May-June 2015 issue (mailed to all approximately 8000 ARS members).

During the voting period, local rose societies may assist ARS members in voting by having a computer lap-top or smart phone

available during meetings with an internet connection. ARS members voting will need to have their unique voting ID number from their personal copy of the May-June 2015 American Rose magazine (or as it appears in a letter sent to them by ARS).

Members without electronic capabilities may also vote at a local library by asking a librarian there to assist them in casting their ballot online. They must have their unique voting ID number with them from their personal copy of the May-June 2015 American Rose.

Sam's statement: "As a leader with a record of bringing people together, I'm asking for your vote to join me in sparking the growth in the American Rose Society.

"Whether you grow roses to brighten your garden, beautify your home, or show and exhibit, the future in the American Rose Society is dependent upon members working together. My vision for ARS is to listen to each other, plan boldly and reach out widely.

"As a Board-elected member of the ARS Executive Committee for three years, in addition to serving the TENARKY District as Director for two terms, I understand the inner workings, the challenges, and the strengths of the American Rose Society.

"As a Guest Editor of the American Rose Annual, the highest writing honor of the national organization, I have demonstrated the ability to execute a vision that reaches across the organization.

"I am ready to work and grow the American Rose Society! Please visit my website: www.samgrowsroses.com to see my unique qualifications. Please consider endorsing me, talking to others about me and spreading the word about my campaign. Also, please feel free to contact me at gsamj@bellsouth.net. I am interested in hearing your ideas and suggestions about the future of the American Rose Society."

Director's Message

It's All About Roses

By Sam Jones, TENARKY District Director

Whether it's UT Knoxville at the upcoming 2015 TENARKY Fall Convention and Rose Show September 25th -27th, hosted by the Tennessee and Holston Rose Societies, or at last year's 2014 TENARKY Rose Show, hosted by the Memphis and Dixie Rose Society, you can count on an overwhelming experience with roses. Why?

Because TENARKY Rose Society members know a simple key for appreciating roses: "IT'S ALL ABOUT ROSES."

We all desire the gifts of beauty and fragrance roses bring. But after we buy and plant a few, without giving them consistent care, sadly, they lose steam. Like children, roses flourish when nurtured and often decline when neglected.

For full enjoyment, growing roses must be ALL ABOUT ROSES. When we focus on what we can do for roses to become their best, not on what they will do for us, then roses produce an abundance of benefits. Growing roses is a two-way street. We give them attention, and they return pleasure to us.

When you see astounding roses in the Knoxville show this fall, or visit shows in Nashville, Bowling Green, or Louisville, you will find they come from growers who

have learned that growing is "All About Roses." When roses become a priority—feeding, cutting, preparing, and showing them—their pleasures multiply.

In reality, it's not the prizes that matter at a rose show; rather, it's the preparation and presenting what you have, whether 1st, 2nd, 3rd or honorable mention. My first ribbons were red, yellow, and white. Later, when I learned more about feeding and grooming, I got blues. But the main point was entering. There's no other way to get hooked.

When rose gardening is all about roses, it's a beneficial approach. Your roses benefit, but so does your garden and you—your mental and physical health. Your roses reach their potential for brightening your lives and lifting your spirits. They make your house a home, your dining table gracious.

Where roses flourish they bring life. They give you reasons to anticipate, meditate,

commune, and discover. Spending time with roses is handsomely rewarding. Roses offer gifts you never dreamed possible.

When it's all about roses, the results are amazing.

LOOK FOR THE TENARKY DISTRICT ROSE SHOW, SEPTEMBER 25-27, 2015, IN KNOXVILLE:

Be sure to mark your calendar. Kathy Brennan from the Tennessee Rose Society and Christine Thompson from the Holston Rose Society are co-chairs, joined by a host of knowledgeable members from both Knoxville rose societies. You do not want to miss this highly anticipated event along with the exciting fall color in the Great Smoky Mountains. Kathy says, "We look forward to seeing everyone here in Knoxville, TN September 25, 26, 27, 2015." Include this event in your yearly planning. Look for more information to



Sam & Nancy Jones

2014 ARS Silver Honor Medal Recipients

Sharon Wuorenmaa with District Director Sam Jones (right photo) & Richard Weidner (C), with Sam Jones (L) and C.B. Coburn (R), President of the Cookeville Rose Society (far right photo)



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How Do You Choose?

by Dawn Eagle, Editor - New Zealand Rose Annual

How do you choose a new rose bush? Do you look for the latest new rose which has won a prize at your local show? Do you choose one which has a cute name? Or do you look for a particular colour, or fragrance, or some other characteristic?

If you are looking for an easy care rose garden, and yes, there is such a thing, the first priority when choosing a new rose should be its foliage. The autumn is the best time to look around at local gardens and see which roses are still looking good and holding their hopefully unblemished leaves, all pointers to a disease resistant rose.

If you look closely at these roses one thing will stand out. The leaves will usually be dark green and glossy, and this is why they are looking good. Dark green, glossy leaves will resist disease much more easily than matt, pale green leaves.

For many years now I have realised that if a no-spray rose garden is preferred the choice of variety is the most important thing, and the main criteria for that choice must be the foliage the rose bears, nothing else. Over several seasons I have discarded rose plants which, if I had been willing to spray, may have won me a prize or two at a show, but which particularly in the autumn have lost most of their leaves, and those leaves which are still clinging to life are covered in rust, mildew and blackspot.

As I have replaced these puny, pale green leafed specimens with those which have dark green, glossy foliage I have found that I have had to spray only once a year.

This annual spray is applied in late winter after pruning is completed and I do this to get rid of any over-wintering insects, insect eggs, or fungus problems. Being quite ruthless in getting rid of roses which get disease has meant that now for more than five years I have had to spray only once a year.

The no-spray programme needs some patience. The first two or three years I had problems with insects, but I tolerated these, and this has paid off. This last season the ecosystem in my garden has worked well, with no greenfly to speak of in the spring, while others in the local area told me they had been inundated with them. The insects and bird life in my garden have become balanced, and there is no need to spray.

Of course, I am writing about my own experiences. I have no Japanese Beetles to contend with, but I believe there are few if any effective sprays for that particular pest. We also have no voles or other creatures which haunt the US rose growers. But regardless of that, I firmly believe that if you choose roses which have dark green glossy leaves your hobby will be more rewarding with less work and more time to just enjoy growing roses.

Yes, I can promise you a beautiful, easy care rose garden.



Dawn Eagle

Dawn Eagle has been a member of the New Zealand Rose Society for more years than she cares to count. She is a National Judge, a Consulting Rosarian and rose breeder. She was the Editor of the New Zealand Rose Annual for ten years from 2001 to 2010, and has also served as President of the New Zealand Rose Society from 2007 to 2010. She has a large rose garden which she now tends on her own after her husband Barry passed away in 2000. She enjoys speaking to garden clubs, encouraging them to grow disease resistant, easy care roses, and the production of such roses is the main focus of her hybridising.

Remembering Dr. Joe Spruiell

By: Tom and Mary Francis Carlson

The Tennessee Rose Society members gathered at the home of Dr. John and Kay Rodgers on Sun., March 23rd, to pay special tribute to one of its long-time and most influential members, Dr. Joe Spruiell.

Dr. Sam Jones and his wife Nancy traveled from Nashville to participate in the occasion and offer words of appreciation for Joe's many contributions to rose societies everywhere and, in particular, the Tenarky District and the Tennessee Rose Society.

The main remarks were given by Dr. Thomas Carlson, former TRS President, whom considered Joe a close friend and mentor. They are as follows:

I feel very honored to have this opportunity to remember Dr. Joe Spruiell. He was a very special person and achieved the highest level of success for both his dedication to excelling in his hobby as a rosarian and for his success as a Professor at the University of Tennessee, Department of Materials Science, College of Engineering.

I met Joe for the first time at his home when he and Rhonda were hosting visitors to their garden as a function of the Dogwood Arts Festival about fifteen years ago. His enthusiasm, knowledge of roses, and beautiful garden convinced us to join the Tennessee Rose Society, and I am certain that he likewise influenced many others at that time and through the years.

Joe was the ultimate rosarian, hard working, competitive, perfectionist, and constantly working in his garden and assisting the local rose society members with his knowledge to help them improve their enjoyment of roses.

Joe's dedication, knowledge, and hard work are exemplified in the following ways:

--Joe won virtually every award for exhibiting roses both in the local society, regional society, and nationally. I recall one regional competition where he won the

"Grand Slam," i.e., every major award in the exhibition including Queen, King, etc. I recall meeting Joe following the exhibition and remarking, "Joe, your roses are about twice the size of mine and beautiful. What am I doing wrong?" Putting on his "professor hat," Joe simply responded, "Tom, you need to fertilize those roses of yours and you will be o.k." He made difficult things sound simple.

--Joe supported the Tenn. Rose Society, The Tenarky District Rose Society, and the national rose society by volunteering to do virtually whatever was needed or requested. For example, he recently served for three consecutive years as the President of the Tenn. Rose Society, and served in virtually every office in the society. Joe gave presentations about any aspect of roses from planting to pruning whenever requested to the local and district societies. In other words, Joe could speak expertly on any rose topic and always gladly did so when requested.

--To give an idea of his dedication, Joe was asked to give a presentation at the local society but was involved in a serious automobile accident the afternoon of the scheduled presentation. Nevertheless, Joe showed up at the meeting. Limping and bandaged up, he still gave his usual excellent presentation. He simply would not let us down under any circumstances.

--Joe was a certified rose judge and judged roses for numerous exhibitions nationally, regionally, and locally. Joe received the highest honor when he was asked to serve as the leader and teacher of the rose judges in the Tenarky District. I believe this recognized his expertise.

--Joe was a mentor to virtually all new society members. You could bring a rose, a rose



Dr. Joe Spruiell

leaf with black spots, or simply ask Joe any rose-related question; and he would have an educated response that any level of person, novice or expert, would understand.

Now, I understand why Joe was such a great mentor, as the following will clarify:

--Joe's career at the University of Tennessee. His real love was teaching, especially graduate students.

--Joe started as a student in 1958, received his B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. in 1963 in the Department of Metallurgical Engineering.

--Joe's teaching career started as a graduate assistant in 1960, was promoted to Assistant Professor in 1963, Associate Professor in 1967, and Professor in 1971. Joe was the first head of the Materials Science and Engineering Department in 1984, and held that position until 2000 when he decided to return to his real love of teaching.

--Awards: Joe received virtually every award available to a Professor at the University of Tennessee, including Professor of the Year.

--Technical excellence: Joe published more than 150 technical papers including invited book chapters and review articles. In particular, he published a paper with Dr. White, describing a measurement technique, which has been designed into every instrument in that field of study.

--Courses taught: Joe enjoyed teaching, especially graduate level courses as evidenced by his desire to continue teaching such courses after his retirement. His favorite course was in his area of expertise, Polymers, which was recognized as the most difficult graduate course in the

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Dr. Joe Spruiell

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College of Materials Science and Engineering. Nevertheless, students flocked to register for his course sometimes resulting in a waiting list for entry. Interestingly, Joe announced last fall that he would be teaching this Polymer course for the last time for the Winter Quarter, 2014. This course was so intense and complex that no other professor was qualified to offer the course in the future. Therefore, one of his "students" for the Winter Quarter was an Assistant Professor, attempting to learn enough from Joe to teach the course in the future.

--Volunteer: Just as he had done for the rose societies, Joe always was ready to volunteer for difficult assignments in the Department of Materials Science and Engineering. For example, he really wanted to continue to teach and not to be Head of the department. But the Administration convinced Joe that this would be a temporary assignment until they could find a qualified person to take on the responsibility. Well, after 16 years, a replacement was found; and Joe could finally return to his real love of teaching. Another example is that the Department was required to offer a technical writing course to all students taking laboratory courses. This entailed a large amount of work, critiquing and correcting 34 graduate level laboratory reports bi-weekly. The amount of work involved in this task was substantial, requiring many hours of work and no remuneration. Nevertheless, Joe volunteered for the effort and did a herculean job. He mentioned this effort to me at the most recent Christmas party and was very proud of the fact that the students started the course virtually unable to write a complete sentence; but by the time Joe was finished with them, they were greatly improved writers and could write a complete technical report.

We cherish the memory of Dr. Spruiell as a friend, mentor, and significant contributor as a rosarian in the Tennessee Rose Society.

2015 TENARKY Winter Workshop

February 20-22, 2015

Marriott Hotel – Cool Springs – Franklin, TN
Hosted by the Nashville Rose Society

Schedule of Events

Friday, February 20th

4:00–6:00

Registration at the Hotel – Marriott–Cool Springs Lobby

7:00–9:00

Welcome Social/Supper Mexican Fajitas or Seafood Stir-Fry

Speaker: Cynthia Worch

“Growing Sustainable Roses – Nature’s Way”

Saturday, February 21st

8:00–8:30

Registration (Coffee and Cold Drinks Available)

8:30–9:30

“Exciting Roses for 2015” – Carol Shockley

9:45–10:45

“Social Media’s Dynamic Potential for Roses”

Teresa Byington

11:00–12:00

“Growing your Rose Society” – Gaye Hammond

ONGOING: AUCTION! – Bare-root Roses

New and Classic Selections (Weeks and Certified Roses)

12:00 - 1:30

Lunch on your own!

1:30–2:30

“What’s New at Weeks Roses” – David Johnson - SC

2:45–3:30

“The Challenges and Enjoyment of Roses”

Speakers Panel Discussion

3:45–4:30

TENARKY District Meeting and Feedback

6:30–7:00

Social Time – Vendor Hallway

(Bar Purchases – Hotel Lobby)

7:00–9:00

Awards Banquet

Speaker: Baxter Williams – Houston, Texas

“Things I Wish I had Learned Sooner”

Sunday, February 22nd

7:30–8:00

Sunday Morning Devotional –

8:30–12:30

Consulting Rosarian School ARS Lectures on Rose

Cultivation – All Workshop Participants Welcome

4 Hours Audit Credit for Current CRs Test for Candidates

Winter Workshop Speakers



Cindy Worch
Nashville Rose Society
“Growing Sustainable Roses –
Nature’s Way”

Cindy Worch will be speaking on “Growing Sustainable Roses – Nature’s Way.” She says, “I am enjoying growing roses with minimal to no chemical sprays. Letting nature be the guiding factor can work in growing beautiful roses—even in the Mid-South.”

A member of the American Rose Society and Nashville Rose Society, Cindy is a Master Gardener and Consulting Rosarian. She is the 2014 recipient of the Bronze Honor Medal, and is the 2015 President of the Nashville Rose Society.

Originally from Oklahoma City, Cindy has spent most of her life in Middle Tennessee. She has been growing roses for 15 years, 10 of those years in Manchester TN with her husband Scott.

Cindy has worked mostly in the Industrial tool trade, but last year started with Ace Hardware to develop a Lawn and Garden Department in the Manchester store. She says, “We are supporters of animal rescue, adding two sweet mini dachshunds to our family this year. Together we have three grown sons, a wonderful daughter-in-law and two beautiful granddaughters.”



Teresa Byington
Indianapolis Rose Society
“Social Media’s Dynamic
Potential for Roses”

Teresa Byington will speak on “Social Media’s Dynamic Potential for Roses.”

The last 10 years have seen amazing changes in the tools we use to communicate. During her talk, Teresa will share an overview of social media and social media statistics, ways she has found to share her love of roses, and have a time to answer your questions.

Teresa says, “I am a Master Gardener who feels she is in good company because ‘God Almighty first planted a garden.’ (Sir Francis Bacon).” She is a member of the American Rose Society and the Indianapolis Rose Society where she currently serves as Vice President/Program Director.

Her blog, The Garden Diary, tells of her adventures in the garden and in life, as well as promotes roses as an integral part of the landscape. Teresa’s garden consists of many rose varieties from Hybrid Teas and landscape roses to Old Garden Roses. Teresa is active on several social media sites and is the co-host of the popular Rose Chat Podcast. Teresa and her husband, Greg, are blessed with 2 grown children, their amazing spouses and the bonus of their first grandchild.

Roses in a Cottage Garden Where Do You Start?

By: *Mary Bates, American Rose Society Consulting Rosarian and Horticulture Judge*

When starting a garden, color is often the first criteria considered. What color do you want the flowering plants to be and will there be successive waves of this color?

While reading garden magazines, I noticed they often encouraged staying with a color scheme throughout the garden so when I started my garden, I wanted pink. I chose all the pink old-fashioned pass-along plants from my mother's and grandmother's gardens and then added pink annuals and perennials from pale pink to deep rose pink. However, as the years slipped by I found that my garden had evolved to include white, yellow, blue, and red flowers.

While traveling in New Zealand, my husband and I fell in love with roses. The rose is often, by nature, a flower of soft colors (blushes, yellows, and pinks with shades deepening into red and crimson), so incorporating these colors into our garden was easy. By accident, we started with easy-care shrub roses and polyanthas which mingled happily with our increasing variety of perennials. We learned to avoid using perennials that were too strong and aggressive and would steal the fertilizer and water from the roses. Seeds such as larkspur and cosmos worked well, as they could be thinned if they became too aggressive. Soon, we had borders of flowering plants with successive waves of color, all with similar growing conditions. Luckily, the roses did not need extensive spraying.

And so, our garden progressed with space for seating, trees for shade, shrubs, paving, and paths. As our confidence grew and our roses continued to thrive in the mixed borders, we began to look closer at the hybrid teas. We knew they would require much more care and would require a more structured setting than the cottage style of our mixed borders.

With the dilemma of how to add hybrid teas to the existing garden, we began to look

for suitable spots for new beds. Our sunny, expansive front and side lawn were soon to be targets. During our travels in New Zealand, we learned rose beds can come in all shapes and sizes. Rose beds do not have to be rectangular (and often a circular bed with an ornament in the center can give the bed a sense of purpose). We wanted the hybrid teas to have their own beds. We knew they would be easier to care for and weed in their own manicured beds so we began with a circular bed in the center of our front lawn. Now, we had to choose which colors of hybrid teas to plant.

I had noticed that hybrid tea roses are often planted with all colors of roses mixed together. Each hybrid tea just declares, "I'm the Prettiest" and has little regard for their surrounding competition. They know they are the prettiest, but how does adding all these colors together in one bed really work. As I began to study photos of the beautiful rose gardens we have visited, I discovered that the most beautiful mixed hybrid tea beds included soft pink, yellow and white roses that were used as a buffer against the more vibrant colors. With this revelation we were free to choose the hybrid teas we wanted by adding whites and soft colors into the bed. We found we loved the gaiety of planting hybrid teas with colors mixed together, and the roses thrived in their own special beds.

As far as plants in existing nearby beds, we have left them as they were originally planted. There are often several colors in the more formal hybrid tea beds and the plants in nearby beds blend or if not, it is easy to repeat the color of the hybrid tea with annuals or bulbs in these beds. The one key ingredient that I have added to the surrounding



Mary Bates

beds is lots of white and blue flowers. Blue is one of my favorite colors to harmonize with roses as this color is missing in the rose palette. Blue seems to set off every shade in roses. I especially like to use larkspur, columbine, pansies, forget-me-nots, irises, salvias, and hydrangeas. Plants from seeds in soft colors also work well and I like using hollyhocks, cleome and dwarf cosmos. When choosing color companions for roses, learn to complement rather than overwhelm.

Of course, the key to successful growing all plants is continually mulching with organics and composted manures and lots of water. Each plant must have its own proper environment in order to thrive.

So there are many ways to add color to the garden and each rosarian must decide how they want their garden to evolve and change throughout the season, but one thing is certain--a garden that rises from the bare earth each spring is one of the most rewarding experiences and never loses its wonder. This experience has captured the hearts and imagination of gardeners since the beginning of time.

Garden Color Tips:

Orange and yellow - Adds warmth and gaiety

Red - Wonderful as an accent

Pinks - Great for blending other colors

Blue - Adds harmony

Purple - Adds drama

White - Use as a buffer between strong colors

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Roses in a Cottage Garden Where Do You Start?

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The author: Mary and Michael Bates live and garden in Knoxville, Tennessee. Their garden is an twenty year old Zone 6b perennial and woodland garden with a sunny side and front yard where they enjoy growing climbers, shrubs, OGR's and over one hundred hybrid teas and floribundas. They fell in love with roses while traveling in New Zealand. Returning home to Tennessee from work in Antarctica, they began slowly with roses. Plant Society memberships include The American Rose Society, Tennessee Rose Society, Nashville Rose Society and American Hydrangea Society. Mary is an ARS Consulting Rosarian and ARS Horticulture Judge.

For more information contact Mary at marybatesroses@gmail.com

2015 TENARKY CONVENTION AND ROSE SHOW SEPTEMBER 25- 27, 2015

Knoxville, TN is busy planning The Tenarky District Convention and Rose Show for 2015. Hosting will be Tennessee Rose Society, Chairman Kathy Brennan, and Holston Rose Society, Chairman Christine Thompson, along with a host of knowledgeable committee members from both Knoxville rose societies.

The setting will be The University of Tennessee, Knoxville's Agricultural Campus; and the beautiful U.T. Gardens. Our Advisor will be Dr. Mark Windham from the Agricultural Department. The annual District Rose Show will be chaired by Dr. John Rodgers and his wife, Kay. They both are long-time standing Judges in the Tenarky District and very accomplished exhibitors winning many awards as well as "Queen of the Show."

Contacts will be Kathy Brennan, brenrose@tds.net; Christine Thompson, cmthompson459@gmail.com; Kay Rodgers, corgiperson@comcast.net. Updated information will be posted throughout the year on the Tenarky District website, Tenarky.org.

Mark the above reserved dates on your 2015 calendar and include this event in your yearly planning. You do not want to miss this highly anticipated event in the Tenarky District and the exciting fall color in the Great Smoky Mountains. We look forward to seeing everyone here in Knoxville, TN September 25, 26, 27, 2015.

Kathy Brennan,

Chairman Tenarky District Convention and Show

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Winter Workshop Speakers

Gaye Hammond

Past President Houston Rose Society - "Marketing Your Rose Society"



Gaye Hammond will speak about "Marketing Your Rose Society." Gaye is the Past President of the Houston Rose Society. She is a life member and patron of American Rose Society and serves on the Marketing Committee of the national organization. Gaye is also the study liaison between the Houston Rose Society and the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in connection with Earth-Kind® Rose Research – the largest environmental rose research study done in the U.S.

Gaye is an entertaining speaker and an avid writer of more than 300 articles that have been published in local, state, national and international magazines and newspapers. She has co-authored a peer-reviewed journal article on Earth-Kind Roses published in 2009 in *Floriculture & Ornamental Biotechnology*, a chapter in *The Sustainable Rose Garden* and authored a chapter in the book, *Gulf Coast Gardening*. Her photography has appeared on the cover of *HortScience* (December 2010) and she was awarded the cover story for the September 2011 issue of *Parks & Recreation Magazine*.

David Johnson

Ornamental Horticulture and Roses - "What's New at Weeks Roses"



David Johnson, Weeks Roses representative, will speak on "What's New at Weeks Roses." A native of South Carolina, David has had a life-long career in the wholesale ornamental horticulture and nursery industry. Following graduation from Clemson University with a degree in ornamental horticulture, he was a co-founder of Carolina Nurseries, a wholesale grower of ornamentals and perennials. He also helped begin Novalis, a cutting-edge brand of new cultivars featuring "Plants that Work."

David started his own horticulture sales firm in 2011, representing world-wide growers that include Briggs Nursery, David Austin Roses, Stepping Stones Nursery, and Plants West. He began with Weeks Roses, Bulbs & Perennials in 2013. His current region spans a ten-state area of the Mid-Atlantic and Southeast United States, with clients consisting of plant growers and retail garden centers.

David and his wife, Mary, live in Charleston, SC, and have three grown daughters and a grandson.

Editor's Column

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported KATnips over the last six years especially those who sent me original articles to publish. In each issue and the latest news from each society to publish in our Rosy Happenings column. I would also like to thank Ted Mills for his continual encouragement and for publishing the first issue of KATnips and all the Editors who have followed in his footsteps.

KATnips is such an important tool for our TENARKY District as it provides a great method of communicating with the local TENARKY District Rose Societies. KATnips is sent to each local society President and Newsletter Editor who then distribute it to each of their local society members. This is a great way to stay in touch with each other.

I have enjoyed working with Dr. Sam Jones and Nancy and the other TENARKY District officers and I am sure everyone agrees the TENARKY District is one of the strongest districts in

the American Rose Society. We all love the rose and do our best to promote it through our educational seminars, workshops, conventions and rose shows.

A special Thank You to Jim Harding for his assistance over the last two years in formatting KATnips and to Robbie Tucker for allowing us to use his beautiful rose, 'Daddy Frank' in our newsletter masthead.

Mary Bates

Editor

2015 TENARKY Winter Workshop Rose Sale

Weeks Roses has generously donated five #1 Grade roses of each of the following varieties (Crescendo quantity of 10). Moonstone, St. Patrick, Gentle Giant, Legends, Falling in Love, Mellow Yellow, Chihuly, Outta the Blue, Marilyn Monroe, Over the Moon and Crescendo.

We will also have 20 varieties from Certified Roses (names will be determined in January)



Mellow Yellow



Gentle Giant



Moonstone



Legends



Marilyn Monroe



St. Patrick



Falling In Love



Chihuly

Winter Workshop Speakers



Carol Shockley
“Exciting Roses for 2015”

Carol Shockley returns to TENARKY for her fifth invitation for sharing her photos and passion for exciting new roses. Carol is a member of the Central Arkansas Rose Society and the American Rose Society. She enjoys gardening and landscaping with roses being her true love in the plant world.

Having developed her first rose garden about thirty years ago with the help of her late husband, Dave, she is a Master Consulting Rosarian as appointed by the American Rose Society. She enjoys sharing her knowledge about roses and accomplishes this by presenting programs for local, district and national rose society workshops and conventions and to garden clubs and Master Gardeners. She also provides articles regarding the care and selection of roses to various publications.

Carol is past president and former editor of the Central Arkansas Rose Society and was honored with the Bronze Medal for her activities with her home society. She also received the Outstanding Consulting Rosarian and Silver Honor Medals from the Tenarky District. Carol could be called a “serious rose grower” and enjoys exhibiting roses.

Carol’s garden in Conway includes perennials, annuals, Japanese Maples, and a sprinkling of hydrangeas and hostas, but of course, the 250+ rose bushes take center stage. Newer additions to her garden are displays of unique elephant ears and succulents and a greenhouse that allows her to garden in winter. While she has floribundas, hybrid teas and a few shrub and old garden roses, her favorites are miniatures and minifloras. Carol’s garden is patrolled by her three Basset Hounds.



Baxter Williams
“Houston Rose Society
“Lessons I Should Have Learned
Sooner”

Baxter Williams will speak at the Awards Banquet on “Lessons I Should Have Learned Sooner.” He stated, “We all have learned lessons by doing, and my program brings humor to those lessons taken from his 45 years in the rose garden. It is filled with stories and wisdoms sure to bring laughs and memories from your own past.”

Baxter is a retired engineer and leader in the Houston Rose Society and the American Rose Society. He has been the featured speaker at Home and Garden shows, and he and his wife, Patsy, have been guests on radio and television programs about roses. He has authored numerous articles concerning rose horticulture, emphasizing “how-to-do” aspects of rose growing and garden construction utilizing his engineering background. In his professional career, he has authored a three-volume textbook on automation design in the manufacturing processes.

The Williams tend approximately 550 bushes at their home in Houston, Texas. Their garden has been on the Houston Rose Society Spring Garden Tour for 20 of the past 28 years. A member of the American Rose Society since 1970, Baxter has been awarded the Silver Honor Medal for Outstanding Service. He is a Horticulture Judge and Master Consulting Rosarian. He currently serves on the American Rose Society Board as the Regional 7 Director, which includes the South Central District (Texas, Oklahoma, and Western Arkansas) and the Gulf District (Louisiana and Mississippi).

Tenarky Honor Medals

Gold Medal Winner

2002 - Robert Whitaker

Klima Award Winner

2010 - Ted Mills

Silver Medal Winners

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 McMahon

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

2004 - Donna Tarrant

2005 - Noah H. Wilson, Jr.

2006 - Jeff and Cindy Garrett

2007 - George Poe

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 - Sharon Wuorenmaa

2014 - Richard Weidner

2015 Events and Show Schedules

February 20-22

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Bowling Green Rose Society

Rose Show

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Louisville Rose Show

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September 25-27

TENARKY District Convention and

Rose Show

Knoxville, TN

Kathy Brennan, Chair

Sharon Wuorenmaa & Richard Weidner Awarded 2014 Silver Honor Medals

Sharon Wuorenmaa, TENARKY District Treasurer and member of the Louisville Rose Society, and Richard Weidner of the Cookeville Rose Society, were awarded 2014 Silver Honor Medals. TENARKY has two Silver Medalists for 2014 due to a tie in the votes cast by the District societies. The annual award may be presented to each nominee when two candidates receive an equal number of Society votes.

Sharon Wuorenmaa was presented her award at the Fall District Convention and Rose Show in Millington, Tennessee in October. Richard Weidner, who was unable to attend the District Conference, was presented his TENARKY Silver Honor Medal at the December meeting of the Cookeville Rose Society. In the interest of maintaining the element of surprise, the announcement of the tie-vote resulting in two medals was not made at the Fall Conference, but was withheld until the second award could be presented.

Sharon Wuorenmaa has served the TENARKY District as Treasurer and Registrar for the District Winter Workshops for the past six years. She has twice served as President, Vice President, and Treasurer of the Louisville Rose Society. She has chaired money raising projects such as selling roses at to replenish her local society treasury and leading a dig of over 200 roses, from a retiring LRS member. She also was key to installing our first EarthKind rose garden at the Louisville Zoo. Sharon is a Consulting Rosarian and speaker at local society meetings.

Richard Weidner has served the American Rose Society and the Tenarky District as a Consulting Rosarian and participated in almost all of the annual District meetings over the past 18 years. He is an active advocate and recruiter for the ARS and a recipient of Outstanding Consulting Rosarian Award. He is responsible for discovering, propagating, and registering a new miniature rose variety which he has named "Sweet Harriette."

(See photos on page 2)

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Tenarky District Convention & Rose Show

by Dr. Sam Jones, District Director

“It’s All About Roses” was the theme for the 2014 Tenarky District Convention and Rose Show held in Millington, TN, October 10-11. Vernon Pairmore, President of the Memphis & Dixie Rose Society, several members, along with Richard Anthony and Brenna Bosch, Rose Show Chairs, welcomed attendees and exhibitors on Friday evening during the rose show setup and prep time.

The rose show on Saturday included many beautiful roses along with 32 entries in the design classes and several entries in the photography class. Joanna Deck from the Blytheville Rose Society won ten of the challenge classes along with Queen and Mini Queen. Richard Anthony and Brenna Bosch from the Memphis & Dixie Rose Society won Miniflora Queen. Lavonne Glover of the Birmingham Rose Society won Best of Show.

Artistic Rose Design winners were: Barbara Taube from the Memphis & Dixie Rose Society won the Artist Award, Princess Award and Duke Award; Paula Williams from the Louisville Rose Society won the Mini Royalty Award, Mini Keepsake Award and Mini Gold Certificate. Mary Ann Hext from the Bowling Green Rose Society won the Mini Artist Award, the Mini Oriental Award, the Mini Duchess Award, the Mini Silver Certificate and the Mini Bronze Certificate. Robert Jacobs from the Bowling Green Rose Society won the Best Photograph of the Show.

Seminars on Saturday afternoon were “Creative Containers for Arrangements” presented by Paula Williams and Mary Ann Hext, “It’s All About Roses” by Dr. Sam Jones, District Director, and “Name That Rose” by Brenna Bosch.

At the evening banquet, District Director, Dr. Sam Jones recognized Martin Skinner from the Holston Rose Society, who was not in attendance, for receiving the Outstanding Consulting Rosarian Award. Sharon Wuorenmaa, district treasurer and member of the Louisville

Rose Society was awarded the ARS Silver Honor Medal. Bob Jacobs of the Bowling Green Rose Society was recognized for achieving Master Rosarian status.



District Director Sam Jones recognizes Bob Jacobs for achieving ARS Master Rosarian status



Martin Skinner recipient of the ARS Outstanding Consulting Rosarian Award



ARS J. Horace McFarland Award won by Joanna Deck with ‘Marilyn Wellan’, ‘King Kong’, ‘Mr. Caleb’, ‘Veterans’ Honor’ and ‘Affirm’



Mini Royalty and Gold Medal Certificate arrangement designed by Paula Williams



‘Veterans’ Honor’ Best of Show exhibited by Lavonne Glover

Photos courtesy of Mary Ann Hext