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By Kathy Brennan, Tennessee Rose Society President

## Tennessee Rose Society - Celebrating 65 Years

*"A single rose can be my garden...a single friend, my world"*

Leo Buscaglia

In 1946 Mrs. J. E. Darr had a dream needing to be fulfilled. She and her close gardening friends wanted to learn as much as they could about growing roses. So, after many thoughtful conversations regarding the subject, they formed the Tennessee Rose Society under the rules of the American Rose Society. Using the ARS guide,

they wrote TRS's constitution and set up the monthly meetings.

Wonder what their meetings were like? Probably they were just like ours. Beginning with social time to catch up on what's happening in their gardens and then a meeting on past and soon-happening events involving roses locally, in the District and Nationally through ARS. Finally, the meeting would end with a program presented by an expert on some phase of

growing roses. All the above sounds familiar, right?

This October, 2011, Tennessee Rose society will be 65 years old. We are proud to invite all of TENARKY to celebrate with us at the TENARKY District Convention and Rose Show, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. This convention/meeting will be very similar to the one just described above.

We will gather Friday  
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By Ted Mills

## The Music Man and His Roses

A giant was lost in the Rose World with the passing of Dr. Kent Campbell. Not only was he an expert in raising roses but his contribution in the world of music enriched the lives of many who witnessed his expertise as a director. It is no wonder he was successful in both arts.

Forming a coalition with his first love - music - Kent fashioned a perfect match with God's most beautiful flower - the rose. He performed in both operations skillfully. Many students of Kent were taught the art of expressing love through melodies of the horn and strings. Capping this off was the joy

he created when his roses were shared with those who needed them most - the infirmed.

Reading Kent's biography mandates that this man of music and roses lived a life of service by teaching students the secret of successful living. In the field of music, he not only taught

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### Upcoming Events

TENARKY

Fall District

Convention and Rose Show

September 23-25th

University of

Tennessee Gardens

Knoxville, TN

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ARS Fall National Convention and Rose Show

October 13-16

Los Angeles, CA

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TENARKY

Winter

Workshop

February 17-19

Marriott Hotel

Cool Springs -

Franklin, TN

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Celebrating 65 years**  
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**A Special Invitation to the  
TENARKY Convention**

**The Beginning of the  
Beall Family Rose Garden**

evening the 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Beall Family Rose Garden for an informal bar-b-que to meet old and new friends and talk about our gardens.

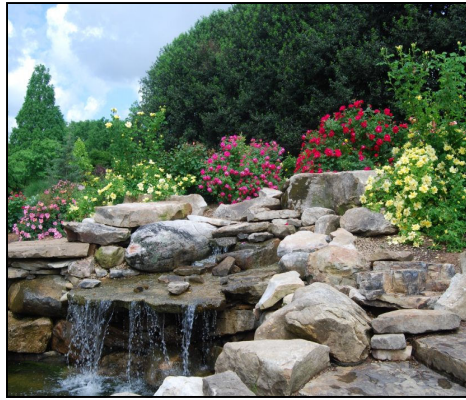
Saturday, the 24<sup>th</sup>, is the “meat” of the convention. We will start with a beautiful rose show. To make this show special, we are highlighting novice exhibitors as well as advanced exhibitors. The “novice prep room” will have an expert exhibitor there to help guide them as they work with their roses. Please encourage all your society members to come and exhibit their roses. This show will be a wonderful experience for all exhibitors.

Saturday will be Rose Education Day with the Rose Show opening at 1:00 followed by six rose seminars all open to the public and attending TENARKY members.

We are encouraging all local societies to bring rose education literature for our information table to hand out to the public. Our District Director, Dr. Sam Jones, will hold a District meeting to catch us up on all rose information concerning the TENARKY District and the American Rose Society.

We will end the day by relaxing and dining to entertaining piano music played by Rhonda Spruiell’s nephew and a very entertaining talk by Dr. Mark Windham who is our keynote speaker for the evening.

A beautiful ending to a good meeting will be Sunday, the 25<sup>th</sup> when four members of the Tennessee Rose Society open their rose gardens. Please stop to visit these special gardens tended to by special rosarians and smell the roses before going home.



**Beall Family Rose Garden** photo courtesy of Kathy Brennan

**To members of the  
TENARKY District:**

I look forward to welcoming you to the UT Gardens this September when you visit during your rose show and convention in Knoxville.

The UT Gardens are on a 10-acre site along the beautiful Tennessee River. We are a TN Certified Arboretum, an All-America Selections Test Garden, and an American Garden Award site. In addition to having a variety of plant collections including conifers, boxwood, hollies, perennials, herbs, tropicals, and annuals, we do have a rose garden for you to enjoy.

I look forward to your seeing our new Beall Family Rose Garden during your opening reception. The Garden has over 100 roses which include collections of miniature, floribunda, hybrid teas, and landscape types which beautify the gazebo and two stunning Tennessee field stone waterfalls and Koi pools.

It should be a wonderful venue to kick-off your show and convention. See you in September!

**Sue Hamilton, UT Gardens Director**

**Kathy Brennan, ARS Consulting Rosarian, President, TRS Knoxville, Tennessee**

Sam Beall attended the biannual Rose Seminar at the University of Tennessee hosted by Tennessee Rose Society and Holston Rose Society in February of 2008. He sat on the front row, listening and hanging on every word. Sam gathered up all his newly found information and took it home to his wife, Mary Ann, who also has always loved roses. Together they decided to give back to the University (both being graduates of the institution) with the gift of a rose garden. The Bealls wanted their rose garden gift to be situated within the Open Gardens on the Agriculture Campus. In order for this to happen an endowment needed to be set up to pay for an intern’s scholarship and general maintenance of the garden. It took a year to complete and be readied for planting of the roses, a job for Dr. Mark Windham, Professor in Plant Pathology and Entomology at the University. Dr. Windham’s objectives were to increase rose awareness, boost rose sales to the public and make sure roses in the garden have fragrance. In accomplishing this task, Dr. Windham chose over 100 roses using fragrant easy care roses of all colors from hybrid teas, floribundas, shrubs and miniatures. He incorporated the no-spray roses around the water features, so as not to harm the Koi from chemicals in the ponds. The gardens are located in front of the Agricultural Campus facing Neyland Drive.

## Director's Column By: Dr. Sam Jones, TENARKY District Director



**Pictured: TENARKY District First Lady, Nancy Jones and District Director Sam Jones**

### “Reaching the Impossible Dream”

As custodian of America's floral emblem, indeed, the repository of the world's rose treasury, the American Rose Society is drowning under its financial responsibilities and commitments. America's oldest horticultural society needs an urgent life-line from all Americans who love the beauty, fragrance and inspiration of roses. Membership dues alone will not keep us afloat. ARS must be resuscitated now with an immediate financial infusion to meet its obligations and insure that its vital mission continues.

What can be done?

The first rope has been thrown into the water with the 100 Grand Campaign.

How is it working? So far, this line reaches only half-way toward our goal of raising \$100,000 for pulling our beloved organization above the water. But it is crucial that we meet the full amount of our goal this year if our organization stays alive and well.

What can TENARKY Rose So-

cieties do?

With 10 active societies and about 1000 local and ARS members living in our three-state area, we have many people who love roses and who want to see the American Rose Society thrive. We have about 10% of the American Rose Society's current membership living in our District. Can we raise 10% of the goal? That's not an impossible dream. I believe we can, if we set our minds to it. We have the talent, the creativity, the history, and the deep love of roses on our side. We can put these resources into action.

If five of our societies catch the spirit and set as a goal of raising at least \$1000 for ARS, then the spirit will spread and others will join the efforts. Every society can do something. Even the smallest can raise a few hundred dollars. The largest can set the pace for others to follow. ARS needs your help now. It must be brought back from the brink.

Achieving a successful rescue this year, ARS must set a new path for the future. And it is doing so. It has put into motion a plan for long range development for an operating endowment, such as our great universities have, that will keep it on sound financial footing— high, on the moist, fertile ground, above the water line, where roses will flourish, and so will our mission and our joy of roses.

But now we must arise to the task! ARS needs each of YOU!

Let's pull together, and raise the needed funds, so that America's historic love affair with roses will blossom profusely, not only in the TENARKY District, but throughout our nation.

### “Nothing Could Be Finer” at ARS' Spring National Rose Show

“Nothing could be finer than to be in Carolina in the morning”— *of springtime*—at the ARS Convention and Rose Show in Winston-Salem, NC! The Rose Show was spectacular in beauty and quality of exhibitions. Some of the best exhibitors in the Southeast brought well groomed and flawlessly grown roses for display. Some of the finest public and private gardens were on tour, including the famed Sarah P. Duke Gardens in Durham, NC, and the Biltmore House and AARS Garden in Asheville, NC.

While I had the privilege of judging arrangements with Nancy serving as a clerk, we both were able to survey the sea of entries almost filling the large ball room, with arrangements taking fully one-third of the space. The following page includes a few of the winning roses and designs from the outstanding outlay, which we were able to photograph quickly between judging and listening to inspiring speakers.

Queen of the Show was ‘Randy Scott,’ shown by its own amateur hybridizer, John Smith, and his wife, Cheryl, of Westminster, MD (near Washington, DC). The coveted national Nicholson Perpetual Challenge Bowl, an entry of nine hybrid tea blooms (each of a different variety), and the Herb Swim Memorial Trophy of five hybrid teas (different varieties)

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were won by the same pair of talented rosarians, John and Cheryl Smith.

Both Miniature and Miniflora Queens (‘Joy’ and ‘Whirlaway’) were won by Andrew Hearne of Oxford, PA, who also took the prize for the J. Benjamin Williams Miniflora Rose Challenge, an entry of 10 specimens (five or ten different varieties). The Floribunda Spray Queen was won by Bill and Kathy Kozemchak of Levittown, PA, with ‘Matilda.’

Two Carolina District winning entries of note include The District McFarland Trophy (five hybrid teas of different varieties) by Claude and June Thomas of Charleston, SC, and the District Ralph Moore Trophy consisting of seven miniature blooms (of different varieties), by Paul and Charlotte Thomas of North Augusta, SC.

Other exciting horticultural trophies included the Dorothy Stemler Memorial Award for eight or more blooms or sprays of Old Garden Roses, won by Satish and Vijaiya Prabhu of Columbia, SC, whose entry displayed 10 OGR’s dating from 1784 to 1858. The Winston-Salem Rose Society Tribute (three different or same varieties of white roses) was won by Jimmy and Denise Speas of Winston-Salem, NC, showing ‘Sally Holmes.’

In the Artistic Exhibits Division, the ARS Standard Design Gold Certificate was won by Cynthia Chuang of Los Altos, CA, with her Oriental design using Gold Medal and Magic Lantern roses. The coveted Nora Katherman Arrangement Trophy (traditional line or line-mass design) was won by Susan Waites of Chapin, SC, with ‘Moonstone’ roses. Waites also won a number of other arrangements’ awards, including the

Russ Anger Trophy (modern style) with ‘St. Patrick’ roses; the Bea Satterlee Miniature Arrangement Trophy (traditional mass style) with ‘Ty’ miniature roses (hybridized by Nashville’s Robbie Tucker); and the ARS Miniature Gold Certificate with her Princess of Arrangements (modern style) using ‘Tiffany Lynn’ roses.

All Winston-Salem 2011 ARS Spring Rose Show results, including names of the varieties in the winning challenge classes, may be found online at the following website:

[http://roseshow.com/results/national\\_show\\_results/](http://roseshow.com/results/national_show_results/)



**Nora Katherman  
Arrangement Trophy**

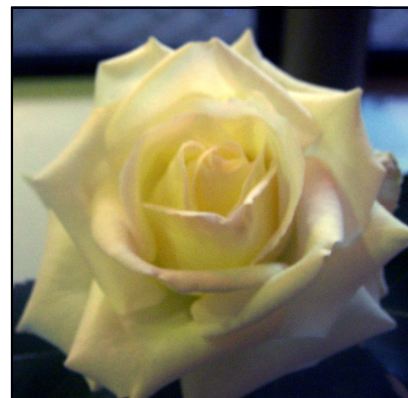


**ARS Standard Design Gold  
Certificate**

## The Queens



**Hybrid Tea Queen-  
‘Randy Scott’**



**Miniflora Queen-  
‘Whirlaway’**



**Miniature Queen- ‘Joy’**

# The Music Man and His Roses

By: Ted Mills, ARS Master Rosarian and Judge

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October 1-2, 2011

## Memphis and Dixie Rose Show—

Sunday, October 16, 2011,

Offers “Super Trophies”

The Memphis and Dixie Rose Show will be held on Sunday, October 16, 2011, at the Bartlett Station Municipal Center (5868 Stage Road, Bartlett, Tennessee 38134). Outside exhibitors are welcomed for this mid-fall show that promises to reward winners with “super trophies,” according Jimmy Moser, Show Co-Chair. For additional information, contact Show Chairs Tammy Manderson (901 937-1210; [tammy-manderson63@comcas.net](mailto:tammy-manderson63@comcas.net)) or Jimmy Moser (901-230-6166; [mrmosesroses@aol.com](mailto:mrmosesroses@aol.com)).

On October 1-2, 2011 (the weekend following the TENARKY District Rose Show in Knoxville), the Nashville Rose Show will be held at Cheekwood Botanical Gardens in Nashville. Judging starts at 10:00 AM on Saturday, and the exhibits are open to the public from 1-4:30 PM on Saturday and from 11:00 AM to 3:30 PM on Sunday.

In the Nashville Rose Show, included among the challenge classes are the Nashville Music Garden Challenge (entries selected from listed varieties planted in the Nashville Music Garden), the ‘Crescendo’ “Symphony-Rose” Challenge, Youth Classes (for exhibitors 18 and under), the Earth-Kind Roses Challenge (entries selected from listed varieties of EarthKind Roses, and the Nashville Rose Society Challenge (entries of five single-stem blooms from different classes, including from any of hybrid tea, grandiflora, floribunda, classic and modern shrub, climber, OGR, miniflora, and/or miniature).

Arrangement designs, an important division of the annual rose show, will recall the theme of the “good old days” of advertisements and slogans, such as “When it rains it pours” (Morton Salt) and “The pause that refreshes” (Coca-Cola). Advance reservations for entering arrangements are required by Thursday, September 29, 2011 (contact Sara Jo Gill, 1060 Old Hickory Blvd, Brentwood, TN 37027. (615) 371-9900).

The complete Nashville Rose Show schedule may be downloaded from the website, [nashvillerosesociety.com](http://nashvillerosesociety.com). For more information, contact Sam and Nancy Jones, 615-646-4138 (email: [gsamj@bellsouth.net](mailto:gsamj@bellsouth.net)).

the student to play musical instruments, but sought a way to encourage the audience to emulate the performers. He was a master at accomplishing this stated goal.

Equally proficient was Kent in growing and showing roses. His love for the flower was sincere with purpose. Next to his love of God and family, cherishing roses ranked near the top. Having served fellow rosarians in several capacities of leadership, Kent rose to the top in the American Rose Society as a member of the ARS Executive Committee with achievements, including currently and posthumously, the ARS Silver Honor Medal, the Bronze Medal, TENARKY’s Outstanding Consulting Rosarian, and TENARKY’s Outstanding Rose Show Judge. Rosarians well remember his fine leadership as Director of TENARKY District for six years. During his tenure he strived hard to acquire the best possible speakers for TENARKY meetings. He spared nothing when it came to education, both in rose culture and in the art of music.

Kent served his Country admirably in the military. The Third Army Band enjoyed his participation. Directing music was his skill, as he became a Director of bands at various colleges. His last assignment was at Western Kentucky University where he served as Professor of Music and Band Director from 1971 until his retirement in 1993.

Most importantly, Kent displayed a genuine love for his devoted wife, Claire. He often spoke of her as his “right arm.” This is certainly true as she aided him through the years to successfully fulfill his many civic obligations.

Yes, the passing of Kent Campbell leaves a distinct void in ARS and in TENARKY especially. He will be missed wherever a rose show is conducted among rosarians that knew him. We say goodbye, Kent, until we meet in that garden above where roses will surely highlight the landscape.

**Through the Years-A Book Review**

**By: Mary Bates, ARS Consulting Rosarian [mary@michaelbateshomes.com](mailto:mary@michaelbateshomes.com)**

*Rosarian Ramblings- Howard Walters: Through the Years* is a new book now offered on the ARS website ([www.ars.org](http://www.ars.org)). This new book includes thirty-two years of Walters' columns bearing the title *Rosarian Ramblings* which were published in the *American Rose* beginning in September 1970 until the April 2003 issue, just a month before his death. Although Walters taught the old tried and true methods of rose culture, he also shared common-sense practices that he learned from experience through years of growing roses.

This read-a-little and learn-a-lot book is a "must have" for every rosarian. Whether one reads the current month or throughout the years to gather all the tips for the upcoming month or just starts at the front and reads straight through, this is a book you will find hard to put down. Each article is different, easy to read, and just plain fun to read.

Each article starts with his *Thought For The Month* which includes thoughts such as:

- "Buying cheap roses to save money is like stopping the clock to save time."
- "With roses, it's what you learn after you know it all, that counts."
- "Rosarians who think they know everything are annoying to those of us who do."
- "Anyone who calls a rose by another name is probably pruning."
- "A rosarian who never makes a mistake is one who never does anything."
- "If you think your roses

are doing all right, you probably don't understand the situation."

- "If you want people to notice your faults, start giving rose advice."
- "Relax a little. Roses have been growing for a long time in spite of rosarians."
- "Rosarians are prone to applying pounds of cure, when a few ounces of prevention would do the job."
- "Rose growing is the kind of hard work that you wouldn't do for a living."

Perhaps Walters ended the long rosarian debate when he declared, "As any rosarian knows, the advocates of organic vs. inorganic gardening can raise the temperature of a rose society meeting in a matter of minutes as each side crusades to defeat the opposition once and for all. This is costly in roses, and is foolish, as both points of view have merit. You'll enjoy really fine roses by using the best from both schools. Good organic materials in a properly prepared rose bed will help any grower produce good roses consistently. Composts, manure, cottonseed meal, rock phosphate and so on will help soil achieve a good working balance, and the stability and results will last year after year. On the other hand, inorganics from the chemist's workshop can correct a deficiency, strengthen new growth or produce a nitrogen boost needed in the spring. Take the best from both schools."

Although Walters recommended an early start and regular spraying with fungicide to prevent rose disease, he exercised restraint in re-

gard to insecticides. Regarding insect control, he recommended, "Keep the bushes healthy and vigorous with good growing practices and give up a few blooms to the bugs once in a while. Kill off the natural predators and you'll have an even greater insect problem."

Walters presents a multitude of ideas for our local rose societies on how to have better programs on growing and enjoying better roses, how to get more rose society members active in the society and how to increase membership. On membership, Walters stated:

"When rosarians get together, talk usually dwells on problems with roses—disease, insects, winter-kill, and the necessity for magic potions for all occasions. Have you talked about the FUN of roses? A good salesman sells benefits, not difficulties. As rose salesmen, we have the world's greatest product, provided we don't talk ourselves out of the sale. Growing roses is just common sense. Make roses easy and fun and you won't be able to handle all of the memberships."

From exact recipes for Cow Tea, Alfalfa Tea, Artificial Manure, Raised-bed Rose Mix, Mini-rose Potting Soil to ingenious ideas for the use of common household items such as old coffee cans ("when the water in the bottom of the can reaches 1 inch, turn off the water") this book is packed with simple ideas and ways to improve your roses. Walters advocated common-sense ideas such as:

- "Water-then feed; water again."
- "Keep the leaves--they are doing most of the work."

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- “Avoid spraying in the hottest part of the day.”
- “Half as much fertilizer applied twice as often works much better than a heap of food all at once.”
- “Spider Mites?--Wash them off with water, two or three times during first week. Too many poisons contribute to the spider mite problem rather than eliminate it.”
- “A clean bud union exposed to the warmth of the sun will reward you with many more basal breaks.”
- “Foliar feed when temperatures are below 90 degrees.”
- “Organic material, earthworms and healthy rose bushes go together.”
- “Roses are woody plants that will tolerate a wide temperature range if permitted to adjust naturally.”

When I was growing up, my beloved grandfather told me, “One is often remembered by the words they write.” This certainly seems to be the case with the words written by Howard Walters. Perhaps Walters gives us the best advice in growing and enjoying good roses, when he told us, “*If it's working, stay with it. Rosarians are drenched with advice like a summer shower, but then it goes away. It's the good, steady rain and common sense rose practices that grow roses.*”

To order this exciting 628 page book for only \$19.99 go to:

[www.createSPACE.com/3448558](http://www.createSPACE.com/3448558)

Epsom Salts, or Magnesium Sulfate, is an important part of the diet of our roses, and the availability of magnesium may be limited in our soils.

The buzz word is Magnesium, one of the glamour elements of the chemical world and the eighth most prevalent constituent of earth's crust. It is a metallic element two-thirds the weight of aluminum. It is alloyed with other metals to produce metallic structures for the aerospace industry, automobiles, and tools.

Our interest is more elusive. It is the magnesium ion (Mg) which is found in the soil solution. Most importantly, it is one of the essential elements needed in plant growth. Without magnesium in the soil, the plant roots can't take up available calcium and potassium. It is absorbed by the root hairs and located for the most part in the leaves. Here it complexes with a multitude of carbon, hydrogen and nitrogen atoms, all linked together in various chains in a single molecule of magnesium. It keeps the "green matter" (nitrogen) in the lower leaves and doesn't allow translocation to new growth. This forms the mighty chlorophyll molecule, one of the most important in the entire world.

Magnesium is a photosynthetic pigment which causes water and carbon dioxide to react in the presence of sunlight to form starch, followed by many other nutrient building reactions. This process of photosynthesis has been known by science for over 200 years and its complexity is yet to be fully understood. Chlorophyll is estimated to have first appeared on earth since the beginning of time and is the most im-

portant molecule in the formation and development of plant and animal life.

Only small amounts of magnesium are necessary, so be conservative in your applications of Epsom Salts. It is not required in the massive doses of carbon, hydrogen, oxygen, nitrogen, calcium, or potassium. Use 2 tablespoons per bush in the spring and monthly thereafter. Large amounts will harden the soil texture. This will help keep green foliage on your roses and encourage new basal breaks. Also, don't forget to use Epsom Salts on all your other garden plants.

It will be helpful to include Epsom Salts, 1 tablespoon per gallon in with your spray program together with Monty's Joy Juice at 1/2 teaspoon per gallon.

Portions were extracted from "The Bulletin" Syracuse Rose Society

### The Perfect Time to Join the American Rose Society –Pass the Word

The American Rose Society has so many benefits to offer its members and everyone who grows and loves roses! Be sure to note the following promotions:

- The Free 4-Month ARS Trial Membership Program for **new** non-ARS local society members.
- The \$5.00 4-Month Trial Membership for existing local society non-ARS members.
- The \$10.00 4-Month Trial Membership for any person interested in growing roses but who is not yet a member of a local rose society.

# Dick Weidner: 2010 Outstanding Consulting Rosarian

By: Susie Epperson, ARS Consulting Rosarian

At the 2011 TENARKY Winter Workshop, Dick Weidner was recognized as the district's Outstanding Consulting Rosarian for 2010! As a Consulting Rosarian for nine years and a member of both the Tennessee Rose Society (TRS) in Knoxville, TN and the Cookeville Area Rose Society in Cookeville, TN, Dick has made outstanding contributions by sharing his knowledge of roses and their culture with other rosarians and the public. Dick has served as past president of the Cookeville Area Rose Society, worked as co-leader of the TRS monthly Members' Workshops, and regularly volunteered to provide rose information and recruit new members at local garden centers, seminars, and rose shows. In addition, Dick has organized and assisted other rosarians in maintaining the roses at a local public garden.

Dick's rose odyssey is unique! Shortly after buying their first home as newlyweds, Dick and his wife, Harriette, faced the challenge of landscaping with a limited budget. Dick's uncle ran a quality plant nursery in southern Ohio. In those days, dormant roses were dipped in hot wax and packaged bare root. When the roses sprouted and the new growth exceeded six inches, the nursery would throw the roses away. One day, Dick received a call from his uncle telling him that the nursery had just put numerous packages of roses in the dumpster and that if he would prune the roses and plant the roses as directed, they would grow. The price was right (free)! Selecting from the beautiful pictures on the outside of the boxes, Dick recovered 100 packaged roses from the dumpster. Working to replace

most of the native clay soil with a mixture of leaf mold and manure, Dick planted the roses as they were without cutting them back. Hot weather arrived almost immediately after planting the roses, and only 35 of the newly planted roses survived that first year!

The following spring, Dick gathered 65 more roses from the dumpster to fill the dead spaces, pruned as previously instructed, and all the roses survived! Quite by accident (or fate), Dick had planted the top-rated roses of the early 1960's. Growing in the leaf mold/ manure soil mixture, the roses were healthy and beautiful and for a few years, Dick did not need to spray for insects or diseases.

When Dick, Harriette, and their three children moved to a larger home, Dick transferred all his roses to new beds. This was a labor-intensive learning experience! A few years later when Dick's work took their family to the Chicago area, he decided not to transfer his roses and to get out of the rose-growing business. While visiting a garden center the next summer, however, Dick found a rose he had wanted for a long time, 'Frau Karl Druschki,' a very large white rose. With that purchase, Dick was back in the rose-growing business; and in a few years, he was growing 250 roses.

After Dick and Harriette attended their first rose show at the Indianapolis National Rose Convention, they joined the Duneland Rose Society. During his first year of membership, Dick learned a lot about growing roses and began growing better roses.

When Dick and Harriette decided to take early retirement, they chose to relocate to Fairfield Glade in Crossville, TN. A local garden center told Dick, "You cannot grow roses on the Plateau." After digging a two-foot-deep hole, filling it with water, and discovering that the water did not drain after two days, Dick realized the problem. To circumvent this challenge, Dick built raised beds, transferred 100 dormant roses from Indiana, and planted them in Fairfield Glade (on the plateau!). Currently, Dick has almost 300 roses of all kinds growing in his yard.

Recently, Dick was granted registration for a new rose. When he joined the Duneland Rose Society in Indiana almost twenty years ago, Dick received his first miniature rose, 'Pierrine.' Hybridized by Michael C. Williams in 1988, 'Pierrine' is an orange-pink miniature which entered the Miniature Hall of Fame as soon as it met the twenty-year continuous production requirement. In the spring of 2011, Dick noticed a much deeper pink-red (raspberry-like) bloom on one cane of 'Pierrine.' He was able to reproduce this sport numerous times – successfully propagating by both budding and by own-root methods. With encouragement from Jeff and Cindy Garrett of Chattanooga, Dick applied for and was granted registration for this rose under the name 'Sweet Harriette.' He has now supplied bud wood for potential commercialization.

An amazing odyssey and an amazing rosarian – Dick Weidner!



## 2010 ARS Awards for the TENARKY District

By Sam Jones, TENARKY District Director

**TENARKY Loses  
Renowned Rosarian**

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### National Recognitions for *KATnips*, Dr. Kent Campbell, Ted Mills, Dr. Ray Cloyd and the *Nashville Rose Leaf*

Congratulations! *KATnips* has received Honorable Mention for 2010, ranking it among the top district newsletters in the nation, according to Jeff Wyckoff, American Rose Society President and Linda Kimmel, chair of the ARS Bulletin/Newsletter Committee. Special Appreciation goes to Editor, Mary Bates, for her diligent, informative, and appealing work on the biannual newsletter, which is distributed both in full color online to all district societies and members, and in partial color printing at the district convention and winter workshop. Thanks also, to the writers of timely and interesting articles about rose cultivation and district events.

Dr. Kent Campbell's recent article in *KATnips*, "Some Thoughts about Competition," received a 2010 ARS Award of Merit, placing it among the nation's top articles dealing with important rose society concerns. Expressing condolences for Dr. Campbell's recent death, Linda Kimmel said that "Kent will be greatly missed."

Ted Mills, "Mr. Roses" and popular writer for *KATnips*, *American*

*Rose*, and other ARS newsletters, including the Chattanooga *Basal Breaks*, received two 2010 Awards of Merit, for his articles, "So You Want to Grow Roses" and "Knockouts." Ted is last year's recipient of the ARS Klima Honor Medal for his prolific contributions to rose education over many years.

In addition to these District newsletter recognitions, the *Nashville Rose Leaf* was awarded the Silver Medallion, placing it in second place for all newsletters in the nation from societies of over 75 members. Congratulations to Jim and Starla Harding for their outstanding professional design work and relatable writing about the joy and rewards of roses. The 2010 award marks the third year in a row that the *Nashville Rose Leaf* has received national ranking. As more than one member of the Nashville Society has remarked, "The newsletter alone is more than worth the cost of membership." Wonderful job, guys!

As an example of the quality of information provided by the *Nashville Rose Leaf*, author Dr. Ray Cloyd received two 2010 Awards of Merit for his articles on "Imidacloprid (Merit)" and "Pesticide Resistance." Dr Cloyd has consistently raised the bar by his in-depth analysis of rose diseases and treatments.

### Thomas (Mack) Blackburn

BLACKBURN, JUDGE THOMAS M. (T. MACK) - 91, of Athens, died Sunday, June 26, 2011 at Athens Regional Medical Center. He was born and raised in Knoxville, Tennessee. Judge Blackburn was a lawyer having graduated from the University of Tennessee, College of Law.

Blackburn served as an Assistant District Attorney and as the Director of Law for the City of Knoxville. He was designated a Special Judge on the Supreme Court and also served as Judge on each of the three Divisions of Court of Appeals.

Judge Blackburn was a lifetime member of the American Rose Society and served for 12 years on the Board of Directors. He served as TENARKY District Director from 1977-1985.

Judge Blackburn was an avid rose grower and was an accredited rose judge and ARS Consulting Rosarian. Memorial donations may be made to The American Rose Society, P.O. Box 30000, Shreveport, LA 71130.

### The 100 Grand Campaign-Fund Raising from Rose Gardening Book

The TENARKY District will help raise funds for the American Rose Society's **100 Grand Campaign** by offering an exciting new book from *Better Homes and Gardens Magazine* at the TENARKY District Convention held in Knoxville, TN on September 23, 24 and 25<sup>th</sup> at the University of Tennessee. *Rose Gardening* will retail for \$19.99 with proceeds going to benefit ARS. This is a beautiful book full of gorgeous pictures as well as lots of information on growing roses including the history of roses, landscaping and garden design, types of roses, public rose gardens and most importantly the care and maintenance of roses. The book includes a coupon good for a year's free subscription to *Better Homes and Gardens Magazine*. So bring a little extra money to purchase this exciting book and help ARS raise money so they may continue their excellent service of 119 years as the oldest single plant horticultural society in the United States

## Schedule of Events

### 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 Convention and Rose Show for September 23, 24 and 25th at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Don't miss this fun-filled event with more roses, more friends, more new rose information and just more fun.

### FRIDAY, September 23

**Registration:** Entrance to UT Gardens-4:00-6:30 p.m.

Parking will be available in UT Vet School parking lot.

**Friday Night Picnic:** Beall Family Rose Gardens- 6:00-7:30 p.m.

We will gather at UT Gardens off Neyland Drive for one of Buddy's Best Bar-b-q Buffets. This favorite bar-b-q became famous in Knoxville during the 1982 WORLD'S FAIR. Enjoy bar-b-q pork and chicken with all the trim-

mings, tour the beautiful gardens before and after eating, and listen to genuine bagpipe music by Kay Irwin as she strolls through the gardens. For directions to the UT Gardens and more information, please visit <http://UTgardens.tennessee.edu>

### SATURDAY, September 24

#### Rose Education Day

Hollingsworth Auditorium located in the Ellington Building on AG Campus, College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Rose Grooming area open: 6:30 a.m.

Registration: 9:00 a.m.

Last call for horticulture entries 10:00 a.m.

Last call for artistic arrangements 10:45 a.m.

Rose Show Judging: Horticulture 10:30 a.m. Artistic 11:00 a.m.

**Rose Show Open to Public:** 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Rose Education Day Seminars:** 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

- Noah Wilson – “**Getting Started with Roses**” – rose-care advice for beginners. With 40 years of experience growing roses, Noah is a Master Rosarian and an Accredited Rose Judge. At one time, he grew over 400 roses. He frequently presents “down-to-earth” rose-growing programs to garden clubs,

master gardeners, and at local nurseries. Noah lives in Morristown, TN and is a member of the Holston Rose Society in Knoxville, TN.

- Connie Baird – “**Flower Arranging with Roses**” – Connie will appear as a Minnie Pearl-like character, Wilma Wrongfoot -- a thoroughly entertaining and informative character who will instruct and demonstrate techniques in flower arranging. Connie Baird, herself, is a Master Rosarian, a member of the Nashville Rose Society, and the recipient of numerous flower arranging awards on both the district and national levels.
- Jimmy Moser – “**Growing Knockout Roses and Successfully Winterizing all Types of Roses**” – Jimmy is a Master Rosarian and currently grows over 700 roses including hybrid teas, floribundas, climbing roses, miniatures, minifloras, and knockouts. Recently, he helped design a public park with over 100 knockout roses. Jimmy lives in Bartlett, TN and is a member of the Memphis-Dixie Rose Society.
- Tom Stebbins – “**Identifying Rose Diseases and Pests**” – Tom will appear as the detective, Sherlock Holmes, and will conduct a CSI (Crime Scene Investigation)

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to help the audience accurately diagnose problems with their roses. Tom is currently the UT Extension Agent with Hamilton County in Chattanooga, TN and previously worked for eight years as the Plant Disease Diagnostician for Tennessee.

- Susie Epperson – “**Fragrant Garden Roses**” -- Susie is an ARS Consulting Rosarian, a TN Master Gardener, and a member of the TN Rose Society in Knoxville. In her formal rose garden in Maryville, she grows 240 roses (mostly hybrid tea roses and several David Austin English roses). She enjoys sharing roses with family members, friends, and neighbors and always includes several fragrant roses in each bouquet.

- Sara Johnson – “**Johnson Nursery and Garden Center**” – Located in Cookeville, TN, this family business has been voted one of the top 100 garden centers in the USA for the last 5 years. They have healthy roses galore – thousands of hybrid tea, floribunda, and Knockout Roses. Sara will describe their growing rose business and rose-care products. Sara is an active member of the Cookeville Area Rose Society.

**Banquet:** 7:00 p.m - 9:00 p.m.

**Four Points by Sheraton Knoxville**

Wine and cocktails will be available in the hotel lounge.

Buffet will feature beef tips with mushroom bordelaise and rosemary marinated chicken.

**Jerry Maloy, Pianist, Featured Entertainer**

**Dr. Mark Windham, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Guest Speaker**

### Where to stay:

Out-of-town guests should plan to stay in the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel which is convenient to our TENARKY District Convention and Rose Show location at the University of Tennessee.

## SUNDAY, September 25, 2011

### Garden Tours: 9:00 a.m.

- Dr. Joseph and Rhonda Spruiell- 9705 Tunbridge 37922
- Dr. Tom and Mary Frances Carlson- 917 Hayslope Drive 37919
- Kathy Brennan- 525 Altamira Drive 37934
- Michael and Mary Bates- 513 Altamira Drive 37934

**For Registration, Rose Show Schedule and Rose Education Day Seminar information visit:**

<http://tenarky.org> or <http://tennesseerosesociety.org>

**Arrangement exhibitors may reserve spaces for arrangements by emailing Kay Rodgers at [corgiperson@comcast.net](mailto:corgiperson@comcast.net) or call 865-539-5226.**

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Cumberland House  
1109 White Avenue  
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FOURPOINTS.COM/Knoxville  
865-971-4663

For RESERVATIONS dial: 800-368-7764

Rooms are \$99.00 plus tax and overnight parking

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I-40 East

Take I-40 East into Downtown Knoxville. Take Exit 389 Hall of Fame Dr. ramp. Turn left onto Hall of Fame Dr. Turn right onto Summit Hill Dr. Go seven traffic lights to 11<sup>th</sup> St. Turn left onto 11<sup>th</sup> Street. Go five blocks to the corner of 11<sup>th</sup> and White Avenue.

I-40 West

Take I- 40 West into Downtown Knoxville Area. Take Exit 387 to 17<sup>th</sup> Street Exit. Turn right onto 17<sup>th</sup> Street. Go five blocks then make a left on White Avenue. Hotel will be on left side.

**TENARKY District Meeting:**

4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.



# The Mighty Mite

By: Ted Mills. ARS Master Rosarian and Judge

The Bible reminds us of the power that is found in tiny objects. For instance, the mustard seed is a measurement of one's faith. In the secular world we recognize the power of the atom, as evidenced by World War II bombs. Splitting the atom discharges power beyond description. There is also devastating power in a certain microscopic enemy of roses. Of course, RoseDoc is speaking of the dreaded spider mite - a minute villain that creates havoc on prized rose bushes. Let's talk about this hated culprit.

There are several species of mites. For the sake of brevity, the most damaging one will be discussed. It is commonly known as the two-spotted spider mite. These tiny creatures are difficult to see, but their damage is readily apparent. Being only 1/60 of an inch in size, it seems impossible that such small creatures could cause so great a damage to rose plants.

Male mites are slightly smaller than females. Their abdomen is pointed, whereas the female's belly is rounded. Females can lay up to 200 eggs per season. Incubation occurs in a very short period of time -- sometimes just four days. For that reason, colonies of mites become armies of damaging creatures to rose bushes. Initial spraying should be repeated immediately after the 4-day cycle, so as to kill the newly-hatched mites. This correctional action will salvage the plant's leaf structure.

How does the tiny mite wreak such damage? They have tiny mouthparts that are perfect for piercing leaves to suck the sap as food. This sucking action occurs

on the underside of the leaves, which in turn causes them to lose substance and literally fall from the plant. They operate in colonies and can rapidly defoliate a plant. Be alert to mite infestation. Is there webbing spun underneath the leaves? Are the leaves experiencing a dull gray color around the edges? Is bronzing or yellowing of the leaves prevalent? Do the leaves lack substance? If any of these conditions exist, it is a good bet that mites are busily sucking the leaves for nourishment. Using a magnifying glass or shaking the bush over a white piece of paper will enable the rosarian to determine mite presence.

Realizing that rapid devastation to the plant can occur, which steps can be taken to prevent it? First, provide the rose garden with a weed-free environment. Weeds can be host plants for mites. In fact, almost 200 plant species are known to host them, especially marigolds and zinnias. For this reason, RoseDoc has never advocated companion planting in rose beds. Then too, companion plants rob roses of valuable nutrition that should not be shared.

Various other control measures can be used to combat mite infestation. Water is the preferred first choice. The *Mitebuster*, an implement that utilizes a strong water spray, directs water to the underside of leaves and washes mites off plants. A thrice-weekly application will help to control the mites by simply washing them to the ground below. A water wand can also be used. If this method is used be sure the plants have been regularly sprayed to ward off the possibility of blackspot spore incubation. Blackspot thrives on wet plant tissue that is

unprotected.

RoseDoc's experience of combating mites involves the miticide, *Avid*. It has been effective but does not destroy mite eggs. Floramite, another miticide, does kill mite eggs as well as adult mites. The combination of Tetrasan and Avid will eradicate the eggs and the adults. It is less expensive than Floramite. Other miticides are available for consumer use, but those mentioned perform best in RoseDoc's garden.

Mites have several natural predators that need to be protected. Careless spraying of certain pesticides will eliminate natural enemies of mites. One serious objection to using such chemicals as Sevin and Orthene is its steady use kills natural predators of mites and the colonies seem to explode in numbers. If at all possible, select chemicals that have no harmful effect on useful insects. Rosarians need all the outside help that is available, and it behooves them to protect natural predators at all costs.

Yes, when the rosarian recognizes the presence of mites, he or she must act swiftly. Waiting is sure to bring havoc since mites have a ravenous appetite for rose bush sap. As mentioned, their sucking action is swift and very harmful. It is particularly important to be diligent when the temperature is elevated. It is then that mites go on the prowl in search of food. Rosebush sap is a delicacy to them.

Mighty mites? These harmful critters can be eliminated if rosarians act promptly. Pledge to eradicate them to protect the rose bush's good health. The mighty mite can be conquered.

**Richard Anthony and Kristine Vance  
Outstanding Growers and Exhibitors  
Speak at 2012 Winter Workshop**

**Louisville Rose  
Show Announced**

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The annual TENARKY District Winter Workshop, **February 17-19, 2012**, will feature Richard J. Anthony and Kristine Vance from northern Ohio.

Both as accountants and best friends, Richard is in his tenth year of exhibiting roses and fifth year as rose exhibition partners with Kristine. Together, they grow over 1,000 roses in Brimfield Township, Ohio (3 miles South of Kent State University) with about 350+ large roses (Hybrid Tea, Floribunda, Shrub, Species and OGR's) and about 650+ small roses (Miniature and Miniflora including 20+ Miniature Singles).

After winning the Top Gun miniature Queen of Show with 'Bees Knees' in Delaware, Ohio in July 2011, Richard and Kristine have won 82 Queens of Show with 3 National and 6 District Queens in the total. They have given over 20 presentations in the past three plus years to include 2 National and 3 District presentations. Many of their winning miniflora and miniature roses were hybridized by Tennesseans, Whit Wells and Robbie Tucker, with whom they maintain close contact and friendship.

Richard and Kristine have written numerous educational articles on various aspects of growing and exhibiting roses. They are currently writing a series of articles for the ARS Miniature and Miniflora Rose Bulletin directed

at encouraging new rose growers to get involved and have fun exhibiting roses. They are indeed a "Have Program Will Travel Team."

On Sunday morning of the Winter Workshop weekend, a Consulting Rosarian School for will be held featuring lectures and speakers on ARS approved rose-cultivation topics leading to certification and updating of CR Credentials. All workshop attendees are invited to attend the seminars; however, members of the American Rose Society may become certified rose-growing consultants after a minimum of three years of continuous membership, attending a CR school, and taking an open-book test on the required subjects. After serving as consultants for a minimum of 10 years, they may be nominated for receiving the ARS designation of Master Consulting Rosarian.

The 2012 annual TENARKY Winter Workshop will again be held at the Cool Springs Marriott in Franklin, Tennessee, beginning on Friday evening, February 17<sup>th</sup>, and concluding at noon on Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. Weekend events include an informative gardening talk on Friday evening, seminars and lectures during the day on Saturday, an inspirational after-dinner speaker on Saturday evening, and the Sunday morning CR School.

The public is welcomed to register for and attend the workshop events, which involve ARS local Rose Societies in Tennessee, Arkansas, and Kentucky.

**Louisville Rose & Arrangement  
Show September 17, 2011 at Lowes  
Center**

Louisville's 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Rose & Arrangement Show will be held Saturday, September 17, 2011, and Lowes Home Improvement Center, 4930 Norton Healthcare Blvd. Outside exhibitors are welcome. For information contact Show Chair, Richard Hartke; 501-426-6609 ([richardhlrs@aol.com](mailto:richardhlrs@aol.com)) or Louisville Rose Society President, Carolyn Phelps ([roselady@insightbb.com](mailto:roselady@insightbb.com)). For show Schedule and reservations for exhibiting arrangements, contact Howard Carman and Paula Williams ([dr@bbtel.com](mailto:dr@bbtel.com)).

**TENARKY Trophy Revision**

The TENARKY District Rose Show Trophies are in the process of being revised by a committee appointed by the District Director, Dr. Jones, at the 2011 Winter Workshop. A proposal will be presented to the District Conference meeting in Knoxville on September 24<sup>th</sup>, and the revisions accepted will become effective at the following District Rose Show in 2013.

Anyone who would like to make suggestions regarding the TENARKY District trophies, please contact a member of the committee before September 10<sup>th</sup>. The committee members, which include a person from each active society in the district, are the following: Peggy Bingham – Memphis; Linda Jansing – Louisville; Joe Spruiell – Knoxville; Martin Skinner – Holston; Richard Weidner – Cookeville; Larry Baird – Nashville; Mary Ann Hext – Bowling Green; Joanna Deck – Arkansas; Robert Sutherland – Lexington; Jeff Garrett – Chattanooga.

## Mack Blackburn– Outstanding Judge of Beauty and Law

By: Ted Mills

Past TENARKY District Director/ARS Master Rosarian and Judge

## Chattanooga's Rose Garden Tour Benefits CONTACT

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The time was the late 1950's, the place Montreat, North Carolina, the event an assembly of Men of the Church of the Knoxville Presbytery. It was there that I first met Judge T. Mack Blackburn. As presidents of our respective local church organization, we had come to hear Billy Graham introduce President Richard Nixon as principal speaker. As soon as the speech was over, the President left the assembly. Billy then invited us to join him at his home for a relaxing period of time to talk of church matters.

At this meeting Judge Blackburn demonstrated his fine leadership qualities. It was evident that he would go far in the affairs of the Presbyterian Church. Later he rose in the ranks of the Church to become President of the Men in the Church nationally.

Our paths did not cross again until we both became heavily involved with the American Rose Society. Growing roses was our passion and we shared experiences in the hobby with each other through the years. But there is more to mention that this versatile man accomplished.

Being an outstanding lawyer, Judge Blackburn excelled in the courts of law. Not only in his native Knoxville, but his expertise was recognized as he was promoted to higher courts of law in Nashville. It was there that he served the Tennessee Supreme Court with skill and integrity. The Nashville area noted the record of this versatile man, resulting in his being elected Mayor of the suburb, Brentwood.

In spite of a sterling record in law, the Judge was not too busy to enjoy a prized hobby of growing and showing roses. He welded the two avocations. His many awards attest to his skill in horticulture. Many offices of leadership became his lot, as he rose to the top in the American Rose Society. Even though he was a champion in rose culture, he never lost his human touch. He was permeated with kindness and wise counsel that he gave to his fellow competing rosarians. As a result, he was recognized by his peers with the TENARKY District Silver Honor Medal as well as Outstanding Consulting Rosarian and Outstanding Rose Horticulture Judge.

When I decided to become a member of our local rose society, Judge Blackburn advised me in many aspects of the hobby. Even in my quest to produce a fertilizer, he would offer tips that were valuable in getting the product endorsed by ARS. We kept in touch on matters that benefited the national body. When I became Director of TENARKY, he kindly advised me on many occasions. I prized his counsel as the very best – down to earth and threaded with unselfishness. He was a friend indeed to many.

The passing of Judge Blackburn leaves a distinct void in TENARKY – an organization that he dearly loved. He possessed a strong faith in the mission of ARS. His wish was to forever preserve the hobby that all rosarians cherish – growing roses.

The Chattanooga Tri-State Rose Society held a tour of nine local rose gardens in May, 2011, for which they charged a small fee benefitting Chattanooga's CONTACT program.

According to Rose Society member Ted Mills, CONTACT is a local body of passionate volunteers that supply help to troubled individuals. Through a network of telephone responses to disturbed callers they provide of comfort and often prevent people from ending life through suicide. "An army of volunteers man the phones from 7 a.m. till 11 p. m. seven days a week. The professionally trained volunteers work free of compensation," according to Mills.

CONTACT "work is a mission that speaks of godliness," wrote Mills in the Spring 2011 issue of *Basal Breaks*, the Rose Society newsletter. According to Jeff Garrett the event had a great turnout and over \$12,000 was raised for CONTACT. It was their largest single fundraiser in their storied history.

### ARS Fall Convention Los Angeles, California October 13-16, 2011

The ARS 2011 Fall Convention and Rose Show, featuring "Rose Stars," will be held at the regal Hilton Universal, in Universal City, Thursday - Sunday, October 13-16, 2011. For official information about the 2011 ARS Fall National Convention and Rose Show: Website:

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**'Century Two'**



**'Red Delicious'**



## The Gardens of Dr. John and Kay Rodgers

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*A Special Thank You to John and Kay Rodgers for sharing these beautiful photos of their garden.*



**'Sunstruck'**



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