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**Don't forget to vote in the ARS 2015 Triennial Election. Voting ends July 31 at noon!**

If you want even more great information about roses, join the [ARS!](#)

## 2015 TENARKY Convention and Rose Show

*By Kathy Brennan, ARS Consulting Rosarian*

*“As you walk down the fairway of life you must smell the roses, for you only get to play one round.”*

—Ben Hogan

There is no better way to share friendship than through a single rose or a rose garden. We, the societies in Knoxville, plan to do just that September 25-27. We invite all our Tenarky friends to come and celebrate roses with us.

Our complete schedule for the three days is on the [Tenarky website](#). Please check this site, print the schedule and registration form, fill out and mail to the designated person. We have planned delicious meals and a rose show using the carefully cared for roses you enter in the show as an exhibitor. Together we will make a beautiful rose show for the public to view.

Now a list of extra things we have planned for your enjoyment while in Knoxville: First, there will be six vendors Saturday that will have all your garden wants and needs. Holston and Tennessee Rose Societies will have Weeks roses to sell for the vacant space in your garden or container on your patio. Photos of these roses are posted on [Tenarky’s web site](#).

Secondly, Saturday night after a day of



show and speakers, during dinner, we will have an entertaining visit from the one and only “Miss Ethel”. Hummmm, wonder where she hails from and what she has in her bonnet for us.

We will introduce Tenarky District’s new director, Mary Ann Hext, from Bowling Green, KY and our awesome outgoing director, Sam Jones will give out awards.

Thirdly, we have put together a beautiful

rose garden tour featuring two gardens close to U. T.’s campus on Kingston Pike and one to enjoy on your way home just two minutes from Interstate West 40/75. We will carpool to the first two gardens from the Agricultural campus parking lot. First garden will be Betsey Bush’s garden (Bush Beans). This historic home was built in 1927 on 2½ acres. The multi-layered, wandering old garden has been unearthed and restored adding new rose bushes in the mix.

The second garden belongs to Joe and Sharon Pryse. Their home was built in 1930 with 2.16 acres also multi-layered with walls and beautiful roses. Both gardens lead to the Tennessee River.

The third garden belongs to Michael and Mary Bates. They started this garden in 1993 and it has grown into a lovely

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## Director's Column by Sam Jones, TENARKY District Director



Congratulations to Mary Ann Hext, our new TENARKY District Director elect, who will be installed at the Fall TENARKY District Conference in Knoxville on September 26.

### Thanks to Everyone!

As I end my second term as TENARKY District Director, for a total of six wonderful years, I want to express my heart-felt thanks to everyone for your cooperation and willingness to give generously of your time, talents, and resources for our meetings and events. You have been gracious hosts to Nancy and me whenever we have visited your societies, welcoming us to share in your special occasions and important recognitions. We have made so many good friends from all over the district. It is been a rewarding privilege to serve as your District Director.

Nancy and I offer your new Director, Mary Ann Hext, our fullest support and confidence. She brings an enthusiastic spirit of leadership to the office, with fresh ideas and approaches. She has been serving the American Rose Society as an outstanding editor of the *ARS and You* newsletter, and her communication skills will be an asset to all of our rose societies. We look forward to working with her in continuing to promote the enjoyment, spirit, and cultivation of roses for all of our members and the public.

**Please Vote!** If you haven't voted yet in the ARS Triennial Election, you still have time to do so. Your vote matters, and voting is easy. Voting continues until noon on July 31, by going online to [rose.org](http://rose.org). On the ARS Home page, simply click VOTE HERE and enter your individual voting number that is printed on the mailing label (and on page 3) of your May/June *American Rose* magazine. (Associate or joint members will get their separate individual voting numbers directly by postal mail.) If you are unable to locate your voting number, please call ARS (318-938-5402).

As most all of you know, I am running for Vice President of the American Rose Society, and I am humbly asking for your vote for this national office. After a three-year term, the Vice President then serves as President for three years. We in the American Rose Society are at a critical crossroads in our history. The big question is: how will we all work together to help it grow? I believe I have the skills to lead the American Rose Society into a bright future.

Please find out more at my website, [samgrowsroses.com/](http://samgrowsroses.com/). Also, please listen to my podcast interview on Rose Chat Radio (<http://rosechat.podbean.com/feed/>) and read my information in the May/June edition of the *American Rose* magazine.

I encourage every one of you to vote. And thank you for all you are doing for the rose-growing community.

### TENARKY Fall Convention

It is time now to register for the TENARKY District Fall Conference and Rose Show, September 25-27, 2015, in Knoxville. The Conference setting will be the University of Tennessee, Knoxville's Agricultural Campus, the beautiful UT Gardens, and the Beall Family Rose Garden. Registration and information about the hotel, the new Courtyard by Marriott (in the Knoxville West/Bearden area) are on the TENARKY website ([www.tenarky.org/](http://www.tenarky.org/)). The convention hotel rate will be available until September 1.

Friday night's dinner will be a picnic in the UT Gardens, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Saturday evening, the installation of our new District Director will be at the Bearden Banquet Hall (5806 Kingston Pike, Knoxville), from 6:30 pm to 8:30 PM. Awards, recognitions, and appreciations will be presented. Ron Daniels, a popular speaker about roses to gardening groups in Nashville, will speak at the banquet.

On Sunday morning, tours of beautiful near-by rose gardens will be available by car pools, leaving from the UT Agriculture Campus at 10:00 AM.

### TENARKY Rose Show

On Saturday, September 26, the always-beautiful TENARKY District Rose Show will be chaired by Dr. John and Kay Rodgers. Exhibitors may place roses and arrangements in the show by 10:00 AM. After completion of judging, the show will be open to TENARKY members and the public in the afternoon from 12:45 – 4:30 PM.

### American Rose Society Fall National Convention

If you have ever considered attending a National Convention, the Fall ARS Convention in Syracuse, New York September 10-13, 2015, would be a great choice. The committee members from the New York, Pennsylvania-

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# 2015 TENARKY Local Rose Show Photos

## Nashville Rose Society Rose Show—May 23-24



'America' Best of Show & Best Climber—Marty Reich



'Veterans' Honor' Queen David & Tammy Clemmons



'Whirlaway' MF Queen David & Tammy Clemmons



'Daddy Frank' Mini Queen David & Tammy Clemmons



'Louise Estes' Novice Queen Geraldine Miller (left)

ARS Mini Gold Certificate & Mini Royalty Award (right)  
ARS Gold Certificate & Royalty Award (far right)  
Sam Jones



## Bowling Green Rose Society Rose Show—May 30



'Veterans' Honor' Queen Ricky Lockhart (above)  
'Crescendo' Novice Queen Carolyn Batchelor (below)



'Wanderlust' Mini Queen (top)  
'Gift of Love' MF Queen (bottom)  
Richard Anthony & Brenna Bosch



ARS Mini Gold Certificate & Mini Artist Award Paula Williams (above)



ARS Gold Certificate & Oriental Award (above right) and 'Double Knockout' Best Basket of Shrub Roses & Best of Show (right) Mary Ann Hext



## TENARKY District Members Sang a Song of Roses at ARS National Convention *by Mary A. Hext, CR*

*Sing a Song of Roses* was the theme for the 2015 ARS Combined Spring National and National Miniature Conference and Rose Show. The convention was sponsored by The Columbus Rose Club, Delaware Area Rose Society and Lancaster Rose Club, held in Columbus, Ohio, June 11-14.

Co-chairs Dr. Elton Smith and Brian Burley, Region 4 Director, Dr. Jim Hering, Buckeye District Director Larry Schock along with the Central Ohio Rose Society presidents planned a spectacular conference and rose show.

While Tenarky District Director and First Lady, Sam and Nancy Jones were attending the ARS Board Meeting on Friday, Glenn Fuqua and Mary Ann Hext were learning arrangement techniques at an arrangement workshop titled "Modern, Mechanics ... and Make it Sing" coordinated by Dr. Gary Barlow and Dr. Lew Shupe. Tours of several places of interest in Columbus were also available.

Richard Anthony and Brenna Bosch were very successful in their horticulture exhibits at the rose show on Saturday. Mary Ann Hext, exhibiting arrangements for the first time at a national show, also received two awards.

Saturday afternoon, Sam presented an educational session to conference participants.



**Tenarky rosarians at the Awards Banquet: Linda & George Jansing, Mark & Kathy Nolen, Sam & Nancy Jones, Glenn Fuqua & Mary Ann Hext (not pictured Brenna Bosch, Richard Anthony & Whit Wells)**



**ARS President Jolene Adams honors our own Whit Wells for his work as a hybridizer and the many roses he has given us to enjoy**

The Saturday evening awards banquet included a "Sing-A-Long" of favorite rose songs led by Dave Jackson accompanied by Brian Hesselbart, pianist. Dr. Hering was Master of Ceremonies and recognized this year's honorees: He announced the 2016 Award of Excellent Winners: 'Chessie's Favorite' hybridized by



**Best Mini Basket 'Joy' exhibited by Richard Anthony and Brenna Bosh**

Barbara Zimmerman and 'Oso Easy Lemon Zest' hybridized by Christopher Warner. 'Glowing Amber' was the Hall of Fame winner.

ARS President Jolene Adams announced the 2015 Members Choice Award is 'Dick Clark'. Keith Zary and Whit Wells were honored for their work in hybridizing roses that make our lives more enjoyable. Pat Shanley, ARS Vice President, received the 2015 Glenda Whitaker Award. President Adams presented Baldo Villegas with the ARS Klima Medal; he was also the keynote speaker. Jeff Ware was recognized for his work as ARS Executive Director and Laura Seabaugh was introduced as the new director.

The conference chairs thanked the many people who worked to make this conference such a success and so enjoyable for all who attended. Ann Gibson from the New York District invited everyone to attend the Fall national Convention in Syracuse in September.

Sunday morning following the Patrons' Breakfast and ARS Members Meeting, garden tours continued to the Columbus Park of Roses, Inniswood Gardens, Oakland Nursery and to Herr's private garden. Those attending were certainly "Singing Songs of Roses" for a truly memorable event.

# ARS Convention (continued from p. 4)



Glenn Fuqua working on her design at the Arranger's Workshop on Friday



Frank A. Bernardella Memorial Challenge



F. Harmon Saville Memorial Challenge Bowl (left)  
Mini King 'Nancy Jean' (above)



ARS Mini Artist & Mini Gold Certificate modern reflective arrangement using 'Shameless' roses (left) and ARS Duchess Award and Silver Certificate modern free form arrangement using 'Opening Night' and 'Let Freedom Ring' (right) designed by Mary Ann Hext receiving certificates from Dr. Gary Barlow (below)



Lois Fowkes, Chair of the National Prizes & Awards Committee, presents Brenna Bosh & Richard Anthony one of their many awards:  
F. Harmon Saville Memorial Challenge Bowl  
Frank A. Bernardella Memorial Challenge  
J. Benjamin Williams Miniflora Challenge  
Dee Bennett Memorial Trophy  
Miniature King 'Nancy Jean'  
Miniature Open Bloom 'My Hometown'  
Miniflora Single Bloom 'Tom Mayhew'  
Best Miniature and/or Miniflora Basket Challenge (first time an exhibitor has won 4 national small rose challenge trophies at same show)



Best Mini Single 'Tom Mayhew'



## Constant Vigilance by Ted Mills, Master Rosarian



If there was ever a time that required constant vigilance, it is now. Having just experienced a rose-killing frigid season in the spring of 2014, it is time to regroup, circle the wagons, and not permit a recurrence of the disaster of last spring. Some of the rose destruction could have been avoided if rose growers had not fallen into the trap of complacent behavior. Sadly, 2015 is a repeat of 2014.

Permit RoseDoc to confess that the severe loss of rose bushes did not escape his garden. He reports a figure of thirty lost bushes and most of the rest struggling to stay alive. It is the worst scenario in his 35 years of growing roses. The sustained cold weather was too much for the bushes to survive. The fact it was sustained freezing for over 48 hours makes it mandatory that corrective steps must be adopted. Increase the insulation to adequately cover the bushes, especially the important bud unions.

Weather prophets correctly predicted that 2015 would be more severe than was 2014. Something is causing weather conditions to be different from past years. Some say the atmosphere is being unwisely tampered with to cause abnormal weather patterns. Whatever the cause, rosarians must step to the plate with diligence and compete with this atmospheric tragedy. Rosarians may not do anything to correct the weather but they certainly can boost protective measures to protect the rose bushes against severe inclemency.

ARS has a vast store of literature that covers winter protection. The farther north, the more protection is needed. Sophisticated remedies are prevalent in the north whereas simple insulation has been ample protection in the south. Not so today. Weather globally has changed and old remedies just won't cut it. One can never know where the jet stream will blow.

Research the problem and employ added protection to the prized bushes. Be constantly vigilant in adopting new and better ways to insulate. Giving the entire garden an added measure of mulch and various other forms of insulation will go a long way in protecting the bushes.

Let there be optimism in the minds of all rosarians who truly love roses. America is at its best when the public is enjoying the good things of life. Growing and showing roses is one of the hobbies that is universally loved. After all, these bouquets adorned the homes of Napoleon and Cleopatra. The rose beauty is still with us. Rosarians must retain vigilance particularly when the storms come and the bushes are suffering. The bushes are totally dependent on the growers. Just as RoseDoc's cat waits for his meals, so does the rose bush await feeding by the rosarian.

In researching the damage caused by a winter hard freeze it would be wise to record the various afflictions it wrought. This action will be of great benefit in years to come. Since the median age of ARS members is quite elevated, having a written record of the damage and the various combative remedies that were successful will be of great help should the bushes suffer again. Effective control measures in a journal of record will help the rose grower who experiences problems.

This past winter's freeze damage just may have a silver lining. It might make a better grower out of the rosarians who suffered most. Let us be optimistic about the super freeze. In the Army, RoseDoc was taught that the best fighting force is one that has been tried by fire and bounced back to victory. In fact, during World War II, RoseDoc's 84th Infantry Division saw much action in Europe. The name of their history book — *"Tried by Fire"*.

Added care should be exerted this spring by the rose grower. Particular care should be allotted the soil in the rose garden. Remember — the home of the rose bush garners most attention. This is particularly true if blue-ribbon roses are to be cultivated. RoseDoc has always placed soil at the very top in importance. Check the pH factor to make sure it registers 6.2 to 6.8 with 6.5 being best. Determine whether the rose bed is fertile and drains properly. Use an ample supply of organic material in the beds. It is well to plant in the hole where a bush has experienced death during the aforementioned freeze. As long as infected roots are removed entirely from the planting site, it is safe to use the old hole. The removal of any debris such as fallen rose leaves that may harbor disease is a must. Added inspection time should be given the newly planted rose plants. RoseDoc's slogan to the novice is: *"Keep the rose beds hospital clean"* — Perform all rose activity with constant vigilance.

*Ed. Note: This article appeared in the 2015 spring edition of Basal Breaks, the Tri-State Rose Society of Chattanooga, Jeff & Cindy Garrett, Eds., and is used with permission. Ted has had 56 articles published in the "American Rose".*

## TENARKY Local Society News

### **Bowling Green Rose Society**

*By Mary Ann Hext, President*

BGRS members held their 53rd rose show on May 30 with many beautiful roses being exhibited. After the show, all roses were delivered by members of the American Legion to veterans and other patients in local nursing homes.

The "After the Rose Show Banquet" was held June 1 with Tenarky District Director Dr. Sam Jones and First Lady Nancy Jones, as our guests. Sam spoke about the trip that several ARS members made to China in preparation for the WFRS Convention which will be held in Beijing in May 2016.

One evening in May, BGRS was recognized at the Hotrods baseball game (a minor league franchise). Members set up a table at the entrance with information about growing roses and our upcoming rose show. A member also threw the opening pitch.

Garden meetings at member homes are planned for the summer months.

### **Cookeville Rose Society**

*By Nancy Lazer, CARS Editor*

In May, Mike Thompson did a wonderful program on Pesticides, Chemicals and Spray Safety. We had a very nice Picnic/Garden Tour at the home of Al and Rosemary Ponte in June, and will tour the gardens of CARS Members Richard Wright and Chuck and Sarah Johnson in July, and the garden of C.B. and Bonnie Coburn in August. Our teams have been maintaining the Dogwood Park Rose Garden in Cookeville, and needed to replace 16 rose bushes that did not fare well over the winter.

### **Holston Rose Society**

*By Sallie Blazer, HR Editor*

Programs at meetings included:

- Irrigation Systems for Rose Gardens—Mike Thompson brought various types of pipes, valves and sprinklers to our January meeting. He discussed/demonstrated the advantages and disadvantages of each. Mike had made a sample of the solid pipe with different types of valves attached to it. He does not use flexible pipe for drip irrigation and prefers a Pop-Up Valve 1800 series.

- The February meeting was canceled due to snow and ice.

- Spraying: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly—Ann Crawford led a discussion on products (chemicals) for the growing and care of roses at our March meeting. She gave the members a fun quiz on identifying the names of products she brought to the meeting. These products are sold under a different name in smaller quantities and at a reduced strength for people who only have a few roses. In her talk Ann included the safe handling of chemicals and the importance of wearing the proper protective clothing. She cautioned us to always read the labels and abide by the instructions from the supplier of the product. A list of the chemicals that are sold by the Co-op for the care of Roses was given to members.

- Photography—In April, Cheryl Sharp gave us excellent tips on taking pictures and various photography equipment. Everyone was able to pick three note cards that held photos taken by Cheryl. Each person was also given a pack of three blank note cards that can hold the individual's photos.

- Garden Tour—The May meeting was held at the home of Mary Bates. A light dinner was provided for the group in a beautiful setting among all the roses and shade plants. Mary led a tour around her gardens identifying the roses and plants in her gardens. Some of her rose bushes are 20 years old. They are beautiful. Mary was a wonderful hostess and her talk was very informative.

Charles D. Griggs, a long time, devoted member of the Holston Rose Society passed away on January 22, 2015, at home with his loving wife of 52 years by his side. Charles was an avid gardener. He and his wife, Robbie, shared a passion for roses. Charles was an active member of the Holston Rose Society and the Tennessee Rose Society. He was a ARS Consulting Rosarian.

### **Nashville Rose Society**

*By Cindy Worch, President*

Here are some things that have been happening in NRS over the past few months.

- Fortuniana Rose Sale headed up by Millie Dollinger and her husband Dudley. This is a fund raiser for our society. The roses are from K & M Nursery.

- Vendor Night in March was another great fund raiser for us. Gary and Lycrecia Spencer did a wonderful job as usual coordinating the vendors and orders.

- Our Society participates in the Nashville Lawn & Garden Show every year. We signed up 6 new members this year!

- We had two pruning parties this year. We use this event to teach beginner's in our society and anyone in the community (*cont. p. 8*)

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how to prune roses. Thanks Marty Reich for getting this done.

- We had a booth at the Urban Gardener Festival put on by the Davidson County Master Gardeners. We sold roses and signed up two new members!

- Our Rose Show was a big hit this year. We set up at Ellington Ag Center, which is a different location than usual. There was more foot traffic from the community coming in to see the roses and talking to us about growing and showing roses. We were thrilled to sign up 14 new and 1 returning member! Each was given a free rose. We want to especially send a big shout out to new members Gerry Miller who won Novice Queen and Dianne Coleman who won Mini Novice Queen. It was their first time to show a rose. Exciting!!!

- Our annual picnic was held at the beautiful home and garden of Jeff and Jennifer Harvey. It is always a treat to visit.

- Some of the most exciting news is that we are going to have a rose garden at Cheekwood! Thanks to Sam Jones and Ron Daniels for getting this started and seeing it through. We will have more information when we get the installation of the roses complete.

- We will be changing the day and time of our monthly meetings in August. We are going to meet on the first Sunday 2-5 pm in the Potter's Room at Cheekwood.

Looking forward to an amazing second half of the year!

### **Tennessee Rose Society**

**By Mary Frances Carlson,  
President**

This year has been a good one for the Tennessee Rose Society

even with the cold weather experienced during the early part of the year and an ice storm that was not kind to some of our gardens. With the Tenarky District Rose Show and Convention being held here in Knoxville Sept. 26 and 27, naturally we are very focused on plans for that event and want everyone to come! The theme is "Smoky Mountain Roses."

Monthly programs have been a highlight in that we have had several outstanding programs. We began the year with Ryan and Wendy Tilley from Alpharetta, GA. Ryan's talk was "Triumph Over Tribulation," and everyone took advantage of Wendy's great gardening products that she had for sale.

Another special program was "Ten Steps to Growing Great Roses," and we have Cindy Dale from Peachtree, GA, to thank for coming this far to give us important information that every rose grower needs to know. Other programs have or will focus on getting ready for the rose show so we will know how to display our roses and share them with convention/rose show attendees and the Knoxville public.

Finally, we cannot forget our annual picnic held at the beautiful lakeside home of Lane Hays. Her rose gardens and waterfall features were a delight to see; and as always, everyone enjoys the chance to get together socially and to eat good food!

We will continue to enjoy this year in the Tennessee Rose Society and will be striving to fulfill our theme for the year: "Celebrating Roses—The Queen of Flowers."

### **Tri-State Rose Society**

**By Carol Sharpe, President**

What a joy it is to witness the change of seasons! Nature's colors are magnificent and amazing. We are now able to add our lovely roses to the current mix of beauty.

It has been a challenging winter, and many of us have either lost a number of roses or encountered some significant damage to our gardens. However, on a positive note, we have been given the opportunity to add new varieties and colors as replacements. We are now beginning to enjoy the fruits of our labor with beautiful and fragrant new blooms.

The Tri-State Rose Society enjoys sharing our love of roses, and in March a number of our volunteers met for pruning and maintenance at Veteran's Park located in Soddy Daisy, TN, just on the outskirts of Chattanooga. *(Photo p. 11)* Members of our club initially established the garden, primarily with disease-resistant roses, and we provide the necessary maintenance. We also offer public pruning demonstrations on the site each March. Because of the past harsh winter conditions, in addition to some evidence of rose rosette, it was necessary to replace a few of the roses. We also offer public pruning demonstrations on site each March.

It is such a joy and pleasure bringing fresh roses indoors, as well as sharing them with others. We are continually blessed by the beauty that surrounds us. One of my favorite quotes is, *"Everyone needs beauty, as well as bread; a place to play in, a place to pray in, there nature may give strength to body and soul."*



## 2015 TENARKY Convention and Rose Show *(continued from p. 1)*

rose garden including many prize winning roses which wrap around their home.

We plan to post pictures of each garden on [Tenarky.org](http://Tenarky.org) soon for you to preview. Also directions for the tour will be in your fantastic "Goody Bag" handed out to you when you register.

A lot of work has been put into this event for you to enjoy, have a good experience and reap the benefits of friendship through the rose. See you in September!

*Editor's Note: Registration information is attached to the email with this newsletter and all information is also available on the [TENARKY District website](http://TENARKY District website).*

## TENARKY Director's Column *(continued from p. 2)*

New Jersey, and the Yankee Districts are planning outstanding programs, a national rose show, vendors, tours, and the opportunity to meet rosarians from across the country and world.

International speakers include: Dr. David Byrne, Texas A&M AgriLife Research Horticulturist; Steve Hutton, President/CEO of Star Roses and Conard-Pyle Plants; Michael Marriott, Senior Rosarian, David Austin Roses; Alain Meilland, Meilland International Roses, Cannet des Maures, France; Thomas Proll, Breeder, Kordes Roses, Germany; Will Radler, CEO of Rose Innovations and creator of the Knock-Out Rose Family; and Dr. Jim Sproul, Rose Hybridizers Association, Bakersfield, California.

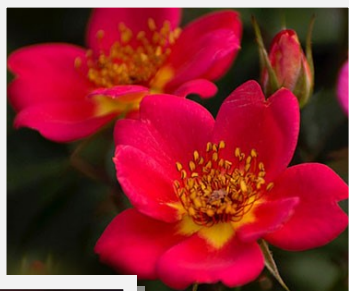
For further information and a complete listing of all events, please check out the convention website, [www.newyorkroses.org/](http://www.newyorkroses.org/).

### More Summer and Fall Rose Show Opportunities

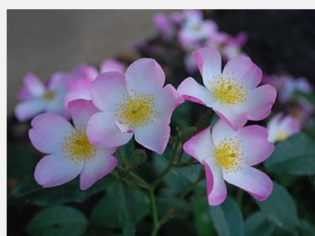
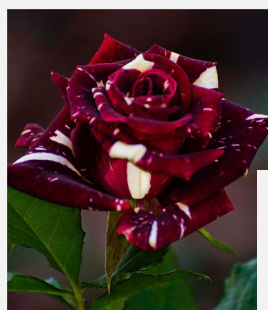
Besides the two outstanding district and national rose shows in September, there are local shows in the area coming soon. Louisville will be the site of two of them: One rose show will be held at the Kentucky State Fair on August 22, and the other will be hosted by the Louisville Rose Society on September 19. Both are officially sanctioned ARS shows. The Memphis/Dixie Rose Club will have a rose show on Sunday, October 4.

Beautiful roses to all!

## Local Society Photos



Mary Frances Carlson in her garden  
with 'Tournament of Roses'



'Crazy Dottie'  
'Memphis Music'  
'Lyda Rose'  
from the garden  
of  
Linda & George Jansing



Whit Wells looking at the Mini-  
floras at the ARS Rose Show

# Summer Fertilizing: Challenging Unexplored Myths

by Dr. Sam Jones, Master Rosarian, TENARKY District Director

Summertime! Japanese beetles, thrips, spider mites, sun-scorched small blooms, slow growth and lower leaf drop--these are common rose-garden scenes. "Wait for the heat and drought to subside" is the standard lore. And, for goodness sake, don't fertilize with temperatures in the 90s and above. It's a waste of time and money; and, worse still, it's harmful.

Before reading Lou and Diane Pavlovich's article, "Rose Myths Busted: Summer Fertilizing is a Must" (*American Rose*, July/August 2014), I already questioned the prevailing orthodoxy: "Roses must tough it out through the summer months." Having lost plants through an erratic winter, I replaced them with potted bare-root roses from our February Fundraiser Sale, and I dreaded seeing these first-season specimens suffering through the doldrums of summer. So, I set up a bi-weekly summer feeding program and resolved to continue. After seeing rewarding foliage in May, when the June heat-waves hit, I decided to boost rose feeding rather than to pull back. The Pavlovich article confirmed my decision. The results? With increased nourishment, not only were numerous new canes appearing after dead-heading, but so were basal breaks. More and larger-than-common buds and blooms were opening in the middle of July. Something was working.

My program? At two week intervals, I gave my roses regular applications of liquid fertilizer concentrates consisting of either Mills Easy Feed (one tablespoon per gallon) or Monty's Joy Juice (one to two teaspoons per gallon). Although monthly frequencies are recommended, bi-weekly applications worked well with good hydration. During dry periods, every other day in either early mornings or late afternoons, I watered the soil beneath the roses. I also water-sprayed the foliage in late-mornings or early afternoons during 90 degree-plus spells. The roses responded beautifully and the spider mites were gone. Larger summer blooms, basal breaks and new canes were prominent. The lesson: It pays to challenge unexplored myths. Thanks, Lou and Diane, for your affirmation!



'Legends' Basal Breaks in July



'Pope John Paul II' July Buds



'St. Patrick'



'Hot Princess'

Mid-Summer Blooms  
from Sam and Nancy's  
Rose Garden  
July 17, 2014



'Let Freedom Ring'

## TENARKY Local Society Photos *(continued from p. 9)*



Tri-State Rose Society of Chattanooga members pruning roses at Veterans Park—Sue Ruxton, Ann Bartlett, Jeff Garrett, Jim Bennett, Dr. Casandra Cansler and Carol Sharpe *(l to r)*



Nancy and Sam Jones at Bowling Green Rose Show with Sam's ARS Royalty Award Arrangement



Holston Rose Society members tour the gardens at the home of Mary and Michael Bates



Titus Tirop, WKU Horticulture Major and Recipient of BGRS scholarship and Mary Ann Hext, BGRS President, attend WKU Scholarship Dinner



Tri-State Rose Society president, Carole Sharpe, presented Mary Guthrie a CR Emeritus certificate for her many years of dedication and service to the local society and ARS



Nashville Rose Society Pruning Party



Cindy Worch, President of NRS, receives ARS Bronze Honor Medal From TENARKY District Director Dr. Sam Jones (



Garden of John and Kay Rodgers  
Open Garden Tour

**ARS Fall National  
Convention**

**Roses in a New  
York State of Mind**

September 10-13—Syracuse, NY  
Click [here](#) for information and to register



Kathy Brennan and Rhonda Spruill  
Tennessee RS Members  
Birthday Celebration

### Links for Rose Lovers

- [Garden Web](#)
- [RoseShow.com](#)
- [Rose Gardening World](#)
- [The Garden Diary](#)
- [Integrated Pest Management of Roses](#)
- [Rose Chat Radio](#)
- [Integrated Pest Management](#)
- [Rose Hybridizers Association](#)
- [World Federation of Rose Societies](#)
- [Heritage Rose Foundation](#)
- [The Heritage Roses Group](#)
- [Help Me Find-Roses](#)

### Blogs for Rose Lovers

- [Redneck Rosarian](#)
- [A Rose is a Rose](#)
- [HedgerowRose](#)
- [If Only Sweat Were Irrigation](#)
- [The Graceful Gardner](#)
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## UPCOMING TENARKY EVENTS

Louisville Rose Society Rose Show  
September 19, 2015

TENARKY District Convention and Rose Show  
September 25-27  
Knoxville, TN

Memphis/Dixie Rose Society Rose Show  
October 4, 2015

See [www.tenarky.org](http://www.tenarky.org) for details!

**TENARKY Winter Workshop Photography Show**  
(tentative plans are being made)  
Take lots of photos of roses, rose gardens,  
and rose events to exhibit!!  
(Information coming soon!!)



## Join the ARS for just \$10 for a 4-Month Trial Membership

The American Rose Society is offering a four-month trial membership for only \$10 to anyone who is interested in becoming a member of our organization. Most ARS members are home gardeners who enjoy growing roses and want to expand their knowledge of rose culture.

### Four-Month Trial Members receive:

- Free advice from Consulting Rosarians.
- Free or reduced garden admissions, a \$25 value after just three uses.
- Free online access to five quarterly bulletins, a \$45 value.
- Two issues of *American Rose* magazine, a \$16 value. View a free issue online at [www.ars.org](http://www.ars.org).
- Discounts of up to 30% at merchant partners.

A 4-month trial membership is valued at \$86 for only \$10!

### Join Now!

You may [complete the online form](#) or call us at 1-800-637-6534.

## Rose Chat Radio Recent Podcasts



If you missed any of these informative podcasts, click [here](#) to listen!

- A Conversation with Tom Carruth
- 2015 Biltmore International Rose Trials
- Exhibiting Mini & Miniflora Roses with Richard Anthony
- Certified Roses—Miranda Lambert Rose & More
- Matthias Meilland—Meilland Roses—Six Generations of Roses
- Marci Martin—springtime Gardening, Cooking Your Roses & A Rose for Marion
- Sam Jones—Candidate for ARS Vice President
- Bob Martin—Candidate for ARS Vice President
- Kids & Roses with Lee Stephens
- Cemetery Rose—Sacramento City Cemetery with Anita Clevenger

## Don't forget to vote in the ARS 2015 Triennial Election



Voting began June 1 and will end at 12 noon central time on July 31. The May/June issue of *American Rose* magazine included your *Unique Voting ID Number* and information about the election and how to vote.

**2013-2015 District Officers**

**District Director**

Dr. Sam Jones  
Nashville, TN  
615.646.4138

**Secretary**

Kathy Dodson  
Rockfield, KY  
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Sharon Wuorenmaa  
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Appointments**

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**Horticulture Judges**

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Knoxville, TN 37922  
865.539.5226

**Nominations/Awards**

Charles Lott  
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615.824.5614

**Roses in Review**

Jeff Garrett  
Tri-State RS of Chattanooga  
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**Membership**

Jimmy Moser  
Memphis, TN  
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**Newsletter**

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**Tenarky District  
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**Bowling Green Rose Society**

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