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**2021 Tenarky District Winter Workshop Cancelled!**

**Fall Convention & Rose Show Hosted by NRS Date TBA**

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## Tenarky District to be part of the ARS Southeast Region by Mary Ann Hext, Tenarky Vice Director

At the fall 2019 meeting of the ARS Board of Directors in Franklin, TN, the Board approved the proposal of the Strategic Planning Committee for Regional changes. This reduced the number of Regions from 10 to 4, based upon geography, District boundaries, and membership numbers.

The resulting ARS Board will consist of 25 members including 18 District Directors, 4 Regional Directors, and 3 officers. The Strategic Planning Committee also reviewed the responsibilities of the Regional Directors and determined that there would be no impact from a reduction in Regions. The change in number of Regions would be implemented as part of the next triennial election, and be effective with the next administration beginning in fall, 2021. The new ARS Regions would consist of the Districts designated below:

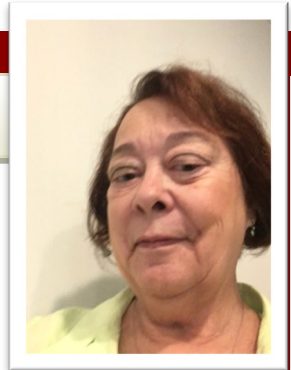
ARS REGIONS - Effective September, 2021				
Regions	Northeast Region	Southeast Region	Northwest Region	Southwest Region
	Buckeye	Carolina	NCNH	Central
	Great Lakes	Colonial	Pacific Northwest	Pacific Southwest
	Illinois - Indiana	Deep South	Rocky Mountain	South Central
	New York	Gulf	Foreign	
	North Central	Tenarky		
	Penn Jersey			
	Yankee			
<b>Total ARS Members</b>	<b>1,664</b>	<b>1,908</b>	<b>1,662</b>	<b>1,652</b>

For the Tenarky District, this means that we will no longer be part of three different ARS Regions as we currently are. Rose societies located in Kentucky are part of Region 4 which also includes Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, and Ontario, Canada; and Linda Kimmel is our Region Director. Tennessee rose societies belong to the Region 3 with Georgia, Florida, Alabama, and Mississippi; and Ralph Stream is the Region Director. The Tenarky portion of Arkansas belongs to Region 7 which includes Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas; and Baxter Williams is the Region Director. All of the Tenarky District will now be part of the Southeast Region, and the first director will be elected this summer when the ARS holds its Tri-ennial elections.

At this time, the only candidate for the Southeast Region director is Ralph Stream from Florida who is a long-time ARS member, well-known exhibitor, past director of the Deep South District as well as current Region 3 director, and certainly qualified for this position. Ralph was instrumental in helping to get a rose named for former Tenarky District Director, Sam Jones (*photo p. 2*). He has requested and would appreciate our support and a document with information about Ralph is attached with this newsletter.



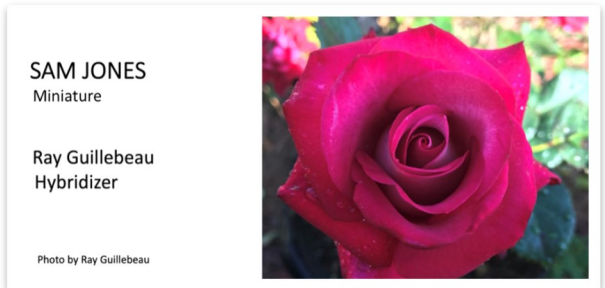
## District Director's Message *by Lori Emery*



The Covid-19 pandemic has drastically changed lives over the past year. We have been affected either by contracting the virus ourselves or have suffered the loss of friends and/or family. People have lost their jobs; stores and restaurants have closed and we are living a lot of our life "virtually." The roll out of the vaccine has given us a glimmer of hope that we will get ahead of the virus.

In the meantime, we continue to be vigilant protecting ourselves from exposure. Virtual meetings have now become the mainstay of our monthly meetings, rose shows and seminars. The educational programs provided by the American Rose Society [ARS] were a huge success last year. January started the new year off with Carol Shockley's excellent presentation on "New Roses for 2021" on January 9<sup>th</sup>. Her program will be on the ARS website [rose.org] for anyone who missed it.

Carol announced the 'Sam Jones' rose that will be available later this year through K and M Roses. The original miniature rose was hybridized by Ray Guillebeau and renamed for Sam. He would be overjoyed to know that a rose has been named in his honor and memory. We will all surely want to get this rose as a reminder and a symbol of everything Sam believed in and accomplished in his life both personally and as an enthusiastic rosarian.



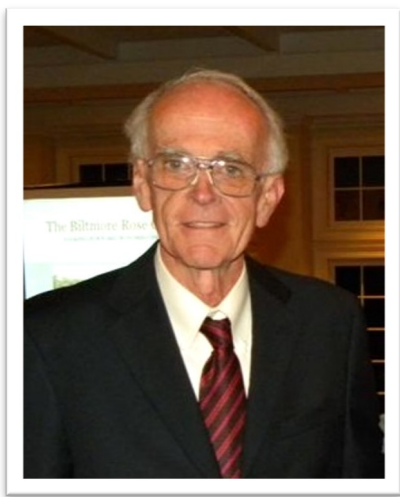
ARS presented a webinar on the changes in judging horticulture and ethical considerations on January 16<sup>th</sup>. The Consulting Rosarian classes will be held every Saturday in February. These seminars are designed to prepare future consulting rosarians and to provide the latest research and changes in practice for the seasoned rosarian. ARS will be providing more educational webinars as the year progresses.

We will be cautiously optimistic about in person local society meetings and rose shows for 2021 that will depend on disease transmission and vaccination success. I wish you all a very healthy New Year and you will gain new knowledge, plant new varieties and enjoy your roses!

**SAVE THE DATE!!! You are All Invited . . .**  
**To attend the Nashville Rose Society virtual meeting on February 14 at 2 p.m. CT. ARS President Bob Martin will be our guest speaker!!! Information to log on will be sent to each society president/editor to send to members the week prior to the meeting.**

## **In Memory of Clayton Beaty** **October 1, 1942 to November 24, 2020**

- A good friend of the Tenarky District and the American Rose Society
- President/Owner of Beaty Fertilizer, Inc., maker of Mills Magic Rose Mix and other rose products
- ARS Bronze Honor Medal 2011
- Generous donor to our local and district rose societies, American Rose Society and American Rose Center
- Speaker/Presenter at many rose society meetings and Tenarky District CR Schools
- A wonderful rose mentor and friend to rosarians across the country





## Consulting Rosarian Corner *by Kathy Brennan, President, Tennessee Rose Society*

Please note the up-and-coming CR school starting February 6, 2021. ARS cutoff date for filing candidates' paperwork for approval is January 23, 2021. Please stay current by checking Tenarky's website on the Consulting Rosarian page, there you will find your name and all needed information.

ARS asks that CR Chairmen inform CR's attending a CR Seminar for one hour credit, an attendance sheet after each seminar will be sent to all Chairmen with names of all CRs who attended for credit. If you registered and signed in but left computer before seminar was over, attendance sheet will register your sign in and leave time. A number of CRs left the last seminar on NEW ROSES FOR 2021 before it was over. According to ARS, they did not get credit. I will do my best to keep good records on these one hour credits.

Please do your part by keeping your own records. We can double check the ARS attendance sheets if necessary.

Some of you are asking about filing a CR Report on 2020. Since ARS President, Bob Martin, has declared 2020 a non-year for rosarians, Tenarky is not requiring a CR Report. However, if you want to fill out the report and email it to me, I will be happy to receive it. You can find the form on Tenarky's website on the CR page. Click [here](#) for link to Tenarky CR page:



**The CR Seminar Schedule is on page 4 of this newsletter.**

### CR TIP – Health Benefits of Bird Watching

Did you know the health benefits of Birdwatching and growing roses are the same? These benefits are, gets you outside, improves cardiovascular health, physical fitness, reduces stress, increases mental fitness, lowers blood pressure, lifts mood, overall makes you a better person. Both hobbies offer the prospect of meeting new friends.

A study from the University of Exeter in England found that people living in neighborhoods with more birds, trees and gardens are less likely to have depression and anxiety.

So, keep up your rose gardens and watch the birds!

***“For man, as for flower and bird, the supreme triumph is to be most vividly, most perfectly, alive.”***

**—D. H. Lawrence**





## 2021 Consulting Rosarian School *from Dave & Gerry Mahoney, ARS CR Chairs*

Welcome to the New Year and hopefully a far better year than the past. While 2020 had its moments, the one thing that it provided was an online CR School. After a tumultuous start, it worked out rather well. So, we have another school in February. Each Saturday in February, we will have a part of the school. At the end of the four weeks, each candidate receives a test link. They may take the test as many times as needed to achieve a 70% correct score. This is the schedule! Please talk to Kathy Brennan, Tenarky District CR Chair for the information needed to become a candidate. We hope to see you at the school!

Date	Topic	Speaker	Organizer	Contact Person
February 6, 2021 1:00 pm CST	CR Mission	Gerry Mahoney	Carol Spiers/ARS Staff	Dave Mahoney
February 6, 2021 1:00 pm CST	Soil & Water	John Moe	Carol Spiers/ARS Staff	Gerry Mahoney
February 13, 2021 1:00 pm CST	Fertilizer	Chris Woods	Carol Spiers/ARS Staff	Linda Schuppen- er
February 20, 2021 1:00 pm CST	Insects & Diseases	Mark Windham	Carol Spiers/ARS Staff	Kathy Brennan
February 27, 2021 1:00 pm CST	Chemical Safety	Craig Dorschel	Carol Spiers/ARS Staff	Louis Arce
March 9, 2021 1:00 pm CST	Online Exam		Dave Mahoney	Dave Mahoney

The table below lists the dates for the CR Seminars that are for CRs to use for audit credits and to assist all ARS members in growing roses. Invitations will be sent to ARS members prior to each seminar.

Topic	Speaker	Date
The Scourge of Chili Thrips	Kathy Monge	March 13, 2021 – 1 pm CST
Modes of Action - Chemicals – How They Work (Chemical Safety Credit)	Frank VanLenten	March 27, 2021 – 1 pm CDT

### **Congratulations to Keith & Martha Garman and Bob Bowen** Nashville Rose Society 2020 ARS Bronze Honor Medal Recipients





## **'Quietness' by Mary Bates, CR, Tennessee Rose Society**

### **'Quietness'**

**Shrub- Dr. Griffith Buck**

**Light Pink- Very full**

**ARS rating – 8.3**

**Fragrance- intense old-rose fragrance**



'Quietness' offers the charm of an Old Garden Rose with a reliable repeat flowering habit of a Modern Rose. The delicate soft pink cupped 4 inch blooms appear singly or in clusters of 3-9 from spring until frost. The rose has upright, vigorous growth with leathery, medium green, disease resistant foliage and is considered an excellent addition to the garden. 'Quietness' makes a large

shrub growing up to 6-7 feet and four feet wide. With a quick repeat bloom, 'Quietness' seems to be in continual bloom with some of the season's earliest blooms and flushes of blooms lasting until the very end of the season. For those who prefer a mixed border, 'Quietness' works exceptionally well.

"Just a seedling" left by Dr. Griffith Buck was how this beautiful shrub rose was first described with no prestigious name or release date. Introduced by Pat Henry of Roses Unlimited, Pat tells an intriguing story of how Mary Buck, daughter of Dr. Buck, sent her clippings of a rose that she related had been planted by her father many years ago. The rose was growing under the canopy of mature trees in the backyard of the Buck family home. In spite of the shady conditions, the rose continued to thrive. Upon receipt of the cuttings, Pat put them in mist, and soon they rooted. After potting them up she brought them home to observe their growth. She related that she had grown the rose all summer, but had missed the blooms until the morning after the September 11, 2001 tragedy that shook our nation. This morning was quiet and still offering time to reflect on the previous day's events. There, hanging down among other foliage, was a beautiful pink rose. As Pat knelt to look and breathe in the beautiful fragrance, she marveled at the beauty of this rose. It was "just a seed." How could this special beauty have been overlooked? Excitedly she rushed to the phone to call Mary Buck. She wanted to tell Mary that surely Quietness would be the name if she and Mrs. Buck approved. She knew that Dr. Buck was a quiet man as well.

Pat Henry introduced 'Quietness' in 2003 and since that time many rose lovers have enjoyed this special rose. Pat describes Dr. Buck as a man ahead of his time and wishes he could have seen his work come to the front in today's roses. Little did he realize there would be such a demand for easy-care roses.

Dr. Buck believed roses should be as easy to grow as dandelions. During his years as a Professor of Horticulture at Iowa State from 1949-1985, he introduced 90 rose cultivars most of which were hardy and considered easy-care by today's standards. Buck sought to develop hardy disease resistant roses that did not need the spraying and the winter protection of roses that were being hybridized by his fellow rosarians during this time period. Dr. Buck started seedlings in a greenhouse and then planted them in the field after their first winter. Those that survived subsequent winters in the harsh Iowa climate with temperatures frequently dipping twenty degrees below zero without protection were considered for introduction. Because his research program could not afford to spray against diseases, Buck's plants with weak genetics and low tolerance for insects and disease were naturally eliminated. Roses intolerant of insect/disease are unable to retain their foliage when disease/insect pressures are high, and it is this characteristic that impacts the plant's winter hardiness.

Today researchers and growers in Iowa, Texas, Minnesota, Ohio, Florida, New York, Canada, Bermuda, New Zealand, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Mississippi and Kentucky are co-operating to continue the work Dr. Buck began. Texas A&M horticulturists have conducted scientific and field research for many years in search of truly

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care-free roses. Roses making beautiful landscape specimens that can perform even under rigid, and sometimes brutal, research protocols are given the designation of "Earth-Kind".

To receive this designation, each cultivar must exhibit outstanding disease and insect, be heat and drought tolerant, be winter hardy, and provide excellent landscape performance absent spraying with pesticides/fungicides and supplemental irrigation once plants are established. Earth-Kind Roses must also be tolerant of all soil types, including highly alkaline clays with pH values of up to 8.0.

To date, there are many varieties that have received the "Earth-Kind" designation including 'Sea Foam', 'Marie Daly', 'The Fairy', 'Caldwell Pink', 'Knock Out', 'Perle d'Or', 'Belinda's Dream', 'Else Poulsen', 'Carefree Beauty', 'Mutabilis', 'Ducher', 'Duchesse de Brabant', 'Spice', 'Georgetown Tea', 'Mme. Antoine Mari', 'Souvenir de St. Anne's', 'La Marne', 'New Dawn' and 'Climbing Pinkie'.

Perhaps someday 'Quietness' will receive this prestigious designation and claim its rightful place in the work of a twentieth-century rose-breeder truly ahead of his time.



## 'Fru Dagmar Hastrup' and Hips

by Kathy Brennan, MR, Tennessee Rose Society

'Winter is the season in rose growing that we turn our thoughts to hips. When a rose produces hips, it is the last step a rose takes in late Fall towards dormancy. Not all roses on the market today produce hips. Hips are the seed heads of a rose used by growers to grow new roses.

The best roses for hips are the Rosa Rugosas. Their hips are orange-red, rich in vitamin C and provide a food source for birds and squirrels. Just this week, I watched a Titmouse feeding on the hips of one of my Kordes shrubs.

'Fru Dagmar Hastrup', a 100-year-old Hybrid Rugosa, produces beautiful excellent hips, (photos right). This rose is an exceptional garden shrub rose with bright green leaves, large single (5) petals, light pink with yellow stamens. It blooms in the spring and is very fragrant, disease resistant and winter hardy. Sometimes a Rugosa rose will produce hips alongside its blooms.

'Fru Dagmar Hastrup' is easy to grow and would be perfect in a cottage garden, planted in the middle of a parterre garden or three or four bushes planted together to make a hedge. It can also be used as a ground cover growing both 5 ft. wide and 5 ft. high.

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## Confessions of a No-Spray Gardener

by Anne Bartlett, Tri-State Rose Society of Chattanooga



In 1990, I hung up my pressure sprayer forever. No longer would I wage a never ending battle against pathogens among the roses. Years before I became interested in roses, I was busy developing perennial borders. As I gave up spraying, I noted that a little miniature rose I'd tucked among the perennials and never sprayed was covered with blossoms as well as disease free.

Never a member of the know before you grow club, I did a little research and learned that miniature roses grow on their own roots while most modern roses are grafted onto rootstock. Most heirloom roses are also grown on their own roots. At that time, few of these roses were on offer in catalogs; but I did find a few. These did prove to be vigorous and disease free without chemical treatment.

In the mid-1990's, a gardening friend and I discovered that The Antique Rose Emporium had a display garden in Dahlonega, Georgia. We attended a workshop on old rose care and toured the gardens. I returned with my husband. We purchased a van load of roses based upon whatever caught our fancy. Most went into a new island bed in the front lawn where we enjoyed them for several seasons before moving to Nebraska.

In Nebraska, winters are long and the growing season short. We had killing frost in mid-May. By Memorial Day, it was 99 degrees. July and August were triple digit hot. By Labor Day, it was back to 99 degrees. Killing frost arrived by mid-September.

I indulged myself by collecting members of every old rose class that could handle twenty below zero! I surrounded them with all the perennials I knew and loved as well as many new to me. It was like conducting a symphony. As the tulips faded, the peonies and iris bloomed. They gave way to the roses, some of which only bloomed once, and their perennial companions. Grasses and prairie perennials flourished throughout the summer. Chrysanthemums and early blooming asters concluded the show.

On returning to Chattanooga, I collected heirloom roses that are not as cold tolerant, particularly Teas and Chinas. Disease pressure on roses is much greater here than on the Great Plains, so it has been very interesting to learn which roses do well. Over the years, I have added more modern roses to my garden and am happy to report that disease resistance has improved dramatically.

In recommending roses which perform well without pesticides, considerations go beyond disease resistance. There are very disease resistant cultivars that, in my opinion, have unattractive flowers, poor re-bloom, a challenging growth habit or iffy cold tolerance. For example, I placed tea roses 'Mrs. B. R. Cant' and 'Duchesse de Brabant' together. They are perfect companions in growth habit, flower form, color and fragrance. I enjoyed them for several years, then we had a real winter. 'Mrs. Cant' along with other Teas and Chinas did not survive. The Duchesse has been in my garden ten trouble free years.

Knowing that many Tenarky members live north of Zone 7, I will limit myself to just three selections for this zone.

Introduced in 1869, the noisette 'Reve d'Or' is the most highly rated old garden rose in the ARS *Handbook for Selecting Roses*. Growing 10 to 18 feet, I found this climber very easy to manage. The spring inflorescence is spectacular and it continues to bloom all season.

"Bermuda "Mystery Rose" 'Spice' (*photo right*) has no problem with our Chattanooga winters. It has a nice rounded growth habit of about four feet by four feet and blooms continuously. The fragrant flowers are creamy white with a pink blush. Classified as a Tea, this rose is thought by some to be "Hume's Blush Tea-Scented China," one of the four stud roses brought to Europe in the late 1700's.

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'Mrs. Dudley Cross', a Tea introduced in 1907, has a rounded growth habit somewhat larger than that of Spice. The flowers are yellow with a blush of pink. It is somewhat of a chameleon in that some buds appear more pink and others more yellow. The degree of color saturation varies as well. This rose re-blooms about every six weeks until frost.

Cluster blooming polyanthas were developed in the late nineteenth century to fit into smaller gardens. They were very popular between the first and second world wars. Of those I've tried over the years, these are the best performers.

'Perle d'Or', introduced in 1884, is also known as 'Yellow Cecile Brunner'. It bears little apricot roses on a teardrop shaped bush. I saw a pair in a California display garden that were almost thirty years old, so it is also long lived.

Introduced in 1888, 'Marie Pavie' is a charming little rose. I have it in a display garden I curate and folks love it. The flowers are white with an occasional pink blush. Having grown it in Nebraska, I find it very adaptable.

'The Fairy' was the first own-root rose I tried. I have had it in four gardens. It has a rounded growth habit and suckers under some circumstances. It is quite thorny and so a bit more trouble to prune. The pink flowers are borne in little nosegay like clusters throughout the growing season.

Having burned out on spraying hybrid teas, I confess that I have tried very few over the past three decades. That being said, I've had 'Lafter' in three gardens. Introduced in 1948, I find it to be very disease resistant. It is a rather tall rose bearing coral flowers with yellow centers. It may be my imagination, but I found the color less saturated in the alkaline-leaning loam of Nebraska.

'Sunny Sky' from the Eleganza series by Kordes is a fresh favorite for me. The lemon yellow blooms work well everywhere. It gets minimal disease only under the greatest environmental pressure. After the first establishment year, flower production has been generous.

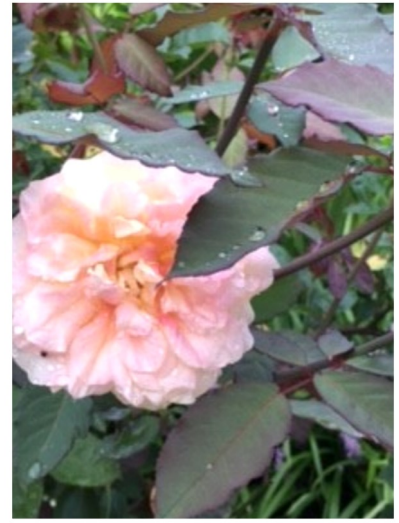
Another Kordes introduction, 'Summer Romance', is member of their Parfume series. It bears big fragrant pink flowers on a tall shrub which is classified as a floribunda. Amazingly, I found it at Lowe's.

Let's move on to modern shrub roses.

Several years ago, Dr. Mark Windham reported that 'My Girl', an Easy Elegance rose, was doing well in the UT trial gardens. I planted one in 2008. This shrub gets a bit of leaf spot but that never slows it down. The attractive medium pink flowers are produced continuously from spring 'til frost.

Another rose I planted on the recommendation of a speaker is 'Polar Express' which is a member of Kordes' Sunbelt series. I planted it in 2016. The foliage of this upright rose is truly disease free. The white flowers are borne on top of the shrub. The first year deer ate most of the few buds produced. Flower production has gradually increased. This past year (2020) flowers were more numerous but small for the size of the shrub.

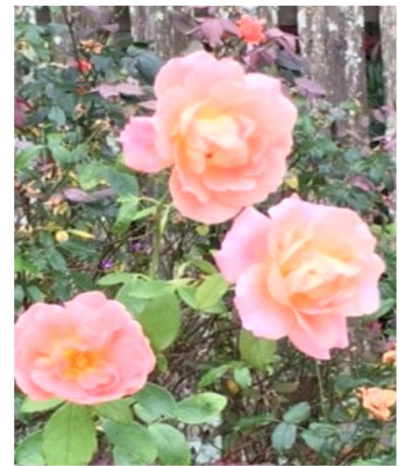
One of my favorite roses is 'Carmella', a member of Kordes Fairy Tale series. This series is the German equivalent to English roses. That tells you a lot about the flower form. 'Carmella' blooms in clusters of 5 to 7 buds, some-



'Mrs. Dudley Cross'



'The Fairy'



'Lafter'

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times more or less. They start peach colored and age to apricot. Each stem is a bouquet. The new foliage has a red cast. This rose has no problems for me.

I do not recall what initially attracted me to 'Carefree Celebration' (a.k.a. 'Coral Knockout') which I planted in 2010. It has been disease free and is never out of flower. To me, the semi-double coral flowers resemble butterflies lighting on the rounded bush. I wait until the feathery red new growth sprouts to dead-head so that I don't sacrifice new blooms.

I want to wrap up my review of no-spray roses with hybrid rugosas, the original no-spray roses. This class of roses has deeply veined leaves which are distinctively crinkled and intolerant of chemical sprays. 'Mrs. Anthony Waterer' was a selection we brought back from our trek to Dahlonaga. I am happy to report that this fragrant crimson rose survived for years after our departure for the prairie, indicating it requires no special care. In Nebraska, I had 'Rose a Parfum de l'Hay', a very fragrant cherry red selection. It was situated by the sidewalk where it was much admired by passersby.

After decades of growing roses without pesticides, I am thrilled to see more disease resistant cultivars coming into the market every year. Makes me think of the old saying, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again."



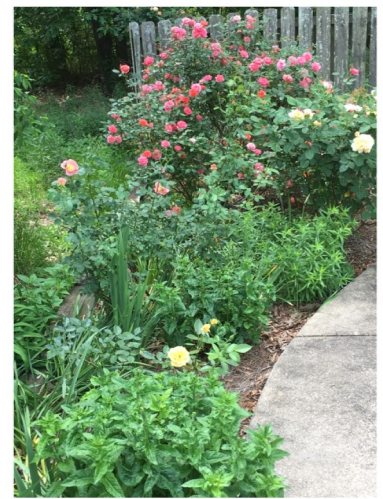
'Summer Romance'



'Sunny Sky'



'Carmella'



'Carefree Celebration' flanked by 'Carmella' and 'Lafter'

### WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU HAD A TETANUS BOOSTER SHOT?

Covid isn't the only thing we have to be vaccinated against! Your Tetanus Booster should be scheduled regularly. Every five years is recommended. At the most, every 10 years.

The bacteria that causes tetanus isn't rare. Its spores are commonly found in dust and soil. While working in the garden you can come into contact with the tetanus bacteria. The symptoms can be quite painful.



**Schedule yourself for a booster, and be safe!**



## Tenarky Local Society News—Thanks to those who sent news!

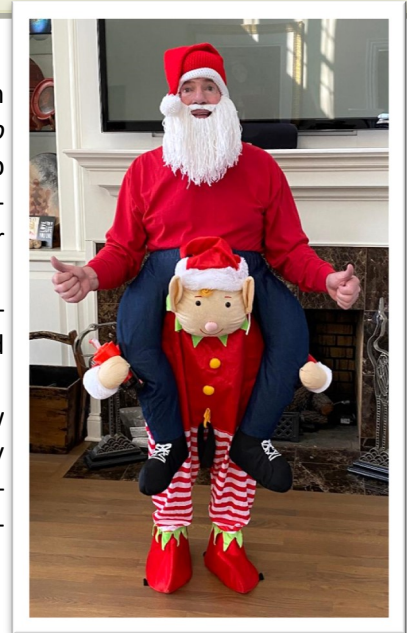
### **Nashville Rose Society by Marty Reich, Master Rosarian**

NRS had a nice virtual Christmas party with a best costume contest won hands-down by Co-President John Wendler in his Santa-Elf costume (*photo right*). Bronze Medals were awarded to Keith and Martha Garman and to Bob Bowen for their many years of service to the society. Most of our officers including John and Co-President Ron Daniels have agreed to continue in the new year for which we are very grateful.

Our annual Vendor Night sale has begun where we pre-order roses and supplies and pick them up the end of March. Our rose sales are now going on and other products will be offered soon.

Membership dropped over last year, but we have recently had four new members join us. Great programs are lined up beginning with our February meeting. We are able to line up speakers that we would not have had for in-person meetings. NRS will continue to provide its members with advice, education and fellowship until these difficult times are over.

Happy New Year everyone!



### **Tri-State Rose Society by Jeff Garrett, President**

The Tri-State Rose Society of Chattanooga has not met since February 2020. We hope to begin meeting again sometime this year, hopefully late spring or early summer. Since we did not get to meet much last year, we have decided to suspend dues for 2021 to anyone who was a member in good standing in 2020. We do plan to have a booth at the annual Master Gardeners expo to be held on April 17 and 18. We will be distributing information on growing roses in our area. We will also be recruiting new members by offering a free miniature rose to anyone who joins at the Expo or otherwise.

### **Tennessee Rose Society by Mary Frances Carlson, Secretary**

Tennessee Rose Society members have not met in person since March, 2020, and are definitely missing each other discussing our roses and hearing excellent speakers. In the meantime, our President Ken Veal, had to resign early because of an upcoming surgery. To keep us moving ahead in these uncertain times, Kathy Brennan, graciously accepted the role of President in addition to her work as Tenarky District Consulting Rosarian.

During this time we have had occasions to grieve the loss of significant rose persons in our lives including Clayton Beaty, owner of Beaty Fertilizer in Cleveland, who was a regular visitor bringing his products to make for more beautiful roses and as an almost annual speaker to make sure his “fellow” rosarians stayed on the right track and had thriving roses.

Within our own society, we bid farewell to one of our most dedicated members, Bertie Slagle, age 100 YEARS, who made sure that we ate well until she had to move to Texas to be with her daughter. Bertie made sure that every visitor or new member would keep coming back. Therefore, she made sure her monthly refreshment tables included “special recipes” known only to her or someone standing by listening in on her always entertaining conversations. Because of Covid, we were not able to attend Bertie’s service held here in Knoxville a few weeks ago; and we will always miss our dear friend and rose grower.

In the meantime, we will continue missing each other and will carry on with any tasks that can benefit the beautiful world of roses and, hopefully, meet again soon in person.

### **Tipton County Rose Friends by Richard J. Anthony, President**

No news.

### **Holston Rose Society by Sallie Blazer, President**

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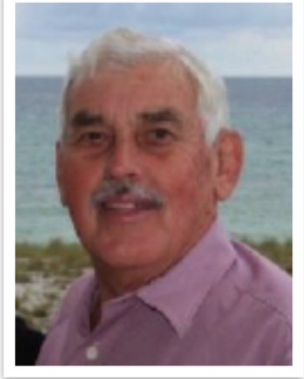


## Tenarky Local Society News—*Thanks to those who sent news!*

### **Cookeville Area Rose Society by Nancy Lazer, Newsletter Editor**

The Cookeville Area Rose Society held its first and last meeting of 2020 in February. All planned meetings for the year were cancelled due to the COVID-19 virus and concern for the health of our members.

Several members have been ill, and we lost one of our most active and longtime members, Bill Smith (*photo right*). Bill, a past President of the Cookeville Area Rose Society, passed away in November. He was also a Consulting Rosarian, frequent program presenter, and past editor and contributor to the CARS Newsletter. Bill and his wife, Anita, hosted an annual Garden Tour of their beautiful and extensive rose garden in Silver Point, TN. Bill was an excellent source of information and mentor to everyone interested in growing beautiful roses. Bill will be greatly missed.



### **Louisville Rose Society by Janet Miller, President**

The Louisville Rose Society ended our 2020 season together with a Zoom program on winterizing that was very well attended. Because of the shutdown many discovered a renewed interest in their roses and LRS.

We had quite a few new members that found us to help with their new hobby in their own yard. And 2020 was a great year for roses. After a late freeze that gave us a bumpy start, it turned out to be a good thing when we noticed the beetles didn't show up in July. We aren't holding our breath for the same beetle situation, but we are crossing our fingers that we'll get somewhat of a beetle respite again in 2021.

We were unable to visit and tend our "No Spray" gardens at the Louisville Zoo due to COVID restrictions. Hopefully we'll be able to get back in soon.

Our board will meet on Zoom in late January to discuss the coming year. We will begin the spring with Zoom programs and plan some garden activities to share our roses later in the year. The jury is out on a show this year, but we are hopeful.

Here's to roses in 2021!

### **Memphis and Dixie Rose Society by Bill Dickerson, President**

Goodbye 2020 and good riddance!

Our first few virtual meetings last year consisted of Matt Bellos and I shooting home made videos! It was a lot of fun driving around town to different yards and shooting our very amateur little home movies of Rose gardens.

It is still major lock down here in Memphis and all meetings are still up in the air. It's fun to see how other regions are coping; keep up the good work!

### **Bowling Green Rose Society by Mary Hext, Newsletter Editor**

BGRS was able to continue having in-person meetings through November; but was not able to have our annual Christmas Luncheon in December due to new Covid-19 restrictions in place at that time. We elected a new president, Dan Wernigk, and a new treasurer, Linda Ford, at the November meeting.

We plan to continue in-person meetings in February at the church of our past-president and give our awards at that time. Hopefully, we will be able to meet at our regular location soon. We did continue with our in-club competition (mini rose show) and that award will also be given in February along with the ARS Bronze Honor Medal. As several of our members do not have wi-fi, computers or smart-phones, we are unable to have virtual meetings.

With great hope, we have scheduled our spring rose show for Saturday, May 22, at the American Legion Hall. We are hoping it will be open for us by then; and that we will have had vaccines and can have a safe show with everyone wearing masks and socially distancing as our location is large enough for this. We would like to invite everyone across the district to come and exhibit since we are all missing seeing our rose friends and sharing our roses. Watch for updates on the Tenarky website as to whether we will be able to have it in May or whether it will need to be postponed.



## Congratulations to Joanna Deck!!!!

### Winners at Dallas Rose Society Photo Show—October 2020

- ◆ Princess: 'Moonstone'
- ◆ King: 'Veterans' Honor'
- ◆ Court: 'Suffolk'
- ◆ Best of Show and Miniflora Queen: 'Gift of Love'
- ◆ Miniflora Princess: 'Conundrum'
- ◆ Miniflora Court: 'Dr. John Dickman'
- ◆ Miniature Queen: 'Fairhope'
- ◆ Miniature King: 'Soroptimist International'
- ◆ Miniature Princess: 'Caesar's Rose'
- ◆ M/MF Open Bloom: 'Little Queen'



## ARS 2021 National Convention and Rose Show—Save the Date!



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September 10-14, 2021 – Milwaukee, WI

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Plan on arriving Friday to enjoy speakers and wonderful Milwaukee hospitality in a city identified in the 2018 *Vogue* as the "Midwest's Coolest City." They will have cold room storage for your roses as the Rose Show, featuring special Challenge classes, is on Saturday! Garden Tours will on Sunday & Monday. All of the convention speakers are ARS Klima award winners.

The Convention and Rose Show will be held at the Pfister Hotel, built in 1893 at a cost of \$1 million. It was hailed the "Grand Hotel of the West" at its opening. Charles Pfister, a local tan-

nery magnate, bank financier, utility owner, newspaper publisher, hotelier, and philanthropist worked diligently to construct a hotel that was unique for its time. This seven-story hotel located in downtown Milwaukee, was constructed of local limestone and the ubiquitous Cream City brick of its time. Today, the Pfister is a member of Historic Hotels Worldwide, dedicated to promoting heritage and cultural travel to prestigious historic treasures. The hotel will be the base of operation for the majority of the convention as well as the rose show. We will have use of the entire seventh floor which houses the historic and modern ballrooms, meeting rooms, and gathering areas.

For more information and show schedules, visit [www.creamcityroses.org](http://www.creamcityroses.org), or the [Facebook page](#). Come to enjoy good rose fellowship, to learn from the best, and to enjoy this wonderful city.

*Editor's Note: Make plans to attend this convention as our new district director, Lori Emery, will be installed at the banquet on Monday night. They are also planning rose garden tours that you will not want to miss!*



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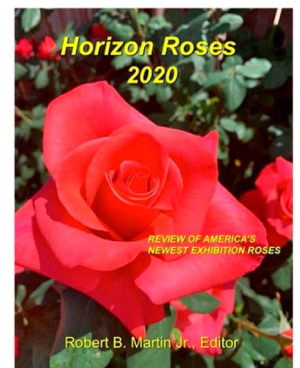
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### Horizon Roses 2020 Available Now!

The 2020 version of *Horizon Roses* has been released by Bob Martin, editor. Now in its 38th year, *Horizon Roses* is an annual compilation of comments by the nation's top rose exhibitors on the exhibition potential of the newest hybrid teas, floribundas, miniflora, and miniature roses. For most exhibitors, it has long been considered the indispensable guide to buying new show roses. It is available in electronic format or paperback from Amazon.



### 2021 Tenarky Area & National Rose Shows

- ▶ May 22: Bowling Green RS Rose Show
- ▶ September ???: Tenarky Fall District Convention & Rose Show (hosted by NRS)
- ▶ September 10-14: ARS 2021 National Convention and Rose Show, Milwaukee, WI

Check for show schedules at [www.tenarky.org](http://www.tenarky.org)!



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