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An Awesome Rose Weekend!!!!

The last weekend in September was a time for rose friends from several states to gather to enjoy our rose hobby, learn from outstanding speakers, and share beautiful roses and rose photos at the 2017 Tenarky District Fall Convention and Rose and Rose Photography Show hosted by the Louisville Rose Society in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Beginning Friday evening with a "Sip and Snack" event, the weekend got off to a great start. At 4 am Saturday morning, rose exhibitors were grooming their roses and photographers were preparing their entries for the beautiful show which included two ARS National Trophies to be awarded, along with the McFarland and Moore trophies. Complete rose show results and photos are on the Tenarky Website and some photos are included in this newsletter.

Everyone had time to shop for roses and supplies from the vendors during the day and to attend a presentation from Christian Bédard, hybridizer for Weeks Roses, during the afternoon. There were many visitors to the show; and at the conclusion, members from the Two Creeks Garden Club took nearly all of the roses to patients at a local nursing home.

The evening banquet "A Taste of Kentucky" was followed by remarks from ARS Vice Presidential Candidate Diane Sommers from Wisconsin and an interesting program given by Drs. Gary and Monica Valentovic from Marshall University featuring new rose products. Exhibitors who won the national trophies were recognized (*continued p. 2*)



Joanna Deck from the Memphis & Dixie Rose Society won the M.S. Hershey Bowl National Challenge Award with 'My Mary Ann', 'Magnificence', 'My Lady Barbara', 'Marlon's Day', and 'Louise Estes'.



Connie Baird, Nashville Rose Society member, won the Ruth Tiedeman Memorial Rose Arrangement Trophy National ARS Challenge Class with her traditional line-mass arrangement design.



Tenarky District Director's Message *by Mary Ann Hext*

The summer flew by and now it is mid-October. It has been a busy time for Tenarky rosarians. We had 12 members in attendance at the ARS Fall Convention and Rose Show in Gettysburg. (See photos on page 7.) Three weeks later we had the fall convention and rose show, then the next weekend the NRS and M&DRS rose shows. Several photos are included in this newsletter from each event along with the article on page 1 about the fall convention. The rose show results and photos from all three events are on our website so be sure to look at them especially if you were not able to attend. Thanks to everyone who shared their photos.

At our district meeting, I reviewed procedures for nominations for ARS Vice President, our three regional directors and our district director. Forms have been sent to each local president along with nomination procedures. The deadline to submit items to our ARS Nominating Committee member, Kathy Dodson, is in January and ARS elections will be held in July. Richard Anthony, president of the newly formed Tipton Country Rose Friends, is a candidate for Tenarky District Director.

Ladies from the Two Creeks Garden Club came at the end of the show with gloves and pruners to fill tin cans with roses from the show (and those that the exhibitors left for them) to take to a local nursing home where they have a Garden Therapy project (photos below). They let me know that the patients were thrilled to receive the bouquets of roses and there were enough for each resident to have one and to put on their dining tables. You can see in the photo above that I helped them briefly with the preparation.

The time for reporting for Roses in Review has been extended. Remember that completion of this is required for all Consulting Rosarians. If you do not grow any of the roses listed, you still need to log in and check the appropriate box, so your name will be sent to our CR Chair, Kathy Brennan. See information about this on page 3.

Our winter workshop will be February 16-18 at the Holiday Inn/Convention Center in Bowling Green. Be sure to make your reservations early for the special rate as the hotel is expected to be sold out that weekend again this year. Our rose fund-raiser will again have roses from Weeks, Certified, and For Love of Roses; and new this year, several David Austin roses! We will be having great speakers and our CR School again this year. There were about 80 entries in the fall photo show, so keep taking photos to enter at the winter workshop. Put the date on your calendar and make plans now to attend this event.



**Congratulations
to
Paula Williams
New Tenarky
ARS Horticulture Judge
and
ARS Arrangement Judge!!**



IN MEMORY OF SHELDON REIN October 6, 1930—July 27, 2017

- ▶ Member of Louisville Rose Society since the early 70s
- ▶ ARS Horticulture Judge
- ▶ ARS Consulting Rosarian
- ▶ ARS Bronze Honor Medal recipient
- ▶ Long-time exhibitor





Consulting Rosarian Corner *by Kathy Brennan, District CR Chair, TRS*

Fall is here, time to start putting our roses to sleep for the winter and winter gardening clean up. Start by randomly pulling the petals, leaving the seed head on stem. This act tells the bush to stop producing flower buds and leaves and pushes the energy down to the roots. Then start removing leaves from the canes, especially diseased leaves, at least 15 to 20 inches from ground up. In a large garden it is hard to remove all leaves from every bush. Clean up fallen leaves around bushes in your garden.

Next check soil pH, if pH is not in the 6.5 range, it is best to fix the problem in the fall to insure the proper pH by spring, says the "Rose Doc". Now put down a good dose of compost around each rose bush before winterizing with mulch. Most of Tenarky rose gardens are winterized after the second hard freeze.

After checking soil pH and correcting it, prune tall bushes to 3 or 4 feet after they have gone dormant. We do this to keep the winter wind from rocking them back and forth causing damage to the bush, (this also takes care of some leaves left on top of the bush).

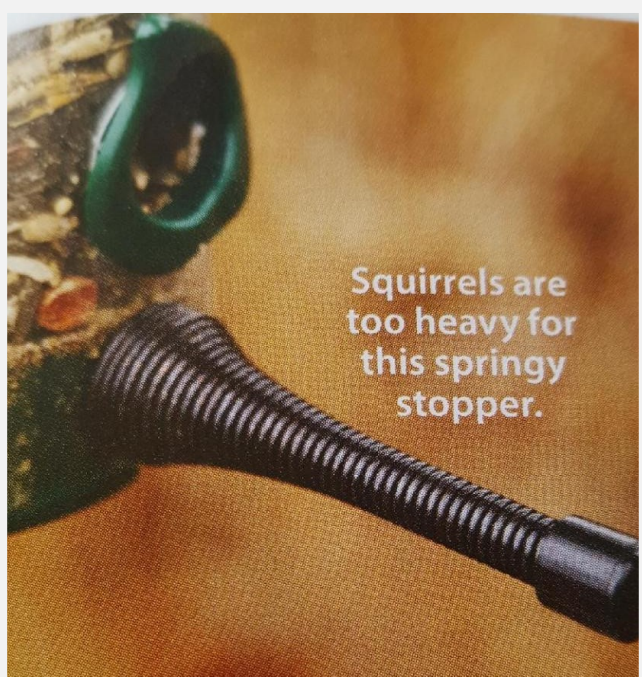
Make sure ramblers and climbers canes are tied up and secure, taking care to cut out old and dead canes.

Well that's about it for the winter rose garden. Remember to spray lime Sulphur for healthy plants and to keep an eye on watering throughout the winter months.

Decide which roses to take out and which ones to put in their place next spring. We will have beautiful roses to buy at Winter Workshop in February to benefit Tenarky District. The list will be put on line at Tenarky.org.

GARDEN TIP: Squirrel Stopper

Replace dowels on birdfeeders with springy door stoppers. Birds can light on them but squirrels are too heavy and fall off.



RIR—Required for CR's

This Roses in Review (RIR) marks the 91st time that the members of the American Rose Society have evaluated new rose introductions. The ultimate value of this procedure is realized only when we have a broad base of participation. We need your contribution, whether you grow only one plant of one variety on the list or many of them. We need input from "garden" rosarians as well as exhibitors, and from **new** rosarians as well as seasoned veterans. We also welcome reports from those who are not yet ARS members, so please pass along this website address to your rose-growing friends. The complete results of this survey will be included in the January/February, 2018, issue of *American Rose*, and will help determine the ratings in the *ARS Handbook for Selecting Roses*. For these results to be meaningful, **we need everyone to participate Only evaluate roses you grow from the cultivar list.** So, please - take a few minutes of your time to evaluate your new roses. **Reviews must be submitted by October 17, 2017.** Your reports will be automatically sent to your District coordinator.



Tenarky Fall Convention (cont. from p. 1)

along with the winners of the courts and the arrangements. This was followed with the presentation of the ARS Outstanding Horticulture Award to Linda Jansing from the Louisville Rose Society (photo at right) and the ARS Silver Honor Medals to Bob and Ann Jacobs from the Bowling Green Rose Society (photo below).

Following the Sunday morning devotional given by Nancy Jones, there was a tour of the Jacobs' rose garden. It was a wonderful weekend thanks to convention co-chairs, Paula William and Howard Carman, LRS President Richard Hartke and his wife, Cheryl, and all the members of the Louisville Rose Society along with the exhibitors and rose enthusiasts who attended.



Tenarky District Rose Show
Complete results for horticulture, arrangements, and photographs are on the Tenarky website at www.tenarky.org.
Photos and results from the Nashville Rose Show and the Memphis and Dixie Rose Show have also been posted.
Thanks to all exhibitors for sharing your beautiful roses!!!

Tenarky District Rose Show Photos



Joanna Deck, M&DRS, (with Magnum) won:

- M. S. Hershey Bowl National Trophy
- J. Horace McFarland District Award
- Mack & Marybeth Blackburn Award
- Kent Campbell Award
- Glenda Whitaker Award
- Lester Smith Award
- Peggy & Mary Jane Utz Award
- Ralph Moore District Award
- Whit Wells Award
- Tenarky District Floribunda Challenge
- Hybrid Tea Queen, King, Princess, 1 Court
- Miniflora Queen, King, Princess, and 1 Court

Congratulations Joanna!!

More Tenarky District Rose Show Photos



1. Novice Hybrid Tea 'Dark Desire'/'Grafin Diana' exhibited by Osei Thomas
2. Monty Justice District Challenge 'My Lady Barbara', 'Randy Scott', 'My Mary Ann', exhibited by Joanna Deck
3. Peggy & Mary Jane Utz District Challenge 'Joy' exhibited by Joanna Deck
4. Sam Jones Memorial District Challenge 'Crystalline', 'Pope John Paul II' arranged by Connie Baird
5. Ralph Moore District Challenge 'Soroptimist International', 'Breath of Spring', 'Fairhope', 'Memphis King', 'Bee's Knees', 'Erin Alonso', 'Joy' exhibited by Joanna Deck
6. Photography Queen 'Graham Thomas' exhibited by Linda Jansing
7. "The Dixie Stampede" Mini Princess & ARS Mini Gold Awards 'Autumn Splendor' arranged by Mary Ann Hext
8. "Kingdom Come State Park" Duchess & ARS Gold Awards arranged by Mary Ann Hext

Complete show results and photos at www.tenarky.org



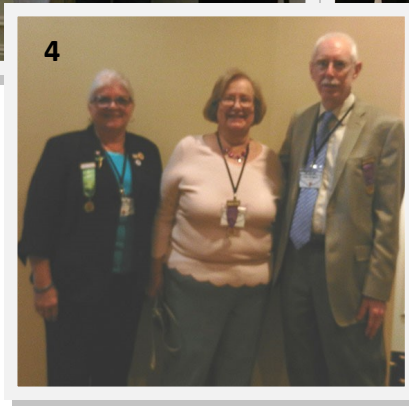
NRS Rose Show Photos



Show results and photos at www.tenarky.org

- 1. Hybrid Tea Queen 'Gemini' - Ken Jay
- 2. Miniflora Queen 'Conundrum' - Ron Daniels
- 3. Miniature Queen 'Kristin' - Larry Baird
- 4. Hi-Lo 'Pope John Paul II' & 'Whirlaway' - John Hannah
- 5. Trophy Table
- 6. Hybrid Tea Spray 'Cherry Parfait' - Nancy Jones
- 7. "A Juggling Act" 'Julia Child' - Alyssa Leonard
Novice Award
- 8. "The Lion Tamer" - Mini Oriental & ARS Gold
Medal Awards 'Soroptimist International' Connie Baird
- 9. "The Elephant Walk" - Standard Royalty and Gold Medal Awards

Tenarky Rosarians at ARS Fall Convention in Gettysburg



1. Richard & Carol Sharpe and Phyllis & Charlie Belcher from Tri-State RS of Chattanooga
2. Mary Ann Hext with Bob & Ann Jacobs from Bowling Green RS & Nancy Jones Nashville RS (clerks at rose show)
3. Richard Anthony & Brenna Bosch from Memphis & Dixie RS & Tipton County RF (exhibitors at rose show)
4. Mary Ann Hext and Kay & John Rodgers (judges at rose show)

Tenarky Winners at ARS Fall National Rose Show

- ▶ Best Seedling—Rose Hybridizers Association Trophy—Richard Anthony
- ▶ ‘Lady E’owyn’ and ‘Joy’—Penn-Jersey District Bernadella Hi-Lo Challenge Class—Richard Anthony & Brenna Bosch
- ▶ ‘Whirlaway’—Best Novice Arrangement—Richard Anthony (photo above)
- ▶ ‘Sunglow’—Best Photo in Judges’ Class—Mary Ann Hext

Memphis & Dixie Rose Show Photos



HT Queen ‘Big Time’
 MF Queen ‘Dr. Troy Garrett’
 Mini Queen ‘Joy’
 Exhibited by Joanna Deck

Show results and photos
 at www.tenarky.org

Mini Artist & Mini Gold
 Exhibited by Peggy Bingham

Duke & Gold Awards
 Exhibited by Lavonne Glover



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

Nashville Rose Society by Marty Reich, Master Rosarian

The Grand Prix in-house rose shows in July and September brought out a couple of new exhibitors and several others showed interest. Gene Meyer won the Grand Prix first place in points for the two events. Jeff and Jennifer Harvey arranged for NRS members to exhibit at the Wilson County Fair rose show. Our President, Ron Daniels, won many ribbons and enough prize money to take his wife to dinner. The Harveys also gave a program for us in August about companion plants for roses. They own Dirt Dawg Nursery in Watertown, TN, and educated us on conifers and other interesting plants for our gardens.

Five NRS members exhibited at the Tenarky District Show September 30 and each had at least one blue ribbon and some won top awards. Mary Ann Hext presented a program in October prior to the rose show “It’s Not Greek, it’s a Rose Show Schedule” to familiarize new members with the schedule for exhibiting at the upcoming show. NRS members helped at Cheekwood’s “Tuesday’s for Tots” with rose activities for the children. The NRS rose show was held October 7-8 at Belmont University. It was a beautiful show with many new members exhibiting. (See photos p. 6.)

Ron Daniels will open his garden October 14 from 10-4. This is always a treat for us to look forward to.

Cookeville Area Rose Society by Nancy Layzer, Editor

C. B. Coburn (photo 1) presented a program on Starting Rose Cuttings for the July meeting. Also presenting a Program on Milkweed and Monarchs at the July meeting was Helga Skinner (Left), accompanied by her mother (photo 2). Jeff Kommuck (photo 3) presented a program My Roses for the September meeting. The August meeting was a group discussion on rose growing, and making a plan to improve the rose garden at Dogwood Park in Cookeville.



Memphis & Dixie Rose Society by Brenna Bosch, President

Our spring and summer meetings were roundtable discussions on rose care sharing members’ hands-on knowledge of roses, the latest scientific studies and members’ best practices. In August, there were two members who were interviewed by the media. Bill Dickerson, former MDRS President and owner of Bill’s Rose Care of Memphis, was interviewed on the local Memphis TV show, “The Family Plot”. Richard J. Anthony, MDRS Rose Show Chair and partner at For Love of Roses, was interviewed on Memphis Botanic Garden Radio Show and talked about our upcoming rose show. Both of these interviews are available online and there are links to them on the MDRS Facebook page. Our Rose Show was held October 8 at the Memphis Botanic Garden with many beautiful blooms. We had exhibitors from Arkansas and Tennessee including a first time exhibitor.

We are looking forward to our fall meeting speakers. Ron Daniels from Nashville Rose Society will be speaking in October on the wonderful Nashville Public Rose Garden programs. We hope he will inspire us and share suggestions with MDRS members and Memphis Botanic Garden staff to aid the struggling volunteer programs in Memphis. Our November meeting will be held at a special time – Saturday, November 18. David Clemons will be our featured speaker with the meeting being held at the Harding School of Theology, near the Memphis Botanic Garden. All are welcome.

Tipton County Rose Friends by Richard Anthony, President

TCRF was formed as a result of a desire to host a Mini National Convention & Rose Show in the state of Tennessee. There are 18 founding members of the Tipton County Rose Friends, 16 of which live out of the state of Tennessee. Our initial local recruiting meeting was rained out from the remnants of Hurricane Irma. We regrouped and held a second local recruiting meeting which was held on Thursday, September 28, 2017 at the Bald Butcher restaurant in Covington, TN. A presentation of how to root roses was given by TCRF President Richard J. Anthony. The turn-out was better than anticipated and several new TCRF members were recruited. The 2019 Tenarky District Convention and Rose Show will be held on September 20, 21 & 22, 2019 in conjunction with the Mini National at the Embassy Suites in the Nashville Airport area.

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Louisville Rose Society by Janet Miller, Membership Chair

The Louisville Rose Society was honored to host the 2017 Tenarky District Show. We chose to hold the show in Bowling Green since it is closer to many of our district rose buddies. Also, Bowling Green was less expensive which allowed us to provide more for less money. It turned out to be a great decision, as attendance was very good with 40 exhibitors, many more than the last time we hosted Tenarky in Louisville. Many thanks to Paula Williams and Howard Carman who chaired the show; and Richard Hartke, LRS President, who led the way. It was very well organized and a beautiful show! Thanks to all who participated. After the show we toured the garden of Bob and Ann Jacobs. There is no better way to end a rose gathering than in a rose garden! Thank you Bob and Ann. Your garden was beautiful and interesting.

As our season comes to an end, I'm remembering the garden tours we enjoyed in Louisville. Our program chair Tom Lehmann arranged tours at the home of Jim and Lynn Schmidt, Charles and Carolyn Phelps and then Carol and Rudi Graf. We also had a soil scientist give us a very informative program at the Graf's. All of the gardens were beautiful and fun to tour.

Longtime member Sheldon Rein hosted us in his garden in May. He wanted to show off his roses one last time because he planned to move into a retirement community in 2018. Later we were all shocked to learn of his sudden death of a heart attack, as he dressed for the July rose tour. Sheldon's wife asked that LRS members take his roses. It was a digging frenzy (organized by Linda Jansing) that Sheldon would have loved.

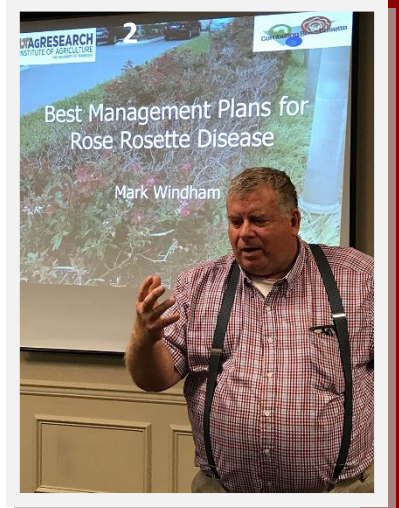
We will gather together again Friday, October 27, for our Awards Banquet/Chili Cook-off where we will celebrate our favorite flower as the season comes to a close. One more meeting in November will give us an opportunity to discuss our winterizing strategies. It's been a great year for roses in Louisville!

Tennessee Rose Society by Steve Franklin, President

We do not have meetings in July so our next meeting was August 3. Susan McKeehan has worked to get our website up and running again. Visit tnrosesociety.com to check it out. Mike Thompson clued us in on what we should be doing in our gardens. Great food was enjoyed and we welcomed Ron Daniels from the Nashville Rose Society as our speaker. Ron was excellent as usual and filled us in on Holy Cow products and how to use them in our gardens.

In September we welcomed Jon Parker from Biltmore Estate in Asheville, NC (photo 1). He is a very enthusiastic fellow who originally worked as a perennial gardener. He decided to tackle being the Biltmore rosarian and has discovered as we all know—roses are the best flowers!! His presentation touched on the history of Biltmore as well as some behind the scenes information. We were surprised to learn that the garden plantings must remain as historically accurate as possible. Many of us have been traveling or otherwise too busy to enter the Tenarky District rose show. But Kathy Brennan found the time and came back with some winners! Our October meeting featured the always popular speaker, Dr Mark Windham, professor of plant pathology at the University of Tennessee (photos 2). He gave his talk on Rose Rosette disease to eager listeners who want to preserve their rose gardens!

We have been having a "mini rose show" at each meeting with members bringing in their best blooms and having our speaker choose the winner. Dr Windham surprised us by saying he was only going to choose by fragrance, not appearance. He chose Mary Bates's 'Pope John Paul II' rose as the winner. It did (continued p. 10)





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have a lovely fragrance (photo at right).

We have had illness among some of our members, so many have generously delivered fresh roses and brightened their days. Great satisfaction can come not just from growing or exhibiting roses but sharing them with others.



Bowling Green Rose Society by Mary Ann Hext, Newsletter Editor

BGRS members have worked at our public rose garden during the summer months. In August, we discussed methods of irrigation for our rose beds and information about the upcoming district rose show and convention where several members won awards in horticulture, photography, and arrangements including one who won the novice award in horticulture. Three members attended the ARS National Convention in Gettysburg in September. Also, in September members attended a garden party hosted by Ben and Pauline Matus. Winterization will be our topic in November and our annual Christmas party is in December.

2019 Mini National Convention & Rose Show

The 2019 Mini National Convention & Rose Show will be held at the Embassy Suites at the Nashville Airport area on September 20, 21 & 22, 2019. The Tenarky District Convention & Rose Show will be held in conjunction with the Mini National at the same time. An Arrangement School and Seminar headed by nationally acclaimed arranger Nancy Redington, of Chambersburg, PA, will be an integral part of the convention. A Photography Show, which will be headed by Curtis Aumiller, National Photography Chairman, is part of the festivities. All registered convention attendees will receive a convention rose that is to be named in honor of Sam Jones. Volunteers are welcome. Email RJA4CPA@aol.com for details.



The American Rose Society turns 125 years old this year. It is the oldest single plant horticultural society in the United States and a founding member of the World Federation of Rose Societies. ARS is the International Cultivar Registration Authority Rosa (ICRAR), appointed by the International Society of Horticultural Science in 1955. The mission of the ARS is education and research and they work to ensure the future of the rose. Visit us at www.rose.org.

This follows the 40th anniversary of President Ronald Reagan signing Proclamation 5574 on November 20, 1986, declaring the Rose to be The National Floral Emblem of the United States of America.

There are several events scheduled to commemorate the anniversary celebration throughout the year. These can be found on the ARS Facebook page, the *Rose* magazine, and on the ARS website.

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KATNIPS RECEIVES ARS RECOGNITION!!!

Our district newsletter, *KATnips*, received Honorable Mention in the 2016 ARS District Newsletter Competition. Thanks to everyone who sends articles, photos, and local society news to make our newsletter one of the best!!!!



Rosemania, many rosarians "go to" mail order supplier for chemicals, is also making changes but not going out of business. The owners of Rosemania, Robbie and Marsha Tucker are moving from Tennessee to Houston to be closer to family. From there they will continue and expand the mail order business but will discontinue the sale of live roses. Visit Rosemania for rose care information plus chemicals used to combat rose garden problems.

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2018 Tenarky Area & National Rose Shows

- ▶ ARS Spring M/MF National Convention & Rose Show in Jacksonville, FL: May 4-6, 2018
- ▶ ARS Fall National Convention & Rose Show in San Diego, CA: October 25-29, 2018
- ▶ Bowling Green RS Rose Show: May 19, 2018
- ▶ Tenarky Fall Convention & RS hosted by the M&D RS: October 12-14, 2018

**Tenarky Member Websites
for Roses & Supplies**

- [For Love of Roses](#)—Miniature & Miniflora roses
- [Rosemania](#)—Chemicals, safety equipment, garden tools, fertilizers, and plants
- [Beaty Fertilizer](#)—Fertilizer, mulch, and much more
- [OliveArt](#)—Containers for floral designs



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