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Tenarky Mid-Winter Meeting February 15-17, 2019

By: Richard J. Anthony, Tenarky District Director

Mark your calendar for an educational and fun filled weekend beginning Friday, February 15, 2019 at the Marriott Cool Springs Hotel in Franklin, TN. The start of the weekend begins with a Horticultural Judges Audit at 1 pm. We have five (5) highly knowledgeable speakers on various topics of judging roses. If you need to renew or are close to your renewal year, consider attending the audit. If you are thinking about becoming a judge, give some thought to attending an audit as it may very well better prepare you for what follows. We will enjoy a Mexican Buffet which is outstanding along with a surprise speaker after the Friday buffet supper. The evening will continue with "Name That Rose Game" presented by Brenna Bosch. The top three contest winners will be taking home some very nice miniature & miniflora roses as prizes.

Saturday will be a busy day with our Mid-Winter Photography Contest starting off the day. The top three (3) winners, Queen, King and Princess will take home a miniature or miniflora rose as a prize. Plan now to enter as all it takes is one very good photograph to win, place or show. Seven very well known and entertaining speakers covering something for every rosarian will be featured during the day. Broad topics will be included in the Power Point Presentations are: Arrangements, Fertilizers and Amendments, Hybridizing, New Roses, Rose Photography, Rose Rosette Update and Traveling Long Distances with Roses.

Lunch will be on our own with several very nice establishments in close proximity to the Cool Springs Marriott. At the conclusion of the presentations and a short break we will have a cash bar and dinner buffet that all are certain to enjoy. We will have an after-dinner presentation by Satish Prabhu, the top exhibitor in the US, who will share many of the mistakes that he has made as he became the number one exhibitor in the US. He has accumulated 100 National Challenge Class Trophies as of the recently concluded Fall National Rose Show that was held in San Diego, California where he won eight (8) National Challenge Classes. His record of one hundred (100) National Trophies is a record that could very well never be broken.

Sunday will include a Devotional Service, our Tenarky Business Meeting and a Consulting Rosarian School. There is a \$10 fee for taking the Consulting Rosarian open book test that is sent to the ARS in Shreveport. There is no cost to audit the CR program if you are attending for the weekend.

Make plans now to attend a fun-filled educational weekend where we can catch up with our long time rose friends from other areas, meet some new rose friends and enjoy the weekend. There will also be over two hundred (200) bare root and some potted roses in 3-gallon containers donated by David Austin, Certified and Weeks along with 16 Silent Auction roses donated by For Love of Roses all of which will be recently (late 2018) or soon to be (early 2019) registered roses.

Keep in mind that our only fundraiser that we have is the sale of donated roses at the Mid-Winter Meeting. They pay for the expenses of the Mid-Winter Program and our support of the ARS. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and we will have a record turn-out for a very special weekend.



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

I don't know what happened to fall. After some hot days in September, we had a few nice days and now it feels like January. Where I live, we have already had three big frosts with temperatures in the mid-20s and our high has barely been 40 degrees the past few days with lots of rain and snow is predicted.

My husband and I went to the UK in September and missed the NRS and LRS rose shows. Even though it was past their rose season, we still saw some pretty roses at castle gardens, parks, front yards and at the David Austin Nursery/Gardens. We got home just in time for me to go to the Huntsville Rose Show and then the Tenarky District Convention and Rose Show the next weekend where we had a beautiful rose show and several district awards were presented. (*photos page 6-7*). At our business meeting, we learned about plans for the 2019 Mini National Convention and Rose Show, hosted by the Tipton County Rose Friends, to include the Tenarky District and Carolina District rose shows. (*p. 9*). Ten days later, we flew to San Diego for my last ARS Board of Directors meeting as Tenarky District Director. The three years in this position have flown by and have kept me very busy with rose events, activities, meetings, local society visits, district and national conventions, and ARS committee work, but I have enjoyed the experience and made many new rose friends from across the country. All of the conventions have been so much fun with beautiful rose shows, garden tours and great speakers. If you ever have the opportunity to attend a national show, you should go! It is so nice to meet rosarians from other parts of the country and see the different varieties of roses they grow and to see some of the same roses we grown and how they vary according to the location they are grown. Also attending from Tenarky were Marty Reich and Gerry Miller from NRS and John and Kay Rogers from TRS who judged horticulture at the show. They were able to do quite a bit of sight seeing and garden tours.

The San Diego Rose Society did a fabulous job hosting the convention! On Wednesday night, I attended the ARS Finance Committee meeting and then my final ARS Board meeting on Thursday. The financial status of the ARS has improved greatly during the past three years. We heard a report on "America's Rose Garden" the new name of the rose garden at the American Rose Center in Shreveport which is undergoing major renovation. On Friday, Gary and I took the train downtown to visit the harbor where we spent several hours at the Maritime Museum and took a harbor cruise. We got back to the convention center in time to attend a photography seminar and a fiesta welcome event. Saturday was the rose show which was amazing! I judged in photography and there were over 150 entries. The size of the blooms on roses grown in California made the blooms in my rose garden

look like miniatures. I heard several excellent speakers on Saturday. I also attended the ARS members meeting. Saturday evening was a fiesta dinner celebrating ARS President Pat Shanley's term. On Sunday, I attended the ARS Patron's Breakfast, the Consulting Rosarian Meeting with the new ARS CR chairs, and the "Save the Roses" auction. I also attended a meeting for horticulture and arrangement judges and met our new national chairs. The evening banquet included an excellent speaker followed by the installation of the 2018-2021 ARS President, Bob Martin, and Vice President, Diane Sommers, along with the District and Regional Directors. Monday, we toured rose gardens of the convention/rose show chairs which were spectacular each having over 800 roses. Again, the blooms were amazing. Both of these gardens had only small patches of grass as every inch of space was planted with roses. That afternoon, we attended the President's reception at the home Bob and Dona Martin, who live in Escondido. They also have over 800 roses of all types and it was beautiful. A taco wagon provides us with great Mexican food and we visited with over 250 rosarians from across the US. We got home just before midnight on Tuesday evening and I am still catching up on emails and laundry. Our dogs were very happy to see us especially since they were recently boarded for 23 days while we travelling.





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

Kathy is working on this

Bedding, hybrid tea, and miniature roses are pruned back to four to five eyes (buds).

CR Tip:

CR Status:

Please check your CR status on Tenarky.org to see when you need to audit CR school. The list has been updated to add our new consulting rosarians and for those CR's who audited. Please contact Kathy Brennan if your status is not correct.



Winterization by Marty Reich, Master Rosarian, Nashville Rose Society

It is time to put the kids to bed. The last big rose chore before we get to put our feet up and enjoy the rose catalogs needs to be done by about the first week of December. A general rule is to wait until there have been two real (not just a couple of hours) freezes below 28degrees F. Protect too soon and the bush will not have time to gear up its internal winterization mechanism. This involves making its own kind of “antifreeze” and will not be discussed here.

The biggest misconception the general public has about rose care is that roses should be pruned in the fall. Since pruning encourages a bush to grow, and new growth will be killed by cold weather, obviously you do not want to fall prune. You may prune later on in the winter if the bushes have gone dormant although that seems to not be happening in Nashville in the last few years. An exception to the rule would be an unusually tall rose which might need to be pruned if a hard freeze with icy winds is expected. Then it is acceptable to trim the long canes to waist-high, although staking or tying them together would also prevent their being rocked out of the frozen ground.

Roses on their own roots such as miniatures, shrubs and old garden roses generally need little protection. A shovel of compost is a good idea and should suffice. Roses grafted onto a root stock such as hybrid teas and floribundas are a different story. The knot (bud union) formed by the graft must be protected or the rose will likely die. Hybrid teas and floribundas on their own roots are supposed to require less protection, but I believe these varieties of roses are still more tender than, say, the minis, and still need protection.

One of the main purposes of winterization is to keep the area surrounding the rose at a consistent temperature. Tennessee has many warm spells during the winter months as well as some very cold times. Our poor roses are hopelessly confused as to whether to grow or not without some type of blanket.

You can, of course, plant the bud unions of your roses a couple of inches below ground level, as some excellent rosarians do. This keeps you from having to do much for the winter. There are pros and cons on this. Most Tennessee rosarians go for ground level planting of the bud union as do I.

Minimal Marty Method—The first thing to do is to check the pH of each bush and add lime (or sulfur if needed) to adjust the pH to 6-6.5. See my article on pH elsewhere on the website.

My two rose beds are already covered with about 3-4” of pine needle mulch. Over the summer, some needles break down into a layer of more compact broken needles. To winterize, I first clean up any dead leaves from the beds and any obviously diseased leaves from the bushes. One-two cups of Mills Magic Rose Mix (millsmix.com), a completely organic fertilizer, is scratched in around the drip line. I then scrape some of the broken down layer of pine needles over the bud union and put a shovel full of composted manure over that. (A good packaged manure is Black Kow from Lowes.) The whole bed is then covered with another 6” or so of pine needles. I take particular care to be sure that whites and yellows, and any other bush that I know is very winter tender, are well covered. I do not strip all the leaves off my bushes. I believe that a leaf that has any life in it at all should stay on the bush until it is ready to fall off of its own accord. In a hard winter, that happens, and the wind blows them away by spring, saving me a lot of work.

The pine needles stay on very well thru the winter and I think that covering the whole bed serves to keep the temperature consistent. My beds are not raised, however, and raised beds would increase their vulnerability to the cold. This should be considered when you choose the method to use in your own garden.

But, you ask, what happens to the canes above the mulch? In a hard winter all growth above the mulch dies. However, as long as the bud union is viable, new growth will start rapidly and soon catch up to that of roses more aggressively protected.

Other Methods—Many rosarians use collars around each rose filled with dirt, manure, compost, leaves, etc. These collars are made of chicken wire, roofing felt or newspaper and are 12-18” tall.

Hilling up is another tried and true method. Dirt is brought in and hilled up over each rose for 10-12”. Do not scoop up dirt that is already in the rose bed as that would expose the roots.

Styrofoam cones may be used, but care must be taken to open the tops on warm days so that the roses will not “cook”. Cones have also been associated with fungus problems, not to mention their cemetery look.

Fortuniana Roses—According to a June, 2004, article in the Rose Leaf by Don Gill, he uses an 18” (*cont. p 5*)



Winterization *(continued from p. 4)*

high tar or felt-paper collar around each bush filled with 18" of composted manure or other good soil. His roses are tall but already staked so he never cuts them back. The collars are removed in the warmer days of February and rain is allowed to wash the soil gently away. He puts the soil back if extreme weather is forecast. He also never strips his leaves.

Climbers—If grafted, protect grafts with mulch. Very little other care is needed. It is almost impossible to protect the canes. Believe me, I tried!

Pots—Store them in a sheltered place covered with leaves or pine needles or bring them into an unheated garage. I bury one potted hybrid tea and last year I also buried a few pots of minis in an empty rose bed space.

Tree Roses—They have two bud unions—one at the top and one at the bottom. They are almost impossible to protect unless they can be brought into a garage and even then perhaps wrapped in a blanket for really cold spells. They can also be turned on their sides and completely buried.

That covers most of the roses you might have in your garden. If you have time, a final fungicide and insecticide spraying is a great idea before you mulch for the winter. Don't let the weather sneak up on you, watch for the two freezes and get those kids in bed on time!

***Note—Do Nothing Method**—This has been the method of choice for many excellent rosarians for the last few years. They clean the beds and spray, but add no extra mulch. There is nothing wrong with this at all as long as you realize that you are gambling on fickle Tennessee weather. The spring of 2008 had a devastating April freeze which killed many roses, particularly the Fortunianas. If you mulch and keep the mulch nearby in April, there is a greater chance that you can protect your roses in case of a late freeze. If not, you get to buy new roses!

TENARKY DISTRICT CONVENTION & ROSE SHOW



Paula Williams, Tenarky District Treasurer and a member of the Louisville Rose Society, was presented the ARS Silver Honor Medal by District Director Mary Ann Hext at the fall convention for her service to our District

Tenarky District Rose Show

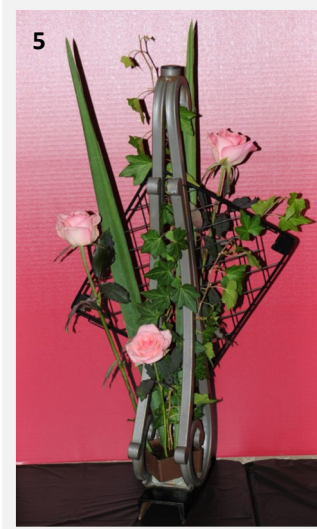
Complete results for horticulture, arrangements, and photographs are on the Tenarky website at www.tenarky.org.

Photos and results from the Nashville Rose RS Show and the Louisville RS Rose Show have also been posted on website.

Thanks to all exhibitors for sharing your beautiful roses!!!



TENARKY DISTRICT CONVENTION & ROSE SHOW PHOTOS

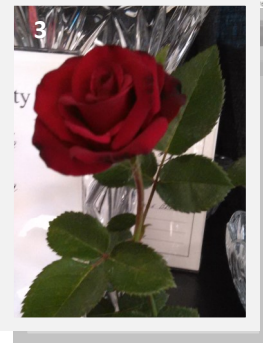


- Ann Jacobs, Bowling Green Rose Society, was presented the ARS Master Rosarian certificate by Kathy Brennan, Tenarky CR Chair (1)
- Marty Reich, Nashville Rose Society, was presented the ARS Outstanding Rosarian certificate by Kathy Brennan, Tenarky CR Chair (2)
- ARS National Portland Trophy: Joanna Deck (3)
- ARS McFarland District Trophy: Joanna Deck
- Hybrid Tea Queen 'King Kong': Joanna Deck
- Miniature Queen 'Joy': Richard Anthony
- Miniflora Queen 'Whirlaway': Joanna Deck
- Sam Jones Memorial Arrangement Trophy: Larry Baird (4)
- ARS Royalty & Gold Medal: Lavonne Glover (5)
- ARS Mini Duchess & Mini Gold Medal: Mary Ann Hext (6)
- ARS Best Photography One Bloom, Queen, and Gold Medal: Gina White (7)



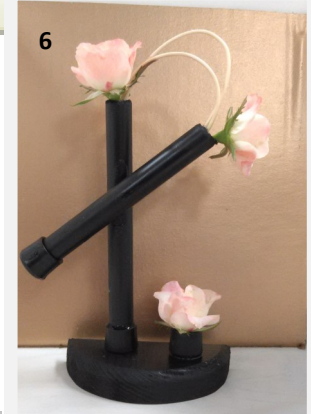
Nashville Rose Society Rose Show

Hybrid Tea Queen & Best of Show 'Louise Estes': Sara Jo Gill (1)
 Novice HT Queen 'Crescendo': Jill Garabedian (2)
 Sweepstakes—Gene Meyer
 Miniature Queen 'Memphis King': Larry & Connie Baird (3)
 Miniflora Queen 'Whirlaway': Bill & Jill Chappell
 ARS Royalty & Gold Medal: Lanni Webb (4)
 ARS Mini Royalty & Mini Gold Medal: Sara Jo Gill (5)
 ARS Best Novice Award: Carrie Carlill (6)



Louisville Rose Society Rose Show

Hybrid Tea Queen 'St. Patrick': Larry Baird (1)
 Novice HT Queen 'Baron Charles de Rothchild': Linda Schork (2)
 Miniature Queen 'Best of 04': Linda Jansing (3)
 Miniflora Queen 'Whirlaway': Howard Carman (4)
 ARS Duke & Gold Medal: Larry Baird (5)
 ARS Mini Artist & Mini Gold Medal: Connie Baird (6)





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

Nashville Rose Society by Marty Reich, Master Rosarian

NRS had a busy fall. The rose show September 22-23 at Belmont University had ten members who exhibited for the first time out of 27 total. Since it was parents' weekend at Belmont, we had a lobby full of people waiting for judging to finish so that they could see the roses. In spite of heavy rain Sunday, the show was a success. Lanni Webb and Ron Daniels won several things at the Wilson County Fair and several members exhibited and won at the District Show in Millington.

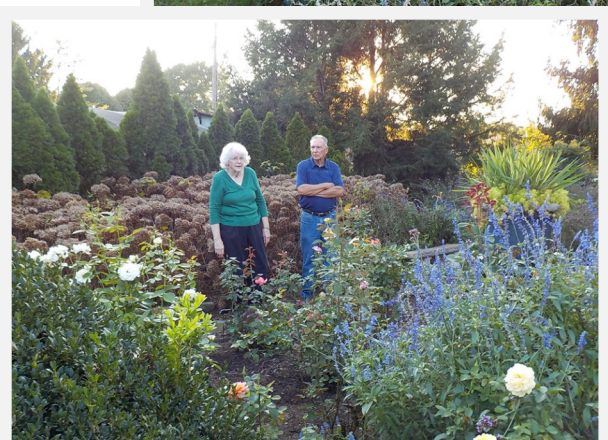
The most highly anticipated program of the year was given by Weeks Roses hybridizer, Christian Bedard. *(photo in Belmont Rose Garden at right)*. He told us about his career and what it takes to get a new rose on the market.

Everyone is looking forward to our Christmas dinner and ordering new roses for next season from our Fortuniana, Crescendo and Weeks roses sales.



Cookeville Area Rose Society by Nancy Layzer, Editor

The Cookeville Area Rose Society visited Jeff Kommuck's rose garden in Crossville TN for the July meeting. Jeff has been working on establishing a rose garden around his new home. Jason Garrett, Overton County Extension Agent, presented a program on Fall Lawn Care in August. In September, the Society traveled to the University of Tennessee Test Gardens to observe progress on the Rose Rosette Disease study. In October, we toured Chuck and Sarah Johnson's yard and gardens and enjoyed a Pot Luck Picnic to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Cookeville Area Rose Society.



Tri-State Rose Society by Ann Bartlett, President

Our vice president, Cindy Garrett, organized a terrific line up of programs during which there has been lots of lively discussion. We have welcomed many visitors and new members this year.

Our September meeting was cancelled due to heavy rain and flooding. This turned out to be a good call because our meeting place, Trinity Lutheran Church, served as a Red Cross shelter for those whose homes were flooded.

For our final meeting of the year, we had a program about the Sacramento Historic Rose Garden. This garden of found and heirloom roses serves to preserve them from destruction by developers, environmental factors and changing tastes in landscaping. The garden cared for by volunteers who also conduct tours and classes for the public.



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

Louisville Rose Society by Janet Miller, Membership Chair

The members of the Louisville Rose Society enjoyed many blooms together in 2018. Our club is lucky to have a state sponsored rose show as well as our own.

The Kentucky State Fair is held in a huge air conditioned facility in late August. The rose show is sanctioned by the American Rose Society. We feel lucky to have a show that we don't have to stage. It is always a wonderful display that has a statewide outreach. This year the Fair Board made changes in their personnel to include the county extension officers and master gardeners. We hope this will add to the beauty and interest of the exhibition. They are committed to continuing their association with ARS. We are already working together to improve the schedule to make it more accessible to the public with Favorite Fragrance, Favorite Color, Best Form, Best Overall Rose and Best Type of Rose. Our own show was September 29 at Sutherland's Hardware in Louisville. Sutherland's has excellent lighting and is very welcoming to LRS. We had a rose seminar for the public after the judging. We had some very good public traffic and a few new members. The competition attracted some of our Bowling Green Rose Society friends, who then took some top awards with their beautiful roses.

At the October Awards Dinner/Chili Cookoff, we were all stunned by the early frost. Many of us were convinced the rose season was over. Thankfully, Mother Nature gave us some more blooms into early November.

Paula Williams was awarded the Silver Medal of Honor for her service in the Tenarky District as well as our local club. Paula is our secretary and hospitality chair, as well a general organizer for anything needing organized. She has recently qualified to judge horticulture and arrangements. Paula writes the arrangement schedule for the LRS Show. She has served as Treasurer for the Tenarky District and also chaired the 2017 Tenarky District Rose Show in Bowling Green, KY. We are thankful for Paula's contributions to our rose community and were proud to recommend her for the Silver Medal. **Linda Jansing was awarded as Master Rosarian** for her service to the rose community and love of roses. Linda has recently taken over as editor in chief of our local "Rose Leaves". She is a horticultural judge and recent Tenarky chair of Judges. Linda is the official photographer for local and district shows and events. She has served on the LRS board for years and did her turn as president faithfully. Linda will talk to anyone and everyone about roses to share her love and passion for our favorite flower.

This year the society continues to tend an earthkind rose garden at the Louisville Zoo. Sunshine Daydream is very hardy, as well as Belinda's Dream, Home Runs and some Rugosa Roses. See photo for the sign to recognize our efforts. Another season for the memories!



Tennessee Rose Society by Steve Franklin, President

Coming soon.



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

Bowing Green Rose Society by Mary Ann Hext, Newsletter Editor

BGRS had several new members join during the summer. Programs included: a presentation about growing David Austin roses by a member who has over 300 of them, spraying, fertilizing, and winterizing our roses. We had a fish fry at the home of Ricky Lockhart who moved over 100 roses to his new home and garden. We continue to maintain our public rose garden at Riverwalk Park thanks to Dan Wernigk and Bob Jacobs. Ann Jacobs received ARS Master Rosarian at the district convention (*photo p. 6*).

Tipton County Rose Friends by Richard Anthony, President

Tipton County Rose Friends has been actively recruiting those who grow roses for possible membership. The membership roster is now at 20 with hopes of obtaining 10 new local Tipton County members before year end. Mark your calendar for the 2019 Miniature & Miniflora National Convention & Rose Show which is being held at the Embassy Suites airport location in Nashville on September 20-22, 2019. This is also a joint Carolina and Tenarky District Rose Show with a full complement of each District's Challenge Class Trophies along with typical classes found at most District Rose Shows.



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ATTENTION TENARKY JUDGES AND CONSULTING ROSARIANS

Your reports for 2018 are due January 31, 2019. Even if you were not active as a CR or did not judge at a rose show, still complete these reports and just say that you were not active. It is important that these are kept on file and are needed if you are nominated for an ARS award such as Outstanding Consulting Rosarian, ARS Master Rosarian, ARS Outstanding Horticulture or Arrangement Judge or for the ARS Silver Honor Medal.

Forms are available on the Tenarky website at www.tenarky.org. Instructions are on the Consulting Rosarian page and on both the Arrangement and Horticulture Judges pages, along with links to the forms, and addresses of our chairs.

As of this date, our chairs are missing reports from several of our current judges and CRs. Please complete and send before the end of January!!! Contact the chair if you have questions.



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**2018 TENARKY FALL CONVENTION
AND ROSE SHOW**

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2019 Tenarky Area & National Rose Shows

- ▶ Bowling Green RS Rose Show: May 18
- ▶ ARS M/MF National Convention & Rose Show & Join Tenarky and Carolina District Rose Shows in Nashville, TN September 20-22, Hosted by Tipton County Rose Friends
- ▶ Nashville RS Rose Show—TBA
- ▶ Louisville RS Rose Show: TBA

**Tenarky Member Websites
for Roses & Supplies**

- [For Love of Roses](#)—Miniature & Miniflora roses
- [Rosemania](#)—Chemicals, safety equipment, garden tools, fertilizers, and plants
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Rose Show exhibited by Joanna Deck

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