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Tenarky District Winter Workshop

No decision has been made as of this date. Possibly there will be a virtual meeting. Information will be announced at a future date.

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Tenarky District Fall Virtual Business Meeting Highlights

by Mary Ann Hext, Vice Director

The Tenarky District held its first-ever virtual meeting on Sunday afternoon, August 16, using GoToMeeting provided by the American Rose Society. Approximately 38 members from nearly all Tenarky rose societies attended.

The meeting was called to order at 2 p.m. by Mary Ann Hext, Interim Director. Minutes from the previous business meeting which was held February 17, 2019, were read by Jill Garabedian, secretary. Mary Ann gave a detailed treasurer's report for the period January 1, 2019, through August 30, 2020.

Announcements made included:

- Kathy Brennan, CR chair, that we have three new CRs who completed the ARS virtual CR school: Jill Garabedian, Millie Dolinger, and Alyssa Leonard. Eight CRs updated their audits. All CRs have been given a one-year extension. The Tenarky website CR page has been updated to show the new audit dates.
- Tenarky will possibly have an in-person or virtual winter workshop in February 2021. A decision will be made in late fall.
- The next issue of KATnips will be sent in October. Club presidents, editors, and others were asked to send their articles and photos to be included by the end of September.
- The ARS will have a virtual meeting for all ARS members on Saturday, August 29, at 11 a.m. CT. Members should receive the information to log in.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Tenarky District 2020 Awards:

- Kathy Brennan, CR Chair, virtually presented the Tenarky District 2020 ARS Outstanding Consulting Rosarian to Ann Jacobs and announced that Mary Ann Hext had achieved ARS Master Rosarian status. Both are members of the Bowling Green Rose Society.
- Linda Jansing, Horticulture Judges Chair, announced and virtually presented Glenn Fuqua from the Memphis & Dixie Rose Society the Tenarky District 2020 ARS Outstanding Horticulture Judges Award.
- Mary Ann Hext announced and virtually presented Kathy Brennan from the Tennessee Rose Society with the ARS Silver Honor Medal for 2020. Mary Ann also announced that she had recently received the actual ARS Silver Honor Medal and certificate for 2019 that had been announced at the 2019 ARS Fall Convention in Franklin, TN.

Following the awards, a virtual election was held and Lori Emery from the Nashville Rose Society was unanimously elected as the Tenarky District Director to complete the term of Richard Anthony who resigned in December 2019. She will also be our candidate for the ARS triennial election to be held in the summer of 2021.

After brief remarks, the meeting was adjourned by our new district director.



Report from ARS Board & Member Meetings, August 2020

Summarized by Mary Ann Hext, Tenarky Vice Director

On August 29, I attended the ARS Virtual Board Meeting, as our new director was unable to attend due to her work schedule. I also attended the ARS Members Meeting on August 29, where most reports and actions from the Board meeting were presented to the members. Below are some of the highlights of the meetings:

- ARS President Bob Martin reported on the activities he had undertaken the past year.
- A virtual Consulting Rosarian School was held during June and July which was a great success and resulted in 43 new CRs and many CRs audited for credit. There are currently 1,013 CRs.
- A new system of using whole numbers will be used for ratings in *Roses in Review*.
- The Modern Roses online database continues to be restored.
- The Board approved a resolution in support of the Society of the Honor Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier's Centennial Commemoration of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and the establishment of a "Never Forget Garden" at America's Rose Garden in Shreveport.
- Updates to the Consulting Rosarian Manual were approved and will be available on the website for download.
- Revisions to Chapter Four "Disqualification & Penalization" of the *Guidelines & Rules for Judging Roses* eliminating most reasons for disqualification were approved along with a policy that the AEN of a rose for rose show purposes shall to the extent practicable be the name under which the rose is available or otherwise generally known in the US.
- It was approved for the Shrub classification of roses be changed to Modern Shrub Classes and be divided into three separate classes: English Style (Eng); Ground Cover (Gc); and Landscape Shrub (S).
- The Oriental & Mini Oriental rosette awards will be changed to East Asian and Miniature East Asian rosettes; and a new edition of the *Guidelines for Judging Rose Arrangements* is forthcoming. The design of a National Arrangement Trophy in honor of Gary Barlow and in memory of Lew Shupe (Barlow-Shupe East Asian ARS Arrangement Award) was approved.
- Several amendments to the Bylaws were approved and are subject to ratification by the membership at the next Triennial Election. Several amendments to the Standing Rules were also approved.
- Jack Page, ARS Treasurer, gave a financial report for year end 2019 with the anticipated loss much less than expected due mainly to Membership/Sales, Annual Fund, Contributions from Trusts, Memorials, Trail Grant Reimbursements and extra cost cutting measures from the staff. The year to date income is well above budget.
- ARS Executive Director Jon Corkern made a report on the many activities going on in the ARS which included "Christmas in Roseland", ARS Photography Contest, Valentine's Promotion, drone videos made of America's Rose Garden, Facebook Live videos, June Rose Month promotion, *Roses in Review* for 2020, website improvements, videos available on ARS YouTube channel and on the website, Annual Fund 2020, Christmas in July, membership report as of July 2020, ARS social media stats and website stats, status of America's Rose Garden, Green Thumb events, repairs, renovations, and improvements at the Center.
- Marilyn Wellan reported on the progress of the Great Garden Restoration Project with many photographs of the completed phases, the status of restoration funds along with plans for Phase III and IV and needed funds. Photos of the location of the "Never Forget Garden" were shown with flags and a marker donated by the Illinois-Indiana District.
- Diane Summers, ARS Vice President, gave an ARS Technology and Program Update. She discussed comments received from local society presidents regarding the need for ARS to help provide program support for local societies. She discussed the successful launch of the video conferencing community license program for use by districts and local societies and a list of presenters and programs that is now available and requested more members to volunteer to join this speaker bureau and downloadable/program list.
- Following the member meeting, ARS national awards were presented. This may be viewed on YouTube at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bg8jEJiqq9E&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR3hAoAb376IKc6it5HeO3rJgrkC3iN2CuCpnNszncelYhHlsEogFI-xTv8>

Most of us do not get to attend the national conventions where they are held. Having it virtually allowed every ARS member the opportunity to learn more about the ARS and how it strives to better serve the members and accomplish its mission.



Consulting Rosarian Corner *by Kathy Brennan, Tennessee Rose Society, ARS Master Rosarian, District Consulting Rosarian Chair*

The American Rose Society ARS Consulting Rosarian Chairmen, Gerry and Dave Mahoney, had a virtual meeting September 11. After good discussions, we decided to hold another virtual CR School starting on February 6, 2021.

The school will consist of five 1-hour sessions. Any member of a local society may attend the school. CR's may audit or update. To update status, you must attend 4 sessions, making sure one is Chemical Safety.

An announcement will be emailed to all, make sure your email address is up to date, with an e-vite to attend before each session. You must register and reserve your spot to attend each session.

If anyone wants to attend school as a CR Candidate and take the test, please ask a CR in your society to help you with paperwork, you must be a 2-year or more member of ARS, correctly fill out paperwork with three CR referrals and email to me brenrose@tds.net as soon as possible. Approval takes time as paperwork goes through many hands before you are approved to take the test and become a CR. Download or request a copy of the CR Handbook from ARS. The test is an open book test. Current candidates already approved, that did not finish the last CR school, can attend all five sessions and take the test. Let me know in advance your intentions. Watch for forthcoming announcements about this school and put February 6, 2021 on your calendar.

We also discussed holding 1-hour presentations/seminars for CR credit at different dates and times throughout the year. These presentations will be open for any rosarian who registers to attend from the e-vite sent out with the announcement. These virtual power point presentations will be on subjects of interest concerning rose culture. The schedule for these and the CR school are on page 4 of this newsletter. Information will be emailed to all with an e-vite to attend.

CR's remember you can accumulate (4) one-hour credits during a year by attending (4) one-hour seminars to update your status with one hour being Chemical Safety. So, the presentations might be a better fit on your schedule than the school. Remember, single credit hours cannot be carried over from one year to the next year.



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

CR TIP – Transplanting a Rose Bush

I was reading an article about transplanting a rosebush using Vitamin B1, 2 tbsps. mixed with a gallon of water. Then it said to "Water rose bush four times during the week with mixture before transplanting. After pruning bush to manageable size, dig and prepare new hole. Then dig up bush trying not to disturb root ball and keeping as much soil as possible around the roots. Proceed to plant the rosebush and water well slowly and deeply, giving it a good drink of Vitamin B1 solution weekly for about 3 weeks."

NOTE 1: Information from "Roses of Yesterday and Today" Catalog

NOTE 2: GARDEN MYTHS – Vitamin B1 is a miracle drug that makes plants grow bigger, stronger after transplanting. EXPERTS say "it doesn't work"!

NOTE 3: So, forget the B1 and just water well before transplanting and again after planting, adding fertilizer. Plants will be in shock for about 2-6 weeks; water is key to success. It is always best to transplant roses during dormancy.



ARS Virtual Consulting Rosarian Seminars and School

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
Spotted Lanternfly- The Latest Information	Ray Shipley	November 21, 2020 – 1 pm CST
New Roses for Your Garden	Carol Shockley	January 9, 2021 – 1 pm CST
The Scourge of Chilli 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 CST

The table below lists the sessions for the February 2021 CR School and the exam date. Please note that the February 6 session has two parts.

Date	Topic	Speaker	Contact Person
February 6, 2021 @ 1:00 pm CST	CR Mission Soil & Water	Gerry Mahoney John Moe	Dave Mahoney Gerry Mahoney
February 13, 2021 @ 1:00 pm CST	Fertilizer	Chris Woods	Linda Schuppener
February 20, 2021 @ 1:00 pm CST	Insects and Diseases	Mark Windham	Kathy Brennan
February 27, 2021 @ 1:00 pm CST	Chemical Safety	Craig Dorschel	Louis Arce
March 9, 2021 @ 1:00 pm CST	Online Exam		Dave Mahoney

Tenarky District 2020 Awards *(presented virtually at fall business meeting)*



At the Tenarky District fall virtual meeting, Interim District Director, Mary Ann Hext, presented the 2020 district awards. Congratulations to Kathy Brennan from the Tennessee Rose Society who received the 2020 ARS Silver Honor Medal for her many contributions to our district and the ARS. Congratulations; also, to Glenn Fuqua (Memphis & Dixie Rose Society) who received the 2020 Outstanding Horticulture Judges Award (no photo available), to Ann Jacobs (Bowling Green Rose Society) who received the 2020 Outstanding Consulting Rosarian Award, and to Mary Ann Hext (Bowling Green Rose Society) who achieved ARS Master Rosarian status.



Rhonda Spruiell—Everyone Has A “Rhonda” Story

By Mary Frances Carlson, TRS

It will soon be two years since members of Knoxville’s Tennessee Rose Society said good-bye to one of their most active and knowledgeable rose growers, Rhonda Spruiell (Mrs. Joe Spruiell). Over a period of many years, any new person who joined the Tennessee Rose Society had the opportunity to meet one special person who if they desired her help could make a huge difference in the success of their rose growing experience.

Beginning to grow roses can be a rather frightening experience according to former President Steve Franklin: “When I joined in 2005, I was confused and scared of the dreaded spring pruning of roses. Rhonda invited me to her garden one Saturday, and she and I (and Joe) trimmed her bushes until she was sure I understood how it was done. She was the ultimate teacher, encourager, and cheerleader for the newbies. TRS owes her many thanks.”

Rose society member Susie Epperson has shared her own story: “Rhonda was a great teacher and very patient. She invited me to work with her in their garden one Saturday morning in the spring to learn and practice spring pruning. Many of her exact words I still repeat to myself when I am pruning—Go slow. Remember, you cannot put it back after you cut it!”

Kathy Brennan, American Rose Society Master Rosarian, Tenarky District ARS Consulting Rosarian Chairman, and member of Tennessee Rose Society, has summed up her thoughts about Rhonda: “Rhonda and husband Joe were instrumental in the success and growing of Tennessee Rose Society. From 1988 to 2008, they both took turns serving as President as well as many other offices, always volunteering when the need arose. When Rhonda called, no one could or would turn her down!

“They complimented each other with their rose growing talents, sharing in many rose awards from National to local shows plus the Silver Medal honor given by the Tenarky District. Both were very active Master Rosarians sharing their knowledge and talents in our community, always opening their beautiful rose garden to rose tours, garden clubs, and Master Gardeners. The Spruiell’s are respected Nationally by ARS for their exhibiting honors and expert rose growing. The Spruiell’s are a huge part of the Tennessee Rose Society’s history. They will never be forgotten.”

Kathy’s remarks can be concluded with these words: “When I joined in 1993 with Lane Hays’ invitation and gentle nudging by Mike Thompson, Rhonda took me under her wing and became my mentor. She is the reason I’m as active in American Rose Society, in rose growing, in the Tenarky District, and supporting Tennessee Rose Society.”

As most rose growers would probably acknowledge, this unique hobby affects the entire family in a number of ways, so we reached out to the Spruiell’s daughter Janet Byrd who lives near St. Louis and so faithfully visited her mother during her final months at Shanondale Nursing Home in Maryville. Janet’s memories include the fact “that their garage always smelled like chemicals.” Her parents were often in the roses weeding, pruning, fertilizing, and spraying. Janet’s mother would probably spend about five or even



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Rhonda Spruiell *(continued from page 5)*

more days a week working in her gardens. She and her helper/friend Linda would work for hours before having lunch; then her mother would put her legs up for a few minutes before going back and working another three to four hours. Janet recalls that with these long working hours, her mother was sometimes too tired to cook dinner and would go to Long John Silvers, Burger King, or Calhoun's for carry-out dinners.

When rose shows were approaching, Janet remembers seeing two refrigerators filled with roses and watching as her parents put "q-tips" between petals at rose shows to get them opened up just enough to be perfect.

With this very time-consuming family project, did daughter Janet ever receive any benefits? Of course! She loved walking through the garden paths and selecting her own beautiful roses for the family room and foyer leading to the front door where they always tried to have roses. However, Janet recalls that some of the better roses were off limits because they were being saved for a show.

Not to be omitted from Janet's memories would be the benefits she received from the many awards that her parents would win at rose shows. One Christmas her mother filled Janet's china cabinet with their winnings from rose shows that year. She credits former TRS member Bertie Slagle with buying beautiful items to give as prizes—especially the Victorian teacups and plates with beautiful hand-painted roses on them and unusual and pretty metal patterned colored bells.

In conclusion, did Rhonda and Joe report their rose show successes to daughter Janet? According to their daughter, "Most of my memories are about her and dad (mostly dad) bragging about how many ribbons they won." To those of us who were ever around Joe at show time, we can recall his excitement over winning at rose shows and an occasional explanation why he did not win or why someone else perhaps should not have won!

What special memories we have of these truly dedicated rose growers! Thank you to Rhonda and Joe Spruiell, very special members for many years of the Tennessee Rose Society, Knoxville, TN.



In Memory of Rhonda Spruiell

August 10, 1936 to December 13, 2019

- President of Tennessee Rose Society 1995 (held every office)
- ARS Master Rosarian
- ARS Bronze Honor Medal 2000
- ARS Silver Honor Medal 2004 (with her husband, Joe)
- ARS Outstanding Horticulture Judge 2004
- Winning exhibitor at local, district and national rose shows
- A wonderful rose mentor to all





Have you noticed hammerhead worms in your soil?

Editor's Note: This article was sent to the Warren County (KY) master gardeners in early October. I have not seen these creatures on our farm yet and hope that I don't. Our horticulture agent, Kristin Hildebrand, was consulted by a Warren County resident who found one, so I will be watching my soil.

Last week, a client sent me a photo of a hammerhead worm. To be honest, I had never seen one or even heard of it before. I thought this article would shed more light on this unique creature. Read here to find out more information about hammerhead worms.

Hammerhead worms are flattened, very long earthworms, and have a broad shovel-like head. They can be 10 or more inches in length. Please see the picture below received from a Warren County resident.



Hammerhead worms are earthworm and mollusk predators and have been a problem in earthworm farms. These are terrestrial planarians. They are able to detect secretions left by earthworms in the soil, and then track, kill, and consume those earthworms. They are able to kill earthworms many times their size as hammerhead worms can use a neurotoxin (tetrodotoxin) to paralyze the worm. Hammerhead worms have the potential to greatly impact local earthworm populations. These hammerhead worms have few predators.

Reproduction can be sexual, or asexual as all the species are hermaphroditic. Some species can use fragmentation, fission of posterior body fragments. These diverse reproductive strategies enable hammerhead worms to spread rapidly.

While there are native hammerhead worm species, this species appears to be invasive from southeastern Asia; however, I am not able to confirm this. This species is widely distributed and has been in the United States for over a century.

Information for this article was taken from Ric Bessin, Entomology Extension Specialist Kentucky Pest News article published on September 8, 2020, found at <https://kentuckypestnews.wordpress.com/2020/09/08/hammerhead-worms/>.

*Editor's Note: I found this article from a Missouri journal: **Hitchhiking hammerhead worm kills native earthworms.** Some Missouri gardeners are finding a new type of invasive flatworm in landscape soils. The hammerhead worm is a "voracious, top-level predator," says University of Missouri Extension horticulturist Kelly McGowan. "It will eat anything in its path," she says. It primarily feeds on native earthworms. Not much is known about the hammerhead worm, which belongs to a family of flatworms called land planarians. The worm gets its nickname from the blunt shape of its head. McGowan says its effect on soil fertility and nutrient cycling remains unknown. It is soft and flat and bears striping in different colors. It likes dark, cool, moist areas and moves and feeds mostly at night. Not only is it deadly to earthworms, it leaves a nasty trail of mucus and excrement that helps it glide along. It produces sexually by laying eggs and asexually by fragmenting and growing new heads and tails when cut into pieces. McGowan says the hammerhead worm likely hitchhiked to Missouri in potted nursery plants. It is small and difficult to see in potting soil but can grow to several inches long. McGowan suggests putting the soil in a wheelbarrow and looking for the flat worms. No known treatments exist, but gardeners can rid the soil of these predators by heating the soil to 93 degrees for five minutes. They survive freezing temperatures. Its one good quality is that it preys on slugs. For more information, contact your local MU Extension center or follow "Ask a Missouri Master Gardener" on Facebook. https://dailyjournalonline.com/news/local/hitchhiking-hammerhead-worm-kills-native-earthworms/article_5acbc288-dfec-58b0-a998-12f3692f6479.html*



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

Nashville Rose Society by Marty Reich, Master Rosarian

There have been many adjustments to be made for NRS due to the pandemic, but we have survived and even have some new members. Our last in-person meeting was in March. We started virtual ones in June. Attendance has been getting better each month and we are having good programs now as well as a small virtual rose show. Vendor Night where we delivered pre-ordered roses and supplies was completely changed into a drive-thru pick-up and went so well that we may continue that procedure next year.

The Study Garden at Cheekwood showed how resilient roses are. We were not allowed in to care for the garden all spring until June 8. It took a herculean effort by a great team led by Bob Bowen to clean it up, but it is now blooming and beautiful with the loss of only two roses.

We are so proud of our members' accomplishments. There are three new CRs: Millie Dolinger, Jill Garabedian and Alyssa Leonard. Elsewhere in Katnips will be noted the awards and honors for Kathy Brennan, Mary Ann Hext and Ann Jacobs. Of course, we are all so happy to have our own Lori Emery who has stepped up to be Tenarky District Director.

In September, NRS had a virtual rose show with 115 entries in eleven classes. All entries and results can be seen on the website at www.nashvillerosesociety.org. Congratulations to our exhibitors and winners.

Our new rose sale is starting soon. NRS is going strong. It is great to have our wonderful hobby to fall back on in such stressful times.

Tri-State Rose Society by Jeff Garrett, President

The Tri-State Rose Society of Chattanooga has not met since March. In April, we were able to have folks pick up the gardening supplies that they had ordered from our annual sale. We also have continued maintaining the rose garden at Veterans Park in Soddy Daisy.

Speaking of Veterans Park, we have replaced some of the 'White Meidiland' shrub roses with 'Beverly' hybrid tea roses. We are looking forward to seeing how they perform at the park.

In the meantime, we have started doing some planning for next year, when hopefully we can again meet in person. Some of the things we are proposing include no dues for next year for anyone who was a member in good standing this year. We are also looking at ways we can encourage folks to join our club.

Tennessee Rose Society by Mary Frances Carlson, Secretary

For the past several months, Tennessee Rose Society members have had to get used to almost no contact with one another and no in-person monthly meetings. Members have also been notified that our President Ken Veal has had to resign because of upcoming surgeries, and we wish for him the best along with speedy recoveries.

In the meantime we are trying to be enthusiastic about caring for our own gardens, and several of our tireless workers have been engaged in community projects to make the Knoxville area more beautiful. For their efforts, we express gratitude to Kathy Brennan and Lane Hays for helping Knoxville Botanical Gardens in developing what will be called the "Lane Hays Rose Garden." The planning team for this garden including Kathy and Lane will be using David Austin Roses as their featured roses. Then Kathy and Carolyn Noey have spent hours at UT helping with the "Beal Family Rose Garden" that is presently being used for special occasions such as small weddings during this season of social distancing, but still providing enjoyment of the beautiful outdoors.

TRS members are anticipating the return to normal activities in the new year. Kathy Brennan has graciously agreed to assume duties as President, and members have approved.

Cookeville Area Rose Society by Nancy Lazer, Newsletter Editor

No news as we have not been meeting.

Tipton County Rose Friends by Richard J. Anthony, President

No news.

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

Louisville Rose Society by Janet Miller, President

The Louisville Rose Society had a successful garden tour in July at Tom and Kathy Lehmann's beautiful yard overlooking the Ohio River. Almost 15 people socially distanced to see the Lehmann's fantastic roses and view. Mark and Kathy Nolen travelled from Indianapolis to demonstrate grafting. It was shown on zoom for the folks who couldn't make it there. Some thought the Zoom program gave a better view of the grafting presentation. But the view had to be appreciated in person. And the opportunity to get out in a rose garden was well received.

The August meeting was entirely zoom as Linda Schork moderated CRs Sharon Wuorenmaa, Tom Lehmann and Linda Jansing. We orchestrated a great program and answered excellent questions from the attendees on preparing for fall roses. Linda Schork is a teacher and so has perfect experience directing the presenters and attendees. Our special guest was Sharon's daughter Kristin from Hawaii!

We have substituted a socially distant fall celebration at Linda and Paul Schork's garden on the date of the cancelled Louisville show, October 3. We will bring our best blooms for a practice rose show and provide a zoom alternative for the stay at home members.

This year has been difficult for getting together, but we have met the challenge with good humor and good roses. Many agree that having a rose hobby certainly helps fill the void in the shutdown. We are lucky to have our roses and the support of our rose community; however, we can share it in Louisville and around the globe.

We continue to enjoy our monthly "Rose Leaves" published by Linda Jansing. Linda's experience with photography has enhanced the newsletter and many members have stepped up to provide their photos (great articles too). We also have encouraged members to post their own "Queen" photos on Facebook. Rose photos are so needed now. Everyone can agree on the beauty of roses!

Memphis and Dixie Rose Society by Bill Dickerson, President

No news.

Holston Rose Society by Sallie Blazer, President

No news.

Bowling Green Rose Society by Mary Hext, Newsletter Editor

Due to Covid-19, BGRS did not meet March-June. In July, we had an in-person meeting at the home of our president where we met outdoors and learned about his new irrigation/fertilization system. In August, we began meeting at a church fellowship hall where we have room to socially distance. Members have stepped up and presented excellent programs at each meeting including: "Summer Rose Care", "No Leaves, No Blooms", and "Rose Gardens with Companion Plants".

Our in-club competition (small rose shows) held from May through November was done virtually in June and have had a good number of exhibits in each class now that we are meeting in person and are able to share our blooms. At our last meeting, our president brought ten hybrid tea roses and each member evaluated them choosing the top three which was a fun activity as well as an educational one.

Our public rose garden chairperson and our president removed and destroyed all the roses from the BGRS Public Rose Garden at Riverwalk Park as it was completely overtaken with rose rosette disease. We installed the rose garden in the spring of 2006 and it grew to about 20-25 bushes over the years. However, in the past few years, bushes had to be removed and replaced due to RRD. Since infected multiflora bushes grow on the banks of the river, we realized this year that we were fighting a losing battle. In August, all the bushes except 'Miracle on the Hudson' were infected. We are now in discussion as to whether to install a new rose study garden at our local extension office.

In November, we will be electing 2021 officers and having a program on "Winterizing Roses". Our Christmas luncheon/dinner will be in December. Our spring rose show is scheduled for May 22 with great hope that we will be able to have an in-person show!



Raising Funds for Rose Rosette Research

Editor's Note: After reading an article in the Manhattan Rose Society newsletter about an upcoming program on Rose Rosette Virus, on August 21, I watched a YouTube video program provided by Paul Zimmerman about RRV which is a huge concern of mine having lost about 20 roses to this disease over the past few years. Additionally, members of BGRS have removed and replaced several bushes annually for the past five years at our public rose garden. In August, every bush except 'Miracle on the Hudson' had RRD, so all were removed and destroyed in September. Below is information about how to watch the video and how to help with funding for more research as the universities where these professors teach and are studying RRD did not receive the research grant this year.



[Paul Zimmerman Roses Consulting & Design](#)

Raising Funds for Rose Rosette Research <https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/cam>.

There is a lot of information, and misinformation, about Rose Rosette Disease. I held a discussion with Dr. David Byrne, Dr. Kevin Ong and Dr. Mark Windham to talk about RRD. We talked about its history, what spreads it, what does it look like, tips to prevent it and what to do if you get it. We also answered questions provided to us by gardeners like you. The research they do is generally funded by grants. This year, (2020) they did not get the grant so we have set up a Charity Go Fund Me Page to help fund their research. In cooperation with the AGRS™ (American Garden Rose Selections™), a CharityGoFundMe page has been established and you can donate now to help with this effort. Please make a donation to this vital work.

Link to watch program: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MW85zuaZ0GI&feature=youtu.be>

Link to donate: <https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/raising-funds-for-rrd-research>





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2020 Tenarky Area & National Rose Shows

- ▶ May 30: Bowling Green RS Rose Show—cancelled
- ▶ August 16: Tenarky District Virtual Business Meeting & Awards Presentation
- ▶ August 26-30: ARS National Convention & Rose Show, Colorado Springs, CO—cancelled
- ▶ September 26-27: Tenarky District Fall Convention & Rose Show, hosted by NRS—cancelled
- ▶ October 3: Louisville Rose Show—cancelled

Check for show schedules at www.tenarky.org!

2021 Tenarky Area & National Rose Shows

- ▶ May 22: Bowling Green RS Rose Show
- ▶ September 10-14: ARS 2021 National Convention and Rose Show, Milwaukee, WI



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