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2018 TWW!

Tenarky District
Winter Workshop
February 16-18, 2018

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2018 Tenarky Winter Workshop!

It is a new year and time to register for the annual winter workshop and consulting rosarian school February 16-18 hosted by the Bowling Green Rose Society. We have another great weekend planned for our district rosarians and rose friends.

Registration begins at 4 p.m. Friday afternoon. The "Welcome Social/Buffer" will begin at 6 p.m. Be sure to wear your rosiest outfits, clothing, jewelry, hats, caps, and other accessories for a fun evening and another version of "Name that Rose." Chris VanCleave, candidate for ARS Vice President, will also be speaking about his goals for the ARS.

Our 3rd Annual Rose Photography Show will be held on Saturday with placement of entries beginning at 7:30 a.m. Be sure to read the rules and classes attached as a separate document with this newsletter. The educational seminars will begin at 8:15 a.m. and includes excellent presenters from across the country:

- ◆ Carol Shockley, president of the Central Arkansas Rose Society, will give her annual update on "Exciting Roses."
- ◆ Dr. David Zlesak from Associate Professor of Horticulture from the University of Wisconsin at River Falls, rose hybridizer, and author of many publications, will speak about blackspot and rose diseases in the morning and again in the afternoon about the American Rose Trials for Sustainability.
- ◆ Dr. Don Myers, ARS National Consulting Rosarian Chair, Director of the Carolina District, ARS judge, and currently growing over 500 roses will talk about "Getting Started in Roses."
- ◆ Gaye Hammond, past president of the Houston Rose Society, editor of the 2017 *ARS American Rose Annual*, and also works with Earth-Kind® rose research will present "Gardening in the Hell Spot" (growing plants where they don't want to grow).
- ◆ Dr. Mark Windham will give us his annual update on rose rosette research.

Following our speakers, we will have a brief district business meeting. The evening banquet will begin at 6:30 p.m. Laura Seabaugh, ARS Executive Director, will be our speaker. Diane Sommers, ARS vice presidential candidate, will also speak about her goals for the ARS.

On Sunday morning at 8 a.m., following our devotional by Nancy Jones, we will hold our annual Consulting Rosarian school for those who wish to audit or attend for educational purposes and for those wishing to become consulting rosarians. If you plan to take the test, send your paperwork to Kathy Brennan, our district CR Chair, as soon as possible.

We will have many roses, including several new introductions, for sale and for silent auction during the weekend. We hope you will plan to take several home with you as this is the only income for our district and helps to pay district expenses as well as provide us with the funds to help with expenses of our winter workshop, which we believe is one of the best!

Register now for a great winter weekend with rose friends!!!



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



Happy 2018 Tenarky Rosarians! I hope every one is warm and cozy and your roses are well protected from this bitter January cold weather. My husband and I missed some of the single digit nights while we were on a trip to Central America. The best part of the trip was swimming with "Ellie" in a cove in Honduras where they have a small number of dolphins who live in a cove and are free to leave, but don't as they love the free fish and attention and always return.

If you are a Consulting Rosarian or a Horticulture and/or Arrangement Judge, your 2017 report is due to our chairs. It is important to send this in even if you were inactive as this is necessary to keep your active status and it is necessary if you are nominated to receive an award such as Master Rosarian, Outstanding Consulting Rosarian or Outstanding Horticulture or Arrangement. Forms are on the Tenarky website along with instructions to send the reports by email or regular mail. Deadline is January 31!!!

We are finalizing plans for our 2018 district winter workshop February 16-18 and hope that many of you will be able to attend as we have another group of great speakers! We have several rosarians from across the district planning to take the Consulting Rosarian test. The school/audit is open to anyone who wants to attend for educational purposes, also. Please indicate this on your registration form so we know how many to expect.

There is still plenty of time to register for the workshop, and you can save \$10 if you send your form to our treasurer prior to February 8. After this date, you can still register, but please email me also as I have to turn in food counts and choices to the hotel on Monday, February 12, and will not be able to add anyone after that date.

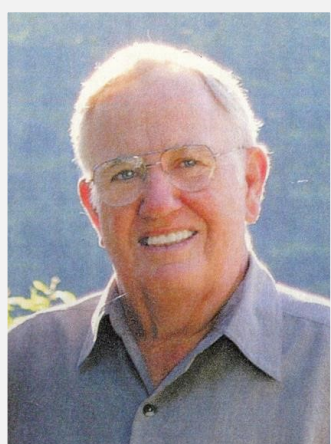
If you did not make a reservation at the convention hotel, there are two hotels within walking distance across the street. You can also ask our hotel to be added to a cancellation list.

We have many roses for our annual fundraiser and I have attached an updated list with this newsletter. Please plan to take roses home with you as this is our only income for district expenses. If you have members who will no be able to attend the workshop, maybe you can take a few back home for them also.

At the end of 2017, we lost one of our long-time Tenarky rose friends, Ted Mills. Ted was a very special person to all who knew him, read his many articles, and listened to his rose stories. The last time I talked with him, he told me he had had sent many articles to the ARS for his "The Last Word" page in the *American Rose* magazine. We will remember him for his articles and advice, his service to the ARS and the Tenarky District, his love for roses, and think of him every time we use his fertilizer invention "Mills Magic Mix."

The South Central District Director accepted our offer to compromise by giving them the counties in Arkansas where he and the members of the Central Arkansas Rose Society members live. We have retained the counties in the eastern part of the state and south of the Little Rock area. This should be approved by the ARS Board of Directors at the meeting in May.

We hope to see you in Bowling Green in February at the Tenarky Winter Workshop!



IN MEMORY OF TED MILLS

April 24, 1923—December 30, 2017

- ▶ Member and past president of Chattanooga Rose Society
- ▶ Tenarky District Director 1994-1997
- ▶ ARS Horticulture Judge
- ▶ ARS Outstanding Consulting Rosarian
- ▶ ARS Bronze & Silver Honor Medal Recipient
- ▶ ARS Klima Medal Recipient
- ▶ Long-time exhibitor
- ▶ Author of many rose-related articles
- ▶ Contributor to *American Rose* magazine
- ▶ Inventor of Mills Magic Mix



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

While we are doing our best to stay warm and hoping our roses make it through winter storms, now is a perfect time to think about the tools we will need this spring in our gardens.

This is a list of garden tools we should have in our shed:

- ◆ Pruning shears
- ◆ Anvil shears
- ◆ Lopping shears
- ◆ and maybe a good Saw for extra large canes.

Keep these tools sharp for nice clean cuts and clean (I recommend using Lysol which does not rust) for healthy roses.

Oh yes, and by the way, make sure your gloves are clean and ready to go when you need them.



**ARS Consulting Rosarian School
February 18 at Tenarky Winter Workshop
7:45 am-12:30 pm**

Contact: Kathy Brennan, District CR Chair
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All Workshop Participants Welcome

Registration	7:45-8:00 am
Welcome	Kathy Brennan
Seminars:	
▶ CR Program & Mission	Mary Ann Hext
▶ Soil and Water	Ron Daniels
▶ Fertilizers	Clayton Beaty
Break - 15 minutes	
▶ Pesticides and Garden Safety	Dr. Don Myers
▶ Insects and Diseases	Dr. Mark Windham
▶ Test for new CRs	12:30 pm

If you have met ARS requirements and plan to take the CR test, contact Kathy ASAP, as forms must be approved by ARS. If you plan to audit for credit or sit-in for education, be sure to indicate this on your workshop registration form so we can prepare for the number attending.

**ATTENTION TENARKY
CONSULTING ROSARIANS
AND JUDGES**

Your reports for 2017 are due January 31, 2018. 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.



How I Grow Roses by Joanna Deck, Memphis & Dixie Rose Society

Editor's Note: Following the Tenarky Fall Rose Show where Joanna won many awards for her gorgeous roses, several of us asked her questions about her methods for growing so many beautiful entries. She graciously explained what she does to us. I asked her if she would write an article for our newsletter so her knowledge could be shared with rosarians across the district and she did! Part II will be in our next newsletter. Thank you, Joanna, for sharing with us.

As I begin to write this article about how I grow roses, I feel that I should start from the beginning and describe a little about what I do all year long, even though most of the questions I got at the District show were on how I transport the blooms. So I will try to keep the description of everything else somewhat brief. Keep in mind that I live in zone 8A and most of you live in cooler zones, so you will have to adjust any dates to what is best for you. I only show hybrid teas, floribundas, minis, and minifloras and so, to my knowledge, everything below applies only to those types of roses.



Figure 1
explained on page 6

Also, all my hybrid teas and floribundas are grafted, as are many of the minifloras. Most of the minis are own root.

Pruning

I typically begin pruning around President's Day. However, in 2017 I discovered that was too soon for the Birmingham Rose Show on Mother's Day because they bloomed out about a week before that. The roses began to have new growth about the middle of February. I have been told that if they start to grow you should prune because they are putting energy into that new growth, and if you cut off too much of it the plants will be harmed. I don't know if there is any truth to that, but I plan to wait until the first of March to prune in 2018.

Most of my roses are on Fortuniana rootstock and I usually do not get much winter damage. I pruned the Fortuniana hybrid teas down to 24 inches in 2017 and I think they did very well during the growing season. In the past, I have pruned them higher than that, but they can get a little leggy. I have some minifloras on Fortuniana that are the size of hybrid teas - Dr. John Dickman, Dr. Troy Garret, Wright Touch, Tammy Clemons, Crystal Palace - and I prune them like hybrid teas. The other minis and mini florals are pruned in relation to their current size. The larger ones are pruned taller and the shorter ones, shorter.

Fertilizing and spraying after pruning

I used to spray lime sulfur on the bushes and the ground after pruning in the spring. I no longer do this because I could not tell that it cut down on the incidence of blackspot later on. It was just one more thing to do and spend money on. If you have used it, you also know that it smells bad. So now I spray with Manzate, now called Pentathlon DF, and double strength Honorguard. I spray the roses and the ground. I spray separately with 4 T/6 gal Suffoil-X to smother any insects that might have overwintered.

Then I apply 2 cups Mills Magic Mix, 1 cup alfalfa pellets, 1 cup 14-14-14 8-month slow release fertilizer, a handful of urea, a handful of epsom salt, a handful of 0-46-0, and a handful of Milorganite around each large bush and scratch it lightly into the soil. I use half that amount on the minis and minifloras.

Fertilizing during the growing season

When the rose are beginning to leaf out, I begin liquid fertilization. I feed every week up until the middle of May or until it starts getting hot, and then reduce it to every other week. Six to eight weeks *(continued on p. 5)*

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before the first fall show, I feed once a week again until three weeks before that show. I don't feed anymore after that for the year.

I have two 45 gallon and one 55 gallon plastic drum that I mix it in; then I use a sump pump with a hose attached to apply it. At the other end of the hose, I have a Rosemania garden hose water meter that allows me to distribute one gallon around large roses and 1/2 gallon around the small ones. That was truly one of the best feeding tools I ever bought because it takes all the guess work out of the application and it saves me having to use a bucket to apply the fertilizer.

My fertilizing schedule for 2017 was:

- Week 1: Peters water soluble 20-20-20, 1 t/gal
- Week 2: Fish emulsion, 1 T/ gal, fish emulsion, 1 T/gal, and Sprint 330 chelated iron, 1/2 t/gal
- Week 3: Potassium nitrate, 1 T/gal, Peters soluble trace elements mixture (STEM), 1/4 t/gal
- Week 4: 2 cups alfalfa pellets scratched in lightly
- Week 5: 20-20-20, 1 T/gal, magnesium sulfate (Epsom salt), 1T/gal
- Week 6: Fish emulsion, 1 T/gal, humic acid, 1/2 T/gal
- Week 7: Potassium nitrate, Sprint 330
- Week 8: skipped due to rose show
- Week 9: 20-20-20

About once a month I add 1/4 t/gal Peters' Soluble Trace Elements Mix (STEM) all during the growing period. It has all those things the roses only need a little of, like copper, boron, manganese, etc.

By the end of May it begins to get hot, so I feed the same things in approximately the same order, but I only do it every other week.

About the middle of July I apply 2 cups Mills' Magic Mix, 1 cup alfalfa pellets, a handful of Milorganite, and a handful of lime to each large bush and half that amount to each small one.

About ten weeks before the first one, I begin feeding every week in preparation for the fall shows:

- Week 1: Fish emulsion and humic acid
- Week 2: Potassium nitrate and magnesium sulfate
- Week 3: Fish emulsion
- Week 4: 20-20-20, Sprint 330
- Week 5: Humic acid
- Week 6: Fish emulsion, 20-20-20

I also sprayed the bushes with fulvic acid at 1/4 t/gal on weeks 5 and 7. I was told that this would improve the color of the blooms. The jury is still out on whether there was any improvement or not. I'll know more in 2018 after using it on a consistent basis.

For years I used a water soluble fertilizer with a NPK of something like 10-60-10 in the weeks preceding a show. Supposedly the higher middle number produced bigger blooms. I stopped doing that about three years ago because it was expensive and hard to find. I also could not tell that it made bigger blooms. At that same time I stopped applying the Mills Magic Mix and other nonsoluble things three times a year. Now I do it twice a year. It is less work, less expensive, and the roses don't seem to know the difference.

Spraying for blackspot

I spray Manzate (1T/gal) and Honorguard (1/3 t/gal) every two weeks as soon as the roses leaf out. I add about 3 teaspoons of Indicate 5 to 6 gal of spray to lower the pH because Manzate works best at pH 5, and 2 teaspoons Candence as an additional sticker/spreader. I continue spraying until there have been two hard freezes in the fall. In 2017, the second hard freeze did not occur until after Thanksgiving, so my last time to spray was December 2. If I do get an outbreak of blackspot, I spray Manzate every three days on the affected bushes for the two weeks between regular sprayings. I have never had downy mildew or powdery mildew, and so have had no experience with how to treat those diseases.

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Spraying for insects

I have aphids, cucumber beetles, stink bugs, and thrips every year. Fortunately the Japanese beetles have not gotten here yet. For several years around 2006 or 2007, I had some kind of beetle that did the same kind of damage. Merit killed them, but did not have any residual killing effect. After several years of spraying with Merit, accompanied by drought conditions, they went away and I do not miss them.

Aphids usually come in the spring with the first leaves. The lady beetles usually handle them pretty well, but if they cannot keep up and there is a rose show coming, I spray once or twice with Merit (1/8 t/gal). Cucumber beetles come with the first blooms and have been treated the same way as aphids. I try not to use Merit any more than necessary because it kills the beneficial insects.

In the fall of 2017, as I began preparing the roses for the fall shows, I decided to use a new product that I had read about on the Internet. It is Demand CS, an insecticide that works extremely well on beetles of any kind and has residual effect! The reports I read on the Internet described beetles as approaching a bloom and then leaving. When I started seeing cucumber beetles, I tried it at 1/2 t/gal. I did not see another cucumber beetle for a week! I think you should all try it for Japanese beetles and let us all know how it works. It is available online for \$36.91 for an 8 oz. bottle with free shipping at www.domyownpestcontrol.com.

I don't worry about the other insects unless there is an upcoming show or I plan to pick a lot of roses to give to people, because they will not cause the death of a rose bush. If I am giving roses to people, I spray 2 or 3 times three days apart with 1/3 t/gal Conserve to kill the majority of the thrips so the blooms will be pretty.

Other pests

For me, these are rabbits and deer. I have had a real homemade-looking deer fence up for years. It isn't pretty but it really works. (See Fig. 1. on p. 4) I have accidentally touched it when it is on, and it is not pleasant! The wires are not low enough to touch the rabbits because that would make it too hard to weed eat under them. So far, they have not caused any problems with the roses, as they prefer my veggie beds.

Editor's Note: Part II will be in our next issue of Katnips. It will contain information about "Getting Roses Ready for a Show". We appreciate Joanna writing this article for us.



**The ARS National
Miniature Conference
and Rose Show**
&
**Deep South District
Convention and Rose Show**
May 4 - 6, 2018
A Run for the Roses
Jacksonville, Florida

Make plans to attend the ARS National Miniature Conference held in conjunction with the Deep South District Convention and Rose Show May 4-6 in Jacksonville, Florida.

Click [here](#) or on the image at the left for the link to information, registration form, schedule of events, rose show horticulture and arrangement schedules and photography schedule.



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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.

Free shipping on orders over \$25.

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4-Month Trial Membership**



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

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- Free advice from Consulting Rosarians
- Free or reduced garden admissions, a \$25 value after just three uses
- Four issues of the online newsletter *Roses & You*
- Free online access to five quarterly bulletins, a \$45 value
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Join Now!

2018 Tenarky Area & National Rose Shows

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

**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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