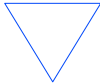




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Knoxville to Host District Event

Our district convention is approaching quickly. To be held the weekend of September 29 through October 1, the Knoxville area rose societies cordially invite you to participate in our annual gathering. See pages six and seven for convention and registration information.

sulting rosarian school at Cheekwood Botanical Garden.

Please register by contacting Anne Owen at

615-794-0138 or

annieo1203@comcast.net and mailing registration fee to Anne Owen, 1203 Natchez Rd, Franklin, TN 37069. Requirements for Consulting Rosarians are posted on the Tenarky website.

newsletter in America last year.

Awards of Merit for Tenarkians

Congratulations to several of our members who won awards of merit as awarded by the publications committee and reported in August's *American Rose*.

We salute Jimmy Moser, Glenda Whitaker, Ted Mills, Kent Campbell, and Robbie Tucker for their work well done.

Upcoming Events

Tenarky Fall Convention
Knoxville, TN
SEPTEMBER 29-
OCTOBER 1

ARS Fall Convention
Dallas, TX
October 14, 2006

Consulting Rosarian
School
October 21, Nashville.

Tenarky Mid Winter
Workshop
February 23-24, 2007

Judging School to be Offered

It is our intention to hold a Horticultural Judging School in conjunction with our District Meeting. This school is open to all that wish to become apprentice judges. The qualifications have been posted on the Tenarky website. We need between 5-6 persons to apply and take the test in order to hold this school. If you are considering this and need more information please contact: George Poe at 423-239-3882 or GPoe224702@aol.com.

Consulting Rosarian School to be Offered October 21 in Nashville.

From 8:45 until 2:30 (exam to follow), the Nashville Rose Society will host a con-

PowerPoint Presentation Available

Claire Campbell has compiled a Power Point Presentation of arrangement winners from the Seattle national convention. If you are interested in using this program for one of your local society meetings, contact Claire at clairelc@aol.com.

Gold for Nashville's Rose Leaf

Congratulations to our Nashville rose society, and editors Sam Jones, Glenda Whitaker, and Charles Lott for publishing the best local

Roses in Review

There is still time to submit your Roses in Review evaluation for the year. Reports must be completed by September 26.

It is easy to make your report. Visit the ARS website at <http://www.ars.org> and click the "Roses in Review" text on the home page. From there, register and report on the varieties you grow.

Da Vinci's Real Code

The buzz surrounding the recent book and movie “The DaVinci Code” has made news all over the world. Supporters, protestors, and noncommitteds have been bombarded with theories and denials regarding the “secret intention” behind Leonardo Da Vinci’s famous artworks.

According to the novel, Leonardo Da Vinci, along with a few other famous people throughout history, has been entrusted with preserving a secret. This author will not stoop to spoiling the story or to glorifying the fictional work’s author’s misguided premise, but *The Code’s* author was warm when he wrote that DaVinci was hiding secrets in his artworks. He also left behind several notebooks with foreshadowed inventions that would eventually come to fruition centuries after his death.

Rather than hiding secrets regarding the royal French bloodline, the Knights Templar, and other nonsensical non-truths, DaVinci was really a rosarian at heart. His artwork reflects a love of the rose and his desired inventions for making rose growing better for mankind in his day and the centuries to come.

The man who predicted hot air balloons and helicopters also had in his art clues that would help us determine the future of the world’s favorite flower.

a photo of his famous Vetruvian man. In that sketch, you will notice that a man is sketched with arms and legs spread wide, appearing as a five pointed star. While the *Code’s* author mistakenly portrays this as a symbol of the “divine feminine,” the



Leonardo’s 1487 sketch of what would come to be known as the Japanese Beetle.

real meaning behind it is the five petals of a species rose.

In his Portrait of a Musician, DaVinci clearly portrays a young man wearing a red cap and

holding what appears to be spunbonded polyester fabric—an obvious reference to Remay bonnets that would be used by many to protect their blooms from insects and weather some five centuries later.

Other artwork has depicted the advent of the hybrid tea, miniature rose, floribunda, and even the miniflora.

In addition to his paintings, Leonardo left behind thousands of pages of notes and drawings in his notebooks. Some recent discoveries by this reporter have revealed some startling revelations. DaVinci’s notebooks reveal plans for several items that have come to fruition in the last six centuries.

For example, DaVinci prophesied “The Great Devourer” in his notebooks, describing “a perfect consuming pestilence, armored in green and gold.” Of course, he was foreshadowing the Japanese beetle.

Leonardo also developed plans for a

battery-powered sprayer, knowing that future roses would be sprayed in order to give their best performance.

There are thousands of pages of sketches and notes in DaVinci’s notebook. If we look closely enough, there’s no telling what we may find—are there plans for a disease free rose? perhaps sketches for a plant that never gets botrytis or loses its petals? dare we even dream of the blue rose? With a man of such genius, these things and more may be hidden in pages that have been under our noses for some five hundred years.

Don’t let the fact that this fictional work has sold forty million copies skew your perspective. Leonardo was a rosarian, not a conspirator. Forty million people can be wrong.



The battery-powered pump sprayer may be DaVinci’s greatest legacy to mankind. Sketch circa 1490.

From the Director

Since last I wrote to you by means of this column, Claire and I attended the ARS national convention in Seattle. Perhaps I should say "hosted by the Seattle Rose Society," because the meeting was in a city named Bellevue, which is a suburb of Seattle. Anyway, the entire area is absolutely beautiful, very green and very clean, densely populated, and abounding with tall, modern buildings. Northwestern Washington State's reputation is one of rain, rain, rain, but we saw none. The weather was perfect for the entire week. Others there from Tenarky included Mary Jane and Peggy Utz, Phyllis and Richard Rottgering, Karen and Murray Creasy, Nancy and Sam Jones, Glenda Whitaker, Shirley Bassler, Dot Brevard, and Mary and Roy Guthrie.

Something about that climate creates large spectacular roses with colors that are neon bright. The rose show was exceptional in that regard, as I had the opportunity to serve as a judge – not easy!

A few excellent seafood dinners came our way before we had to bid farewell to the area, its unique geography, and friendly people. The next national convention will be in Dallas in Octo-

ber which also marks the change to a new regime in the governance of the American Rose Society. More on that below.

Here's a bit of information for folks with old rose beds that are rotting away. The rose beds around my house and yard are all about twenty years old. The original landscape timbers were rotting away and dirt was leaking out all over. There are ten beds, the smallest holding three roses, and the largest holding twelve hybrid teas, five floribundas, and nine minis. Further, no bed is a square or perfect rectangle. Most are in the shape of a chevron, but there are also triangles, and quadrilaterals with obtuse angles. All this made the idea of repair more difficult in my mind.

Finally – a plan! With the help of two rough-carpenters (barn-builders) we simply constructed a new bed around and against each old bed with new landscape timbers, 126 of them. The new timbers are a few inches higher than the original, so a bit of dirt and mulch to tidy things up and the beds are beautiful. The old timbers were left intact to continue their journey into compost.

The results of the American Rose Society 2006 Triennial election have been posted this week. The membership has spoken! Well, at least about one-fourth of them have spoken. Only 4,235 individuals from our membership of 16,706 bothered to return ballots, giving the winner of the president-elect race a 99 vote margin over the second place finisher.

On the Board of Directors, all ten of the Regional Directors were unopposed, and only four of the eighteen District Director positions were opposed. Three former District Directors are returning as Regional Directors and one former Regional Director is returning as a District Director. There will be seventeen new faces on the twenty-eight member Board.

What conclusions can be drawn from all of the above? Indeed, the membership has spoken, one-fourth by ballot and three-fourths in another manner, silence! There are several ways to look at it, and all of them tend to be negative and even depressing. Meanwhile, we must move ahead ----- enjoy our roses, enjoy each other's companionship and our participation in local and district activities.

Election Results

The members of the American Rose Society recently voted to select the next Vice President of

the society. **Jeff Wyckoff** gathered the most votes and earned the right to succeed Steve Jones

in 2009. We congratulate Jeff and offer him best wishes with his upcoming duties.

Rose Point: The Garden of John and Kay Rogers

It would be difficult to find a more likeable couple in our district than John and Kay Rogers. Soft-spoken, generous, and amiable, they are often seen at district functions and judging shows in the area, sharing their love of the rose.

John has a private practice in psychiatry. Kay has been an elementary teacher and dining room manager and currently volunteers a good deal of her time ministering to children. "I take my corgis to visit Lakeshore Mental Health facility. I love taking my dogs to visit elementary schools where we listen to children read."

With well over 30 years of rose growing experience earned in three different states, the Rogerses have a lot of knowledge and expertise in getting the most out of our national flower. They have served as Consulting Rosarians, Horticulture Judges, and officers in Knoxville area rose societies. They have received the Silver Honor Medal and Outstanding Judges' Award for the district as well.

"We started growing roses in Augusta, Georgia. John and I purchased a 1923 Georgian home, and it had established camellia gardens and two wonderful climbing red roses. We put in our first small rose garden at this home while John was doing his residency at the Medical College of GA.

"Our next home was in Anniston, Alabama. We purchased a new home, and roses helped start the garden quickly. I remember growing yellow floribundas in bushel baskets. We had a

very short stay in Anniston. We moved to Knoxville, Tennessee, and we spent many weeks looking for the right property to grow roses. We lived at our



Rose Point before the roses.

Hickory Hills home for over 30 years. We started growing roses in the front yard, and before we left we had over 400 roses all over the place. My love of



The incredible transformation turned their residence into a rose showplace.

plant shopping, and John's great gardening skills created a spectacular landscape.

"We decided that we needed to search for more sun for our roses, and perhaps downsize. We searched for years this time, and found a sunny garden spot

just right for us. It is located on the Tennessee River, and the view of the mountains enticed us.

"Our current home is located in an older neighborhood. We are close to the city limits of Knoxville. You take some very curvy roads off Northshore Drive and leave city life behind. Our roses are in a terraced garden behind our house. Carl Wallace, our former landscape architect, designed our garden. We requested the garden of 150 roses to be visible from the major rooms of the house. Mike Thompson installed the garden. We established the garden for the roses, long before we got the house ready for us.

"Aged railroad ties were installed. French drains were dug for each rose location. The irrigation system was placed and specially formulated soil was brought in to fill the beds. We selected roses according to color and performance. We wanted each level color specific, so we used strategically placed floribundas of the same variety to emphasize the levels of color. We chose floribundas for their size and abundant bloom."

That gorgeous view will be on display on the garden tours of our district convention to be held in Knoxville the weekend of September 29 through October 1.

John and Kay got their start in roses because Kay loved yellow roses and John loved gardening. It's been a great team effort ever since. "I remember we had a Lady Banksia, and a Cecile Bruner (still have that) and Mister Lin-

coln.”

Being mentored by great rosarians like Woody Overcast, Clyde Chappell, Jane Witherspoon, and Cliff and Pat Cleague “really got us started growing good roses,” Kay said.

In the garden today, “Marijke Koopman is one of our favorites. We like this rose because it continues to bloom all during the growing season. It is so dependable. Some of the other roses that make our garden full of color are Iceberg, Interama, and Golden Hol-



Yellow floribundas are Kay's favorite.

stein. We also have a wonderful Jeanne LaJoie climbing on one side of our property.”

“We are growing many of the latest miniflora roses, especially those from Robbie Tucker and Whit Wells. We have some new roses on fortuniana stock that we like such as Johnny Becnel, Here's Gert, and Blake Hedrick.” They grow roses on a variety of rootstocks, but don't necessarily favor one type over another, focusing on the variety rather than the rootstock.

In order to get it all done, the Rogerses “maintain a regular schedule.” John puts in 8-10 hours a week in the garden, in the evenings between dinner and dark. Kay doesn't have a set amount of time, but waters containers, cuts flow-

ers, and spends time photographing them. A team effort plus regular activity help them maintain a gorgeous rose garden. Regular feeding is done every other week, alternating between granular and liquid fertilizer. They also spray regularly to prevent diseases, recommending products from Rosemania to keep the diseases away.

Their first show was the East Tennessee Festival of Roses in 1974, where they won several ribbons, and their first trophy for best floribunda, Merci.

“We love showing roses. John likes the hybrid teas that are eligible for Queen of Show. I am happy the Minifloras have

their own place in shows,” Kay notes.



The Tennessee River waters the Rogers' roses.

“Our first show was a learning experience. We did not know you had to show roses in Coke bottles. We took the roses to the mall and Jane Witherspoon helped us. John

went to the A&P grocery and purchased Cokes in bottles. We borrowed our three year old daughter's soft white socks and polished the foliage of our roses.”

“We enjoy showing roses together. John is diligent about getting the roses ready for show. We then judge the roses together. That works well for us. In other words, John does most of the rose selection in the garden. He does the grooming and shaping. I keep track of paper work, and voice opinions!” says Kay.

The Rogerses offer this advice for the novice grower: “Get involved with the local rose society! Use the American Rose Society website, and find out what other rosarians in your area are doing.”

The internet is a valuable tool for them to learn about roses, teach others about roses, and to be inspired by the beauty of the rose. “I like Rosemania.com; we order roses and chemicals from Rosemania. New rose growers should read Logan's articles.” Another source Kay recommends for good information and articles by our own Ted Mills is millsmix.com. For finding information on rose varieties, Kay says that helpme-find.com is a great site. For identification of insects and diseases, she recommends rosecare.com.

As a rose photographer, Kay loves Comcast Photoshow Deluxe. “I use it to keep a photo diary of our gardens.”

Kay also answers questions from the ARS website, putting her in contact with a lot of people she would never otherwise have come across.

And John and Kay are leaving a legacy with the next generation of growers. “We are proud that each of our children grows great roses. Our rose garden is very much loved! We are happy we made the decision to move to Rose Point. That was a major change in our lives.”

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Tenarky District Convention and Rose Show

“A Time to Celebrate the Rose”

Hilton – Knoxville Airport, 2001 Alcoa Hwy., Alcoa, TN 37701
(865) 970-4300

Friday, September 29, 2006 (Note: All times are EDT)

6:00-8:00 PM Registration (Convention Hotel Lobby)
6:30-8:30 PM Welcome Reception (Chestnut Room)
Hotel – Cash bar on lobby floor

Saturday, September 30, 2006

6:00-10:15 AM Grooming area open to exhibitors
(Chilhowee Salons A & B)
7:00-10:15 AM Showroom open to place exhibits
(Grand Ballroom, LeConte & Laurel)
9:00-10:00 AM Judge’s Breakfast
(Cooper’s Restaurant in Hotel)
9:30-10:00 AM Clerks will meet for their assignments and light refreshments
(Chestnut Room)
10:30AM - 1:00PM Judging of the Rose Show
12:00-1:00 PM Lunch (On your own)
1:00-5:15 PM Rose Show open for viewing
(Ballroom – LeConte & Laurel)
2:30-3:15 PM Tenarky District Business Meeting
(Tremont Room)
3:30- 4:15 PM Seminar by Dr. Mark Windham (Tremont Room)
“Resistance – Can It Replace Spraying in Quality Roses?”
Dr. Windham is Associate Professor in the Institute of Agriculture, University of
Tennessee and a popular speaker on rose culture in our area.
5:15 PM Rose Show Closes
5:30 PM Awards, Ribbons and exhibits may be picked up (please, not before 5:30 PM) until after
the banquet or early Sunday morning.
6:30-7:00 PM Fellowship and Cash Bar (Grand Ballroom-Greenbriar and Elkmont)
7:00 PM Banquet Buffet
8:00 PM Awards Presentation (Kent Campbell, Tenarky District Director)
8:15 PM Guest Speaker and Entertainer
Sam Venable (humor columnist for the Knoxville News Sentinel. Sam has won many
awards for his contributions and is the author of nine books. Those who have heard him
speak say that he will keep the crowd laughing for the rest of the evening.

Sunday, October 1, 2006

9:00 AM Judging School
9:30 – 11:50 AM Garden Tours

2006 TENARKY DISTRICT CONVENTION & ROSE SHOW REGISTRATION

Meeting Place: Hilton Knoxville Airport
 2001 Alcoa Highway
 Alcoa, TN 37701-3163

Reservations: (865) 970-4300

Registration fees are mandatory for all participants in the events offered at the Convention & Rose Show. A package price is offered for the entire event that includes registration, Friday night welcome reception, exhibiting in the Rose Show, program participation, and Saturday night banquet with entertainment. No one can exhibit in the Rose Show without paying a registration fee. A \$5.00 late fee will be charged for all registrations received after September 20. You must have a banquet ticket to participate in the special program offered at the banquet. Make checks payable to "T.R.S. Tenarky District Rose Show" and mail to Oscar Neil, 2360 Gray Ridge Road, Maryville, TN 37801.

Please List All Registering

Name _____	Name _____
Address _____	Address _____
City _____	City _____
State & Zip _____	State & Zip _____
Society _____	Society _____

<u>Event</u>	<u># of Persons</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Package Deal (Includes Registration, Rose Show, Programs, Friday Night Reception, Banquet and Open Gardens)	_____	\$85.00	_____
Registration Only (Includes Friday Night Reception, Rose Show, light refreshments, and Open Gardens)	_____	\$55.00	_____
Saturday Night Banquet Only	_____	\$40.00	_____
Sunday Judges School	_____	No Charge	
Open Gardens	_____	No Charge	

Total Enclosed _____

Meals and other plans must be finalized by September 20. No money can be refunded if registrations are canceled after noon September 20 except in case of illness or emergency.

The Hilton Knoxville Airport is holding a block of rooms for only \$85.00 per night (normal rate is \$149.00). These rooms will be held until Friday, September 15. To make reservations call the number at the top of this form. The hotel also has a nice restaurant in the same building, an indoor swimming pool and exercise room. The hotel also provides a shuttle bus to a nearby shopping center free of charge.

KATnips

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see

www.tenarky.org



Memphis Music, shown by Greg Sanders at the Bowling Green Rose Show in June shows perfect form and interesting, eye-catching coloration.

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