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Tennessee Rose Society celebrates 75 Years with American Rose Society Presidential Citation

by Mary Bates, Tennessee RS, ARS CR & Horticulture Judge

After many months of not being together on a regular basis, the date finally arrived for members of Tennessee Rose Society to gather at the beautiful Anderson Family Farm and gardens with views of the Great Smoky Mountains to celebrate 75 years since our society was organized with the help of Mrs. J. E. Darr, well-known Knoxville rose grower. The occasion for our society's anniversary celebration was Thursday, October 7, 2021, and was hosted by TRS member Julia DeBord and her sister, Nancy.



L-R 1st row: Mary Frances Carlson, Carolyn Noey, Kay Rodgers, Kathy Brennan, Lori Emery, Martha McCluen, Julia DeBord; 2nd row: Tom Carlson, Michael Bates, Mary Bates, Steve Franklin, John Rodgers, Mike Thompson, Lane Hays, Victoria Deckard, Edward Deckard

Julia's beautiful garden that we toured before dinner consisted of beds of hybrid teas, floribundas and shrub roses accenting the wide variety of plants that included many hydrangeas, crepe myrtles, butterfly bushes, and numerous perennials.

Mike Thompson, ARS Horticulture Judge, was the first guest to arrive and brought with him five bouquets of long-stemmed hybrid tea roses. Mike is owner of Fairbank's Nursery and often mentors our members in the care of their roses.

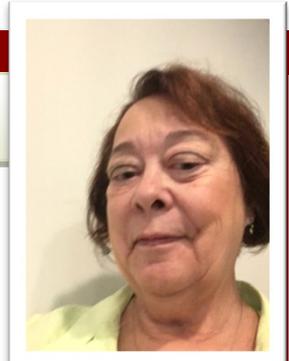
Lori Emery, TENARKY District Director, was also an early guest with her beautiful bloom (*continued p. 5*)



Julia DeBord's garden
 'Knockout' roses and perennials



Tenarky District Director's Message *by Lori Emery*



Nashville Music City Rose Show

It was a difficult decision to postpone the district convention last month. The Delta variant continued to escalate which drove potential participants into a state of panic and fear of coming to Nashville. We were planning on having President Diane Sommers as our guest speaker for the banquet which would have been her first speaking engagement since her installation at the Cream City Convention in Milwaukee. The number that had registered wasn't enough to warrant having the banquet and Diane flying to Nashville. The rose show itself suffered adversities. If the pandemic wasn't enough, tons of rain descended in Tennessee which devastated many potential blooms that would have otherwise gone in the show. In the words of Isaac Hayes, "If you enjoy the fragrance of the rose, you must accept the thorns which it bears." Fortunately, our rose friends, Joanna Deck from Arkansas and Bill and Jill Chappell from Alabama, came with an arsenal of prize worthy roses. The show was successful and well attended. Plans are already underway for the 2022 Rose Show and District Convention! I am praying there will not be a new variant that will threaten our convention for next year.

TRS Celebrates 75 years!

On October 7, I had the pleasure of attending the 75th anniversary celebration of the Tennessee Rose Society (TRS). Mary Bates has an excellent article found elsewhere in this newsletter with all the details. I do want to personally thank Julia DeBord for hosting the event and inviting us to see her garden of which she takes meticulous care. I had the honor of presenting a beautiful ARS Presidential Citation to TRS, signed by President Diane Sommers, to Kathy Brennan, TRS President. It is quite an accomplishment for a rose society to have persevered for 75 years. Congratulations to TRS!!

ARC News

In June, I went to the American Rose Center (ARC) along with Chaplain, Nancy Jones. We had the pleasure of being with the executive team and other district directors in the dedication of several gardens that you recently read about in the *American Rose* magazine. We had a lovely tour of the gardens during our dedications. We saw first two completed circles of Great Restoration Project. Remember there will be a total of four interlocking circles that will be telling the history of the rose. Funding has been received for the completion of the third and fourth circles and construction forthcoming.

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month 2021 will mark the Centennial Commemoration of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. ARC has installed a 'Never Forget Garden' honoring all Veterans. There are several white roses and other flowers as well as the American and military flags. There will be a special ceremony memorializing this historic event. Marilyn Wellan, former ARS President, is very committed to this project. Mrs. Wellan encourages each of us to consider establishing our own garden. More information regarding the 'Never Forget' garden can be found on the ARS website (rose.org).

Christmas will be here before we know it. ARS will be having "Christmas in Roseland" which is always a popular event and is expected to be bigger and better than ever. ARS is planning several webinars this winter and more information will be coming out.

Tenarky Mid-Winter Workshop & Photography Contest

Planning for the Tenarky Mid-Winter workshop and Photography Contest is underway. The workshop will include a Consulting Rosarian (CR) school. There will also be a photography show, so hopefully you have taken some pictures of your roses this past season. The workshop will be held at Belmont University. The Holiday Inn Express in Brentwood will have a block of rooms reserved for us.

SAVE THE DATE!

**Tenarky Winter Workshop & Photography Contest
Consulting Rosarian School/Audit—Sunday Morning
Belmont University, Nashville, TN—February 18-20, 2022**



Consulting Rosarian Corner by *Kathy Brennan, President, Tennessee RS, ARS Master Rosarian, Tenarky District Past CR Chair*

In the quote from Robert Martin, ARS Past President, "Hello, I must be going. I cannot stay. I'm glad I came, but just the same, I must be going." I have stepped down from the CR Chairman position. Cindy Worch, Nashville Rose Society, is your new Tenarky CR Chairman. cindykwoch@gmail.com. Cindy will do a fabulous job in this position for you. Please give her a warm welcome. She will be writing this column for KATnips as the new CR Chairman.

This being my last CR column, I would like to address the disease "Crown Gall": A tumor disease on the roots and bottom portion of woody stems. This is a bacterium that enters through fresh wounds of mostly grafted plants, not as frequently found in budded plants. Two inches or larger in diameter, the tumors are wart-like growth which restricts the flow of water and nutrients to the plants. Bacteria survives for many years once it gets into the soil and spreads in water movement and by contaminated pruners and shovels when removing infected plants from the garden. Avoid planting in infestation areas for many years, at least three years. It is also recommended replacing all the soil in the flower bed.

What brought this rose disease to my mind, for I rarely hear of it, someone in Atlanta sent me photos of her plant she received from a well-known rose Nursery, we all order from, and asked me to identify the problem. I immediately recognized Crown Gall. Most common way to get this disease is through infected roses sent from nurseries or by any open wound caused by you when working around your roses. This is a huge problem for nurseries as this disease can/will wipe out their whole crop.

What to do when you find Crown Gall on your rose? Dig up the bush and soil all around the roots. Do not put infected bush in your compost pile. Actually, burning is the best way to dispose of infected plants as suggested by the University of Minnesota Extension Office. For help when you discover Crown Gall, call your local County Extension Office.



A Message from Cindy Worch—Tenarky Consulting Rosarian Chair

Hello, I'm Cindy Worch, your new CR Chair for the Tenarky District. I'm a member of the Nashville Rose Society and looking forward to working with you. A few deadlines that I need to mention are:

- Your CR yearly reports which are due to me no later than January 30, 2022.
- If there is anyone in your society that would like to become a CR, the deadline to send those forms to me is January 19, 2022.
- If you were a CR candidate to take the test in 2021 but did not, you will need to resubmit your new updated CR Candidate forms to me for the test in 2022.
- Our Tenarky Winter Workshop with the Consulting Rosarian School/Audit will be held in Nashville at Belmont University Campus February 18-20, 2022. If you've been there before, you know what a beautiful campus they have. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone then.
- Click [here](#) for the link to the CR page on the Tenarky website where you will find the 2021 CR Report Form and the CR Application Form for the school at the winter workshop.



Tenarky Members Attend ARS National Convention by Mary Ann Hext

“Cream City Roses” was the theme of this year’s ARS National Convention in Milwaukee September 9-14, at the Pfister Hotel built in 1893. My husband and I chose to stay in the original part of the hotel which houses the largest Victorian art collection of any hotel in the world rather than the 23-story tower added in the 1960s.

Friday night we attended the welcome reception and program getting to see old rose friends from across the country and meeting new rosarians. The show room opened at midnight so I was able to get my entries on the table prior to 2 a.m. While the show was judged, we had time to visit with Gary’s nephew, who gave us a tour of Milwaukee, before returning to see the show. I was surprised to find that three of my four arrangements received ribbons. *(photos right)* The biggest surprise came that evening at the awards program when I learned that three leftover roses (from the 15 I took) that I entered in a frame had won a certificate from one of the 11 World Federation of Roses classes which were included for the first time in a rose show in our country.

On Sunday, there were several seminars with my favorite getting to meet and hear in person, some of our newer hybridizers: Dave Bang, Steven Roussel, Steve Singer, and Jim Sproul. That afternoon, I opted to attend the arrangement workshop rather than the garden tours. It was fun, we studied table designs, and each person made an arrangement for the banquet tables for the installation dinner on Monday night. In the evening, we travelled to Discovery World, a museum located on the lakefront, for Bob Martin’s celebration dinner. We enjoyed catching up with other Tenarky members: Lori Emery, Nancy Jones, and Marty Reich, as well as friends from other places.

We attended more seminars on Monday with excellent speakers including ARS past-presidents, Bob Martin and Jeff Wyckoff. Following lunch, we experienced the best part of the trip—a visit to the Will Radler’s Rosarium where he actually lives which was absolutely amazing! We viewed the original ‘Knock Out’ *(photo below)* and its parents, saw more than 1,000 roses that are being tested in a beautifully landscaped two-acre garden with unusual trees, perennials, and shrubs, plus a reconstructed prairie. The grounds featured gazebos, arbors, a large stone fireplace, unique statutes and glass towers, a shed with a lookout on the third floor tied together with a meandering stream, waterfalls, and ponds of fish that he also breeds. Another unexpected highlight was that we sat directly across the aisle from Dave Bang and his wife riding the bus to the Radler Rosarium and had a very interesting conversation with them on several topics including his rose hybridization successes.

Monday evening was the installation banquet of our new ARS President, Diane Sommers, and *(continued p. 8)*



ARS National Convention and Rose Show

Lori Emery, Marty Reich, Nancy Jones, Mary Ann and Gary Hext (top)

ARS Duke & Gold Arrangement (left)

ARS Mini Artist & Mini Silver (right)

World Federation of Rose Societies Gold Winner (above right)

Lori’s installation as Tenarky District Director (p. 8)





Tennessee Rose Society (continued from p. 1)

of 'Pope John Paul II'. Lori recently moved to Knoxville to be close to her granddaughter and has joined the Tennessee Rose Society.

Tom and Mary Frances Carlson brought a bouquet of miniature roses and were singing the praises of their new 'Petite Knock Out'. "We really enjoy this rose as it blooms just like the bigger 'Knock Out' but can be grown in a pot," declared Tom. 'Petite Knock Out' is a miniature version of the 'Knock Out' cultivar bred by William Radler. Alain Antoine Meilland, a well-known rose breeder of the House of Meilland Botanical Company, produced this miniature variety. (photo right)

Dr. John Rodgers and Kay Rodgers brought vases of their favorite fall roses which contained 'Whirlaway', 'Tammy Clemons', 'Conundrum', 'Smoking Hot', 'Mohana', 'Imperatrice Farah', 'Firefighter', 'Marijke Koopman', and "Parole'. Dr. Rodgers and Kay are both past presidents of Tennessee Rose Society and horticulture judges who are currently growing approximately 150 roses. (photo right)

We had hoped that we would have 75 roses from our members' gardens, but we exceeded that number as there were roses everywhere. There were close to 200 of all types. We had many "diverse rose attendees" at our celebration with roses of all classes and sizes. In addition to their beauty, roses can create a memorable experience, and this was such an occasion.

Kathy Brennan, Tennessee Rose Society President, arrived with several bouquets of roses from her beautiful garden. (photo right)

Lane Hays lamented her small bouquet of roses for the celebration because of defoliation by the deer. Lane has a lake-side garden beautifully landscaped with a large rose garden. The heavy plastic fencing deterred the deer for many years until they learned to chew holes in the fencing and climb through. The rose leaves are their favorite food, so the roses were quickly defoliated. Lane has come up with a solution and will hopefully have roses next year. (photo right)

Mary Bates brought roses for rose bowls to top each table. "I admit arranging the roses in the rose bowls was a bit more challenging than I expected so I was pleased to have Julia help me," stated Mary. "I was fortunate to find 'Elina' with lots of blooms on the day before the celebration so that gave me a good start. 'Mary Rose' was blooming as well as the OGR 'Souv de la Malmaison'. I was able to find several hybrid teas including 'Dolly Parton' which is always a popular rose during the Dogwood Arts Open Rose Garden that Tennessee Rose Society hosts in the spring. Everyone wants to see 'Dolly Parton'--especially the children who have visited Dollywood," concluded Mary.

Dr. Steve Franklin, former President of Tennessee Rose Society, brought one of his father's roses, 'Gourmet Popcorn.' It was a tiny perfect white spray. J. D. Franklin, a long-time member of TRS, was always at all our meetings and shared his love for the rose. Speaking of TRS Past Presidents, there were eight in attendance for the celebration including Dr. John Rodgers, Kay Rodgers, Martha McCluen, Dr. Tom Carlson, Kathy Brennan, Carolyn Noey, Mary Frances Carlson and Dr. Steve Franklin.

The TRS 75th Anniversary dinner was set in the sunroom of the Anderson Family Farm with views of the distant mountains. The white tablecloths, bowls of roses and candles provided a perfect setting for enjoying this special celebration.

Kathy Brennan, President of Tennessee Rose Society, welcomed the members and stated, (continued p. 6)





Tennessee Rose Society celebrates 75 Years (continued from p. 5)

“Mrs. J. E. Darr organized the Knoxville Rose Society in 1926, and the members immediately became active in the American Rose Society. The “American Rose Quarterly” was introduced March 15, 1899, and the 1931 Calendar of Events stated the President of ARS was J. Horace McFarland, West Grove, Pennsylvania. The purpose as stated in the quarterly of the American Rose society was to increase the general interest in the cultivation and improve the standard of excellence of the rose for all people.”

“Tennessee has been very active in the early beginnings of the American Rose Society—especially Knoxville. Mrs. J. E. Darr went on to form two other rose societies in Knoxville, Tennessee—one in October, 1946, the Tennessee Rose Society, and the Holston Rose Society,” stated Kathy.

Our President’s remarks also included mention of Noah Wilson, ARS Horticulture Judge, who remembers judging roses at the members’ homes years ago soon after he became an ARS Judge. He stated that rose shows were always very good shows, and he especially enjoyed the special lunches that were served following the shows.

Our new TENARKY Director, Lori Emery, who is also a new member of TRS, then presented our society with a Presidential Citation from the American Rose Society for 75 years of service as a Charter Member of ARS and to the Rose. (photo right)



Kathy also welcomed the new members who have joined TRS. She extended a special thank you to everyone for their help with the Beall Family Rose Garden at the University of Tennessee Gardens.

Mike Thompson, long-time TRS member and mentor, showed ribbons won by members at the recent Knox County Fair. He also reminded rosarians about the upcoming winter and how to prepare our roses. TRS appreciates all his guidance throughout the years. (photo right—rose bouquet ‘Louise Estes’ and ‘Veterans’ Honor’)



After dinner, there were photos of the attending members with the American Rose Society Presidential Citation followed by coffee and a slice of the Tennessee Rose Society’s 75th Anniversary cake. TRS would like to thank Martha McCluen for the delicious cake and her continual hospitality at all our events.

Mary Frances Carlson, long-time member of Tennessee Rose Society, summed up the event by stating, “This was truly an awesome occasion! The multitude of roses were a highlight, but seeing so many for this special evening was important for all of us who have been pretty much shut up all these months because of Covid. Getting to walk through Julia’s beautiful garden brought surprise after surprise. Every time I spotted a very pretty floral area and thought that was “it,” I would look up and see another area and on and on for several minutes and many pictures!”

“We are sorry some of our members could not be with us to join in the celebration. It was a wonderful night. We thank Julia for opening her home to us and for her sister Nancy for her many talents in helping us create such a lovely event. We appreciate all those who brought roses and remember that deer sometimes visit our rose gardens “uninvited!” Lane and Martha can attest to that! Julia earlier shared that she always plays country music 24 hours a day to keep the deer away,” concluded Mary Frances.

As the evening ended we will remember that on this day, October 7, 2021, we celebrated 75 years as a Charter Member of the American Rose Society and will strive to continue Mrs. J. E. Darr’s enthusiasm for our national flower, the rose.



Left: Rose Bowl by Mary Bates ‘Elina’, ‘Black Magic’, ‘Signature’, ‘Pomponella’, ‘Darlow’s Egnima’
Right: Bouquet by Kathy Brennan ‘Kardinal’, ‘Elina’, ‘Easter Basket’



Bats in the House by Joanna Deck, Memphis & Dixie Rose

About ten years ago, I was awakened in the middle of the night by a little squeaking noise. Yes, I am a very light sleeper. I turned on the light and was surprised to see a bat flying around the room. Fortunately there is a door in the bedroom that opens to the outside, which I opened. After making several circles around the room, the bat flew out. One week later I heard the same squeaky noise again! I got up and found that it was coming from the kitchen. This time the bat was in the sink. I got something flat to slide under it and something to cover it from the top, took it outside, and put it on the ground. I think they got into the house when I opened the front door to bring in some firewood. I have not gotten one in the house since then.

Bats don't really scare me because I like to watch their erratic flight in the evenings as they catch insects to eat, and I know they are not interested in bothering people at all. They are very beneficial animals because they eat lots of moths, beetles, and mosquitos every night. Some even pollinate plants like agave, from which tequila is made.

Two or three years ago I decided to install the bat house I had bought several years before. The houses can be purchased at Lowe's or Home Depot, but I recommend buying from a better source. The ones from the big box stores are not put together very well. Bats need a house that does not let in any light, so poorly made ones have to have all the joints sealed with caulk so they will not let in light during the day when the bats are roosting, and so water will not get in when it rains. A bat house should face east or south and get 6-8 hours of sunlight a day. Sounds sort of like roses, doesn't it? It can be put on a pole, a post, or the side of a building, but not in a tree. They need an open area to come and go from the house. Also, some predators can easily climb trees. The house needs to be 12 to 20 feet above the highest thing underneath it, and 20 to 30 feet from the nearest trees. They need to be located where the bats will not be disturbed as much as possible.

I had mine put up at the lower edge and to the side of my rose bed area where I don't go very often. I hoped they would reduce the number of cucumber beetles and other insects in the roses. I didn't think there were any bats in my house until this spring. I was out looking at the roses one spring morning and heard little squeaking noises. At first I thought it was a bird, but then I realized they were coming from the bat house. I went over to look up at it and saw that it appeared to be packed full of bats. Female bats have their young in the spring and several occupy the same house, whereas the males live by themselves in hollow trees or other houses.

One afternoon last month I heard squeaks again. That time I got my camera and took the first picture (*top*). You can see one bat at the right hand corner of the house and another one in the middle of the back side of the house. The second picture (*right*) was taken later with a longer lens and using the flash. As you can see, there are many bats in there. I counted at least two dozen. One of these days I'm going to sit outside with my camera and try to get a picture of them coming out of the house to hunt at night.

Try putting up a bat house or two. It can't hurt, and maybe they will reduce the number of insects munching on your roses.



Looking up at the Bats



Close Up of Bats in House



Tenarky Rose Show Photos & Winners!



LOUISVILLE ROSE SOCIETY SHOW AT THE KENTUCKY STATE FAIR—August 14

Tom Lehman: HT Queen 'Desperado', HT King 'St. Patrick', HT Princess 'Sunny Sundays'

Sharon Wuorenmaa: M/MF Queen 'Ready', M/MF King 'Sweet Melody', M/MF Princess 'Daddy Frank'



NASHVILLE ROSE SOCIETY SHOW TOP AWARDS Belmont University—September 25-26

▶ Joanna Deck: HT Queen 'My Mary Ann' #1, ARS M/MF Eastern Asian Arrangement Award and ARS M/MF Gold Medal Arrangement Award #5, ARS Gold Medal Photography Award 'Cooper' #6

▶ Bill & Jill Chappell: MF Queen 'Whirlaway' #3

▶ Ron Daniels: M Queen 'Daddy Frank' #2



▶ Cynthia Dickinson: ARS Standard Royalty Arrangement Award and ARS Standard Gold Medal Arrangement Award #4, ARS Photography Queen Award 'Pope John Paul II' #7

Tenarky Members Attend ARS National Convention (continued from p. 4)

our Tenarky District Director, Director, Lori Emery. Tuesday morning, we attended the ARS member breakfast and meeting, said farewell to many rose friends, and headed home tired but with lots of good memories.

I want to encourage each of our district members to try to attend an ARS National Convention and Rose Show. Just consider it a "rose vacation!"





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

Nashville Rose Society by Marty Reich, Master Rosarian

NRS has had a successful year in spite of Covid restrictions. We are still gaining new members and although we are having in person meetings now, we are also making them virtual when we can.

Our annual ice cream social was enjoyed at the August meeting and we look forward to our chili cookoff in November. In September our in-house rose show, the Grand Prix, was held as practice for our real fall show. The show which was supposed to be a District show had to be changed to only a local show. We sincerely regret not being able to welcome everyone to Nashville for it, but there were not enough registrants for us to go forward. The local show, however, was a nice one with help from Joanna Deck who won Queen with 'My Mary Ann' and Bill and Jill Chappell and other out-of-towners who did well also. The District Show will be held in Nashville next fall if we can possibly do it. Please plan to come so we do not have to cancel again.

You will read elsewhere about the Milwaukee Convention which was just great. Getting to see Will Radler's garden was a true gardener's delight.

Ron Daniels is opening his wonderful garden again on October 16. That will be a hit as always no doubt.

We are also doing an event called "Pick Your Own Bouquet" at our Cheekwood Study Garden that day. This sold out to Cheekwood members and the public almost immediately. (photo above) Soon after this will begin our annual rose sale.

December will bring our Christmas party which we had to hold virtually last year and are looking forward to it in person this time. Then February (we hope) will bring the wonderful Winter Workshop led by our own Lori Emery, new Tenarky District Director.



Tennessee Rose Society by Kathy Brennan, President

This year TRS has been as active as we could and still feel safe from Covid-19. Following our May garden dinner in Mary and Michael Bated' luscious gardens, the members decided not to meet until September in Martha McCluen's peaceful garden setting on the lake. However due to the Delta variant and mainly because of the hot, hot 90° weather, we all voted to cancel this meeting because it was to be held outside.

This October 7th, we gathered outside in Julia Debord's beautiful garden on a hill top surrounded by colorful mountains. The tables were set elegantly on her covered wraparound front porch until a storm quickly blew up and chased us all, tables and chairs in hand, safely inside. (See TRS 75th Anniversary article p. 1).

We are proud to announce TRS has five new members this year despite Covid and no regular meetings, one being Tenarky's new District Director, Lori Emery. Our Christmas Dinner is scheduled for December 2nd at Fox Den Country Club. At this dinner, we will heartily wish for a better, healthy year, 2022.



Julia 's Garden at the Anderson Family Farm

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

Tri-State Rose Society of Chattanooga by Jeff Garrett, President

The Tri-State Rose Society of Chattanooga has had some great programs over the summer months. At our July meeting, Maggi Burns gave a wonderful presentation on arranging roses for use in our homes. Maggi is a former president of the Tennessee Federation of Gardens Clubs and prepared several arrangements during her presentation. We also celebrated Rick and Carol Sharpe's 59th wedding anniversary by presenting them with an arrangement that Maggi prepared at the meeting.

In August, in addition to our normal meeting activities, Jerry Dempsey was presented a Quilt of Valor for his service in the Vietnam conflict. It was a wonderful presentation that we all enjoyed.

In September, former ARS President, Jolene Adams, gave a wonderful presentation on roses named for famous people. Jolene gave her presentation via the Internet from her home in California.

To close out the year, we are planning to have our annual Christmas banquet.



Rick and Carol Sharpe with the arrangement presented to them in honor of their 59th wedding anniversary.



Society Vice President presenting Jerry Dempsey a Quilt of Valor for his military service during the Vietnam conflict. L-R: Kathy Stachiwicz, Larry Hill, Jerry Dempsey, and Jane Hill



Jerry Dempsey wrapped in his Quilt of Valor.



Cindy Garrett with her special birthday cake decorated with roses.

Cookeville Area Rose Society by Nancy Lazer, Newsletter Editor

CARS had not held any meetings until August when members of the Cookeville Area Rose Society met at the garden of Sarah and Chuck Johnson in August. (photo right)



Holston Rose Society by Sallie Blazer, President

No news.

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

Louisville Rose Society *by Janet Miller, President*

Louisville is lucky to have two rose shows every year, usually. Of course this year was different. But we got lucky for the show at the Kentucky State Fair. It was a smaller show, but we still achieved some outreach and attracted three new members. Tom Lehmann and Sharon Wuorenmaa won most of the awards, but every presenter won something. It was great to show some roses before another round of COVID fear hit us.

Our own show was scheduled for October 2. Due to the risk to the judges and our fear that we wouldn't get enough attention to justify the efforts, we decided to cancel the rose competition part of the day. But rather than cancel everything, we just changed the event into an indoor/outdoor Rose Seminar. Members made a display inside the large hardware store where we held the event. They identified the roses by type and discussed grooming with the attendees. We had a slide show on a loop with rose care information inside the store socially distant from the display. We had some very interested attendees who used this time to come up with questions for the outdoor Q&A session. The questions were great. The enthusiasm was infectious. It's so much fun to talk roses to newcomers. We recruited another three members. Two recent new members attended also.

We felt like it was a successful day. We turned our disappointment about our show into a nice event with lots of info and interest. *(photos above)*

We will have two more meetings this year, both on Zoom. In October Linda Schork will show slides from the year's event to include the winners at the Fair. We will also have a slipping demonstration by Howard Carman.

In November, our Zoom will be a "year in review". We've requested rose and garden photos from members so we can enjoy our member gardens at their peaks.

My goal is to see more roses and rose friends in person in 2022.

Memphis and Dixie Rose Society *by Bill Dickerson, President*

Memphis Dixie Rose Society has had their first two in person meetings! Whoo Hoo! We Had a decent turnout and picked up two new members.

We have moved our meetings back to Memphis Botanic Gardens, and we are currently working with them to regenerate the rose gardens there. We also moved our meetings to Sunday afternoon to make it easier for some of our older members.

Bowling Green Rose Society *by Mary Ann Hext, Newsletter Editor*

Paula Williams and Howard Carman, members of the Louisville Rose Society, visited at our August meeting. Paula presented an interesting program showing containers she has made and used in her arrangements. Also in August, BGRS members Bob and Ann Jacobs celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. *(photo right)*

In September, Cynthia Dickinson showed slides from her visit to the gardens at Disney World. At the October meeting, Mary Ann Hext showed slides of the ARS National Convention in Milwaukee, highlighting the speakers, the rose show, and other activities. Of great interest was the tour of Will Radler's Rosarium which was unbelievable!

We have had our In-club Competition each month since May (a little rose show) where we have had entries in seven which are judged so that we can share our roses with each other and all learn to be better exhibitors.





Veterans Day Ceremony November 9, 2021 at 11 a.m. American Rose Center, Shreveport, LA



The public is invited to attend ceremonies honoring all veterans and the Centennial of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. This date, one hundred years ago on November 9, 1921, the coffin of the Unknown Soldier was returned to America. The coffin was heroically escorted to its final resting place by a young Marine, Graves Blanchard Erskine from Columbia, LA, after a dramatic and dangerous crossing of Atlantic on the USS Olympia.

Visitors are also invited to view the garden restorations and see the roses in full fall bloom.

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- [Beaty Fertilizer](#)—Fertilizer, mulch, and much more
- [OliveArt](#)—Containers for floral designs

2022 Tenarky Area & National Rose Shows

- ▶ May 21: Bowling Green Rose Society Rose Show, American Legion Post 23, Bowling Green, KY
- ▶ May 14: Huntsville-Twickenham Rose Society Rose Show, Huntsville, AL

Check for show schedules at www.tenarky.org!





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