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**2016 ARS National
Miniature Rose Show
& Conference
July 29-31, 2016
Harrisburg, PA**

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Society Rose Show
October 1**

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Rose Society Rose Show
TBA**

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Tenarky Fall Convention & Rose Show

By Dr. Sam Jones, Convention Chair

Make plans to attend the 2016 Tenarky Fall Convention and Rose Show to be held September 23-25 in Franklin, Tennessee. The Nashville Rose Society is hosting this year's event and it will be held at the Marriott Hotel and Convention Center – Cool Springs, where the Tenarky Winter Workshop has been held in previous years.

The weekend events begin on Friday evening with a welcome supper reception at 6:00 p.m. A special "cool room" is available for storing roses overnight for Saturday morning's show entries.

The two-day district show, Saturday and Sunday, will be open to the public and will include roses of all types and classes grown by the members of Rose Societies from the surrounding area. The preparation or "grooming" room for exhibitors opens on Saturday morning, 6:00 a.m., and judging begins at 10:30 a.m.

In addition to divisions for rose horticulture and artistic designs (arrangements), a rose photography show will be part of this year's event. Rules and Classes for all divisions will soon be on the Tenarky website (www.tenarky.org), as well as registration and other information about the weekend.

The show will be open to the public on Saturday and Sunday afternoons from 1-5:00 p.m. Informative seminars on rose growing for both the public and society members will be held on each afternoon, 2:00 p.m.. In addition, a business meeting of the Tenarky District will be conducted Saturday afternoon, 3:30 p.m.

An awards banquet will be held on Saturday evening for winners of the rose and photography shows, along with other special recognitions, followed by a popular speaker on roses.

On Sunday morning, 9:00 to 12:00 noon, tours of local rose gardens will be open at Cheekwood Botanical Garden, Belmont University, and the Nashville Music Garden (Fourth Ave. S. and Demonbreun, across from the Country Music Hall of Fame), as well as other rose gardens of local society members.



**2016
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CONVENTION
&
ROSE SHOW
September 23-25,
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[website](http://www.tenarky.org)
for details
available soon!**



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

Summer has arrived along with hot humid days. Be sure to watch your roses for signs of heat stress and give them plenty of water. Do the same for yourself! Be sure to drink plenty of water before, during, and after working in your rose garden, and wear sunscreen and a big hat!

Unfortunately, I have been invaded by the Japanese beetles this year. I have had very few the past few years, so they decided to make up for their previous absence by coming in droves this year. Even though I cut nearly every bloom and took them to the nursing home, which usually causes them to go elsewhere, this year they have stayed and eaten the leaves on my rose bushes, crepe myrtle, along with the leaves on several other bushes and trees. Since I don't spray for the beetles, I am just enduring them for the next few weeks.

I have enjoyed visiting several of our local societies the past months, and hope to visit others in future months. Be sure to read about the many rose activities happening around our district on pages 9-10. Bowling Green had the only spring rose show in the district this year. Photos and complete results can be seen on our district website.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the district rose show and convention in September. Information will be posted on the district website (www.tenarky.org) as it becomes available. The Nashville Rose Society is planning a great event for rosarians with the rose show, excellent speakers, and garden tours.

Plans are also underway for the winter workshop next February, so be sure to include that date on your calendar also. Bob Martin, ARS President-Elect, will be our banquet speaker and is also speaking at our seminars on Saturday. We are planning to have a CR School again on Sunday morning for new CRs, those who need to update to stay current, and anyone else interested in learning more about growing roses.



Japanese beetles eating one bloom on 'Strike It Rich' which is their favorite rose to devour in the Hext garden.

Photos from Tenarky District Members



Nancy and Sam Jones at the opening ceremonies for the Rose Flower-Valley Garden in Dujiangyan, China in May.



Richard Hartke from the Louisville Rose Society won Best Floribunda Spray and Best of Show with 'Blue For You' at the Bowling Green Rose Society Rose Show in May.

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

The rose reigns as queen of all flowers in our gardens and in the hearts of gardeners everywhere.

Welcome to the new CR Corner. In this area of Katnips, we will showcase our CRs and any other CR news across Tenarky District. In this little corner, we will get to know who our CRs are and the work they do promoting growing healthy roses in their Community.

The road to be a Consulting Rosarian is extremely easy. Go to the [ARS web-site](#), under members only, download the CR manual. After you obtain the manual, read it, talk to me, Mary Ann Hext or a local CR about your interest in becoming a CR; then attend a CR school. Tenarky District always conducts a CR school during the Winter Workshop. You can choose to audit the school for information only or choose to take the test to complete the process to be a CR.

During the CR school we have expert speakers on all the chapters in the manual. Included in their presentations are the answers to the questions on the test. Plus it's an open book test. How easy can it be?

When asked a rose question, one does not always know the answer; however, a CR is expected to know where to get the answer.

CR Reminder: CRs are required to complete Roses in Review. A reminder will be sent to Tenarky presidents to send to local CRS prior to the due date. If you do not grow any of the roses on the list, just indicate that and submit the form by the deadline.

CR Garden Tip: To attract butterflies into your garden, take an empty wine bottle, bury the neck and fill the bottom indentation with water. The many colors of the bottles make attractive garden art.

So until next time, please email me any CR news you would like to see in this column. brenrose@tds.net



Photos from Tenarky District Members



Cookeville Area Rose Society held
Rose Education Day in March.





Consider Growing Roses in Containers *by Jack Wedekind , Nashville RS*

While growing all of my hybrid tea and miniature roses in pots for eight years, I have experienced numerous benefits. Actually my wife Betsy and I thought we might be moving, and I started growing my roses in pots so I could more easily move them. Then I realized that during the winter months, I could move my bushes in pots closer to our house where they are more protected from the cold winter wind. I don't have to be concerned that the roots of the forest trees in our yard will consume the nutrients I give my roses. I can more easily incorporate a rose bush in a pot into my landscaping. If a bush doesn't thrive in a particular location, I can easily move it to another spot in my yard. But one of the best things about having all my roses in containers is not having to get down on my knees to work on them!

When I tell people I grow my roses in containers and encourage them to give it a try, they usually have questions.

▶ **What size and type of container should I choose?**

When selecting containers for roses, use two or three-gallon sturdy containers for miniature or mini-flora roses. Hybrid teas need seven to twelve-gallon containers. When deciding on the size of the container, consider whether or not you are likely to need to move it. Of course, the larger the container, the heavier it will be. Many nurseries will give you their discarded pots.

▶ **What about drainage?**

Drainage is extremely important. Make sure your containers have enough holes in them. Do not use containers with holes in the bottom. Instead choose containers with holes on the sides near the bottom. Otherwise, you will have problems with roots gripping the ground. If you do have some roots gripping the ground and want to move the container, just snip the roots.

▶ **Should I put the container in a tray?**

Don't keep the containers in trays unless you have to because they are on a patio or deck. Standing water in the tray can be damaging and roses do not like wet feet.

▶ **How do you plant a bush in a container?**

Fill the container 20% full with either Holy Cow from Southern Nurseries or Raised Bed Mix from Soil Products. Mix 1 ½ to 2 cups of Mills Mix into the soil in the container. Add an additional 40% of the same soil mix and mound it up in the center. Place the bare root rose over the mound spreading the roots out. Add the remaining 40% of the soil mix up to the bud union. Gently press the soil down. Actually you can plant a rose in a container in the same way you plant one in the ground, but make sure to have the top of the soil about two inches below the rim of the container so you have plenty of space for watering without washing away soil and nutrients. After planting be sure to water thoroughly. A week after planting, add two tablespoons of Epsom Salts to a gallon of water and pour on the base of each bush. About two weeks later, add one cup Osmocote, timed-released multi-purpose plant food per bush, and gently work it into the soil.

▶ **When I grow my roses in containers, how will my bushes' watering needs change?**

You must water every day it doesn't rain or set up a watering system. I use a water wand. Always water thoroughly the day before you spray—preferably in the morning. Water your bushes during the winter if it doesn't rain for two weeks straight. Roses grown in pots require a lot more water than roses planted in the ground. When I help people with their roses, I find that the number one reason their roses are not doing well is lack of sufficient water.

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Jack with his roses growing in pots.



Consider Growing Roses in Containers *(continued from p. 5)*

▶ When I grow my roses in containers, how will my bushes' spraying needs change?

Your spraying needs will not change. Don't wait until you have issues with black spot or insects. Spray faithfully once a week. A recommended spray program would be to alternate using Ortho Rose & Flower and Ortho RosePride Disease Control. In addition, about every four weeks, mix one tablespoon of Orthene to a gallon of water and spray to prevent insect infestations and other problems.

▶ What procedure should I follow for successful winterization of my bushes in containers?

Consider the placement of your bushes. Is there a better location for them in your yard? Remember that wind is more likely to damage your roses than freezing temperatures. Prune your roses and be sure to remove all the leaves. Seal all of the cut canes with Elmer's Glue. (I seal all my canes with Elmer's Glue every time I cut a bloom or prune.) Clean all debris from the soil. Cut the bottom out of another pot and put it over the bush. Pour the same soil mix as the rose is planted in into the top container to cover the bush.

▶ What would I need to do to my bushes in containers in the spring to get them started for the growing season?

After removing the protective pots, carefully turn the soil and work the extra soil you used for winter protection in and around your roses as much as you can. Remove and reuse the excess soil making sure you keep a two-inch margin between the top of the soil and the rim of the container. Prune the rose as needed. Work three cups of Mills Mix into the soil of each bush. One week later, add two tablespoons of Epsom Salts to a gallon of water and pour on the base of each bush. About two weeks later, add one cup Osmocote and work it into the soil of each bush. You must water thoroughly after each application of nutrients.

What about ongoing fertilization for my bushes in containers?

▶ You can use the same products you use for fertilizing roses growing in the ground. I recommend applying EasyFeed, one tablespoon to a gallon of water per bush, once a month.

▶ May I see your rose garden?

When someone admires roses I have grown, sometimes they say they want to come to our house to see our roses. I have to explain that they would have to look inside our 1928 General Electric Monitor Top Refrigerator in the garage. All of our 60 bushes are in containers behind our house and we have a cutting garden. I cut blooms with a high petal count when they are about 50% open. I cut blooms with a lower petal count when they are about 30% open. All the blooms immediately go in buckets and vases filled with water and into my trusty, vintage, non-frost-free refrigerator. I used to have more bushes but I cut about 1,000 blooms per season now. It's worth all the work when I get to share three bouquets most every Sunday at our church.



The Wedekind's Antique Refrigerator

Editor's Note: Jack and Betsy recently won several ribbons at the Bowling Green Rose Show.

BLOOMS ARE EVERYWHERE AT UT KNOXVILLE BLOOMS DAY 2016

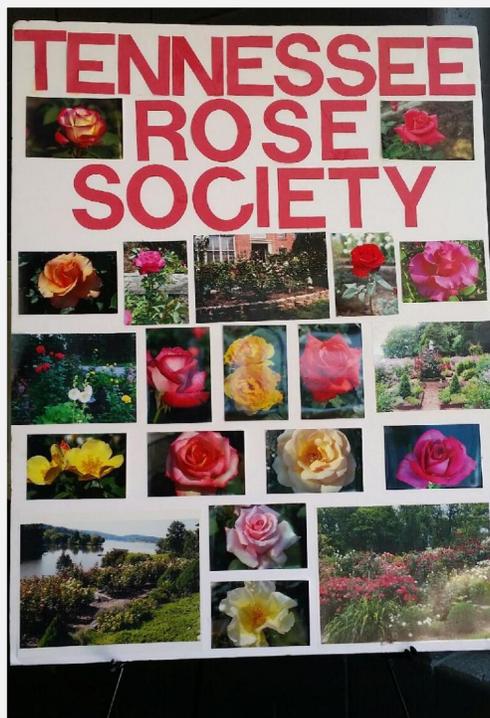
Submitted by Mary Frances Carlson, Tennessee Rose Society

Tennessee Rose Society members had a very pleasant surprise the first part of this May including Mother's Day. Rosarians awakened to find their rose bushes full of blooms on May 1, and they were enjoying spectacular blooms on Mother's Day, which was the date set for the annual UT Gardens Blooms Day, May 7 and 8. Members also remembered that our society did not celebrate at UT Gardens last year because there were no blooms to share.

This annual event at UT Knoxville features specialty plants, unique garden tools, live musical performances, garden seminars, children's activities, and more. The seminars, which are held in what is known as the South Greenhouse building, was the perfect place for Tennessee Rose Society to set up five tables loaded with roses of every variety and color. Members brought their best roses and displayed them in Coke bottles and bud vases. This year there were so many roses that volunteers made several vases of gorgeous roses as well as the individual roses labeled for visitors to enjoy.

As Sunday's activities began to draw to a close, those who came in late were honored with a rose, roses, or even one of the beautiful vases of roses that had been prepared for the large display. In addition, there were rose magazines and a variety of handouts pertaining to growing roses.

Tennessee Rose Society members enjoy their proximity to UT and their beautiful gardens, as well as speakers who are professors at the University. When in the Knoxville area, be sure to see the roses at UT Gardens, and you may even find a rose society member who will welcome you to his or her garden! Don't forget to **ENHANCE YOUR LIFE WITH ROSES!**





Winning with Old Garden Roses by Linda Finkes, St Louis MO area

May 2015 marked my 15th anniversary for growing and showing old garden roses (OGRs). I have been exhibiting roses since 1985 but did not discover the beauty and fragrance of OGRs until 2000 when I entered my first OGR rose at a St. Louis rose show. Since that time I have been very successful winning both categories for OGRs, Victorian and Dowager Queen, as well as the Genesis award for species roses. In this article I will concentrate on showing OGRs, so I am presuming you already are growing OGRs in your garden.

Of course, the first rule for showing winning roses is to grow healthy roses no matter what the type or variety. And if you are intent on winning, grow the varieties that do well in shows.

When to pick your OGR entries is more important than with modern roses. With a few exceptions, OGRs do not refrigerate well. Experiment cutting and refrigerating them to see if they lose substance or color. FRESHNESS really counts when OGRs are judged, especially where the stamens are concerned as many OGRs are shown with stamens showing.

The length of the stem, which is important when judging hybrid teas, is not nearly as important with OGRs, but you should pick the longest stem possible. Unlike most modern roses, OGR side buds may be shown. Examine your rose and decide if the side buds detract or add to the overall beauty and balance of the specimen. Also, unlike modern roses (other than shrub roses), showing a specimen with what we call “stem on stem” will not disqualify your entry.

When exhibiting OGRs, examine the show schedule. The OGR exhibiting rules sometimes vary from one show to the next, while the classes and numbers almost always vary. However, almost always the show will have a class for “Old Garden Roses Introduced Before 1867” (Dowager Queen) and “Old Garden Roses Introduced in 1867 or Later” (Victorian Award)—often species roses (which would otherwise be eligible for the Dowager Queen) have a separate “Genesis Award.”

Besides knowing the class for your OGRs, you also need to know the show-correct name and the date of introduction. To aid me in this matter, I prepare a list of all the OGRs in my garden long before I ever enter an OGR in a show. I consult *Handbook for Selecting Roses* and *Modern Roses* to determine the show-correct name (e.g., *R. gallica versicolor* not Rosa Mundi) and the date of introduction (which is needed to enter OGRs). I add this information to my list. This list is very helpful as it keeps me from frantically looking for the information as I fill out my show tags. What a shame to have a potential OGR winner only to be disqualified for entering it in the wrong class, incorrect or misspelled name, or no date of introduction!

In your effort to enter winners in a show, there are some things you cannot control: the temperature of the show room and when your rose will be judged. To show why this may be a problem, I will share an experience I had. I entered a national show with a wonderful specimen of *R. bracteata* (a.k.a. McCartney rose). After a two-hour plus plane flight with the rose below me under the seat and grooming in the window of my hotel room, the rose was perfect when I entered it. The show room was freezing and by the time they judged the OGRs at the very end of the judging, my rose had closed and did not even get a ribbon.

You also cannot control who will judge your OGR entries. Unfortunately, some judges are unfamiliar with OGRs. With a lack of familiarity, they resort to apply the exhibition criteria of modern roses instead of judging the OGR to determine if the rose is a superior example of the variety.

Finally, I will say that I do not grow these OGRs just to win trophies but because of their historical significance and their beauty and fragrance. Yes, they are fleeting, like most flowers, even more so since most are one-time spring bloomers, but that only adds to their charm. When I think that I am looking at a rose in my garden that Josephine Bonaparte once stopped to smell in her own garden, I am truly amazed.

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R. gallica versicolor



R. bracteata

Advantages of Exhibiting New Roses

by: *Richard J Anthony, MR & Horticulture Judge*

Is there an advantage to those who exhibit the newest of roses? In my opinion there is a distinct competitive advantage especially when other exhibitors do not have that variety that you are entering at the rose show. This advantage, assuredly, becomes more pronounced when the judges are not familiar with the rose either. Let's examine the logic for this assumption more closely.

At any given rose show whether it is a national, district or local rose show, there are only so many blue ribbons that will be awarded. Let's assume that you grow 'Whirlaway', the number one miniflora with exceptional form and the substance to last for several days. Almost every good exhibitor also grows 'Whirlaway'; and most of them grow several multiples of this outstanding rose. I currently grow 12 plants; 4 each on own roots, fortuniana and multiflora.

In order to be considered for Queen, the rose must first win a blue ribbon. A local show might have 5 or 6 'Whirlaway' entries and a district rose show often will have double that number. When five, ten or even twenty or more 'Whirlaway' blooms are entered in a rose show, chances are very very good that one or more of the entries are going to be exceptional. It will be perfectly round with a high center, petals unfolding in perfectly even pattern and substance that demands that you look at the roses again. And when you do, it is obvious that the leaves are clean and a shiny dark green, plus the cane is as straight as an arrow.

Considering this scenario that many of us have encountered on more than one occasion, it should be readily apparent just how difficult it is to garner a blue ribbon with a rose that has been in commerce for more than a few years. This is especially true when all of most of the top exhibitors also grow the same rose. Moving from local to district and on to a national rose show only compounds the difficulty many times over. This is not to suggest or imply that 'Whirlaway' should not be entered in a rose show. The example is intended to explain the difficulty in winning a blue ribbon with a rose that has been around for a while and one that most if not all of the top exhibitors also are growing. It takes an exceptional rose to win when the rose has been in commerce for a few years.

Now, if you happen to have one of those specimens that we have all had from time to time—you know—the ones that have a tendency to improve significantly the more you tell the story to your exhibitor friends or anyone else that will listen, then it really doesn't matter. Chances are your 'Whirlaway' is going to be awarded a blue ribbon because the bloom is exceptional and much better than you have ever grown it previously. Needless to say, it had Queen written all over it; and at minimum it will be on the court if not awarded one of the three top positions of Queen, King or Princess.

Repeat this same situation another ten or more times with other roses that most exhibitors have been growing for a few years, and the picture should become crystal clear. The roses that have been awarded a blue ribbon are clearly high quality roses, with several having the potential to win Queen at most any other rose show. The problem as I see it is a lack of a competitive advantage. Yes, it is a given that the best rose at any given rose show is going to win Queen more often than not. But—you can improve your chances of winning if you subscribe to the philosophy that exhibiting a new rose does have merit. In some, if not all, instances exhibiting a new rose can provide the exhibitor with a competitive advantage over the other blue ribbon winners at the rose show.

This competitive advantage does not show up in the guidelines for judging roses but rest assured it can and often does happen. I saw it happen in Indianapolis in 2005 with 'Ty' and at York in 2006 with 'Memphis Blues.' I saw it again in Wisconsin in 2010 with Renegade. To further understand and appreciate this phenomenon, think back to the first time that you saw 'Gift of Love', 'Shawn Sease' or 'Unbridled,' or for that matter any exceptional exhibition rose. Think back to the first time that you saw a new rose that you had never seen before at a rose show. Chances are your reaction was wow. Make that a **WOW** in bold faced capital letters. The rose stood out not *(continued p. 9)*



'Alene Able'



'Miss Mabel'



Advantages of Exhibiting New Roses *continued from page 8)*

just because it was exceptional but also due to the fact that the rose was new. The fact that you were probably unfamiliar with the rose made it stand out to you even more. There are any numbers of reasons why this can and does occur, but most of the reasons can be combined together into a catch phrase called **novelty**. Something is unique and new about the rose that causes it to favorably stand out from all of the other roses that are being judged for Queen.

At Indianapolis with 'Ty', it was the color—vibrant bright yellow that captured the judges' attention. At York with 'Memphis Blues', it was the near perfect form. 'Memphis Blues' did not quill like many other mauve roses but has petals that tended to reflex perfectly. At Milwaukee, it was the color and size of 'Renegade' that made it stand head and shoulders above the other roses. I have been fortunate to clerk at many nationals where this has occurred and in most instances many if not all of the judges were unfamiliar with the rose. This is not to suggest or imply that other roses were better, but merely to emphasize that a new rose that is equal to the other blue ribbon winners often has a significant competitive advantage. That competitive advantage is best put in perspective when it is referred to as novelty, which is best defined as original or striking.

In order to clarify this further, the rose tends to stand out favorably when compared to the other blue ribbon winners. More often than not it is the uniqueness of the new rose that causes it to appear better than the other roses. Yes, the rose we are discussing probably has near perfect form, is fresh and in perfect balance and proportion. SO—just what is it that makes a new rose have this competitive advantage?

If you were to ask some of the judges as I have done regarding why the new rose won, chances are that most would indicate that each rose stood out as it was being judged for Queen. This novelty of competitive advantage, in my opinion, more often than not is the difference between Queen and a lesser position on the court. Call it novelty, a competitive advantage or refer to it as the **WOW** factor; one thing is certain, and that is some new roses have it. If this was not logical or factual, I strongly doubt that **Horizon Roses** would have as many reporters reporting on the newest and best exhibition roses each year.

If you subscribe to this assumption, all that remains for the exhibitor is to obtain the newest roses before other exhibitors have them, grow them to perfection, cut them the day prior to the rose show and groom them perfectly. Once you do this perhaps the logic and significance for showing new roses and the competitive advantage that they afford the exhibitor will become readily apparent. I have been fortunate to test grown many roses prior to their becoming commercially available. There is no doubt in my mind that showing new roses often can be the difference between Queen and a lesser position on the court.



'Michael'



'Bold Ruler'

2016 Roses in Review

Your help is needed to evaluate new roses! Your evaluations are needed whether you grow one of the varieties on the list or dozens of them, whether you are a new rose grower, a "garden" rose grower or a seasoned veteran grower, whether you grow roses for your landscape, your garden or to exhibit or arrange them. Results will be included in the January/February 2017 issue of *American Rose*. Instructions the evaluation along with the paper evaluation sheet were included in the July/August *American Rose*; or you may complete the survey online at www.rose.org which is the very easy and preferred method. The survey ends on September 26, 2016. **If you are a Tenarky CR, be sure to submit your form and indicate that you are a CR. Even if you don't grow any of the roses on the list, there is a checkbox for you to report that.**

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

Louisville Rose Society By Janet Miller, Membership Chair

The Louisville Rose Society (LRS) has had garden tours in May and June and will have another garden tour in July as a part of their monthly meetings. August 20-22, the Louisville Rose Society members will participate in the Kentucky State Fair Rose Show at the Kentucky State Fair held in Louisville. The public and LRS members are eligible to show roses at the event; however, preregistration is required by July 1. Late Entry forms must arrive at the Fair Office by July 11.

Several members of LRS exhibited at the Bowling Green Rose Show taking home several awards.

The Louisville Rose Society will have their annual Fall Rose Show on October 1, 2016.

Nashville Rose Society By Cindy Worch, President

Each year we have what we call a "Pruning Party." Several of our CR's gather at one of our members homes and we invite anyone in the community who would like to learn how to prune roses to come out and join us. This year we did two! Marty Reich, our membership chairman, always does a fantastic job getting this coordinated.

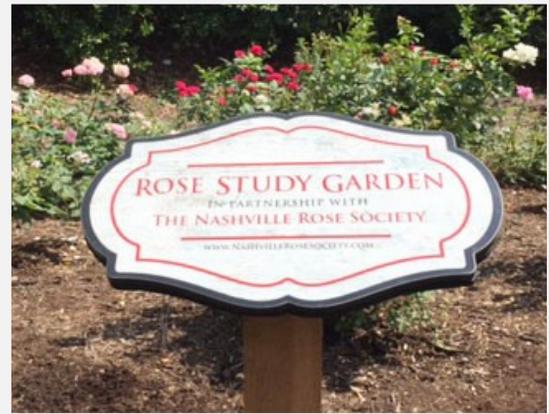
Our spring started out with our Vendor Night in April. This is one of our yearly fund raisers. Clayton Beaty spoke to us about the beginning of Beaty Fertilizer and Mills Mix. If you haven't heard it, it's a great story.

We had a great turnout for our work day at the Rose Study Garden at Cheekwood. Everyone jumped right in and we did some light pruning, fertilizing, weeding, and checked on the watering system. It looks fabulous! And as of late June, we now have our beautiful signs in place. Thanks John Wendler for heading this up and seeing it through. (See photo above.)

Millie Dolinger led our fortuniana rose sale again this year, another fund raiser for our society.

If you haven't checked out our new and improved website, please do. Diane Coleman does fantastic web work!

We are excited to have several new members who have jumped in with both feet and are doing great things to enhance our society!



Bowling Green Rose Society by Ben Matus, President

Bowling Green Rose Society (BGRS) held their annual spring rose show in May. Even though we are a small society, all members work hard to make our show successful; and we appreciate having exhibitors from the Louisville and Nashville Societies who bring roses each year to make it a beautiful show. Dr. Martin Stone, Western Kentucky University Horticulture Department, was the speaker at the "After the Rose Show Banquet." His topic was "House of Evil; the Roses of Empress Josephine."

BGRS members maintain a public rose garden at Riverwalk Park which looks exceptionally good this year and is enjoyed by those who come to the park. (See photo at right.)



We are planning to visit the [Baker Arboretum and Downing Museum](#) which was donated to Western Kentucky University and is administered by the WKU Horticulture Department directed by Dr. Martin Stone.

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Tenarky Local Society News *(cont. from p. 10)*

Tennessee Rose Society by Mary Frances Carlson, President

Members of the Tennessee Rose Society have had an unexpected spring, which has meant lots of beautiful roses from the beginning of May. It has been a delight to share our roses with friends and family!

Mother's Day Weekend found several members displaying blooms at the annual UT Gardens "Blooms Day." (See article on page 7.) Latecomers had the pleasure of taking a rose home with them or even one of the lovely bouquets prepared by our volunteers. The beautiful garden of John and Kay Rodgers was also on tour (photo at right).

Now we are anticipating our annual picnic at Martha and Glenn McCluen's home; as we enjoy our meal, we will be looking at the water and gardens surrounding their lovely home. In July, we will take a month off with no meeting and then in August hear one of our district's favorite speakers and an excellent rosarian—Jeff Garrett from Chattanooga. Jeff will share his knowledge of current topics of interest that he has explored. Another good program occurred in May when member Ken Veal led us in a discussion/ "confession" of both "successes" and "failures" we have experienced growing roses.



Several members have contributed to our Society's Facebook page. To see some beautiful roses, go to [Tennessee Rose Society](#). Special thanks are extended to Kay and John Rodgers and Mary Bates for these frequent contributions!

Memphis & Dixie Rose Society by Brenna Bosch, President

The March meeting featured Jim Crowder from Dan West Garden Center, Memphis, who discussed our West Tennessee soils as well as amendments and best practices for planting. At our April Meeting, Mary Ann Hext joined us to talk about the District and its connection to our local society and as part of National Society. Carol Shockley from Arkansas joined us for the May meeting and shared her wonderful presentation on upcoming and new roses available. At the June meeting, our speaker was unable to make it so we had a short presentation on Rose Show photos and ideas from across the country. We also had a long discussion on all the ways we get rid of Japanese Beetles!

Memphis & Dixie is still researching a venue for our Fall Rose Show. As soon as we secure a venue and date, we will notify the District.

Tri-State Rose Society of Chattanooga by Sue Dempsey, President

We have had a busy spring. We participated in the Master Your Garden Expo sponsored by the Master Gardeners. We were next to Clayton Beaty's booth. Clayton gave a free membership to our local society with the purchase of a rose from him. Cindy brought blooms from their roses in the greenhouse so people could see and smell the roses he was selling. As a result we gained 17 new members! This meeting was followed by Meg Ryan from the UGA Trial Gardens speaking at our March meeting. She provided a list of different varieties and types of roses by ratings in their garden. Their garden is definitely a no spray garden so this was really good information. She included a scale for fragrance along with the overall performance. In April Chris VanCleve was our most entertaining guest; if you have not invited him to one of your local meetings we would strongly recommend you do so. In May we had a picnic in the Belcher's garden instead of our usual meeting. We had many plants donated for an auction to help build up our society's coffers. June we had several of our members give talks about dealing with Japanese Beetles and other changes affecting our roses during the summer. In between all of these happenings, we had a pruning demonstration at the Soddy Daisy Veterans park where we maintain a rose garden. Some plants were pulled due to rose rosette but in some of our other beds new soil was brought in and new roses added. These are no spray gardens. In between the time we pulled the roses out and before we were able to plant the new ones, people were calling City Hall in Soddy Daisy wanting to know what was happening to the roses they enjoyed so much. This tells us that people enjoying the park notice our roses. They are blooming now for them to enjoy.

Did you know . . .

Many rose societies are now including a rose photography section at their shows, rose exhibits and meetings. This provides rosarians with one more venue for sharing their roses.

A rose photography show is planned at the fall convention and rose show as well as a second annual photography show at the 2017 winter workshop.

A short on-screen presentation is available on the [Tenarky District website](#) that explains the rules for these shows as well as providing photos of winners from a variety of rose shows. It is suitable to show at a local meeting to encourage your members to start taking photos to enter at these shows.

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- ▶ Louisville Rose Society RS: October 1
- ▶ Memphis & Dixie Rose Society RS: TBA

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