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2026
Tenarky
Winter Workshop
February 27-28
Holiday Inn
University Plaza
Bowling Green, KY

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Tenarky District Fall Convention & Rose show

by Renee Stuart, MRS President

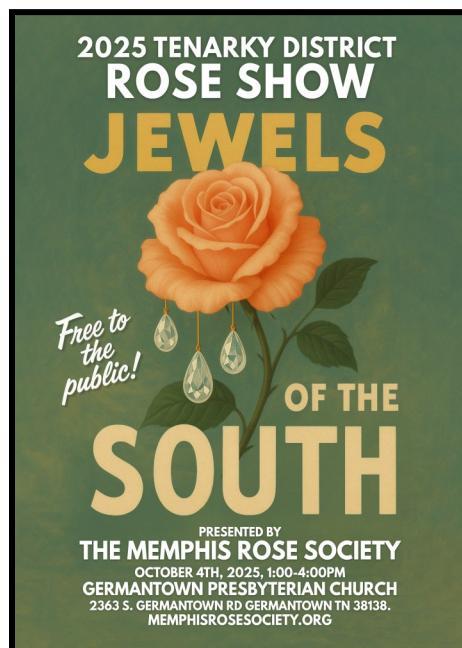
The 2025 Tenarky District Rose Show – “Jewels of the South”

We're thrilled to announce that Memphis will host the **2025 Tenarky District Rose Show, “Jewels of the South”, October 3-5** at **Germantown Presbyterian Church** in Germantown, TN. This marks the first district show in Memphis since 2018—making it a long-overdue and eagerly awaited event! Highlights include:

- **Banquet Speaker:** Lisa Schaff presenting “Fresh Cuts, Roses for the Tenarky Garden”. Lisa is a member of the Nashville Rose Society. (photo below)
- **Educational Program:** Camp Creek's presentation on “Landscaping with Native Plants”
- **Silent Auction & Raffle:** Featuring fabulous prizes from our generous sponsors including the American Rose Society, Jackson & Perkins, Camp Creek, Espoma Organic, Heirloom Roses, Neptune Harvest, Cobrahead, and more
- **Friday Social Hour** (October 3): After show set-up, early arrivals can mingle and relax
- **Saturday:** Rose Show
- **Sunday Garden Tours:** For attendees staying through the weekend

The registration form, events schedule, and rose show schedule are included with this newsletter and on the Tenarky website. Registration must be received by September 26 if attending the banquet and ordering lunch. Reservations for the special rate for the Holiday Inn Express must be made by noon on September 8.

- [Click here](#) for convention information!
- [Click here](#) for registration form!
- [Click here](#) for rose show schedule!



Register Now!!



Tenarky District Director's Message *by Howard Carman*

The rose societies of Tenarky have been busy planning lots of events coming up in the next few months. Nashville hosts their show at Cheekwood September 13-14, Louisville's show is September 27 at Sutherland Hardware, and then Memphis Rose Society will host the District Rose Show and Convention October 3 through 5 in Germantown, TN. If at all possible, make plans to attend some or all of these events. There will be lots of great exhibits.

In the meantime, don't forget our Tenarky Winter Workshop is to be held in Bowling Green again on February 28, 2026. We have speakers lined up for great programs. Sonja Lallemand, Editor of Illinois-Indiana District will be speaking on Old Garden Roses, and you will enjoy her French pronunciation of rose names, Natalie Carmolli from Proven Winners is joining us virtually as well as providing some roses, then we also have Joe and Carrie Berg as our last speakers of the day presenting a program called "He says, she says". The hotel has provided a link for reservations. Details and registration will follow soon.

Block Name: TENARKY District of the American Rose

Block Code: TEN

Booking Link: [TENARKY District of the American Rose Society Winter Workshop](#)

Cutoff: 1/27/2026

On a personal note: I have an update on my seedlings. I have four seedlings that I am going to keep. They have nice clean foliage and some interesting colors; I am attaching a picture of the light pink with green tint on the outer petals and two others.



Save the Date!
October 2-5, 2026
2026 ARS National
Convention & Rose Show
Hosted by
Nashville Rose Society





Consulting Rosarian Corner *by Cindy Worch, District CR Chair*

Well, I'm sure all of us have been trying our hardest to stay cool. Even with the heat I've had a very wet spring and now into the summer. We received over 4 inches in June and over 3 inches the month of July.

Over July 4th weekend, I did a tremendous amount of deadheading/pruning with some generic pruners that I had. I also do a lot of work on the computer at work. So, my carpal tunnel flared up. After 10 days of steroids and a brace, I'm finally recovering.

Looking back, I was thinking about the pruners I was using. Years ago, I had a pair of ergonomic Felco F 15 pruners for small hands and a twisting handle which is larger than the other one. I loved those pruners and never had hand fatigue with them. I imagine they are buried somewhere in our old Manchester garden. Has anyone else lost garden tools in the garden and was never able to find them?

So, I ordered a new pair of Felco's. They weren't cheap. Mine were \$75.00 on Amazon, but I felt that was cheaper than hand surgery! I deadheaded several roses yesterday and felt no problems. Below are part numbers on the Felco ergonomic ones if you want to investigate some of your own. If you are experiencing hand fatigue these are life (hand) savers.

- F15 Small Right Hand
- F12 Medium Right Hand
- F17 Medium Left Hand
- F7 Large Right Hand
- F10 Large Left Hand



I hope this helps someone as much as it helped me.

Mary Ann and I have updated the TENARKY website with CR audit years. If you think yours might be wrong, please let me know. Next, I must get ARS to update our list and dates.

We didn't have any new CR's this year. If you or someone you know would like to become one, let me know. I would like to get the applications as soon as possible even though the deadline would be 30 days before the next school, which should be in February. I know several people that would be great candidates.

Click [here](#) for the ARS Consulting Rosarian Manual. Qualifications to become a CR are on page 1-1 in the manual.

Click [here](#) for the CR Candidate form on ARS website.

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These webinars count for CR credit. Register at <https://rose.org/webinars/>:

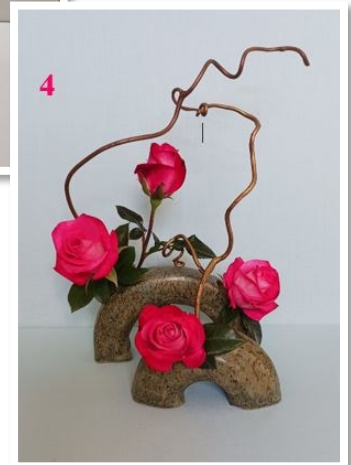
- ▶ **August 23, 11am-2pm:** "Rethinking Late Summer and Fall Rose Health Strategies" Dr. Mark Windham
- ▶ **September 27, 11am-2pm:** "Designing A Garden for Rose Collectors. The Normal Rules Don't Apply!" Paul Zimmerman
- ▶ **October 25: 11am-2pm:** "What's New with Jackson & Perkins" Wes Harvel
- ▶ **November 22: 11am-2pm:** "What's New with Kordes Roses" Thomas Proll



Arranger's Corner by Paula Williams, ARS Judge

The design I'm featuring for this issue is one of my favorites and some of you may have seen a few of the "stretch" designs I have done in Facebook posts, but I wanted to review this type again. Stretch refers to a design using two containers and they are assembled with a connective branch or line material to give the impression of being one arrangement. When and if they are pulled apart, they can stand alone as one design. I looked up several examples of mine in the past and also one with 'Miss Paula' I just created in November 2024 when we were blessed with so many nice days to cut roses.

Arrangement 1 is with 'Bees Knees', number 2 is 'TY', number 3 is with 'Miss Paula', and it shows the 2 separated, number 4 is same but linked together to form the "stretch" effect. Check out the tiny black mark on picture 4 to show the two materials attached. The fun thing is you don't need many roses if containers don't overwhelm your blooms.



NATIONAL ARRANGEMENT SCHOOL

Save the Date: October 17-18, 2025

The Gulf District of the American Rose Society will be hosting an Arrangement School at the American Rose Center Friday and Saturday, October 17 and 18. Plans are for this event to be both an in-person and virtual opportunity for those interested in learning more about arranging or wishing to become an arrangement judge, as well as ARS arrangement judges who need to meet their requirement for continuing accreditation.

Watch for more details in the newsletter and *American Rose*. For more information or questions contact: billieflynn5@gmail.com.



Bowling Green Rose Society Rose Show—May 31



BGRS ROSE SHOW TOP WINNERS

Photos above left to right:

- 'Florentina' Best in Show and Novice Queen exhibited by Snigdha Kongara
- 'Louise Estes' HT Queen exhibited by Sharon Wuoremaa
- 'Mango Blush' MF Queen exhibited by Linda Schork
- 'Pierine' M Queen exhibited by Ricky Lockhart

Photos right:

- ARS Gold and Artist exhibited by Mary Ann Hext
- ARS Miniature Gold and Artist exhibited by Mary Ann Hext

Photos below:

- 'Souv de la Malmaison' Dowager Queen exhibited by Sharon Wuoremaa
- 'Mango Blush', 'All My Loving' Best English Boxes (small & large) exhibited by Ricky Lockhart





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

Louisville Rose Society by Paula Williams, President

Louisville's April meeting included a great discussion on Organic Gardening with our speaker, Susan Ballerstedt

, who is in charge of the community gardens at Blackacre Conservancy in Louisville area. The nature preserve and historic homestead provides insight to the precious traces of Kentucky's past (photo right).

The first garden tour was at Janet Miller's home on May 25 and she had blooms to see as well as a demonstration on "taking out



the trash" or rather cleaning up your beds and blooms.

Some Louisville folks came home with top wins from Bowling Green Rose Show May 31. Hybrid Tea Queen was 'Louise Estes' shown by Sharon Wuorenmaa, Miniflora Queen was 'Mango Blush' shown by Linda Schork, and Novice winner as well as Best in Show, 'Florentina',



shown by Sniggy Kongara (photo right and on page 6).

In June some members braved the heat and visited Wilson's Nursery, Sage Café for lunch, and then over to the Frankfort Capital rose garden. Ashley Perry and Ryan Hix showed us progress on the garden. (photos below left)



The July meeting was our own little rose show, grooming tips, and a presentation on dry wrapping by Linda Schork. (photo below right)

Several of us are registered and are gearing up for the Kentucky State Fair on August 16. In August, we will recap State Fair and learn flower pounding and drying roses.



September 27 is our local show at Sutherland Hardware in Louisville, October will be member garden reviews and November a meal at a local restaurant.



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Memphis Rose Society by Renee Stuart, President

Springtime in Memphis is one of the most beautiful seasons of the year, and this year was no exception! The Memphis Rose Society (MRS) kicked off our annual spring garden tours with a visit to the home of Pam Beasley, co-founder of Germantown Harvest Gardens. Pam specializes in designing and installing raised garden beds, and her beautifully landscaped garden—featuring roses, perennials, and vegetables—was a delightful start to the tour. *(photo right)* We also had the pleasure of visiting the stunning garden of Tiffany Klemis. Her lush



hydrangeas, elegant fountain, and inviting screened-in porch overlooking a vibrant garden created a serene and inspiring atmosphere. *(photo left)* In Michie, TN, longtime member Barbara Taube opened her garden for us, showcasing a breathtaking display of roses and daylilies. *(photo below)*



In June, MRS President Renee Stuart had the opportunity to participate in the *Memphis Fling*, a 3-day garden tour featuring over 20 private gardens across the Memphis area. It was a wonderful celebration of gardening talent and community spirit.

The Memphis Rose Society has grown significantly over the past year, welcoming many new members and expanding our rose-loving community. We've been busy honing our skills and sharing knowledge—Tammy Manderson led our July program on grooming, and Catherine Dickinson guided us through rose photography in August, just in time for the show season. We're looking forward to reconnecting with old friends and welcoming new ones this October. Thank you for being part of our vibrant and blooming rose family!

Bowling Green Rose Society by Mary Ann Hext, Newsletter Editor

Our annual spring rose show was held May 31 and was a beautiful show with many entries thanks our exhibitor friends from the Nashville and Louisville Rose Societies. We appreciate them bringing roses and also helping with some of the show jobs. In June, we had a program about Hummingbirds presented by Mary Ann Hext. Our July potluck was held at the home of Ricky and Mary Ann Lockhart where members enjoyed seeing all of his beautiful roses and eating barbeque and hot dogs along with side dishes prepared by members.





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

Nashville Rose Society by Marty Reich, Master Rosarian

NRS members have been very busy this spring and early summer. In March our speaker was Kara Jamison, owner of Blooming Joy Flower Co., who has a big following of gardeners on her website. Many of them came to hear her and some joined us. In May, we toured The Craighead House and Gardens with host, landscape designer, Steve Siris. He has created a wonderful garden around this historic house and we were honored to be allowed to enjoy it. *(photo right)*



The June meeting was a picnic at the home of NRS member, Lisa Schaaf, who created a lovely rose garden from a bare lot in just one year! It was nothing short of amazing! (And the food was great too!) *(photos right)*



July gave us the opportunity to learn propagation of roses from Master Rosarian, Gene Meyer. We had a small, but very interested group of members who got to take home their own cuttings ready to grow.

We are looking forward to our September show at Cheekwood and the District show in Memphis in October. And let's not forget the convention in 2026.

Tri-State Rose Society by Jeff Garrett, Newsletter Editor

The Tri-State Rose Society of Chattanooga has been busy this spring and early summer. In April we had a booth at the Hamilton County Master Gardener's Expo. The Expo is always well attended and, as always, presented us with a great opportunity to share information about growing roses and our club. We were also able to recruit some new members.

At our May meeting, Sheree Wright from the Greater Greenville Rose Society in South Carolina, gave a wonderful program on Disease Resistant Rose Trials, focusing on trials from the southeast. Her presentation included pictures and information on each variety, including where to purchase them. She also distributed a handout of the roses in her program.



We had their annual picnic on June 8 at Veterans Park in Soddy Daisy. Our club maintains the rose garden at the park. We had a large turnout and everyone enjoyed some great food. We also had an auction of plants and other garden related items. *(photos right)*



Dr. Allen Owings, a retired professor of Horticulture from LSU spoke at our July meeting. His topic was how to control weeds in our rose gardens. As you might expect, we had a large turnout as everyone has to deal with weeds. He gave an outstanding presentation on various things that we can do and use to help keep weeds from our gardens. Dr. Owings also shared a lot of updated information on various herbicides.

We are looking forward to our August meeting, as our speaker is Cindy Dale from South Metro Rose Society in Georgia. Cindy will be sharing her 10 Steps to Growing Good Roses.



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

Tennessee Rose Society by Julia DeBord, President

The Tennessee Rose Society had some great road trips this spring. The April meeting was a road trip to Cookeville to visit Johnson Nursery and Garden Center. We were greeted graciously and the Johnson's gave a tour of the Nursery and presented a wonderful program. Several members brought home roses. It was a great time for everyone. On the way back to Knoxville, a stop at a local restaurant was fun and tasty. *(photos right & below)*



Our May meeting was touring Lane Hay's Garden. You can see by the pictures, Lane has a beautiful garden setting on the Tennessee River. She has a cottage garden, rose garden and waterfall nestled in a walking trail of her shade garden. Of course, just resting by the water was a treat. It is such a beautiful place. *(photos below)*



We did not have a June picnic this year due to several of our members on vacation. We are planning our picnic for the fall in October. The meeting place will be the beautiful University of Tennessee Garden Pavillon.

2025 Roses in Review Reporting Delayed

According to information sent to our Tenarky Roses in Review Chair, Jeff Garrett, from Jason Capote, the National RIR Chair, the Roses in Review report will not be due in September. Information for re-reporting will be announced soon.



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2025 Shows and Events

- ▶ **September 13-14: Nashville Rose Society Rose Show**
- ▶ **September 27: Louisville Rose Society Rose Show, Sutherland Hardware**
- ▶ **October 3-5: Tenarky District Fall Convention & Rose Show, Germantown, TN**
- ▶ **October 2-5, 2026: ARS Convention & Rose Show, Nashville, TN**



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