



# ROSARIAN REMINDER

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This Month's Meeting:  
**Tulsa Garden Center**  
**2435 S Peoria**  
**Tulsa, OK**  
**2:00 PM**  
**August 9, 2009**

*Floribundas*

**Refreshments**  
**Susan Young and ?**  
**If you can help with refreshments**  
**Please call Jan Edwards 407-7949**

## Events to Come

**Regular meetings are held at the  
Tulsa Garden Center the second Sunday  
of each month at 2:00 PM**

Business Meetings are held at the  
Tulsa Garden Center the first Wednesday  
of each month at 10:00 AM in the Volunteer Room

August 9      Monthly Meeting: Floribunda's - slide presentation about these wonderful roses that can add so much color to your yard. Also ask the Rosarian on Summer Heat problems.

Sept & Oct      Little Rose Show at our meetings

Sept 13      Monthly Meeting: Climbers

Oct 4      Monthly Meeting: Topic to be announced

Oct 10-11      Tulsa State Fair Rose Show.

Oct 17-18      Rose Dango - Texas

Oct. 23-25      South Central District show

Visit the Tulsa Rose Society website for the full year of meeting dates after the calendar is known.

## *Goings On . . .*

One of the reasons we grow roses is for the colorful blooms in our garden and sometimes as bouquets in our homes. Hybrid Teas provide a beautiful form and are very attractive to look at, but often the blooms are sparse compared to the floribunda's. Our program this month will be on floribundas so be sure to come and learn how to maximize the beauty of your rose garden with bursts of color.

Next month we will have a program on climbers. As you will find out they require a little different care when it comes to pruning and grooming. The September meeting is also when you can get the Fair information and is also the first month of our mini-show. Instructions are on page 12 of your membership roster.

Our Fair show is a week later this year. The schedule has changed some but the general rules remain the same. We will need a few people to set up Friday evening and then everyone to bring roses Saturday morning. We will be close to the area we have had the past couple of years. Mark October 10 - 11 on your calendar so you can participate in this year's show. The schedule and rules are posted on the Tulsa State Fair website and will be included in the September newsletter. Our October meeting will be a week early - October 4th - due to the Fair show.

October also brings a couple of other activities. "Rose Dango" is the week following the Fair show. Information and registration forms are found on pages 5 & 6. The following weekend, October 23-25 is the south Central District Fall meeting and show. It will be at the Hilton Hotel at Houston Hobby Airport. We will have registration information in the September newsletter and on our website.

Mark your calendars Now so you don't miss anything -- we hope to see you there!

## TULSA ROSE SOCIETY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

**There was no business meeting in July.**



### VEGETABLE BARS

*These were served at our July meeting and well received. Several asked for the receipt so here it is. Makes a great summer time healthy treat.*

2 PACKAGES OF CRESCENT ROLLS  
BAKE FOR 7 MINUTES AT 350 TO 375 DEGREES  
COOL

MIX: 2 -8 OUNCES OF CREAMED CHEESE  
1 CUP SALAD DRESSING  
1 PACK HIDDEN VALLEY ORIGINAL  
RANCH SALAD DRESSING



PLACE ON TOP OF ROLLS:

¾ CUP CHOPPED ZUCHINI  
¾ CUP CHOPPED BELL PEPPERS  
¾ CUP CHOPPED CARROTS  
¾ CUP GRATED CHEESE

(Other in season vegetables may be substituted.)

ROLL VEGETABLES INTO MIX.

CHEF: RENEE MCGROUTY

### MITES ARE BACK

It's that time of year again for the scourge of the Rosarian –the dreaded spider mite. I noticed in one of our rose beds an area of roses appearing to have severe leaf burn. This was an area in which I discovered the watering system was inadequate for the plants. I corrected this and waited for them to rebound, but

they kept looking worse, so the next step was to give them a boost with extra fertilizer in a rich mixture of balanced soluble fertilizer, chelated iron and fish emulsion. No results! Brenda, the disease Guru at our place, picked up a leaf off one of the plants and said it's obvious what's wrong ,they have spider mites and indeed live mites were confirmed with my little 20x microscope. In retrospect it should have been intuitive to check the underside of the leaves of the affected plants and find the very tell-tale salt and pepper appearance and, in this case, the tiny little webs. Treatment was promptly instituted with daily water wand-ing. I wish this brought a happy ending, but soon the adjacent beds began to show plants with a discolored and mottled appearance. Again on the undersides of the leaves of these plants there was the salt and pepper grainy pattern and I confirmed live mites with magnification. (A simple magnifying lens is adequate for this.) Because we have so many roses it is impractical to rely on water wand treatment alone. I then mixed one of the least expensive Miticides -Tetrasan - at ¼ teaspoon per gallon and 55% Marathon at 1 and ½ teaspoons per gallon, and carefully sprayed the roses being certain to get spray material on the undersides of the leaves. So far this seems to have been effective and the plants for the most part are recovering nicely. One of my very healthy English roses has been totally defoliated and may not survive. I made a serious mistake in assuming what the problem was and not carefully checking the plants. I am still learning something new in the garden every year. Spider mite damage can masquerade as a number of problems such as iron deficiency, inadequate nitrogen, excess or inadequate water, and in this case leaf burn. The moral of this story is to investigate problems early and carefully without making assumptions and begin corrective action before it's too late. Learn from my mistakes!

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## 10 Stupid Things... .. gardeners do to mess up their rose garden

by Carolyn Elgar

Everyone makes mistakes. To err is human. So as much as any gardener refuses to admit it, you can bet they have done something stupid in their rose garden. Comfort yourself with the knowledge that everyone, even the most conscientious rose lover, has made one of these mistakes at some point in their history with roses.

### **1. Buy too many.**

If you truly love roses, you have definitely done this. You read about a new variety or see an incredibly healthy rose at a nursery. "I can find a place," you say. Oops! When you get home and look around, you have to face the realization that, unless you tear up more of your lawn, there is no more room for one, not even a little one, rose bush in your garden. If you persist and sneak the newbie into the ground between two established roses or in front of a large bush you will pay the price. Mildews and rust will enjoy the increased humidity of all that foliage. Plus the young, new rose will have to fight for its share of water and fertilizer.

### **2. Throw away the label.**

This can happen in a number of ways. The label may fall off in the car. You may cut off a wired label that seems to be adversely affecting a cane's health. And finally the name of the rose may be printed on the pot it came in and that pot disappears after you plant or repot the rose. However it happens, if you collect a number of rose varieties, there is a very good chance you will forget what they are. At the very least, you will have to be available in the garden whenever you entertain, because someone will want to know the name of that mystery rose.

### **3. Forget to check for dryness.**

Whether it's in a pot or the ground, a dry rose is not a happy rose. Unfortunately, you may not get the message until it is too late. Sprinkler heads can break and rabbits love to chew through drip hoses. Before you know it, you've got a rose that is yellow, wilted, and on its way to the great rose garden in the sky.

### **4. Forget to deadhead.**

If you want a bush to bloom again, the best way to ensure this is to cut off the flowers when they have dropped their petals or look blown out, before seeds form. If you do, the bush will once again attempt to create seed by producing a bloom. We may love our rose blooms, but the fact is, their primary purpose is to make new roses from the seed they produce. Don't let them and they will bloom again.

### **5. Plant a big rose in a small space.**

In all fairness, you may not realize that the charming little Graham Thomas or Eureka rose bush you brought home from the nursery will grow to dwarf its neighbors. Or you may try to convince yourself that it won't get that big in your yard. But time is a cruel mistress. In two or three years that rose will be crossing the boundaries you set for it, creating a menacing shadow for the roses around it.

### **6. Plant a rose in the shade.**

"How many hours of sunshine do my roses need?" asks little Miss Rose Lover. At least six hours for optimum bloom is the correct answer. Oh, but you don't have a sunny place left in your garden? Plant it in the shade and it will bloom, but the flowers will be small and the stems spindly. Lack of heat will encourage mildew and other rose diseases. Sure, some roses will do ok in the shade – but just ok.

### **7. Starve your roses.**

The first flush of bloom can be an exhausting experience for your roses. To bloom as well again, they will need some help in building up food sugars that give them the energy they need. No matter what kind of roses you have, they will greatly appreciate a little fertilizer. At the very least, put down some time-release granules every four weeks during the blooming season. Once again, unfertilized roses will produce blooms that are ok – but nowhere near as hearty as they were at the beginning of the season.

### **8. Use your above ground sprinkler system at night or early in the morning.**

The longer a rose's leaves stay wet, the more susceptible it is to invading fungi and bacteria. Warm sun will speed drying of the foliage. Run your sprinklers just before the sun comes up or afterwards.

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**9. Buy a rose you don't understand.**

Different rose varieties have different characteristics. It's best for you and the bush if you know something about rose classifications and their growth habit. For example, if you want roses primarily for cutting, you may be happier with a hybrid tea than a floribunda. Many old garden roses only bloom once during the season; if you want repeat flowering, these will disappoint you. A climbing rose will put out long canes that need support, a frustrating situation for the gardener who wants a tidy bush. Also, it's good to know something about a plant's growth habit when it's time for pruning.

**10. Leave things a mess.**

No one likes to clean up a garden bed when it's hot outside or when there's something more pleasant to do. But insects and disease love the dark, humid covering of fallen leaves. Plus, dead leaves can be infected with fungi that will spread to other plants. Remove all dead foliage, canes, and flowers and put them in the green waste for disposal, not in your compost pile. Spores can live a long time on plant tissue, dead or alive.

There you have it. If you haven't done at least one of these things at some point in your gardening experience, then you aren't a true rose lover. The more you love roses, the more roses you want. The more roses you have, the higher the odds are that you will slip and commit one of these crimes. The good news is, roses are pretty forgiving if you can make things right again for them quickly. “

## What are Floribunda Roses?

It is easier to answer this question if we first define hybrid tea roses. Hybrid tea (HT) roses are cultivars bred to produce large double [flowers](#), singly or in small groups. These are usually borne over a long flowering period. Some make large, vigorous bushes; some are compact and suitable for more confined spaces. They can be grown as either half standard or full standard bushes.

Floribundas are distinguished from HTs because they bear their flowers in large, dense clusters or trusses with many blooms opening simultaneously in each truss. The flowers tend to be technically less perfect than those of HTs and may be single, semi-double, or fully double. Fewer floribundas are scented. However, they are generally more vigorous and tolerant than HTs. They produce more blooms and continue to produce them over a long period. And many varieties offer flowers every bit as big and beautiful as the HTs.

### Planting

Roses need an open situation (but not exposed) and a soil well enriched with organic matter. They can be bought bare-rooted from November to March and being much less expensive than container-grown [plants](#), this is the way to buy if you want to plant a whole rose bed. After purchase, immediately stand the roots in a bucket of [water](#). Leave them to soak; roses hate drying. In fact, do this even if you've just collected them from the nursery or garden center.

Before planting, prune the roots back to 8 or 10 inches. This may sound savage, or even horrifying, but it is definitely good practice. It encourages new root growth, particularly of the fibrous kind. Remember, it is the fine, hairy roots of any plant that do the feeding and watering. The thick woody roots serve no purpose other than to anchor the plant in the ground.

Floribundas need to be 18-24 inches (45-60 cm) apart. Having cultivated the ground and having added manure, [garden compost](#), and/or other organic matter, dig a hole wide enough and deep enough to allow the roots to spread out without restriction. Backfill with a mixture of soil and peat, or a peat-free alternative, and incorporate a couple of handfuls of bone meal, which is high in phosphates and good for root development. Firm in well.




# RoseDango

*A Celebration of Roses*  
*October 17 & 18, 2009*

*Sponsored by*  
*The City of Farmers Branch & Chambersville Heritage Rose Garden*

*City of Farmers Branch*  
 13000 William Dodson Pkwy  
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Members of the Tulsa Rose Society are invited to this special weekend. Some members will be helping with the event.

This is just a 4 hour drive and will make for a very enjoyable weekend.. They have a great rate at a nice hotel and transportation will be provided after you get there. If you have some nice roses there is a rose show to enter them in.

Plan on this for your fall get-a-way.

*A weekend of roses celebrating the selection of Marilyn Wellan, former President of the American Rose Society, and Stephen Scanniello, President of the Heritage Rose Foundation, as the Great Rosarians of the World for 2009.*

## RoseDango 2009 Registration Form

For online registration visit [www.rosedango.com](http://www.rosedango.com)

Individual Registration \$15  Couple Registration \$25

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Check  Please make checks payable to **Chambersville Tree Farms**

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Account # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp \_\_\_\_\_ CCV # (three digit # back of the card) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



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# RoseDango

## A Celebration of Roses 2009

The City of Farmers Branch and Chambersville Tree Farms announce a weekend celebration of roses at the second annual RoseDango held October 17 and 18 in the cities of McKinney, Chambersville and Farmers Branch, Texas. RoseDango features guest speakers Marilyn Wellan and Stephen Scanniello, both this year's Great Rosarians of the World (GROW) honorees, as well as, Mike Shoup of the Antique Rose Emporium and Dennis Jones, President of the Fort Worth Rose Society.

### Saturday, October 17

- 9:00 a.m.** RoseDango 2009 begins in the McKinney Performing Arts Theater, a restored historic courtroom in the McKinney, Texas Courthouse. Speakers will include Marilyn Wellan, Stephen Scanniello and Dennis Jones.
- 12:00 p.m.** Barbecue lunch and open garden at the Chambersville Heritage Rose Garden, acknowledged by the Heritage Rose Committee of the World Federation of Rose Societies as an important world collection of roses.
- 6:30 p.m. Optional** "Encounters from the Past" tours at the historic Keenan Cemetery, Farmers Branch, Texas. Skits will be presented by the R.L. Turner High School Drama Department. Costumed re-enactors will interpret real historical characters including some characters from Stephen Scanniello's book, "A Rose By Any Name." Tickets are available for \$5 per person.

### Sunday, October 18

- 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.** Grooming area open for entries to the Dallas Rose Society Show, Farmers Branch Senior Center. Includes competitive and non-competitive classes.
- 9:30 a.m.** Coffee and donuts in the Gussie Field Watterworth Park Pavilion at City Hall.
- 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** Walking tour of the Rose Gardens of Farmers Branch including the National Earth-Kind® Trial Rose Garden and Display Gardens, All America Rose Selection Test Garden and the Ruthan Rogers Earth-Kind® Demonstration Garden Shuttle available if needed.
- 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** Book signing with Stephen Scanniello, author of "A Rose By Any Name."  
Rose pruning demonstrations by Mike Shoup at the Farmers Branch Historical Park.  
Floral arranging demonstration utilizing garden flowers by Designer Michael Ann Loftus.  
Rose propagation demonstrations by Bill Cashins of the Dallas Rose Society.
- 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Burger and hot dog lunch at Gussie Field Watterworth Park Pavilion.
- 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Dallas Rose Society Fall Show opens to public at the Farmers Branch Senior Center. Daylilies, Irises and Roses along with gardening supplies will be available for purchase.

Guests are encouraged to register by visiting [www.rosedango.com](http://www.rosedango.com), submitting the attached form or by calling 972.919.2625. Registration fees are \$15 each and \$25 per couple for the entire weekend.

A hotel room block will be provided at the Doubletree Club in Farmers Branch with a special rate of \$69 for event guests. For reservations visit [www.rosedango.com](http://www.rosedango.com).

Free transportation will be provided by the City of Farmers Branch for all hotel guests to events in McKinney and Chambersville on Saturday.

[www.rosedango.com](http://www.rosedango.com)

### ***What To Do in August***

1. Water is always at the top of the list. There have been scattered areas of rain with the rainfall amounts varying quite a bit. Check your rose bed. A finger stuck into the surface of the soil will tell you if it is moist or dry. Remember a good watering is much better than a little bit everyday. Be sure to water before fertilizing.
2. Spraying must be continued. Fungus will continue to develop even during the heat of the summer. Some of the little showers just add to the ability of the fungus to develop. Keep in mind that it is not long until the rose shows start and you need clean healthy foliage to show your rose.
3. Insect control is important for show roses also. Spider mites can be as bad as black spot in damaging foliage. Watch for them as well as other insects. Wash the spider mites off. This takes a repeated effort over several days. Treat other insects when you have a problem.
4. Roses require feeding to be healthy and produce the blooms we need. At this time of the year a soluble (liquid) feeding generally produces the quickest results and is easy to apply. Miracle-Gro and products like that can be easily applied and you will see results quickly. I like fish emulsion which I mix in a watering can and apply around each bush. If you apply a granular fertilizer remember it needs to be watered to dissolve the fertilizer.
5. Mulch is still very important and should be maintained to help retain the precious moisture. Make sure your mulch has not molded and formed a barrier to prevent moisture from penetrating it. You can observe for problems as you water or you can occasionally loosen up the mulch with a tool.
6. Grooming is still important. You want to continue to remove the deadheads but you also should be removing unwanted growth from the center of the bush and those small blind shoots which will never produce a bloom. Your bush needs foliage to produce and maintain its health so do not re-

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Newsletters are mailed to Tulsa Rose Society members. Memberships are \$15 for individuals and \$20 for families. Membership benefits include the newsletter, group purchases of roses and rose care products and support from an active organization.

#### **Your Club officers for 2008 are:**

Ed (Butch) Neumeier - President  
 Don Johnson - First Vice President - Programs  
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 Brenda Johnson - Immediate Past President

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move more than 30% of the foliage at this time of the year.

7. Now is a good time to start some cuttings from your favorite rose or from grandma's rose bush that was brought across the country in a covered wagon way back when. There is time for the cutting to get good roots established before cold weather sets in. There are several methods of starting these cuttings. There is not room here to describe them all but a search of the internet will give you several suggestions, You might try more than one if you have not done this before to see what works best for you.
8. Mark your calendar and make reservations for the fall activities that have been mentioned in this newsletter and you find in the *American Rose* magazine. These will help increase your knowledge and your enthusiasm for growing roses.

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2008 Tulsa State Fair  
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