



# ROSARIAN REMINDER

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**December 2009**



This Month's Meeting:

**Hard Rock  
Hotel & Casino  
777 West Cherokee St  
Catoosa, OK  
Wild Potato Buffet  
1:30 PM  
December 13, 2009**

**Meal & Installation of Officers**

**All you can eat buffet - \$10 per person  
See directions on page 8**

## *What's happening . . .*

Another year has passed. This year has been one of many changes in our world. We have seen political and economic changes that most of us never expected to see. Each of us has been impacted to some extent by these changes. The news reports often seem to be less positive than we like our lives to be. That is the time to retreat to the Rose Garden.

Our friendly thrips will be there to greet us. They don't care what is happening in the world - they just stopped in for a snack on a lovely bud. They enjoy a decline in our economic condition since we have less to spent on products that might make them unhealthy. They look forward to political change where such products might be banned from production. It makes one unhappy enough to pinch the little suckers so they know what is real. That has not been outlawed yet.

As a Society we have had a good year and should be thankful for our blessings. We did not have to cancel any of our meetings due to weather or unforeseen events. We offered an educational program at each meeting and were treated to some nice refreshments. Our officers worked to serve the membership.

Our spring show was a very nice display of beautiful roses and the fall Fair show turned out just as nice. The number of entries were down some, but we did earn enough money to pay our storage fee and give a scholarship.

Our membership held pretty steady for the year but attendance at our meetings tended to be down a little.

It is time to look ahead and plan for 2010. Our society exists for the educational benefit of our membership and the community. Your TRS leadership needs your input as to your educational needs. What programs will benefit you in your efforts to make your rose growing easier and more enjoyable? Please tell one of our officers what would benefit you so we can plan accordingly. Our educational effort is carried out by your newsletter and website also.

## **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

December 8 -- Holiday Party -- come join us!

January 2010 - No regular meeting

### ***Looking forward to 2010:***

Please give your officers your ideas for programs and events that you would like to see the society participate in. It is the purpose of the society to educate and encourage gardeners to grow healthy roses in their gardens for their and others enjoyment. What problems do you have? How can the society help you to grow the roses you would like to have? Planning for next years programs is starting so please share your ideas.

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

**TULSA ROSE SOCIETY  
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

November 3, 2009

President Butch Neumeier called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. Norma Whitehead, Wayne Parker, Jan Edwards, Judy Carter, John Carter, Brenda Johnson, Don Johnson, Dennis Voss, and Rose Rusnam were present. The minutes of the October board meeting were approved as printed in the Rosarian Reminder.

Judy Carter gave the Treasurer's report. The society has total assets of \$20,889.28 and no liabilities. Jan Edwards tendered her resignation as Second Vice-President (membership), but she will continue to serve in this capacity until the end of the year. Don Johnson announced that Mike Becker cannot attend the meeting on Sunday; therefore, Dr. Johnson will give a program about American gardens. Our December newsletter will be the last one for this year. All board members are asked to submit the biggest mistakes they have made in growing roses to be printed in the next issue of the Reminder. President Butch and the Johnsons will be providing roses as door prizes for the next meeting.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

John and Judy Carter reported that they had researched several Tulsa area hotels as possible locations for the South Central District Fall Rose Show and Convention. These included the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino, the Econo Lodge, Raddison (both 41st St and Airport), the Southern Hills Marriot, and Doubletree at Warren Place at 61<sup>st</sup> and Yale. Brenda Johnson moved that we set the convention at the Doubletree. Don Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried. Norma and Don were assigned the task of finding speakers for the convention.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

John Carter pointed out that we should consider raising our dues to \$20 for all members. Currently we are spending more for printing and mailing the newsletter than we receive in dues revenue. Don moved and Brenda seconded a motion to make the dues \$20 for all members, single and family the same. The motion carried. It was agreed that we need to start collecting dues right now so that we can eliminate the January general meeting which is often poorly at-

tended.

Butch has outlined an ambitious program for members of the society to train volunteers to help with the dead-heading and pruning jobs at the Tulsa Rose Garden in Woodward Park. No motion was made, but we agreed to continue to work on that type of program.

Jan Edwards gave a report about the places she had researched for a location for the Christmas party. John and Judy reported that we could also have the party at the Wild Potato Buffet at the Hard Rock Café in Catoosa. Wayne Parker said that we could use a meeting room in a funeral home located at 41<sup>st</sup> and Harvard which would cost us nothing, but we would have to bring in the food or have the party catered. Brenda moved that we have the Christmas party at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino. Jan seconded the motion. The motion carried. No one will need to bring anything and the cost will be \$10/person.

Butch adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rose M. Rusnam

***Record Rainfall Year***

The Tulsa area had another year of record rainfall. It helped both our roses and water bills. But the rainfall does not come at the right time much of the time. It has been a while since we have had rain. ***Have you checked your Roses to see if they are still wet?*** It has been a while since a significant rain fell. Don't neglect watering during the winter months.



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**TULSA ROSE SOCIETY MEETING**  
**Sunday, November 8, 2009**  
**Annual Business Meeting**

President Butch Neumeier called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. He briefly reviewed his outline for Tulsa Rose Garden volunteers. He noted that we will be discussing this further at future meetings.

Norma Hedrick-Whitehead presented Don and Brenda Johnson pins and certificates as new Master Rosarians for the Tulsa Rose Society, the South Central District of the American Rose Society, and the American Rose Society.

Norma then presented the slate of officers for next year. The slate was presented as follows: Butch Neumeier for president; Rose Rusnam for first vice-president (programs); no nominee for second vice-president (membership); Dennis Voss for secretary; and Judy Carter for treasurer. Because Jan Edwards has resigned her position as second-vice president (membership) effective at the end of this calendar year and will be unable to serve in this position next year, we still need someone to take that office. If any of you are willing to serve in that capacity, please call Butch at 342-2885 so that we can elect someone else to that position. There were no nominations from the floor for any of these positions.

Brenda Johnson moved that the slate of officers who were presented be elected by acclamation. Gordon seconded the motion. The motion carried. All positions are filled for 2010 except second vice-president - membership.

Butch then presented the society with John Carter's suggestion that we raise the dues for single membership to \$20 and keep family membership at \$20 in order to make certain that our dues also cover the cost of rosters and mailing of the newsletters. Don Johnson moved and Rose Rusnam seconded that motion and the motion was approved. The dues for next year will be set at the flat rate of \$20. Jan Edwards collected dues in the absence of Judy Carter who was out of town. Butch also suggested trying to notify members of the dues in the newsletter and at the December meeting (Christmas party) to be held this year at the Hard Rock Café/Wild Potato Buffet in Catoosa. The cost will be \$10 per member. This meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. instead of our regular time at 2:00 p.m. to allow us to be finished by 5:00 p.m. The buffet closes at 3:00 p.m.

Butch also announced that TRS will host the South-Central District fall meeting and rose show on October 20/21, 2010 at the Doubletree Hotel located at 61<sup>st</sup> and Yale. Butch adjourned the business meeting at 2:25 pm.

Don Johnson filled in for the speaker who had intended to give a program about European gardens. Don gave a program that featured American rose gardens. He also gave a handout about preparing for winter and beyond. Don, Butch, Norma, and Rose answered questions about ordering roses, culling, pruning, hygiene, spraying, and transplanting.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose M. Rusnam, Secretary

**Like to enjoy refreshments at our meetings?** Most of us do even if we do not need them for our health. We will have a "refreshment" signup sheet for our 2010 meetings at our December meeting. Look at your calendar for the year and be prepared to sign up for one of our meetings. And if you can chair this committee, please let one of our officers know. This will help our society during the new year.

### *Learning from our Mistakes*

The executive committee offered to share their mistakes in their rose growing experiences to help our readers avoid the same mistakes. However, they say history repeats itself. Sometimes the name has been altered to protect the guilty. Thanks to those who responded!

Oh, yes, I've made so many mistakes growing roses that I could not possibly even remember them all. Picking out the worst mistake I ever made would be almost impossible, but I think mixing shrub roses with hybrid teas and floribundas was never very good. One of my worst mistakes, however, has been not keeping written accounts of what I purchased, when I purchased the roses or the products to help me with tending to them, or even in some cases where I bought the products.

Actually back in the early eighties, I did draw diagrams of all my beds, and kept a record of where I had planted each rose bush with a year attached to the diagram. I have never bothered to do that since I moved here, but it was quite helpful when I did keep that type of record. I think that I will try to start keeping better records. Maybe that would make a good New Year's Resolution for me! Rose Rusnam

I have made all the mistakes one can make growing roses but the one habit hardest to break is overcrowding. I always think I can make room for one more plant without removing one to provide ample space. As a result the new rose and the adjacent roses never seem to thrive. Brenda adds to this problem by saying "oh, no - you can't get rid of this one or that one". I am starting to out fox her by removing plants when she is not around and when I do we get more productive roses and fewer failures. Don Johnson

I read that roses should be planted 24 to 30 inches apart, except miniatures which can be closer. I did not read the characteristics of the particular rose I was planting. I soon learned that David Austin, Shrub, OGR's and others often grow to be 4 or 5 feet in diameter. They need to be planted 48 inches apart to grow and do well. Consulting Rosarian?

My biggest mistakes involve starting rose beds with nearby root competition. I have started new rose beds near young trees without taking into account the future and ultimate growth of the tree resulting in both excessive shade, and even worse, - poor rose performance as the tree roots reached out earlier than the shade. In a similar manner I have had beds that failed to thrive due to invasive roots from nearby shrubs such as hollies and junipers and even some large perennials. It is not that the roses died or didn't bloom, but they were stunted and had poor bloom. Often they did well initially and then declined over time. If you have beds that are struggling consider root competition as a possible cause. Brenda Johnson

One early spring the weather was perfect and the roses looked fantastic, probably better than they had in many years. A friend that worked at a fertilizer plant in Pryor gave us a large sack of their product. When you get free fertilizer you can use lots of it, or so Blake thought, so he proceeded to fertilize, evidently pretty heavy because than not only would the roses be good but this would make them fantastic. In a couple of days they started to look strange. The tops of the bushes were getting discolored. It dawned on us that we had overdone the fertilizer - duh! We started watering them, flooding every bed for about three days. Finally they started to recover. Man, did we ever learn a costly lesson.

We always were late pruning due to running an Accounting Business and, as you know, that means you do not leave your desk until Midnight April 15 or later depending on how the date on the weekend falls. My biggest mistake in pruning in the rush to catch up, was that I decided to thin a very large bush with loppers instead of pruners. I made a cut real low and, lo and behold, I came out with the main part of the bush in my

hand, leaving a spindly cane or two. It took a good part of the growing season to even know if it would recover or not. Gratefully it did. Norma Hedrick-Whitehead

Following directions on the use of chemicals is always important. Tablespoon, teaspoon and ounce are all common measurements. Sometimes products come with measuring spoons. I have collected several in my supply cabinet, different shapes and colors, but most are either teaspoon or tablespoon. After using one and in the process of cleaning it up, I noticed that it was one and one-third tablespoons instead of just one tablespoon. It did not appear to cause a problem that time but I retired that "odd" sized tool so that it would not become a problem. Always heck and know the measuring devices you are using. John Carter

We all make mistakes. Hopefully we do not repeat our mistakes very often. I think if you look closely at what is required to grow beautiful roses it will look a lot like common sense. If we slow down and think about what we plan/need/are going to do, we might just avoid making a mistake. You have probably heard the expression, "Haste makes waste". Haste also makes mistakes. We are fortunate that our roses are very forgiving and will try to survive and bloom in spite of our best efforts to care for them.

#### ***Mistakes Not to Make***

Don't make the mistake of letting your membership in the Tulsa Rose Society expire. Act now and send in your dues for 2010. Don't make the mistake of missing our meetings. We try to provide information that will help you care for and enjoy your roses.

#### ***Why Are Our Dues Being Raised?***

The Tulsa Rose Society receives its funds to operate primarily from two sources: the membership dues collected and from premiums paid by the Tulsa State Fair. These have been the only regular sources of income for a number of years.

Our expenses are pretty normal for such a group and a number of them depend upon the number of members that we have. We are able to email newsletters to about one third of our membership but the remaining two-thirds must be printed and mailed by first class mail. This ends up costing about a dollar per newsletter per month. Another per member cost is the ARS Affiliate insurance which is paid to the American Rose Society to protect our members and society. Costs have been \$2.50 per member. We also provide a member roster which cost about \$1 to print and some have to be mailed. You can see that if we pay \$12 per member to provide a newsletter and \$2.50 for insurance and \$1 for a roster our cost is \$15.50. If we only received \$15.00 in dues, you can see that our dues were not covering the cost of membership.

Other major expenses are paying the rent for the Tulsa Garden Center for our meetings and show, \$450, Spring Show expenses, \$650, Fair show registration \$500 which is offset by the premiums (\$1350 this year). Storage rental, \$600 and we make a \$250 to \$500 scholarship donation if possible. Our website costs us \$130 per year. We also spend \$150 - \$200 for door prizes.

A lot of expense is avoided by the donation of door prizes and show awards by our members and those who win them at our show. We offer the ordering of fertilizer for our members but we charge our cost so this is not a fund raiser. We might come out a few dollars ahead due to rounding to even dollar or half dollar amounts, but this is a minor amount.

These expenditures are all approved by the Board and the membership when the budget for the year is voted on at the February meeting. Any member is welcome to attend the monthly business meetings. We welcome your input and participation in these decisions.

**Tulsa Rose Society  
Application for Membership/Renewal**

**Everyone should complete the following information:**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse or Household Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Bus. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Hobbies & Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal (  ) New Member (  )

Would you like to receive our newsletter electronically? (  ) No (  ) Yes (Email address required.)

Are you a member of the American Rose Society? (  ) No (  ) Yes

**Tulsa Rose Society Membership:**

Membership dues are \$20.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like your Roster mailed to you? \$1.25 for postage and handling \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**South Central District Membership:**

Newsletter only (Quarterly) \$5.00

Patron Supporter includes newsletter Family \$40.00 Individual \$25.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**American Rose Society Membership: New membership only**

Family - \$62.00 Individual - \$49.00

Family – Senior(65+) \$59.00 Individual – Senior(65+) \$46.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donation to Tulsa Rose Society Trophy Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

The Tulsa Rose Society is a not-for-profit organization (501.c.3) and your donation may be tax deductible. Consult your accountant or tax advisor.

**Total Membership Fees & Donations** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to: Tulsa Rose Society and mail with this application to:  
Judith Carter, Treasurer, 1825 W Lincoln St, Broken Arrow, Ok 74012-8509

Tulsa Rose Society Dues are based upon the calendar year and due January 1<sup>st</sup> each year.  
Members joining after June 30<sup>th</sup> may pay 50% of the regular dues amount.

The Treasurer will forward membership information to appropriate organizations along with the appropriate payment.

### What To Do in December

As I am writing this we have had our first freeze of the year. This is one of the latest freezes Tulsa has had in several years. Your winter protection should be in place now! Winter protection is necessary now that we should be having freezing temperatures at night. Failing to winter protect may result in loss of some roses or make them slow to start in the spring. How much to protect is one of those "it depends" questions.

If some of the rose bushes have grown overly tall and in danger of being blown over, they can be topped somewhat and should be staked. If the wind rocks the plant it will damage the root system.

If some of your rose bushes have sunk too low and are no longer thriving, soon will be a good time to lift them. Go around the bush with a spading fork and gently lift up the roots while working soil under them. Stake to keep loosened bushes from being blown over, but do not prune. Some rosarians say it is a good idea to strip the leaves after this operation. Water well once, then mist every day that it does not rain for the next week or so. Of course do not attempt this if the soil is frozen.

Keep potted roses watered. Roses in beds will not need as much water as in the spring but do not let roses get too dry over a long period of time.

December is the time to be ordering your roses for spring delivery and building the new beds you will need. Take advantage of the days when the weather will allow you to work outside. If you do not want the hassle of dealing with bare root roses and holding them until you can plant them consider ordering your roses through Mark at Roses, Inc. He has the greenhouse space and can pot up the roses whenever they arrive and hold them in his greenhouse until the weather is suitable for you to plant them. Your rose bushes can be a significant investment, so take precautions to protect these investments.

You also need to take care of your tools so they will be ready to serve you next spring. Make sure all of the foreign matter is removed from your tools. Use steel wool to remove soil and anything else before covering with a light coat of oil. Sharpen all tools before putting them away and make a list of things needing to be replaced. It might be a good Christmas list!

After the last spray of the season, run some hot water and white vinegar through your sprayer to clean away any spray residue. Lubricate the sprayer according to the manufactures directions. Store with the sprayer open to

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

### Your Club officers for 2009 are:

Ed (Butch) Neumeier - President  
 Don Johnson - First Vice President - Programs  
 Jan Edwards - Second Vice President - Membership  
 Rose Rusman - Secretary  
 Judith Carter - Treasurer  
 Brenda Johnson - Immediate Past President

### Consulting Rosarians:

Bobby Palmer (East Tulsa) - 663-4580  
 Norma Whitehead (North Broken Arrow) - 286-8244  
 Troy Garrett (Checotah) 473-5649  
 Don & Brenda Johnson (Sapulpa) 227-1954  
 John Carter (North Broken Arrow) 355-8020  
 Mark Stelljes (South Broken Arrow/Bixby) 455-7673  
 Butch Neumeier (Claremore) 342-2885  
 Alice Klein (Collinsville) 371-2540

Meetings are normally held at the Tulsa Garden Center at 2 PM on the second Sunday of each month. Monthly business meeting is the first Wednesday of every month at the Tulsa Garden center at 10:00 AM. Everyone is welcome. Visit our website at [www.tulsarosesociety.org](http://www.tulsarosesociety.org).

prevent condensation from occurring.

Store pesticides safely and protect from freezing. If you can not bring them into a heated area, use insulated storage containers and pack with insulating material. Keep them away from sunlight and safe from children and pets.

Store fertilizer and rose amendments in a protected area where they will not be exposed to moisture. A spare trash can with a plastic bag inside makes a good storage container. Seal the plastic bag after putting in the contents. Keep the lid on. Mice love Mills Magic Mix, but it's a bit expensive for mouse food!

Clean up the storage/tool shed and put everything in its place so you will be ready to go when spring returns. It will be here sooner than you think!

Now is a good time to catch up on your reading. Go back through your American Rose magazines and see what you missed while you were busy this past year.

And, send in your dues to your Rose Societies!

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

*Time to Pay Your Dues!*

Hard Rock Hotel and Casino  
770 West Cherokee Street, Catoosa, OK 74015

The center is located at Exit 240 on I-44. This area is under construction and at times subject to traffic congestion. The following instructions are offered by the hotel. They route you north of the hotel on Pine Street, east to 193rd, then back south to the hotel.

**From I-44 East Bound**

- Take exit 236 (129th E Avenue)
- At bottom of ramp take a LEFT on 129th E Avenue
- Take a RIGHT on Pine St. - almost a mile north of I-44
- Follow Pine St. to 193rd E Avenue - about 3 miles
- Take a RIGHT onto 193rd E Avenue - less than a mile

**From I-244 East Bound**

- Take exit 15 (129th E Avenue)
- At top of ramp take a LEFT on 129th E Avenue
- Take a RIGHT on Pine St. Follow Pine St. to 193rd E Avenue
- Take a RIGHT onto 193rd E Avenue

**At the Stop Light at Cherokee Street turn west (right coming from the north, left coming from the south)**

Follow Cherokee Street around the parking garage to the hotel entrance. You may drop off your passengers at the door and then move to the parking garage or the open lot just south of the garage.

After entering the hotel at its main entrance, go to the left just a few steps for the entrance to the private dining section of the buffet. Your \$10 will be collected at the door. You will NOT have to go through the casino or any smoking area if you enter this door. Coming in any other door will expose you to smoking areas. The main entrance is on the west side of the hotel, not next to 193rd E Avenue. This will be a great casual get-together and we hope to see you there in your holiday sweaters!

