



ROSARIAN REMINDER

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This Month's Meeting:
Tulsa Garden Center
2435 S Peoria
Tulsa, OK
2:00 PM
January 8, 2012

“Tools - Old and New”
Speaker: Mark Stelljes
Bring your garden tools
for free sharpening!

Refreshments:
Drinks provided by
Judy & John Carter

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 open to all members.
Date and time will be announced at the regular meetings.

Looking forward:

The programs for 2012 are being developed. See our website or follow us on Facebook for the latest information about upcoming programs.

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

The President's Notes....

Happy New Year, Everyone! I am delighted to welcome you to our new year in the Tulsa Rose Society. I would be remiss if I did not express my sincere thanks to our retiring officers. Rose, Don, Deborah and Dennis were very faithful in guiding our organization in 2011 and we appreciate their service. And many thanks to our incoming officers for offering your services in 2012 - we are going to have a great year!

We're going to start our year off by having a meeting in January, weather permitting. It has been a mild holiday season so far and we will hope it continues into January! We will have hot drinks on hand and a brief program on preparing your tools for spring by Mark Stelljes. This is a great month to prepare for spring planting and we will have sharpeners on hand for your tools, so bring them along.

We also invite you to come and **pay your dues** for 2012 if you have not done so. We need these paid in January so that we can produce your membership directory. Additionally, come and let us know if you are interested in TRS ordering fertilizer supplies for this spring. As you know, we can order in bulk and pass these savings on to you -- and fertilizer is not getting any cheaper! We hope to see you there.

Mark is already hard at work planning our programs for 2012 and we thank you for providing your thoughts by way of our survey. Although our emphasis this year will be on successful rose culture and growing techniques, we still plan to have our annual rose show on the third weekend in May and hope that you will participate. We have the Tulsa Garden Club to thank for trading weekends with us so that we can use the Garden Center this year.

There will be another “Fun-day Sunday” with bingo in March as well as SpringFest in April and a garden tour in June. So there are lots of events to look forward to in 2012 and we hope you are on board!

Please remember to renew all of your rose society memberships and get ready for a great year of growing roses (we're going to insist that the weather be much better this year)!

Best wishes and good health to you in 2012!

Judy Carter, President

Tulsa Rose Society Board Meeting December 7, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Rose Rusnam at 10:05 am. Those in attendance were Rose Rusnam, Butch Neumeier, Tony Graham, John Carter, Judy Carter, Don Johnson, & Brenda Johnson.

The minutes were approved as printed in the Rosarian Reminder.

Treasurer Judy Carter reported that our total cash in our checking account is \$7,391.80. With our two CD accounts our total assets are \$22,391.80.

Committee Reports:

Membership—there have been around twenty five renewals as of this meeting.

Hospitality --- Christmas party

All board members will bring vegetable or salad dishes. The general membership will bring desserts. The beverages for the Christmas party will be furnished by Norma Whitehead, Jean Sluder, and Judy and John Carter. Roses Inc., Mark Stelljes, is furnishing the turkey and all the trimmings for our Christmas party. Thank you to Mark Stelljes!

New Business:

There will be a planning meeting set in January. The date and time of the meeting is to be determined by our new incoming president, Judy Carter.

There will be no general meeting in April due to Easter and Spring Fest at the Tulsa Garden Center. We will need all members to help with Spring Fest set for April 13 & 14 at the Garden Center from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

We will have our regular meeting the second Sunday in March. On Sunday March 25 we will again have "Funday Sunday" this will be a bingo and silent auction for roses from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. The bingo cards will be \$5.00. Refreshments will be served by the general membership. This will be open to the public as a fund raiser. The roses are being donated by Star Roses and David Austin Roses.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

Brenda Johnson
Secretary pro-tem

Addendum---Tulsa board meeting 12/7/11

Judy Carter made the motion that the Tulsa Rose Society give \$500.00 for 2012 to a Tulsa Community College student studying horticulture. The motion was seconded by John Carter and approved by the board members.

A motion was made by Don Johnson that we order new products from the American Rose Society. They are as follows: Growing Beautiful Roses (a novice growing guide) 2011 Handbook for Growing Roses - growing the beautiful miniflora, and a promotional box containing ARS magazines, older handbooks, rack cards and membership applications. The motion was seconded by Brenda Johnson and approved by the board members.

Brenda Johnson
Secretary pro tem

Rose Tip of the Month

This is a great time to do maintenance on your garden tools for the planting season ahead. Also you might try to add some Sta-bil to your gasoline engines so that they start right off when you need them in the spring. M. Stelljes

Thanks to those of you who have paid your dues! If you have not paid yet, it is not too late. See the membership form on page 7. Complete the form and mail your check. We need your dues by February 1, 2012 to have you included in the roster.



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Meet your 2012 Officers



Judith Carter
President



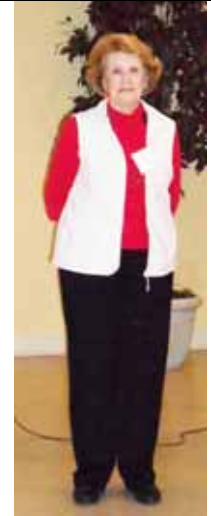
Mark Stelljes
1st Vice Pres.



Butch Neumeier
2nd Vice Pres.



Rose Rusnam
Secretary



Norma Whitehead
Treasurer



December Meeting/Meal

Our December meeting and installation of officers was well attended and everyone had a good time. We appreciated Anna Staggs performing the installation of officers following our delicious meal of turkey and the fixings that were provided by Mark Stelljes. The desserts were plentiful as you can see from the photo on the left. Prizes were given to the Christmas trivia question winners. Many thanks go to Jean Sluder and Norma Whitehead for creating the decorative look of the room.

The Carters brought the poinsettias and some holiday music, too.

The Tulsa Rose Society had a busy 2011 and is looking forward to a full 2012. TRS, as are many of the horticulture groups, is experiencing an aging of our membership. This means that many of our knowledgeable and experienced Consulting Rosarians and exhibitors are more limited in what they can do for the society. It is important for all of our members to help out where they can. It might be as simple as providing cookies for a meeting, pruning in the Tulsa Rose Garden or helping with our spring show in some way. Watch for announcements of opportunities in our newsletter for upcoming events such as InfoFair in Feb. and SpringFest in March.





MID-WINTER WORKSHOP AND CONSULTING ROSARIAN SCHOOL

March 9 - 10, 2012

Hilton Garden Inn Conway, AR

Registration Form

Name (s) : _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Dis-
trict: _____

Early Registration (Postmarked before March 1, 2012) \$55.00

Late Registration (Postmarked after March 1, 2012) \$60.00

Registration fee includes Friday night banquet and Saturday lunch.

Fees Enclosed: _____ Attendees at \$ _____ each = \$ _____

Will you be taking the exam as a new Consulting Rosarian candidate? YES NO

Hotel Information:

The Hilton Garden Inn, 805 Amity Road, Conway, AR 72032 has blocked out 30 rooms for the meeting. There are rooms with either one king bed or two queen size beds available. The cost per room is \$99/night plus tax for a total of \$111 through February 17, 2012 and includes breakfast. Reservations may be made by calling the hotel at 501-329-1444. The group code name is ARS.

Make checks payable to Central Arkansas Rose Society and mail with completed registration form to:

Don Adlong, 3 Tanager Trail, Conway, AR 72032

Email: dona@alliancecable.net

Phone: 501-329-6996

Eligibility Requirements To Become A Consulting Rosarian

The eligibility requirements are still as stated in the CR Manual are:

- Must be regular, joint, or associate member of ARS for 3 consecutive years.
- Active member of local society
- Must have grown roses for 5 years
- Must complete application to become a CR, and have three letters of recommendation from active CRs
- Attend a CR school and complete the CR Exam with a passing score.

For *new CR candidates*, Ed Bradley, SCD CR Chairman,

will need to have their application and three letters of recommendation by Jan 16, 2012, to get

them processed. He will assist any applicant with the CR application form, and the format for the three letters of recommendation. A check for \$15 made payable to the ARS will also need to be sent to Ed. All communication can be done by email, brad9@satx.rr.com.

The check will need to come USPS to: Ed Bradley, 8811

Phoenix Ave., Universal City, TX 78148.

Mid-Winter Workshop And Consulting Rosarian School
March 9 - 10, 2012
Hilton Garden Inn
Conway, AR

Friday, March 9

4:00 PM Registration

6:00 PM Reception (Wet Bar) and dinner.

Keynote speaker.

Bob House

New Rose Introductions.

Carol Shockley

Saturday, March 10

7:30 - 8:00 Registration

8:00 – 8:05 Welcome

Billy Lewis

8:05 – 8:20 SCD Update

Baxter Williams

8:20 – 8:30 Mission of the CR Program

Ed Bradley

8:30 – 9:30 Old Methods and New Techniques of
 Preparing Rose Beds, Soil and Water

Ed Bradley.

9:30 – 9:45 Break

9:45 – 10:45 Black Spot, Mildew, and Other Diseases:

Safe and Effective Prevention and Control

Baxter Williams

10:45 – 11:45 Aphids, Beetles, Mites and All Those Other Uninvited
 Guests: Safe and Effective Control of Garden Pests

Ralph Cooper

11:45 – 1:00 Lunch

1:00 – 2:00 Taking The Fear Out of Exhibiting

Bob House

2:00 – 3:00 Hybridizing and Propagation Techniques to
 Create New Beauties

Paula Adlong

3:00 – 3:15 Break

3:15 – 4:15 Well Fed And Happy: Rose Nutrition Basics **Don Adlong**

4:15 - 5:15 Consulting Rosarian Exam

Don Adlong /Ed Bradley

THE SCD PATRON PROGRAM:

Since 2003, the So. Central District Patron Program has greatly enhanced the operations and programs of the District.

Specifically, the Patron Program provides funds to:

1. Support the cost of the SCD newsletter. Subscriber dues don't cover "The SCD Rosarian".
2. Enable the District to qualify as an American Rose Society Patron the "Sustaining Level".
3. Cover the cost of SCD Awards – the ARS Silver Honor Medal, the Outstanding Judge Award and the Outstanding Consulting Rosarian Award.
4. Assist in the startup of new Local Rose Societies including financial.
5. Financially assist the sponsoring Local Societies which conduct the SCD Judging and Consulting Rosarian schools.
6. Provide funds to support educational programs related to rose care and culture within SCD.
7. Support the SCD annual Convention and Show.

SCD Members and Local Societies are encouraged to participate in the SCD Patron Program at one of the following levels:

1. SCD Society Patron \$50 annually
2. SCD Family Patron \$40 annually
3. SCD Individual Patron \$25 annually

Benefits of being an SCD Patron are:

1. Free subscription to The SCD Rosarian.
2. With your initial payment, you will receive a beautiful Patron pin to be displayed with your Local Society nametag, at meetings, workshops, conventions, etc.
3. Your contribution is tax deductible, since SCD is a non-profit, tax exempt organization.
4. You will be recognized as an SCD Patron.

Along with your payment, please send your mailing address, your phone number and your **email address** to Jo Ann Bradley, 8811 Phoenix, Universal City, TX 78148.



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- **Free advice from Consulting Rosarians.** The ARS Consulting Rosarians program connects members with expert rosarians that provide free assistance with your rose questions.
- **Free or reduced garden admissions, a \$25 value after just 3 uses.** With the ARS Reciprocal Garden Admission program, members enjoy free or reduced admission to and discounts at hundreds of gardens, conservatories, and arboreta nationwide.
- **Free online access to four quarterly bulletins, a \$45 value.** Previously available by subscription only, the *Mini/Mini-Flora Bulletin*, *Old Garden Rose & Shrub Gazette*, *Rose Arrangers' Bulletin*, and *Rose Exhibitors' Forum* are all now available online for free to all ARS members.
- **2 issues of American Rose magazine, \$16 value.** The only magazine devoted exclusively to roses and rose culture, these bi-monthly, 84-page issues feature informative articles and beautiful color photography for beginners and experienced rose growers alike. *View a free issue online!*
- **Discounts of up to 30% at merchant partners.** The ARS Member Benefit Partner program offers discounts at various merchants with new partners being added continuously.

**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 Interests or Hobbies: _____

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 (Electronic only) Email required
Patron Supporter includes newsletter Family \$40.00 Individual \$25.00 \$ _____

American Rose Society Membership: *New members only – renew through ARS*

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:
Norma Whitehead, Treasurer, 4200 N Spruce, Broken Arrow, Ok 74012-0456

Tulsa Rose Society Dues are based upon the calendar year and due January 1st each year. Members joining after June 30th only pay 50% of the regular dues amount. Members paying by February 1, 2012 will be included in the 2012 Membership Roster.

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

Results of Program Interest Survey

Count of	Feel free to add your idea at the bottom	Level of Interest 5 High - 1 Low - Circle one				
		5	4	3	2	1
5 and 4	Possible program ideas					
4	History of Roses	0	4	4	3	2
6	Selecting the Right Rose	4	2	3	2	2
8	Using Roses in Landscapes	3	5	2	3	1
8	Planting Roses - Bare root - Potted	2	6	2	2	1
7	Watering Roses - How - When - How much	5	2	5	0	1
9	Feeding Roses	4	5	4	0	1
9	Pruning Roses - spring - summer - fall	6	3	2	0	1
10	Controlling Disease & Pests	7	3	3	0	1
8	Tools for Rose Care	3	5	4	0	1
7	Summer Care of Roses	2	5	4	0	1
4	Winter Care of Roses	2	2	5	1	1
8	Arranging Roses for personal enjoyment	4	4	4	0	1
9	Propagating Roses	5	4	2	0	2
10	Member Garden Tour	6	4	2	0	2
8	Bus Trip - Tyler & American Rose Center	6	2	2	1	1
10	Bingo - Fun time with rose prizes	5	5	0	2	0
6	Preparing your roses for show	2	4	2	3	1
8	Companion Plants	4	4	3	1	0
9	Building a new rose garden	5	4	2	1	0
6	Trellising Roses	2	4	5	1	1
	Fourteen Responses Received					
	3-10's 4-9's 6-8's 2-7's 3-6's 2-4's					

Thank you for participating in our survey for interest in programs for 2012. The Tulsa Rose Society exists for the benefit of its members and the community. We are an educational society and want to meet your educational needs. Programs will be scheduled and announced in this newsletter and on our website: www.tulsarosesociety.org

What To Do in January

Consulting Rosarians are required to prepare a year end report and submit it by January 31st each year. As members of the South Central District we are to submit our Report to Ed Bradley. He has agreed to accept the form as an attachment to an email (brad9@satx.rr.com). This is possible if you have a scanner. Otherwise you will need to mail your report to him at: 8811 Phoenix, Universal City, TX 78148

1. You should inspect your roses for damage on a regular basis. Look for bushes that might have been up-rooted, primarily ones that have recently been planted. If the wind is rocking some of the taller canes either cut them back some or anchor them to something solid.
2. Watch the moisture content in your beds. We had very little moisture and the winds take that out of the soil pretty quick, especially since we have had warmer than normal temperatures. Containers will need regular watering even if you moved them into a greenhouse.
3. Don't yield to temptation to prune your roses back. After several days of warmer temperatures I am seeing new growth on a number of my roses. Trimming them back would encourage more new growth and is sure to freeze with the next cold spell.
4. Don't forget to renew your membership in the Tulsa Rose Society, South Central District and American Rose Society. You will continue to receive their publications and can be kept current on the latest information about caring for your roses.
5. The winter months are a good time to catch up on your reading. Look back through your *American Rose* magazines and especially the annual and read the articles that you did not have time for last summer. There is a lot of good information to be found in them. You can also search the Internet for solutions to problems you might have had this past year and see how others have solved those problems.
6. It is not too late to order roses. You may not be able to find some of the most popular, but there are roses available for your spring planting.
7. Keep your batteries charged. If you have a power sprayer or other power tools protect the batteries from the cold as much as possible and put them on

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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 2011 are:

Judith Carter - President
 Mark Stelljes - First Vice President - Programs
 Ed Neumeier - Second Vice President - Membership
 Rose Rusnam - Secretary
 Norma Whitehead - Treasurer
 Rose Rusnam - Immediate Past President

Consulting Rosarians:

Troy Garrett (Checotah) 473-5649
 Don & Brenda Johnson (Sapulpa) 227-1954
 John Carter (North Broken Arrow) 355-8020
 Norma Whitehead (North Broken Arrow) - 286-8244
 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.

the charger for the manufacture's recommended time or if you don't have instructions charge them for at least a day every month.

8. If you have not cleaned and sharpened your tools, don't put that off any longer. Spring pruning will be here before we know it.
9. Check your pH in the soil and take corrective measures. It takes time for the effect to take place and the winter months is a good time for your soil to be corrected. The correct pH will allow for your roses to use the nutrients from the soil. Roses prefer a pH of 6.0 - 6.5 but have been know to grow well outside that range. If your pH is above 7 - 7.5 you may want to add a little sulfur to lower the pH. Follow directions on the package. It does not take very much. If you pH is below 5 - 5.5 you may want to add some limestone to raise the pH. Again follow the directions carefully.

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A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

Time to pay your dues!

Member News

Anna Staggs has gone back to Maryland for another extended visit with her son. The address in the 2011 roster has the correct mailing and phone information. Give her a call or send her a note once in a while. She enjoys her visit but misses her friends in Oklahoma. We were fortunate that Anna could do the installation of our officers in December and we appreciate her service.

Dr. Don Johnson is recovering from a knee surgery he had in the past month. He is making good progress and expects to be going strong by the growing season.

Wayne and Gale Parker continue to experience health issues that keep them home and Ron Anderson continues with cancer treatments. Please keep these in your thoughts and prayers.

It was good to see Clinton and Mabel Fuhrmann and Dr. Troy and Dolores Garrett at our December meeting. They do not get to our meetings a regular basis. One of the benefits of TRS membership is the fellowship with these great Rosarians!



Anna Staggs presiding over our installation of officers in December.