



# ROSARIAN REMINDER

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This Month's Meeting:

## Tulsa Garden Center

2435 S Peoria

Tulsa, OK

2:00 PM

October 4, 2009

### *Climbers*

*Presented by Brenda Johnson*

### Refreshments

Jan Edwards/Helen Reeher -desert  
Mathews - Drinks - McGrouty - Popcorn  
Anyone else?

### 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

- Oct 4 Little Rose Show at our meetings
- Oct 4 Monthly Meeting: Climbers
- Oct 10-11 Tulsa State Fair Rose Show.
- Oct 11 Oklahoma City Rose Show
- Oct 17-18 Rose Dango - Texas
- Oct 23-25 SCD Rose Show and meeting - Houston

Nov. 8 Election - Program on English Rose Gardens

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

### *What's happening . . .*

Remember, Our meeting is a week early due to the Fair show. October 4th is coming up. We will have a program on Trailers, the Little Rose Show and Fair signup and passes. Don't miss this one.

Fair details are spelled out later in the newsletter. If you can not make the meeting for some reason, come on to the fair and we will have exhibitor passes for you at the door where you bring in your roses.

The fair is our main fundraiser of the year for the scholarship we award each year and it helps pay the storage rental for our show supplies. We have been advised that the monthly rate is going up on that.

Sunday, October 11th is also the Oklahoma Rose Society Show in Oklahoma City. If you have roses left after entering the fair show you can run them over to OKC Sunday morning and be back in the afternoon to help at the fair show.

October is a busy month for Rosarians. The following weekend, October 17 - 18, is the Rose Dango. We printed the information in the August newsletter. You may still be able to sign up for some of the activities. It is only a 4 hour drive to the south. You might even want to take some roses for the rose show.

The following weekend, October 23 - 25, 2009 is the South Central District Rose show and meeting. They have a full weekend of activities in addition to the show. The hotel is next to Hobby airport so if you fly in you will not need to worry about transportation. Registration form was printed in the September newsletter.

In November we have a special speaker who will be taking us on a slide tour of European gardens. This is a great time to get ideas as to adding a special touch to your garden this fall and winter. We will also see roses not seen in the United States.

**TULSA ROSE SOCIETY  
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES  
September 2, 2009**

President Butch Neumeier called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. Member present included Dennis Voss, Don Johnson, Brenda Johnson, John Carter, Judy Carter, Norma Whitehead, and Rose Rusnam. The minutes of the August 5, 2009 Executive Board were approved as corrected.

Judy Carter gave the Treasurer's Report. We spent more than we brought in. Norma asked if we have paid the rental fees. They have not been paid because we have not received the invoice. Rose asked if we have paid the entry fee to the fair board. We have not paid that fee yet because we still do not have an answer to our question about whether our worker/exhibitors can get passes to get into the fair. We will find out more about this at the general meeting. The society has total assets of \$21,831.70 and no liabilities. The Treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

We have no new members this month. Our newest members are Juliette Santos, Carmelita Rigg, and William Kellough. President Butch announced that he will give the program about budding new roses with the help of Bobby Palmer. Bobby taught Butch how to bud roses, but President Butch does his somewhat differently than Bobby taught him. They will share their techniques. Members will be asked to bring a sharp knife, small scissors, and tape and President Butch will assist us in learning to do these bud grafts. (This information will be provided in the newsletter.) The program in October will then be about growing climbers and we will have a "little" rose show as explained in the newsletter.

Tables for the "little" rose shows will be set up at the September and October meetings. We will need entry tags. We do have door prizes.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

We will need sign up sheets for hospitality at the fair show. We also need people to tally, people for placement. Dennis will water the vases on Sunday. Norma reported that Butch would rerun for President, Rose Rusnam for First Vice-President, Programs; Jan

Edwards for Second Vice-president, Membership; Dennis Voss for Secretary; and Judy Carter for Treasurer.

**NEW BUSINESS**

President Butch received a call from Dennis Nicklas of OKC who asked the Tulsa Rose Society to consider hosting the South Central District Rose Show and Convention next October. The Oklahoma Rose Society had been asked to host both the spring workshop and the fall rose show and convention. Apparently the board members feel that they cannot do both events the same year. This was discussed in some detail, but nothing has been decided. Brenda suggested that Butch talk with Bert Wheeler about it. We also discussed possible places to host it.

President Butch said that he had been approached about the society doing more in the rose garden. Because of the current financial crunch, there have been fewer workers in the garden this year. It was agreed that members of the board would contact the membership about pruning in the garden on Saturday, September 12 and Saturday September 19. Board members were asked to walk through the rose garden.

President Butch adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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## TRS Annual Little Rose Show

### Rules:

1. Little Rose Shows are held at the monthly September and October meetings. Only one exhibitor may enter per garden and the exhibitor may enter only one Section.
2. Entries must be in place by the start of the meeting.
3. The exhibitor provides the containers.
4. Specimens within a Section will be judged by American Rose Society rules by an accredited judge not participating in that Section.
5. All blooms must have been grown outdoors by the exhibitor.
6. Only two entries are allowed per exhibitor in each specimen class.
7. Section 1 is open to exhibitors with winning experiences.
8. Section 2 is open only to exhibitors who have not won Queen, King, Princess, or Sweepstakes for Hybrid Teas, Grandifloras, Miniatures or Mini-floras in an ARS accredited Rose show.
9. CLASSES FOR BOTH SECTIONS ARE:
  - CLASS 1: Hybrid Teas, Grandifloras, and climbing counter parts, one bloom disbudded.
  - 2: Floribundas and climbing counterparts, single bloom or spray.
  3. Miniatures and climbing counterparts, one bloom, no side buds.
  4. Miniatures and climbing counterparts, spray.
  5. Mini-Floras and climbing counterparts, one bloom, no side buds.
  6. Mini-Floras and climbing counterparts, spray.
  7. Large-Flowered Climbers, single bloom or spray.
  8. Modern or Classic shrub roses, single bloom or spray.
  9. Old Garden Roses- single bloom or spray, prior to 1867.
  10. Old Garden Roses- single bloom or spray, after 1867.

### AWARDS FOR EACH SECTION

- 1ST---3 POINTS
- 2ND---2 POINTS
- 3RD---1 POINT
- HONORABLE MENTION: .05 POINTS
- BEST OF SECTION: 4 POINTS

Entry tags will be provided and must be completed by the exhibitor. Any container that holds water to keep your roses fresh is acceptable. You can often find vases at garage sales or thrift shops for less than 50 cents.

### AWARD:

The exhibitor with the most points in Section 1 and Section 2 for the two months combined will be awarded a gift certificate valued at \$20.00 each.

### *Why a Little Rose Show?*

We conduct the Little Rose Show for several reasons. Enjoying the beauty of the roses is always high on the list, but this serves an educational purpose also.

We hold the shows in the fall just before the Fair show. We encourage new or novice exhibitors to bring their roses and exhibit them. In entering your roses you have the opportunity to become familiar with the entry tags that will be used to enter your roses at the Fair. It is important to complete your entry tag correctly. Missing or inaccurate information can disqualify an exhibit from being judged.

Additionally we offer tips for grooming and preparing your roses for entry in a judged show. The judges will meet with you following the meeting and show you why points were taken off your exhibit that may have kept it from getting the blue ribbon that you were seeking. Cleaning the foliage, removing distracting foliage, buds and blooms will improve the appearance and the points awarded to the rose.

## ***Take Me Out to the Fair!***

The Tulsa State Fair is the main source of funds for the Society to give an annual scholarship and to pay the rental on the storage space we must rent to store our properties. It is a judged show much like our spring show. Ribbons are awarded for first, second and third places. If you win a ribbon you may keep it if you want. Volunteers are needed to help get the show setup, entries made and then taken down and put away. If you can help for any of the required tasks, you will be given an exhibitors admission ticket for the days you sign up to help. The following is a list of the activities for each of the three days. Signup sheets and exhibitor passes will be available at the October 4th meeting.

### **Friday, October 9th, 7:00 PM**

Friday evening is the time we fill the vases and get the tables setup and classes laid out in preparation for Saturday morning. We need 8 - 10 workers that are not afraid of getting their hands wet and doing a little lifting. We will be on the lower level of the Quick Trip center, probably in a little different area than last year. Friday night traffic getting into the fair is terrible so it is recommended that you either come early and/or park at one of the shuttle sites and ride the bus to the fair. The lot at the Education Service Center is located at 31st and New Haven which is close and is a short ride to the fair. Check the Fair's website for the shuttle closest to you. The shuttle does not start running until 6:30 PM.

The setup only takes a couple of hours so you are free to explore the fair after that, or you can come early and meet about 5 to help with setup.

### **Saturday, October 10th, 7:00 AM**

Saturday morning you should drive in the main entrance by the driller. You will need to turn right and drive down to the first large door at the bottom of the incline on your left. To get past the guards at the gate you will need to show a pass authorizing your entrance to unload your roses. The pass will be valid for 20 minutes, long enough to unload your car. You can then move your car to the closest public parking. That early in the morning parking is readily available.

The grooming area may be a little cramped for space so we encourage you to clean your foliage and do as much grooming as possible before you arrive. Make sure your roses are labeled so you can quickly identify them. Study the schedule ahead of time so you are familiar with the classes. You should also fill out as much of your entry tags as possible to save time Saturday morning. Entries are open until 10:00 AM. We must close at that time to start judging.

Saturday morning we need 3 - 4 people to place the roses into the correct classes. If you only have a few roses and can get there early you can probably help with placement after your roses are entered. Placement gets pretty busy the last 30 minutes. During judging we will need at least 6 clerks who can staple the ribbons onto the entry tags and move the blue ribbon exhibits to the judges final selection table. You will be working in close quarters and will be waiting at times. Your judging team will give you more instructions.

There will be signup sheets for placement and clerking at the Oct. 4th meeting. Those volunteers will be given free admission passes.

Following judging we will have an information/membership table open to answer questions from the public and offer them membership opportunities in the Tulsa Rose Society and American Rose Society. We need 8 to 10 people for the afternoon and evening. One of the tasks you will need to do is keep the roses watered so they do not wilt. Some of them will drink a lot of water in a few hours. We will have a signup sheet at the October 4th meeting. If you sign up you will be given free admission passes.

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## ***Take Me Out to the Fair!***

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### **Sunday, Oct. 11th.**

The fair opens at 10:00 AM Sunday morning so our hosting schedule starts at 10. If you can be there a little early you will find a parking space easier. We will need 10 - 12 volunteers to fill the shifts from 10 AM until 6 PM. After the visitors drop off pretty well we will empty the vases and put things away. If you entered roses and want to keep them you need to be there to claim them. If you only want your ribbons, they will be at the next meeting. We will need several people capable of lifting and carrying to get everything packed up and ready to haul out.

Signup sheets will be available and if you sign up you will be given free admission to the fair.

### **Tips on entering Roses**

Some people say, "I only have 3 rose bushes with any blooms." They do not feel that they have enough to make a difference in the show. The rules are you may only enter one variety in a given class. However you need to consider how many different classes you can enter a single variety into. If you have nice blooms consider the following classes for the same variety, let's assume a hybrid tea:

1. Exhibition stage bloom
2. Open stage bloom (stamen show)
3. Spray (two or more blooms)
4. Three Stages of Bloom
5. Rose in a bowl - exhibition stage
6. Rose in a bowl - fully open
7. English box - exhibition stage
8. English box - fully open
9. Three hybrid teas - same variety - one vase
10. Garbage bouquet

If each entry won a blue ribbon at \$4 that would earn the club \$40, all from one variety. If you have problems with your foliage but have nice blooms, then the rose in a bowl and English boxes offer a way to enter your blooms without any foliage. You can enter a garbage bouquet even if you do not enter anything else.

It is important to properly identify your roses when entering. If the rose is misnamed it will be disqualified. I suggest that you create some strips of paper 1/4 to 1/2 inch wide and about 5 inches long. Take a pencil and a paper with the strips of paper and go through your garden and label the roses that you plan to take. You can do this even the day before you cut the roses. Use narrower strips on your mini roses. If you write with a pen it may smear or streak when it gets wet and your tag is not usable.

When you cut your roses, cut the stem plenty long and place it into water immediately. A bucket is nice but if you put very many roses in a single bucket they will get tangled up and you might damage the foliage getting them apart. You can cut the tops out of 2 liter bottles, 1/2 gal milk jugs, etc and put water in them to keep your roses separated somewhat. You can put several of the smaller containers in a larger bucket or crate. Miniature roses can be put into 6-8 oz plastic drinking glasses to keep them separate. Be sure to pack them so they will not spill and leave your roses without water.

Most of us do not have floral coolers so we try keeping them in the refrigerator for a short time. A frost free refrigerator will dehydrate a rose left exposed for much time. You can put a large baggie over the container of roses and it will minimize the dehydration for a period of time. If you do not have refrigeration do not cut your roses more than 12 hours before entering them.


Enter from Show Schedule

Following class number enter first letter of the name of the rose

Correct name of the rose. Use Handbook for Selecting Roses as guide for spelling and proper classification of the rose.

Section \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Variety \_\_\_\_\_



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Ex. No. \_\_\_\_\_

1st Award	2nd Award	3rd Award	4th Award
1st Award	2nd Award	3rd Award	4th Award

Section \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Variety \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibitor's No. \_\_\_\_\_

Tab to hold bottom of card closed during judging

Your Name  
City and State  
You may use return address labels

We do not use Exhibitor Number

Complete this section with the same information as shown above.

Fold Card so that your name does not show

You may pick up entry cards at the meeting on October 4th. Do not take more than you need so there will be enough for everyone.

You do not need your complete address.

Use small tags for miniatures and large tags for large roses.

## What to do in October

- After just having 5 inches of rain it is hard to say that Water is the number one need for my roses right now. But it won't last forever. Wind and temperature will dry the soil unless we get additional rain.
- The moist environment and cooler temperatures are creating ideal conditions for the roses to wake up wet and inviting for blackspot and disease. We need to keep up our spraying program. We don't want to loose that foliage before the fall shows.
- I notice that my mulch has broken down over the past 6 months. It is time to add more. Doing it after a good rain will help keep the moisture in and will help towards winter protection.
- You should not feed your roses any more this fall. It is time for them to begin going dormant so we do not want to be encouraging new growth that will get damaged by a freeze.
- Other than cutting roses for the shows you will enter it is time you can stop deadheading and pruning your roses. Leaving the spent blooms on allows for a hip to form if the rose had been pollinated. The bush feels that it has completed its cycle if it has produced seed to insure its continued existence.
- Now is the time to prepare a new bed for next year's planting. If you are killing grass with roundup or something like that you must use it while the temperature is above 70 degrees or it does not work. If you are digging up the grass you can do that anytime. You need to mix your organics with the soil or if you are creating a bedding mix, put everything together and mix it well. It will need to be watered well now and the mixing and watering process repeated during the next several months. That will give you a healthy bed for planting bare root or potted roses next spring.
- Fall is now officially here. It will be a while before our first freeze but we need to be planning for the winter protection we will use. It is easier to prepare before it gets cold.
- Caring for your tools should be an ongoing process but you definitely don't want to put them away for the winter with dirt or residue on them. Clean them with soapy water, dry well and put a protective coat of oil on them to prevent rust.

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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  
 Jan Edwards - Second Vice President - Membership  
 Rose Rusman - Secretary  
 Judith Carter - Treasurer  
 Brenda Johnson - Immediate Past President

### Consulting Rosarians:

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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).

You will probably use your sprayer a while longer but be sure to follow the manufactures guidelines for winterization. If it is battery powered, be sure to protect the battery from freezing temperatures. You may need to charge the battery once a month during the winter to maintain it.

- Now is a good time to evaluate the roses you have and decide if some need to go and if you are going to order replacements or new ones. Be sure you have a place prepared for the roses your order. Order from known sources so you know you are getting quality roses. Try to determine how much space the rose will require. You may be able to plant them 30 inches apart in the spring but in two years they may need to be four feet apart. (the voice of experience)
- Review your successes and failures this past year. Keep a journal with enough details to know what products worked and what did not work. Did you have extended dry periods or extended wet periods of time. How did this affect your garden?

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Butch Neumeier won several awards for his roses at the Rogers Country Free Fair on September 24th. Rose Rusnam also entered her *Blythe Spirit* and won a ribbon. John and Judy Carter were invited to participate as judges for the Floral Division. Butch's entry of a *Gold Medal* spray won the Best Cut Flower Specimen while his *Louise Estes* won Best in the "Tea Rose" class. Congratulations, Rose and Butch!