



# ROSARIAN REMINDER

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**October 2011**



This Month's Meeting:

**Tulsa Garden Center**

**2435 S Peoria**

**Tulsa, OK**

**2:00 PM**

**October 9, 2011**

**David Austin Roses**

**By Dr. Don Johnson**

**Refreshments**

**Mary Rowe, Jan Edwards and**

**Helen Reecher**

**Reminder - we are not participating in the  
Tulsa State Fair this year**

### 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 in 2011:*

October 9 - David Austin Roses

October 21-23 - South Central District Rose Show

November 13 - Election of Officers & planning for 2012

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

### ROSE'S RAMBLINGS

As we wrap up our 2011 gardening year in the next three months, we can be thankful that most years in northeastern Oklahoma are nothing like this one. Fortunately, the weather has cooled down, and many of us have had at least some rainfall.

Our next meeting will be presented by the Johnsons; the subject is David Austin Roses. Many of the "Austin" roses are shrub roses and require more room to grow than floribundas and hybrid teas. They are often called "English" roses as well. They also tend to be fragrant, and many of the varieties grow well on their own roots. I think you will really enjoy this program.

Brenda Johnson, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, will present the slate of officers for 2012 at this meeting. In November the Tulsa Rose Society will elect our officers for next year. Please consult the by-laws found in your 2011 Membership Roster for the procedures that apply to this election.

I hope to see you at the meeting.

Rose M. Rusnam, TRS President

### November Update

Doug & Pat Horbelt will be back to share their photos of gardens they have photographed on their travels. Doug is an excellent photographer and captures the rose very well. They gave us a program last October of their recent trip to South Africa. I am not sure where this trip will take us but be there for a trip through beautiful gardens somewhere.

Tulsa Rose Society Board Minutes  
September 7, 2011

President Rose Rusnam called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Tulsa Garden Center. Present were: Rose Rusnam, Tony Graham, Butch Neumeier, John and Judy Carter, Dennis Voss.

Minutes were read and approved. Treasurer ' s report was read and filed for audit.

**Committee reports:** Membership: no report.

Hospitality: September hosts are signed up.

Programs: John Carter ' s program is ready for Sunday, Sept. 11, 2011.

October program: Dr. Don Johnson will speak on David Austin English Roses

November: Possible planning meeting with election of officers

Rose Rusnam reported that the Nominating Chairman Benda Johnson has pulled together a slate of officers for next year. This will be announced at the October meeting

Butch Neumeier suggested we consider joining the Day Lily and Iris societies fall sale days next year. He had heard they were very successful and that this might be an opportunity for a fund raiser. After discussion it was decided this would be discussed further in the coming year.

The Christmas meeting will be in December. Floor was open for discussion. It was decided that last year ' s party at the Cherokee Casino had a reasonable turnout but not much participation. Ways were discussed on how to increase participation and it was also proposed this year ' s location could be held at the Tulsa Garden Center and everyone could bring finger food.

**New Business:** President Rusman discussed future Consulting Rosarian classes that will be available for those wishing to take Rosarian exams.

Fall Central District meeting and show will be held in Dallas this year. It was noted that the ARS is again pushing for new members. Addi-

tional information will be forthcoming.

John and Judy Carter noted that there was an article in today ' s paper in which Mayor Dewey Bartlett announced that the Parks Department, which had originally been folded in with Public Works, will likely be separated out to its own department in the future. This precipitated discussion around the table regarding favorable support for this idea, since it would facilitate the city and the Tulsa Garden Center fulfilling their charter and make it easier for the Garden Center to work with the city having a separate budget.

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 10 a.m. at the Garden Center.

President Rose Rusnam adjourned the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

Dennis Voss, Secretary

### *Fair Time - memories*

This year as last we have not participated in the Tulsa State Fair. The primary reason is a lack of exhibitors and help in setting up and tearing down the show. It takes a number of hours and people to put on the show. Several of our volunteers have health issues that prevent them from helping any longer and the healthy ones have other commitments. I recently found a report from the 1991 fair show. The show was held on both weekends. There were 19 exhibitors and more than 400 entries. Only 3 of those exhibitors are still members and only one exhibits.



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## South Central District Convention and Rose Show



Hosted by the Dallas Rose Society and Ft. Worth Rose Society

in the City of Farmers Branch, TX

October 21-23, 2011

Holiday Inn Select Dallas North (Galleria Area)

*“Roses ‘round Texas”*

### REGISTRATION FORM

Registration is required to participate in any of the events or to enter exhibits. Only one form is required per family.

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

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

Telephone Number ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Local Society \_\_\_\_\_

	Number	Price	Total
Registration ( postmarked by September 30 )	_____	\$35.00	_____
Registration ( postmarked after September 30 )	_____	\$40.00	_____
Saturday Banquet	_____	\$40.00	_____
Sunday Continental Breakfast and Garden Tour	_____	\$10.00	_____
Discount Voucher for Breakfast at Hotel	_____	\$8.95	_____
Awards Donation – SCD Trophy Fund	_____		_____
Total Amount Enclosed:			_____

**Banquet Dinner Choice:** ( Enter number for each selection please. )

Steak \_\_\_\_\_ Grilled Breast of Chicken ( Dijon Sauce ) \_\_\_\_\_ Maple Walnut Glazed Salmon \_\_\_\_\_

**Rose Show Exhibitors:** Please check if you are planning to exhibit roses in: Horticulture \_\_\_\_\_  
Arrangements \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to: DFW SCD Convention**

Mail to Helen Reynolds: 6938 Wake Forrest, Dallas, TX 75214 - 1741

**Hotel Accommodations:** Holiday Inn Select Dallas North ( Galleria Area ), 2645 LBJ Freeway, Dallas, TX, 75234.

Please make your registration by calling this number only: **972 - 243- 3363**. Please tell the person answering that you want to make a registration for the Dallas Rose Society and Ft. Worth Rose Society block of rooms for October 21 -23, 2011. The room rate of \$75.00 per night is for your choice of a room with one king or two queen beds Room block expires **October 7, 2011**. After October 7, you will need to make a reservation at the regular hotel rate, so please register early. **Buffett breakfast at the hotel will be served from 7AM to 10AM on Saturday and Sunday. A special discount price of \$8.95 inclusive for the breakfast is available for registered convention attendees who purchase a voucher for \$8.95 at registration.**

**Registration Cancellation Refund Policy:** Cancellations received by October 7, 2011 will receive a refund of registration, banquet and garden tour fees that were paid in advance. Hotel cancellations must be handled through the hotel.

## ***SCD Events Agenda***

Information copied from SCD Rosarian edited by Debra Bagley.

( This agenda is tentative and maybe be changed. )

Friday, October 21

Registration at Hotel	4:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Hospitality Suite at Hotel	6:00 PM to 10 PM
Board of Directors Meeting at Senior Center	7:30 PM to 9 PM
Drop off roses for show at Senior Center	6:00 PM to 7:30 PM
Silent Auction at Hotel	4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Saturday, October 22

Exhibition Preparation at Senior Center	5:00 AM to 9:30 AM
Registration at Senior Center	7:00 AM to 9:30AM
Entries Accepted	7:30 AM to 9:30 AM
Visit to Farmers Branch Rose Gardens Hosted by Pam Smith	8:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Judges Breakfast at Hotel	8:00AM to 8:45AM
Judges Instructions at Senior Center	9:00AM to 9:45AM
Silent Auction at Hotel	10:00 AM to 6 PM
Judging of Show	10:00AM to 12:30PM
Membership Meeting at Senior Center	12:45 PM to 2:15 PM
Rose Show Open to Public	12:45 PM to 3:45 PM
Speaker Laura Miller at Senior Center	2:30 PM to 3:15 PM
Speaker Tommy Hebert at Senior Center	3:30 PM to 4:15 PM
Banquet at Hotel, Social time	6:30 PM to 7:00 PM
Banquet at Hotel, dinner, keynote address and awards	7:00 PM to 9:30PM

Sunday, October 23

Continental Breakfast at Garden of Pam Smith	8:30 AM to 10 AM
Tour of Private Local Rose Gardens	8:30 AM to 4PM

**Visit the South Central District website for details of the speakers, tours, show schedules and hotel information.**

## ***SCD Speakers***

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### **Keynote Speaker**

#### **The Award of Excellence Program – Past, Present and Future**

##### **Dr. Jim Hering**

1050 Kingwood Drive, Marion, Ohio 43302  
740-361-0229 [rosehering@roadrunner.com](mailto:rosehering@roadrunner.com)

Program synopsis: The presentation covers the origin of the Award of Excellence, the procedure to enter the AOE trials, current test gardens, seedlings which are now in the trials and what to expect in the future.

### **Insects and Roses: Friends and Foes**

##### **Laura M. Miller**

County Extension Agent - Commercial Horticulture  
Texas AgriLife Extension, Tarrant County, P.O. Box 1540, Fort Worth, TX, 76101-1540  
817-884-1945, [lmiller@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:lmiller@ag.tamu.edu)

Program synopsis: Learn to recognize common insect pests of roses and the beneficial insects that can help you control them. Utilize Integrated Pest Management to hurt the harmful insects without hindering the helpful by choosing your battles and the least toxic options to win them.

### **Rose Hybridizing For The Amateur**

##### **Tommy Hebert**

Golden Triangle Rose Society  
5240 Avie Lane, Beaumont, TX 77708-3818  
( 409 ) 899-1149 [angtomheb@aol.com](mailto:angtomheb@aol.com)

Program synopsis: Tommy is passionate about his VERY amateurish hybridizing efforts but is nevertheless encouraged by minor successes. He will discuss his hybridizing techniques, obviously influenced by procedures practiced during his career as a research chemist. Both chemical and botanical reactions are similar in basis and their successes are generally predictable. He believes that the ability to create “new” rose varieties is within the ability of anybody with patience and a few (or many) different rose plants. Absolute knowledge of rose genetics, although useful, is not required. Indeed, rose hybridizing brings as many surprises as victories, which makes the process much more interesting and gratifying. Tommy will showcase a few of each in this session. And, a few of his successes will be shown. Questions will be very welcome from those in attendance.

## **SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT SHOW INVITES YOU TO ATTEND**

Submitted by Brenda Johnson

Dear Rosey friends...I'm imploring you to come attend our district Rose Show in Dallas. You don't have to enter roses to attend. You can just come and have fun and see the show on Saturday afternoon. Don and I gave a talk in Dallas and we stayed at the Holiday Inn Express where all attendees for the upcoming District Rose Show will stay. It is a huge hotel complete with a nice restaurant and swimming pool...only \$75.00 a night! The Dallas Rose Society is working hard to make their District show entertaining with great programs, an auction with many items rosarians would love to have, and garden tours. This will be a lot of fun for everyone. See you there!

Brenda and Don

If you haven't joined the ARS now is the time! We need ARS members! The ARS has a trial membership package that each of you can take advantage of if you haven't by now. We have 4,000 members of the ARS but there are 23,000 members of rose societies nationwide. Membership is so important to sustaining the ARS. A trial membership is only \$5.00 for existing members and \$10.00 for non-members or the general public. What you will receive is a trial membership with these benefits included: 2 issues of the American Rose magazine, access to the member's only portion of the ARS website (ars.org), the reciprocal gardens discount and free online access to four quarterly bulletins. These bulletins are: The Mini/Miniflora Bulletin, OGR Rose and Shrub Gazette, Rose Arrangers Bulletin and Rose Exhibitors Forum, FREE or reduced admission to gardens and conservatories and arboreta nationwide. JOIN TODAY! THE ARS NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!

### **ARS NEWS:**

There will be no National Spring Show for the year 2012.

Triennial elections for officers will be completely electronic in the future beginning with the 2012 elections. All members of the ARS will need to approve this to make it official. The American Rose magazine will include a paper ballot (for the last time) and also electronic voting instructions with the magazine for the change...vote!

The Consulting Rosarian Manual is being revised chapter by chapter. In other words, there will be a new manual out in the near future.

References for identifying roses currently listed in the "Guidelines and Rules for Judging Roses" have been revised. The rose registration column of the "American Rose" magazine has been deleted from the references list due to the long delay in being up to date. It has been replaced by the online "Modern Roses" data base and the online "Recent Registration List". "Modern Roses" is the most up to date ARS publication and should take precedence over all other publications.

### **JUDGES AND EXHIBITORS NOTE!**

Only large flowered climbers, Hybrid Wichuranas and Hybrid Giganteas can be exhibited in the Climber Class. The "Handbook for Selecting Roses" will have all roses properly classed for your

reference.

### **NEW 'E' NEWSLETTER FOR ALL**

Everyone in our society, your friends, and the general public can now receive an e newsletter called "The Fragrant Rose." In order to receive this newsletter, you will need to send you email address to Laura Pfendler at the ARS.

### **2012 CALENDARS ARE READY!**

The calendars for 2012 are ready to be purchased. You can order yours at the anticipated cost of \$8.99 plus shipping directly from the ARS.

### **RATE YOUR ROSES**

You do not have to be a member of the ARS to send in a rating for your roses that you grow. They would love to hear from everyone who is growing any of the roses they have listed for how well they grow in your garden. These reports can be sent in electronically from a link on the ARS website or by mailing them in the form from the July August Magazine. Send in NOW...ASAP!

### **ARS ON FACEBOOK & TWITTER!**

The ARS continues to post news daily. They have 1,221 monthly active users. The Country breakdown is: 30 Canada, 12 Australia, 12 France, 12 India, 8 Argentina, 8 Indonesia, 7 Philippines, 7 United Kingdom, 7 Malaysia, 6 Lithuania, 6 Puerto Rico, 6 Taiwan, 5 Mexico, 5 Italy, 5 Thailand 5 Pakistan, 4 Bulgaria, 4 Sri Lanka. ARS has moved into the social media world, so join them!

*Editor's note: Tulsa RS also has a Facebook page.*

### **ARS GARDENS AT SHREVEPORT**

Please take note that the ARS Gardens and Grounds will be closed on weekends and holidays effective July 1, 2011 through the beginning of Christmas in Roseland. The gardens remain open during regular business hours. It has been unmercifully hot and watering, weeding and routine maintenance is keeping the crew of four busy.

### **CRUISE THE CARIBBEAN WITH ARS MEMBERS**

A cruise for ARS members will leave Florida March 30 through April 9. The cost per person is \$1,918.60 all inclusive. If you interested, check with headquarters of the ARS or the ARS magazine.

### **Advertising News**

Several new brochures and "rack cards" have been developed for use at nurseries and public events to help recruit new members. These have been donated at no cost to the ARS. We will see if they will send some to Tulsa.

### ***2011 Drawing to a Close - Time to look ahead to 2012***

We will soon be beginning a new year. How would you like to see the Tulsa Rose Society serve you? What type of programs would help you the most. What topics would best serve you? Do you want to participate in a group fertilizer purchase next year? Would you want to try a group rose purchase again? Would you like to help in the spring pruning in the Tulsa Rose Garden? Tell your officers now so we can have a program in place that meets your needs.

# David Austin Roses

The Beauty Of [David Austin Roses](#) copied from RosestoGrow.com

## SUMMARY:

David Austin roses are a favorite flower worldwide. Due to the genetic ingenuity of an American gardener, roses come to life in a myriad of colors with different varieties. Ranging from high-climbing plants to crawling shrubs, these flowers portray physical beauty, unique fragrances and color combinations that have captivated countless people around the world.

An American gardener named David Austin makes roses a flower to die for. By hybridizing roses, the flowers become more than an attraction. **David Austin roses** are a picture of flowers cared and nurtured with utmost care and attention. The man behind the famed rose nurseries in the United States combines old and existing species to produce new varieties of flowers. Genetics play a large role in the enhancement of roses which turns out color combinations which has timelessly fascinated the world. David Austin capitalizes on the availability of various [rose varieties](#) to bring new species of these kinds of flowers.

There are numerous rose breeds which come into existence through the genius skills of David Austin. Ten of the best roses in the world have been raised from the public and private nurseries which he oversees. The Fair Bianca is one of the **David Austin roses** which captivated the world. It is an all-white variety crowned with numerous petals that releases fragrance combination of lavender, anise and lemon. This type is a favorite for wedding occasions. The flowers grow to as high as five feet tall. Cupped big roses with peach petals come to life with the existence of the Evelyn rose breed. This rose is remarkably noted for its fragrance and pastel colors.

Another popular strain from the **David Austin roses** is the Graham Thomas which grows to an astonishing ten feet in height. It can be mistaken as a tree but the presence of yellow cup-shaped petals makes it a rose in full bloom. A seven-foot climber is introduced through the Heritage kind which bears a shell of pink petals. This is a favorite for flower arrangement and showcasing. It hands out the fresh fragrances of honey, plum and pepper. The Abraham Darby is another favorite from David Austin. Here is a flower that rises high to about eight feet which large cup petals produced in clusters. A pink rose and a unique breed come to life with the Belle Story. Among David Austin roses, this kind portrays a balanced color of pink and green. It contains about thirty five petals to go with small green leaves that have cinnamon fragrance. The elegance of the Tess of the D'urbervilles make this rose crimson-red in color with curving petals from spreading branches. It portrays an informal kind of beauty.

The Perdita is perhaps the oldest rose from David Austin. This rose is popular during occasions because it is being used as a corset. The Ingenious Mr. Fairchild is a proud combination of lavender and purple rose with a strong fragrance of mint. It is fully supported with a lilac pink color. Rounding up the ten most popular **David Austin roses** is the Glamis Castle. This flower is a personal favorite in the Queen Mother's home among English subjects. Its full-sized blooms possess the fragrance of myrrh.

*Attend our meeting on October 9th to learn more about David Austin Roses!*

## What To Do in October

- Water - we have had very little rain. The above normal temperatures have been mixed between high and lows but the gardens are drying out , so water is needed. Not much is promised by the weatherman.
- Spraying - You need to continue your spraying for blackspot. Even if you do not plan to show any more this fall you do not want your plant to lose its leaves yet. The leaves are important for the plant to maintain its health. Spray for insects as needed. I have seen several praying mantis on my roses, so I have turned insect control over to them. They have a pretty good appetite.
- Feeding - should be discontinued for the season. We do not want to encourage new growth as we approach the time for the first freeze.
- Mulch - we need to be accumulating mulch to use for winter protection. At this time we should check to see that we have a good coverage over the beds but have enough to cover the bud unions and even more as we approach the first freeze. Come to the meeting in October to ask questions and get tips on preparing your roses for the freezing weather that is to come.
- Deadheading should be discontinued after you have cut for your last show. Allow the roses to develop hips and feel that they have achieved their mission to reproduce so they will be ready to go dormant during the cold weather.
- Spot check the pH in your beds. If you are running a little low (below 6.0) spread a little limestone to your beds. If your pH is above 7.0 you may want to spread a little sulfur in your beds. You should pull back your mulch and spread a ***small*** amount over the surface of the soil, water and replace the mulch. It is a very slow process to effect the pH level so it is better to start it this fall.
- Pruning - should be discontinued where it promotes new growth. If you need to remove dead or damaged canes you should do that. If your canes are so long theywind will catch them and cause damage, you will want to either tie them to something or cut them back some.
- Shovel pruning - This is the time to evaluate your roses. Did they bloom to your satisfaction? Are you constantly fighting black spot and problems with the rose? If it is not giving you satisfaction

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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:

Rose Rusman - President  
 Don Johnson - First Vice President - Programs  
 Debra Massey - Second Vice President - Membership  
 Dennis Voss - Secretary  
 Judith Carter - Treasurer  
 Ed (Butch) Neumeier - Immediate Past President

### Consulting Rosarians:

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 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).

maybe it is time to remove it and plan on a replacement. Are your roses too crowded? Did they get larger than you had planned on and are you happy with the rose? After they go dormant you can move your rose to solve space problems or other location problems.

- New Roses - it is time to order the roses you want delivered in the spring Some distributors give discounts to ARS members. If you are not a member, it is not too late to join.
- Don't overlook the fall shows. The South Central District show will be held in Farmers Branch on October 21st - 22nd. We had good support from the group coming to our show last year so it is time to take a drive south to 'Texas and enjoy fellowship with our rose friends. Don't be afraid to take some roses to enter.
- Don't miss our November meeting. In addition to the election of our officers we will have an excellent slide program from Doug and Pat Horbelt will be here to share garden photos from one of their trips.

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**Ikebana Workshop**  
**Thursday, October 13, 2011**  
**10 AM - 3 PM**  
**Tulsa Garden Center**

Instructor: Sue C Smith, Master Ikebana Instructor  
\$40 per person includes lunch and plant materials

Limited to twenty five students

Bring: Scissors/shears

One low flat bowl or container

One 3 - 4 inch Kenzan

Registration: Joy Lary, 1905 South Ash, Broken  
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See [www.tulsagardenclub.org](http://www.tulsagardenclub.org) for more details.