



ROSARIAN REMINDER

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This Month's Meeting:
Tulsa Garden Center
2435 S Peoria
Tulsa, OK
2:00 PM
September 11, 2011

Photography of Roses
By John Carter

Refreshments

George Morrell and Jean Sluder
Drinks John & Judy Carter

**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:

Sept 11 - Rose Photography

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

By the time you read this, I certainly hope that the dog days of summer will be well behind us. Many of us have had a small deluge of healing water in our gardens, and we are all no doubt wishing for a steady supply to everyone living in the drought stricken areas.

My rural water district is now allowing us to water three days each week. I, of course, am very happy about that and I hope you also have a source for supplemental water for your gardens. It will take several months, if not years, to see just how much damage the heat and drought have caused us here in northeastern Oklahoma. I know some parts of our state and neighboring states may have suffered even more damage than we had.

I have been growing roses since the later 1960's and from time to time in environments even more hostile to their cultivations than ours has been here this year. I think most of my fellow rose enthusiasts are essentially optimists and that is very good. We are learning to live by faith and hope in the cultivation of one of the plants created to yield flowers and fruit after its own kind. The love of roses really is a great calling for many of us. We have been told that at the end of the third day the creator saw that it was good, and I know that it has been good and a healing experience for me despite a few bumps along the way.

Carolyn Hayward's program about garden design was great. We also enjoyed wonderful fellowship with the items our members supplied and the ice cream. Norma Whitehead brought a cake to celebrate Jean Sluder's birthday, and we all hope she'll have many, many more.

On September 11 John Carter will provide a program about rose photography. His work is really quite excellent. Please continue to follow his advice from the newsletter for August except that you may want to taper off even more in the use of fertilizers. Also, please heed his advice in item #7 on page 9. That advice is applicable the year round, but it is even more imperative in hot, dry weather.

Our September board meeting date has not yet been set. It will be held on either September 7 at the Garden Center, or on Sunday, September 11 following the meeting. All of you are welcome to attend. I'll be consulting (continued on page 2)

**Tulsa Rose Society Executive Board Meeting
Wednesday, August 3, 2011**

The meeting was called to order by President Rose Rusnam at 10:10 AM. Those present were: Rose Rusnam, Dennis Voss, Butch Neumeier, Tony Graham, John and Judy Carter. No minutes were available from the previous meeting. The Treasurer ' s report was read and the balance in checking is \$7,398.45. The report will be filed for audit.

Committee Reports: Membership: Judy reported that we have two new members, David and Cyndi Wilkett of Tulsa. She also stated that she is working with the Tulsa Garden Club to obtain use of the Garden Center for our 2012 Spring Show in May.

Programs: Our August speaker will be Carolyn Hayward of Dallas speaking on landscaping with roses. Rose will check with Mark Stelljes on the ice cream and the member list will be called. September will be John Carter speaking on digital photography.

Newsletter: John noted that he can always use more articles and that he also has set up a Facebook page for our society with a new logo which is also printed on the newsletter this month. All are invited to view the page and suggest additional items.

Other Announcements: Rose stated that the Tulsa Garden Club will hold an inside "garage sale" in the Garden Center auditorium on Sept. 8-9. All TGC affiliates are invited to bring in any items except clothing.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Rose stated that we had received a letter asking for nominations for the District Consulting Rosarian award. Butch said that he had been contacted by the Dallas group putting on the District meeting October 24th and that they would like to borrow some of our vases. He will talk with them again closer to show time. John will put the Dallas registration form in the next newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Carter, Acting Secretary

Things you probably should know

Our program this month is on Photography with a slant towards roses. You might ask why was this topic chosen. Primarily it is because the membership has not been offering suggestions or making requests for other programs about rose care. We have a number of new members who may not feel comfortable about asking questions or asking for a particular program but our society exists for the benefit of our members. If our society fails to help you learn about rose care and help you enjoy your roses we are failing as a society. Our November meeting will be the election of officers and the planning of our programs for 2012. This is a special time for you to make your input, but it is welcome at any time.

Notice to Arrangers - The Tulsa Garden Club is sponsoring an Ikebana class taught by Sue C. Smith, master Ikebana teacher from Dallas on Thursday, Oct 13 at the TGC 10 AM - 3 PM cost \$40 in advance.

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with the board members in the meantime.

I announced an indoor garage sale sponsored by the Tulsa Garden Club to be held September 8 and 9 in the Tulsa Garden Center auditorium. If you have items to donate, would like to volunteer, or to attend the sale, please contact Patty Freese at 918-494-7094. She can answer your questions.

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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

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

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

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.

EXHIBITING – FROM YOUR GARDEN TO THE SHOW TABLE

By Dr. Don Johnson, Tulsa Rose Society

Exhibiting is or should be something for all members of the rose society!

There is something for everyone to show whether it be shrub, OGR, mini, species, climber etc. I think everyone has at least one rose worthy of interest and it should be shown in its best condition possible. It need not be a queen or certificate winner to be of value. Even roses grown naturally without meticulous care will sometimes be stunningly beautiful and should be shown even with minor defects.

I was reluctant to exhibit early in my rose career. I had all sorts of excuses why I didn't want to go to the trouble. One of my early mentors prodded me to get involved and overcoming my reluctance I discovered how much fun it was. I could not seem to win anything, even novice at first, but the camaraderie involved stimulated me and it was a good feeling being involved. When one starts to get involved one begins to really learn how to grow lovely roses and reap rewards.

It all starts in the garden and there are a number of steps leading up to taking the rose to show. If you are planning to show hybrid teas, variety selection becomes important if you wish to be competitive. There are a limited number of varieties which typically show well and win. These have been dubbed "BANKERS" by Bob Martin who has written a book entitled *SHOWING GOOD ROSES* and is an authority on exhibiting. This is a really worthwhile book with valuable information.

The show results of winning roses is on the ARS website and worth looking at to see what varieties are doing well in your area. Talk to your fellow Consulting Rosarians and they can provide useful information. Judges tend to favor new, hot varieties but I like to wait until these varieties have established themselves before growing them as often they don't stand the test of time.

Next you need to know the show date which sounds silly, but this is when the planning begins. Fall show preparation is a bit different than spring preparation in that you have some limited control over timing of the pruning. As a rule of thumb allow 1 day per petal count prior to show. For instance Uncle Joe with 60 or more petals will take about 60 days after pruning to produce a bloom. A rose with 30 or so petals may develop in 30 days. I like to guess 50-60 days for heavily petaled roses and basically around 45 days on average for most other varieties. Minis take much less on average around 25 to 35 days and about the same for Floribundas. Minifloras are more variable but average 30-40 days depending on variety. Shrubs are quite variable and highly dependent on variety. Old Garden Roses will bloom in fall when they feel like it and it's not likely in my experience you can affect bloom time. Unfortunately weather conditions alter this considerably with speeded up development with above normal heat and vice versa. I have a chart for some of the more common varieties. I prefer to hedge my bets and cut (prune) in thirds (one third of the bush), cutting a week before, the week of and the week after the anticipated bloom cycle date. This may not be useful but it makes me feel good. Fall shows are preceded by the spider mite season, so it is important to use some control measures preceding the show.

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Now assuming you have planned things adequately (not perfectly), it 's time to cut blooms. At this point what you do depends largely on whether you have access to floral refrigeration. If you have floral refrigeration it is possible to cut blooms up to 2 weeks prior to show and store them. If not you are probably limited to cutting several days before show or possibly longer. With care you can store blooms in a regular refrigerator by covering the bloom with a fairly large plastic bag with a zip lock or other means of securing the bag around the stem.

I begin looking for blooms for show about two weeks prior to the show. If there is an outstanding bloom, I will cut it and see if it will hold for the show - nothing ventured, nothing gained.

A critical point here is to be ABSOLUTELY certain to label the cut rose. Later on you will forget the variety 's name or confuse it with another and may get disqualified for misnaming the rose. Strips of sticky label material are useful to wrap around the stem with the name written on it. Roses can change color with refrigeration sometimes and also with aging and you may wonder what the variety is as it may be similar to another.

A week before the show the blooms that I cut will usually hold and will not have to be culled. I use a 5 gallon bucket for the large roses with diluted Chrysal number 2 in the water. Chrysal # 2 is a combination of hydration substances and food. There is a Chrysal # 1 that is a hydrating liquid and # 3 which is food only. I used to use #1 but found #2 works better for me. If you have a rose that is not opening, Chrysal #3 will help the rose to open along with warmth and light.

I use a large 5 gallon bucket to keep the foliage from being damaged as I place each rose down in the bucket of treated water. I make sure I cut the rose stem at a 45 degree angle to give it maximum area to take up water. I also look for side buds and remove them at this time. The term for removing side buds in the rose world is " disbudding" . Disbudding for a single bloom goes on in the garden as the rose bud is developing. If you do this early it is called " finger pruning" . It is best to remove these side buds as soon as possible so there will not be a large disbudding scar which could be a distraction at judging time. If you have missed a side bud, and it 's easy to do with a lot of roses, you will need to cut it out carefully. I 've heard lemon juice will keep the scar from turning brown.

As I bring the roses in I usually place them in our floral refrigerator to let them get well hydrated. I leave them overnight and remove them the next day for cleaning. I take each rose from the bucket and place it in a vase of tap water after I cut the stem again at a 45 degree angle. I look each rose over and clean the leaves with baby wipes found in any store. After the leaves are clean I use a paint pad found in the paint department of any box store or paint store. It has a soft fuzzy side. Using this soft fuzzy side I polish the leaves. If there are any damaged leaves beyond repair I remove them at this time or I repair the torn leaf with scissors that have a zigzag edge found in any craft store. After I have cleaned the foliage and removed any undetected side buds, I place the rose in a " keeper " . This is a clear plastic cone that protects the foliage and the bloom. I place the keeper back into the 5 gallon bucket and set it back into refrigeration. The last step before packing up the roses to go to show is grooming the blooms and culling out the roses who have lost their center and substance.

Hybrid Tea Days Of Cycle
Copied from the Rose Mite
August 2009
40 – 45 Days

A.M. Lindbergh
Arctic Circle
Big Red
Big Time
Black Magic
Black Out
Blake Hedrick
Bles Bridges
Blue Bell
Brandy
Bride's Dream
Brook's Red
Cajun Moon
Cajun Pearl
Cajun Sunrise
Cesar E. Chavez
Com. Wealth Glory
Corina
Crystalline
Dainty Bess
Dana Sawyer
Deidre Hall
Desperado
Diana Prin. of W.
Distant Sounds
Dream Come True
Dublin
Ed. Tommy Cairns
Elizabeth Taylor
Excite
Exotica
Falling In Love
Fantasy
Fragrant Plum
Gemini
Gold Strike
Great Scott
Helen Naude
Here's Gert
Here's Sam
Hey Paula
Hollywood
Hot Princess
Ilse

Jane Pauley
Jen
Joyfulness
Let Freedom Ring
Louise Estes
Lovers Lane
Lynette
Marilyn Monroe
Marilyn Wellan
Milestone
Miss Linda
Moon Over Miami
Moonstone
Mother's Value
Mulan
Natasha Monet
New Orleans Lady
Oklahoma
Opulence
Pat's Choice
Peace
Peaches & Cream
Perfectly Red
Pop Warner
Primrose Queen
Pristine
Raphaella
Rina Hugo
Sallijane
Sanka
Signature
Southern Breeze
Sun Goddess
St. Patrick
Stainless Steel
Steppin' Out
Suffolk
Susan Barry
Tabatha
Table Mountain
The Wright Bros.
Tineke
Touch of Class
Veldfire
Veterans' Honor
White Linen
White Success
Yves Piaget

45 – 50 Days

Bugatti
Denali
Jennerine
Mary Ann
Timeless
Vino Rosso
White Masterpiece

50 – 55 Days

King Kong
Mavrik
Raspberry Swirls
Redemption
Stephanie Ann

UNKNOWN

Common Wealth

If you did not find your rose listed here you can ask one of the major exhibitors what their experience has been with that variety. Or you might just take a blossom, if it has one and take the blossom apart to get an idea as to how many petals it has.

If you plan to exhibit on a regular basis, start a log book and make notes on the roses you think you might exhibit and note how long it takes them to develop buds and grow to bloom stage. Make note of the temperatures also since that will also be a factor. You probably noticed that your blooms were much smaller during the 100 degree days we recently had. I noticed that following the little rain we had with a few cooler days my roses put on a lot of new growth and a lot of bloom.

What To Do in September

- Water - Nothing new here. Water is important all 12 months of the year. We have had some nice rains in some areas but others are dry. Check your rose beds regularly and give them a good soaking watering a couple times a week instead of a little every day.
- Feeding - It is time for fall weather to start making an appearance and with the cooler weather our roses will grow more. It is about time to stop feeding but with the rose show still 6 weeks away they will still need some nourishment to get them ready for the show. We want to stop feeding in time for the roses to go dormant before the first freeze. Organics are good to feed with this time of the year.
- Spraying - We need to continue our spraying program until we get our first freeze. With dew on the roses in the morning and a warm afternoon it is an ideal environment for funguses to grow. Watch for insects and treat as needed. Remember there are good bugs eating the bad bugs. Your spray will kill the good bugs as fast as the bad bugs.
- Spider mites - Those little critters are around and will do significant damage if not treated. The simple solution is to simply wash them off the roses with a water wand with good pressure. This process must be repeated for at least 3 days in a row to break their cycle. If you are going to use chemicals you must use a miticide and not an insecticide.
- Mulch - you need to be maintaining and possibly building up your mulch to be ready for winter protection. The mulch will save you on your water bill and help keep the weeds and grass from growing in your beds.
- Deadheading and Pruning - It is only a little over 6 weeks until the South Central District show. Your miniatures will take about 30 days to bloom. Your hybrid teas will need the most pruning while your shrub roses will probably only need a good deadheading. Be sure to open up the center of your bush so good air circulation is maintained. Remove any small and blind shoots that can not result in a good bloom stalk.
- It is time to start looking ahead to next year. It is not long until you need to be ordering your roses.

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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

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 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.

If you want to plant a new bed you need to prepare it this fall. Your grass killers only work when the temperature is above 70 degrees so keep that in mind. If you are going to move or rebuild some beds wait until the roses are dormant.

- If you are a member of the American Rose Society be sure to complete the 2011 Roses in Review found in a section of the July/August *American Rose* magazine. This can be done by mailing in the section from the magazine or you can go the ARS website (www.ars.org) and complete the form online. If you submit your response you will get the results from the district coordinator.
- Register and attend the South Central District Rose show in Texas during October. Many of them were kind enough to come to Tulsa last fall so we should return the favor and make a trip south. It is only about a 4 hour drive so cut some roses and take a little trip for the weekend. They have some great speakers lined up on Saturday and many beautiful gardens to tour Sunday before you head back to Oklahoma.

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First Class Mail

Peach Blueberry Cobbler (Very popular at the Ice Cream social)

Filling

4 cups peeled, chopped fresh peaches
1/2 cup (or more if you prefer) washed fresh blueberries
1/2 to 1 cup sugar (adjust the amount of sugar if the peaches are hard and not ripe enough)
3 tablespoons corn starch
1/2 cup water
2 tbsp. butter & cinnamon to taste

Mix water, sugar and corn starch in a small sauce pan. Cook until mixture comes to a boil stirring pretty well constantly over medium heat. Let boil for about 1 minute. The mixture will be very thick. Mix in the peaches with their juice and the washed blueberries. Put into a 1 and 1/2 baking dish or a pie plate. Sprinkle cinnamon over the top. Add two table-
spoons butter cut into small pieces and dot over the filling.

Crust

1 cup flour	3 tablespoons sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt	4 or 5 tablespoons shortening or butter
1 and 1/2 teaspoons baking powder	1/2 cup milk

Mix the dry ingredients. Cut the shortening or butter into the mixture until it resembles coarse meal. Add milk. Drop the sweetened biscuit dough over the filling by large tablespoon sized pieces. Sprinkle sugar on the biscuit dough for a bit of sparkle. Bake in a preheated 375 degree oven for about 30 minutes or until the dough is a golden brown and the mixture is bubbling. Serve warm with whipped cream or ice cream if desired.

Rose M. Rusnam