

The Rose Vine

Newsletter of the Greater Gwinnett Rose Society

Affiliated with the American Rose Society

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From the President

Dear Fellow Rosarians:

I had the pleasure of attending the Deep South District meeting in Lake City Florida this past



weekend. It was a wonderful gathering of friends and internationally known speakers. There were over 230 in attendance. Participating from our society were Linda Bohne, Nancy Miller, Don Schwarz, Bobbie Reed, Karen Radde,

Louise Stafford, Al Coleman, Diane Snyder and Kim Borland. A detailed article of the events is included in the newsletter.

This year is an election year for the ARS both on the National and the District level. For the first time since 1991 there are two individuals running for the office of District director. Rob Russell will be running against Oline Reynolds, the current DSD director. Our society will give both candidates the opportunity to discuss their ideas for the future of the DSD at our February (Rob) and May (Oline) meetings. These engagements will present the chance for you to ask questions regarding their ideas and plans for the DSD.

As we discussed at the January meeting we have been asked to join with the Greater Atlanta Rose Society, Northeast Georgia Rose Society and South Metro Rose Society to sponsor the 2010 Fall National Rose Show in Atlanta. Hopefully we will have concrete plans to present for member approval of the specific responsibilities of our society. Once our society approves this joint venture a formal request to host will be submitted to the Convention Committee of the ARS.

Tim Harper of GARS is looking for volunteers to staff the Southeastern Flower show February 8-12th from 9:30-1:30 and 1:30-5:30. If you participate you will receive FREE admission to the show (an \$18 value). If you are interested please email Tim at Harperooks@aol.com.

Plans are in place for Rose Day 2006 March 4th at Bogan Park. This is our big public outreach program for the year where we discuss the basics of rose growing and have lots of hands on help. If anyone has roses they are planning to remove from their beds please plan to bring them as a donation for the raffle.

If you have ordered supplies from Jim Young at Shealy's, please remember he will be bringing the products to the February meeting. If you cannot be in attendance please let Bill Belknap know. Bill is also taking rose orders for Chamblee's. We have always received excellent plants from them. They have an excellent website at www.Chambleeroses.com.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the February meeting

Susan Clingenpeel

February Meeting Update

Tuesday, February 7

7:00 pm, Gwinnett Justice & Admin Center

This month's program will feature one of our members, Bill Belknap. He will discuss the proper mulching of your roses. Mulching goes a long way towards keeping your roses looking their best. Bill has used a variety of mulching techniques and will report on what works best in our southern soil.

Don Schwarz will talk on the benefits of membership in the American Rose Society.

Rob Russell, who is a candidate running for the Deep South District Director position, will also speak on the future and direction of our district.



Dates to Remember

**February 7 – GGRS monthly meeting, 7pm,
Gwinnett Justice & Admin Center;
Shealy Order Delivery 6:30pm**

February 8-12 – Southeastern Flower Show,
World Congress Center, Atlanta

February 18-19 – Rose Festival at Hastings
Garden Center, Atlanta

March 4 – GGRS Annual Rose Day, Bogan Park,
Buford, GA (pre-empts regular GGRS
March meeting)

March 11 – Greater Atlanta RS Pruning Day at
Fernbank and Mills Magic Delivery

April 4 – GGRS monthly meeting, 7pm, Gwinnett
Justice & Admin Center

May 6 – Rose Day at Pike Family Nurseries

May 13-14 – GARS Rose Show, Atlanta
Botanical Garden



Dues Are Due!

If you have not already done so – please remember to pay your dues. Dues are \$15 for one person, or \$20 for two or more persons at the same address. Elevated dues levels are always welcome.

According to the amendments to our bylaws enacted in 2003, dues for all members are **now due in January** of each year, rather than in their anniversary month – this simplifies recordkeeping for all of us.

If you have any questions about your membership, please contact the GGRS Treasurer, Don Schwarz, 3388 Lennox Court, Lawrenceville, GA 30044, 770-979-4237, berdks@mindspring.com

A Message from your new Editor

This is the first GGRS Newsletter I have put together and it has been with tremendous assistance from Bobbie Reed.

I would first like to thank Bill Belknap, Susan Clingenpeel and Bobbie Reed who put the January Newsletter together in my absence last month.

As your Newsletter Editor, I am planning on trying a few new things for your education in and appreciation of roses. Let me know if it works for you or if I'm sinking fast. I would certainly appreciate your feedback.

My goal is to keep you informed of our local society's and surrounding societies' activities and to enrich your knowledge (and mine in the process) of roses.

I will be asking fellow members to share their favorite rose with us each month. This should help us get to know our members better and learn a little bit about a rose we may never have considered.

I'll be picking a rose source periodically, enticing you with their delectable fares and hopefully introducing you to some new and sometimes even old roses along the way.

And I'll be searching the Newsletters of other societies for information that will assist you in growing beautiful roses.

I'm looking forward to being a monthly part of your "rose life." Please bear with me as I work out the kinks of the first few newsletters.

Most Sincerely,
Nancy Miller

Shealy Order

Make sure to come to the Justice Center's parking lot at 6:30pm before the February meeting begins to pick up your Shealy items.



February In the Rose Garden

By Bill Belknap

Winter is half over and the growing season starts next month. The tasks you did not complete in January can still be done in February, but you should do them early in the month, as it will begin to warm up later.

Planting: Like January, February is also an excellent time to plant roses, but they should still be dormant, either bare root roses or container grown roses. Plant when the weather will be good and the ground is not frozen. For grafted roses set the roses with the graft union about 1½” above the ground. Dig the hole only as deep as the roots are on the plant. If you dig deeper, the soil will settle and the rose will end up being below the surrounding ground level. A good soil mixture is one part original soil, one part sand and one part compost and or decomposed manure. Since this is mostly new soil, I would add about ½ to ¾ cup of lime [but have a soil test done first! ED], and if you have clay soil, add about the same amount of gypsum.

Transplanting: You can also transplant roses. Be sure you have a good root ball and try not to disturb it while moving the rose to its new home. You will also need to reduce the canes of the plant by about half, as once transplanted the root structure will not support the original shrub. Do not wait until the end of the month to transplant, as the rose will be starting its growing season. Additional pruning may be required in early March. This will allow the rose to match the root ball better. After planting the rose, water it well. This provides moisture and also helps settle the soil. Don't be afraid to pack the soil with your hands when planting. This will help the soil to be in good contact with the roots. However, do not pack too hard as the roots also need air. Next, mulch the rose well to help protect it from winter cold and wind, but do not cover the canes. I do not have many roses and can add mulch if I feel the temperature will be too cold – in the very low 20s or teens. If you have many roses consider

mulching to cover the graft union and up several inches. Use mulch that will not compact during the winter to be sure the covered canes get plenty of air.

Spray: You still have time to apply lime-sulfur. Pick a day when the spray will have plenty of time to dry before freezing. You should do it in the early part of the month to reduce the amount of foliage and new growth that will be killed by the application of the lime-sulfur. It's best to pick a day when freezing weather is not predicted that evening. Lime sulfur may be applied to the entire plant and ground. This will help prevent disease. You can also apply a dormant oil to help control pests whose eggs will survive the winter.

Prune: Generally we do not prune in February. However, you can still cut out diseased canes and long canes which could be dehydrated with our winter winds. If you have crossing canes, one of them should be removed, as the wind can severely damage one or both of them due to rubbing in the wind.

Mulch: Maintain a good layer of mulch on your roses. This has several benefits in winter. It will help keep the soil cool during the warm spells and help prevent the roses from sprouting too early. Of course, it will also help retain needed moisture to help prevent dehydration. If we do get colder weather, be sure to add extra mulch to about 8”, especially grafted roses.

Fertilize: Although fertilizer should not be applied in winter, **we can get our soil tested** and then apply the proper amount of lime. This is a good time to do this since it will give the lime time to migrate to the roots.

Water: While we do not need moisture for growing, we still need to keep an adequate supply of moisture to help prevent dehydration. Also, be sure to water newly planted roses more often since they do not have the root structure of an established rose.

Annual pruning: February and March can be deceiving. Although it has already started to warm up, we can still get a cold snap even into March. I recommend starting pruning after the first week of



March at the earliest. We rarely get cold weather after mid-March and this will assure that we do not prune too early in the season and risk killing the rose. Most of the roses that have died in my garden have been due to a late cold snap after I had pruned too early. Also, don't forget that we do not prune one-time bloomers until after they have bloomed, since the blooms come on old growth.

2010: The Rose Odyssey Continues

By Bobbie Reed, CR

Many of our members will remember that the Greater Atlanta Rose Society hosted a national rose show and convention in 2000, with which many GGRS members assisted. It was certainly a lot of work for all involved, but it was also a lot of fun. It was gratifying to see 700 visitors come to enjoy our hospitality. Having seen conventions in nine other cities so far, I have to say we did a bang-up job! Did you know that "Roses On My Mind" even made a bit of a profit in 2000? A chunk of that money was set aside as a nest egg to host another convention.

Some of us have been talking and thinking about when and how would be the right time to do that. Increasingly, we've come to the conclusion that the right time is in 2010. That will be long enough past the first one for us all to have recovered, and soon enough that we won't have lost all the experience and expertise we gained the first time through. Not that we expect anyone to take on the same jobs again that they had in 2000 (whew)!

What we do hope to do this time is host the convention as a cooperative effort among the four rose societies in northern Georgia – Greater Atlanta, Greater Gwinnett, Northeast Georgia, and South Metro Rose Societies. We tapped all the societies' members last time, and Gwinnett, NGRS, and South Metro have had experience in working jointly to host a DSD Mid-Winter meeting in 2005. We hope that working jointly

will help to spread the workload, and the rewards.

If we want to get the convention slot we desire, it's time to get organized, and to get our application ready for the ARS Board. We'll be talking about this at upcoming meetings. GARS has begun the process, but we'll need everyone's support.

Rose of the Month

Our State Floral Emblem

By Bill Belknap

In 1916 "The Cherokee Rose" was named our state floral emblem. An English plantation owner may have imported the rose from China in 1759. It is easily propagated from cuttings and was spread rapidly both by the Cherokee Indians and by local settlers and nurseries in the South. Thomas Jefferson notes planting seeds of this rose at the northeast corner of his Nursery on April 29,



1804.

The rose has creamy white blossoms and is a single petal, somewhat fragrant rose. It's blooming period, which is only about three weeks in the spring, is spectacular. It sets hips, which are very high in Vitamin C, and has numerous prickles even on the hips. One unusual characteristic of this rose is that it has a 3 rather than a 5-leaf leaflet. It is, however, very robust and easily withstands neglect. In the proper place it can be a good rose; though it requires much space and will



grow to a height of 15 feet. It adapts to a variety of conditions and does not require spraying.

The Cherokee Rose's proper name is *Rosa laevigata*; the name given by Andre Micheaux. The 2006 handbook lists the introduction of the rose as 1759. While many rosarians in the south, especially Florida, may not grow this rose, they often use Fortuniana as a rootstock, which is a cross of *Rosa laevigata* and *Rosa banksiae*, or Lady Banks.

The common name of the rose was taken from The Cherokee Indians, who were native to Georgia. In 1838-39 the rose became associated with the march of the Cherokee Indians known as the "Trail of Tears. The legend is a rose sprang up from the tears of mothers who were unable to save their children during the forced march. However, it is more likely that the roses were spread through southern nurseries shortly before and after the Civil War.

Chamblee Rose Order

Bill Belknap is organizing a Chamblee Rose Order. This is a wonderful opportunity to purchase very healthy and beautiful roses from a proven reliable source at a discounted price.

Standard roses will be \$7.50 each (includes non-patented miniature roses), Patented roses are \$8.50 each (which includes the 2006 ARS winner, Julia Child), and David Austin roses are \$9.50 each. These prices include shipping and handling.

Bill placed the first order of 12 roses on January 25th. These roses will be due around March 16th or 17th.

Chamblee requires our orders be in increments of 12 for the discount. These roses will be potted and ready to produce lovely blooms. Please visit Chamblee Roses website at www.chambleeroses.com to view their roses. Bill will also have a few Chamblee catalogs at the February meeting for your perusal.

You can place your order request with Bill at 770-985-0467 or e-mail him at wmb1@bellsouth.net

January Meeting Recap

By Nancy Miller

Don Schwarz agreed to accept a second term as Treasurer and Rani Von Wurttemberg was voted in as Secretary for 2006. Don informed us that Pike's Nurseries Rose Day was May 6th. He would ask GARS if they would be willing to share in the contribution Pike's makes to their society since members of GGRS have been assisting with the Pike's stores in our area. Don also reminded us January is renewal month. Susan Clingenpeel announced the DSD Mid-Winter Meeting and CR School were coming up. Bobbie Reed informed us GARS is preparing to put forth a formal bid to host the 2010 Rose Show and Convention. They would like GGRS, NGRS and SMRS to cosponsor the Show and Convention. Susan thanked Bill and Mary Belknap for hosting a wonderful Christmas Party last month. Bill Belknap stated the Shealy order would be delivered at 6:30 pm before the February meeting. Deadline for the orders is 1/21. Bill also announced the Chamblee Rose Order. Susan informed us Rose Day would be March 4th and our annual Rose Show would be 10/7th and 8th, both at Bogan Park. Linda Bohne introduced our speaker, Bill Patterson from Roses Unlimited who gave a rather tantalizing and informative talk on International Roses from Roses Unlimited.

2006 DSD Winter Meeting

By Susan Clingenpeel, CR

The DSD winter meeting was held the weekend of January 20, 2006 in Lake City, FL. Aspiring designers were led in an informative workshop led by Lee Hale, Sandy Dixon and Mary Maude Sharpe. Attendees were able to enjoy the designs throughout the weekend in the lecture hall.

Tony and Alice Bracegirdle of Ramsbottom, England were special guests for the meeting. Tony is the Royal National Rose Show Amateur Champion for the past 10 years. At the Friday



evening buffet and social, he related humorous stories from many rose events.

Saturday brought many excellent lectures. Keith Zary, internationally known hybridizer, discussed the business and hybridization process at Jackson and Perkins. First, his program sets breeding objectives. For hybrid teas, the objective is to produce a “novel” rose which will have characteristics that appeal to gardeners. The second objective seeks a high center specimen. Disease resistant and fragrance is also desirable. The objective, which most surprised me, was the desire for a compact plant. Over the next several years J & P brand roses will be sold only as own-root plants (i.e. not grafted). The seedling must be able to grow well as an own root plant. J & P’s “desire” for compactness results from the need for the plants to be manageable when grown by their nursery. The company also feels the plants are more attractive to the general public at the garden centers when they are not tall or leggy. J & P markets to general gardeners, not rosarians. They believe the modern garden has less space, less time, wants low maintenance, cold hardiness, landscape friendliness and to quote Mr. Zary “not your grandmother’s roses”. In the past, J & P’s new introductions consisted of 20-30% shrubs. In 2006 the percentage is 50%. Despite the trend toward garden varieties some excellent exhibition roses have been recently produced by J & P. Veteran’s Honor and Bee’s Knees are two excellent examples. Roses on the horizon for J & P whose pictures indicated exhibition potential include Sheer Magic (Sheer Elegance x Color Magic) which will be their 2007 HT of the Year, Pope John Paul II (Secret x New Zealand) a white HT with excellent form and good fragrance and Welcome Home (Sun Goddess x O’ Sola Mio) a yellow HT with form. Garden varieties on the horizon are Moondance (Hartanna x Iceberg) AARS for 2007, Wild Thing a single pink shrub having great disease resistance, and Happy Chappy a very attractive pink single with a bright yellow eye which will be a ground cover. Mr. Zary was questioned about the tendency of J & P

to pull roses from commerce after a short period of time. He stated that it was a sales driven decision determined by the marketing department. He also discussed that sales numbers were often a governing factor in naming the rose. The red HT Caesar Chavez is in the 2006 catalog as Beloved and is now the name under which the rose must be exhibited.

Following Mr. Zary was Frank Benardella, who discussed the influence the amateur miniature hybridizers have had on the current minis and Mini-Florals on the market and the many excellent cultivars they have produced.

The final morning presentation was a panel discussion of the chilli thrip. This mite was recently found in several South Florida rose gardens. The western flower thrips we usually see in the garden occur in the spring and affect primarily the blooms as the mites suck moisture from the petals of the rose. This produces an unattractive brown line on the petals. The chilli thrips like the leaves and stems of the bush as well as the petals. They prefer the heat of summer. As a result of this overall attack more damage is done to the bush. Symptoms are described as darkening of the leaf and the leaf turning brown and very dry. Blooms on the bush may have a burnt off appearance. Most insecticides will easily kill the mite. The panel’s top choices were Merit and Conserve. The bush generally recovers once the mites are gone. The furthest north the mites have been noted is central Florida. Reports indicate they are traveling west along the Gulf coast. The potential exists for them to come into Georgia during the hotter months but they will not winter over because the minimum temperature in which they can survive is 28 degrees.

Afternoon programs were filled with more tales from Mr. Bracegirdle on his rose show antics.

A panel discussion was then held featuring top exhibitors and their picks for future top show roses. (I will write a detailed article on their suggestions for the next newsletter due to space limitations here).



Bobbie Reed, Nancy Miller and Linda Bohne after CR exam

The Saturday evening banquet honored the DSD's bronze medal winners. Our own Louise Stafford, DSD bronze medal chair, emceed this portion. Our 2005 award recipient Diane Snyder was there to accept her accolades.

The after dinner program featured Dr. Tommy Cairns, current president of the World Federation of Roses. Dr. Cairns hosted a contest entitled "How well do you know your rose partner" with four very entertaining couples.

Sunday morning brought the Consulting Rosarian School. I am proud to announce that two of our members, Linda Bohne and Nancy Miller passed the test with flying colors! Congratulations ladies for a job well done.

The meeting was outstanding and will be long remembered.

Additional Rose Resources

American Rose Society, PO Box 30,000, Shreveport, LA 71130, phone 318-938-5402. Annual dues are \$37 or \$34 for those 65 or older; a three-year membership is \$100. Associate membership for the spouse of a regular member is \$10. Membership benefits include the *American Rose Magazine*, the *American Rose Annual*, and the *Handbook for Selecting Roses*.



The American Rose Society also publishes four specialty quarterly bulletins: *Rose Exhibitors' Forum*, *OGR & Shrub Gazette*, *Mini News*, and *Rose Arranger's Bulletin* (\$15 for REF, \$10 each for the other three), to help you explore the world of roses. Website: www.ars.org

The **DSD Bulletin** is the 2003 Gold Medal-winning quarterly publication of the Deep South District of the ARS. Subscriptions are \$10 per year, or \$25 for 3 years. Mailing address: Jim & Kay Harrell, 121 Shore Rush Circle, St. Simons Island, GA 31522. DSD email: DSDbulletin@Fairmarsh.com DSD Website: www.deepsouthdistrict.org

The world is a rose, smell it and pass it to your friends.
Persian Proverb



Louise Stafford 2nd row far left; Diane Snyder, GGRS 2005 Award Receptiant 1st row 3rd from left and Oline Reynolds, 1st row far

right pose for picture with other Bronze Medal Winners after being honored at Saturday night's banquet.



GGRS Officers and Rose Help Line

The following GGRS officers and Consulting Rosarians (CR) are available to assist you with your rose questions.

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The Greater Gwinnett Rose Society, which is affiliated with the American Rose Society, meets at the Gwinnett County Justice and Administration Center, 75 Langley Drive, Lawrenceville, on the first Tuesday of most months. Membership is open to anyone interested in growing roses. Annual dues are \$15 for one person or \$20 for two people at the same address. Membership benefits include the newsletter; meetings with informative speakers and programs; and conversations with some really nice rose-growing people! Contact any officer for more information, or come to a meeting.

Renewal: All memberships are now due. If there is an error in your mailing address, please notify Don Schwarz, 3388 Lennox Ct., Lawrenceville, GA 30044

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