

THE ROSE VINE

Newsletter of the Greater Gwinnett Rose Society

Affiliated with the American Rose Society

September 2005

From the President

Dear fellow rosarians:

September marks the beginning of one of my favorite times in the garden. Although I love to see the first flush of spring blooms I think roses are by far the prettiest in the fall when the cooler temperatures allow the production of large blooms with such vivid intense color.



Everyone should have pruned back for the fall

shows and the roses should be fed one last time before allowing them to slow down for dormancy. Continue spraying regularly and consider adding daconil or rubigon into your spray regimen, which is highly effective against powdery mildew. Powdery mildew is always more of a nuisance in the fall with cooler nights.

The request has been submitted to the Lilburn Women's Club for our society to have a booth at Lilburn Days. It will be held Saturday October 9th. We can use members to answer questions and provide information about our society. We always pick up several members at this event. The following weekend is our show in conjunction with the Northeast Georgia Rose Society. We will be asking for volunteers at our September and October meetings. There are many jobs to fill. We will be selling miniature roses from Cool Roses in Florida. Nancy Miller will be chairing this committee and will have a list of varieties available if anyone is interested in preordering miniatures.

There are two items our membership needs to consider. The executive committee will be nominating and voting on a recipient for the American Rose Society Bronze Medal presented annually to a member of our society for outstanding service. If there is any member whom you feel has provided outstanding service please let one of the officers know and we will consider that individual for the award. Past recipients are Bill Belknap, Mary Coleman, Bobbie Reed and Louise Stafford. Secondly we will be discussing investing a portion of our treasury into a 1-year certificate of deposit at the bank we currently use. We received our portion of the profits from hosting the Deep South District Spring meeting recently. The executive committee has met and concluded that since there are no immediate society expenses, an investment would be a prudent use of the funds for a one year time period.

Susan

Refreshments this month provided by Rosie Tripp

Dates to Remember

September 6: GGRS monthly meeting, 7 pm, Gwinnett County Justice Center

September 29 – October 2 – ARS National Show and Convention, Memphis, TN Barbara Olive, (901)-385-9759 barbsroses@evl.net

October 4: GGRS monthly meeting, 7 pm Gwinnett County Justice Center

October 21 – 23: Deep South District Show and Convention. Augusta, GA Marcia Faglier (706)595-7964 mfaglier@aug.edu

September Meeting Update

Tuesday, September 6th
Gwinnett Justice & Administration Center

“Victoria, the garden state of Australia”

Julie Morris, from the Northeast Georgia Rose Society, will be our guest speaker. She will give us a tour of the informal gardens in her home state of Victoria, Australia and talk about the state rose garden in Werribee. She will also present some general background information on geography and the climate.

She has lived in the Untied States for thirty years, working as a research science associate. Home has always been the southern state of Victoria...in areas surrounding Melbourne, where she visits family every year.

Come join us to see rose gardens from another country and to learn if there is any difference from growing them in Australia vs. the United States.

September

In The Rose Garden

By Bobbie Reed, CR

Observe – What's happening in *your* garden? As I look around my garden in late August, it's hard to believe that this ratty collection of leafless and blackspot-ridden bushes has any potential for beauty. But September is a month of change; as temperatures moderate, roses begin to flourish, and produce the lush new growth that will nourish their fall flush of blooms. Our job now is to give them the help they need to make that transformation.

Water – Roses need lots of water to produce all those blooms we're looking forward to. While we're still getting lots of "popcorn" thundershowers, we may not be getting the rainfall we need in our own garden. Check your

rain gauge often, and be ready with supplemental water any time you haven't had substantial rainfall in a week.

Feed – Roses are like children – they need to be fed, but they'll consume all kinds of food, from junk to gourmet. If you use a granular fertilizer, Labor Day is your last chance to feed. It's also not too late to apply organic fertilizers. But "fast food" – liquid fertilizers – can be fed every other week from now through early October, and your roses will appreciate any of these. To get the most out of the fall flush of roses, you may want to change to a 10-50-10 formula near the end of September.

Spray – Blackspot continues to be a problem, but we'll also have to deal with powdery mildew as cooler, high-humidity evenings return. Keep spraying - you can only prevent fungal diseases, you can't cure them. If you have an active problem with blackspot, try spraying twice a week for two or three weeks, then resume your regular weekly spray schedule. If you plan to spray in the morning, you won't need to worry about our evening thunderstorms washing the spray off your bushes, or washing out your spray date entirely.

Deadhead & Cut Back – To stimulate fall blooms, this is the time to cut back bushes by about one-fourth. On average, it takes six weeks from this pruning until new blooms appear, but look at the pruning list in this issue for more detailed information for your roses. The new growth that appears after this pruning will produce healthier foliage now and bigger, more colorful, more satisfying blooms in October. Continue deadheading until the end of September.

Enjoy – September is *my* favorite month of the summer, as the heat relents and roses perk up. I can finally leave the air conditioning to enjoy the renewal of the rose garden!



A Visit to the Garden of Kim Borland

By Bobbie Reed, CR

On a rainy summer day in Gwinnett, I had the chance to visit Kim Borland's garden for the first time. The first thing I learned is that she has been driving a very long way to our meetings, past Rabbittown and Gainesville – far enough that the rain had cleared when I got there.

Kim has lived at her present home on a hill in Clermont for 15 years, after growing up in the area. She shares 5 acres and a rambling country house with her husband Lewis, daughters Becky and Mandy, and a menagerie including dogs Chunky, Izzy, and Darby, cat Otis, bird Bunny, and a python named Cherokee. Kim works as a nurse in Gainesville.

Her love affair with roses began 10 years ago, when she was given a *Peace* rose bush for Mother's Day. As she says, "It kind of snowballed from there." She selects roses for color and form, and has mostly hybrid teas. Her rose garden is modest in size – just enough roses so that she can tend them easily when she gets home from work. And when work is stressful, she finds the roses therapeutic.

Her roses are indeed lovely, as the accompanying photos show. She likes purples, like *Blue Girl* and *Stainless Steel*, and bright reds, yellows, and oranges, like *Hot Cocoa*, *Sunset Celebration*, *Honey Dijon*, and *St. Patrick*. She has both old favorites, like *Tropicana* and *Double Delight*, and newer exhibition favorites like *Rina Hugo* and *Veteran's Honor*. She also cares for her mother's roses, which include several *Knock Outs*, *Fire & Ice* (which she says is absolutely gorgeous), and *Full Sail*.

In addition to taking in stray animals, Kim adopts stray plants, and nurses them back to health.

Some are potted plants, but there is also a long strip of daylilies along one side of her yard that were "passed along" to her. As she stands on her long front porch, she talks about the way she wants to develop her gardens. She's interested in adding climbers and shrubs and old garden roses, and has encouraged her neighbors add some roses to their yard, too.

Kim joined the Greater Gwinnett Rose Society in July 2002, and joined the American Rose Society a year or so later. By now, she's ready to move on to the next level of membership, and decided it was time to become a Consulting Rosarian. So she searched out a CR school in South Carolina this summer, and passed the test. That makes Kim our newest Consulting Rosarian.

She has plans, too – she's really ready to talk to a lot of folks in her community about adding roses to their gardens, to show them that roses can be a beautiful addition to their gardens. Meanwhile, she says she doesn't get many rose visitors, and would be glad to see more of us!



Kim and her *Hot Cocoa's*

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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 in January. If there is an error in your mailing address, please notify **Don Schwarz**; 3388 Lennox Ct.; Lawrenceville, GA 30044

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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*. **For a limited time, new members may join at a reduced rate of \$32 per year, and will also receive a free rose from Nor'East 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.

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Dues

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.

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.

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Blue Girl from Kim Borland's garden