

# The Rose Vine

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## From the President

### Dear Fellow Rosarians:

Rose gardens seem to start a new life when the cool fall temperatures arrive. Blooms are larger with concentrated color. Throughout the year Mother Nature has been stingy with rainfall. Hopefully more rain will come our way.

Late summer pruning is an excellent time to evaluate the bushes in the garden and remove the ones that are not working well for us. Bill Belkap will coordinate our Chamblee fall rose order for members and will order additional roses that can be purchased at the October 4-5 GGRS/NGRS Rose Show. Contact Bill for more information or to place an order (770-985-0467.)

The fall rose shows are just around the corner. Everyone should have pruned back their roses in anticipation of having roses for the October show or to share with others. Continue to feed roses through the end of September before allowing them to slow down going into winter. Continue spraying regularly and consider adding *Immunox* or *Eagle* or *Rubigan* to your spray routine to prevent powdery mildew, which can develop in the rose garden as evening temperatures cool.

The Rose Show Committee continues to work hard to make sure the rose show goes smoothly on October 4-5 at Bogan Park. Volunteers are still needed to help Friday at set-up and/or Sunday at takedown, to clerk for a judging team, or to water roses in vases during the show. You don't need to be an exhibitor to do many of these jobs. Clerking is a wonderful way to see all the beautiful roses and hear the judges' opinions as to why that rose is a great rose. It is a wonderful learning experience. Contact Nancy Miller (770-963-6490) or Kim Borland (770-983-1806) to volunteer. There are also many beautiful trophies which can be sponsored for as little as \$15. Checks are payable to Greater Gwinnett Rose Society (GGRS); write the name of the award being underwritten on the check, and give or mail it to the treasurer, Kim Borland, at 6705 Mountain Meadow Dr., Clermont, GA 30527.

Photographer Bill Mahan, the guest speaker for the August program, shared excellent tips and techniques on how to improve our photography. Hopefully we can add that information to our photography skills and take advantage of these newfound skills to enter your great photos in our rose photography section at the show.

Mark your calendar for a special evening: September 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Collins Hill Library. Bobby Burns is back by popular demand, with a workshop on budding roses. This will be a hands-on experience. See additional information in the newsletter. I hope many of our members will be able to attend.

Don Schwarz and Louise Stafford agreed to serve as the nominating committee to look for officers for next year. Thanks to both of them for taking on this task. If you are asked to serve, please say yes.

It is time for members to submit nominations for the American Rose Society Bronze Honor Medal for 2008. This medal is presented annually to a member of our society for outstanding service. If there is a member who you feel should receive this award, please give the name to one of the officers. Past recipients, who are not eligible again, include Bill Belknap, Linda Bohne, Susan Clingenpeel, Mary Coleman, Bobbie Reed, Diane Snyder, and Louise Stafford.

Updated GGRS membership phone directories were distributed to members at the last meeting. Thanks to Bobbie Reed and Don Schwarz for making

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the copies. Notify Linda Bohne if changes need to be made to your contact information. The phone directory will not be mailed. Copies will be available at the September meeting.

Remember the deadline for Roses in Review (RIR) is Friday, September 26. You do not need to be an American Rose Society (ARS) member to participate. Your input is needed – (<http://www.stsrv.com/rir/rirsplsh.htm>).

I hope everyone's roses are continuing to do well with recent rains. See you in September.

*Linda Bohne, CR*

## GGRS September Meeting Tuesday, September 2nd, 7:00pm

**Collins Hill Public Library,  
455 Camp Perrin Road, Lawrenceville**

### *Workshop on Grafting & Budding Roses*

Join us to hear and learn and do. Yes, Bobby Burns is back by popular demand to help us DO budding. That's right, this is a hands-on meeting. So, bring a sharp knife that has a really short blade. Bring a small pot, about a gallon size. And, bring some rose material to graft. Or, if there is a rose you want, ask the owner for some cuttings, as it is time for pruning.

Because blades are essential to your work, we cannot meet at our regular room at GJAC. We are meeting at Collins Hill Public Library, 455 Camp Perrin Road, Lawrenceville, 30043-2408. You can find more info about the library at <http://www.gwinnettpl.org/AboutYourLibrary/HoursAndLocations/Branches/BranchLocationCollinsHill.html>. You may remember that we met there in June.

Bobby is a member of the South Metro Rose Society and is a Consulting Rosarian. He has a fabulous collection of unusual roses, which he grows at his mother's home in Griffin. Bobby has been a rose hybridizer for ten years and has been grafting roses for almost as long. In his spare time, he teaches English at Georgia State. Come to the meeting to bud roses. Bring (or ask someone to bring) along some roses you would like to bud. This is a workshop!

*Don Schwarz, CR*

## Dates to Remember

**September 2**—GGRS monthly meeting, Bobby Burns with a *Workshop on Grafting & Budding Roses* at the Collins Hill Library

**October 4-5**—GGRS/NGRS Rose Show, Buford, GA  
**October 10-12**—DSD Convention & Rose Show, Birmingham, AL

**November 4**—GGRS monthly meeting at Christ the Lord Lutheran Church, Lawrenceville

**December 14**—Christmas/Holiday Party, at Susan Clingenpeel's home

**January 6**—GGRS monthly meeting

## September Hospitality

**Julie Morris** will provide this month's refreshments. Remember, you need only bring the food. Diane Snyder will provide drinks, ice, plates, cups, forks, spoons, etc.

If you signed up for refreshments this year, look for your name here each month as a reminder.

## September In the Rose Garden

By Bill Belknap

Hope you have received a little relief from the drought and with September hopefully cooler weather and more rain will return. With the Rose Show coming up early next month it would be really nice if we received a little rain for the blooms. Also, remember to maintain your spray program for disease-susceptible roses.

**Prune:** If you have not deadheaded and pruned your roses for fall and the rose show, do it as soon as you can. It's OK to cut back even though there is new growth as the rewards will be even better for the show. As always remove diseased, weak, broken and crossing canes to maintain the health of the rose.

**Fertilize:** Fertilize your roses if you have not already done so and be sure and try and water them well after applying the fertilizer. It is best to use a good organic or a fertilizer with micronutrients. After fertilizing mulch the roses to a depth of two to three



inches to help retain moisture and to replenish the humus in the soil as the hot weather reduces the humus in the soil. If you can, apply a liquid fertilizer every other week after applying your dry fertilizer. This will help your roses reach their peak. Alfalfa and manure teas, fish emulsion, liquid seaweed, and other liquid fertilizers can be used both alone and in combination.

**Spray:** With the hot summer weather, we need to maintain our spray program for fungus. As the weather cools, watch out for powdery mildew. If you have much blackspot or mildew, you can apply fungicides more often such as two to three times per week for a couple of weeks. This should bring the fungus under control. Morning is the best time to apply fungicides, as it is cooler and usually not windy. There is also plenty of dry time. It is best to have watered the roses before applying fungicides.

Watch for mites. If you have only a few, you can use Insecticidal Soap or a strong spray of water. But if it is worse, consider a good miticide such as *Avid* or *Floramite*. To combat mites you will need to do repeated applications so check every few days. Budworms can also eat holes in maturing buds. *Bacillus thuringiensis* (BT) is most effective and only attacks caterpillars and worms.

As always be sure to follow the manufacturer's directions and wear the proper clothing. Using a respirator is highly recommended, and wash thoroughly after spraying.

**Water:** If you fertilize, try to be sure you provide sufficient water. With less rain this is a time when organic fertilizers work best. A good layer of mulch will also help retain the moisture level in the soil. It is okay to occasionally water the entire shrub including the leaves, but be sure there is adequate time for the leaves to dry.

**Enjoy:** Hopefully, September will bring rain and cooler weather and our roses will start to perk up and give us the display we look forward to each fall.

## Preserving the Perfect Rose

By Bobbie Reed, *Consulting Rosarian*

We all agree that roses are beautiful, right? But not every rose is as beautiful as the next, and a rose is not equally beautiful for every moment it exists. We see that in rose shows. So how do we preserve a rose at its most beautiful moment of perfection? With a

photograph! This year we'll have the opportunity to compete with our photos, as well as our roses, at the Greater Gwinnett/Northeast Georgia Rose Show on October 4-5 at Bogan Park. I'm not going to tell you how to take a perfect picture – that's what Bill Mahan showed us at the August meeting. But I'd like to share a few tips to make your photo compete better, which will also help with your entries for the DSD Photo Competition next year.

Look at your own photos, and compare them with photos in magazines and books, to see which ones you like best. Don't have a photo that inspires you today? You've still got a month to find that great image. It doesn't have to be your rose, or from your garden – so look around, there's a beautiful rose somewhere (not a florist rose, please). This might be a good time to visit the gardens at the Fernbank rose garden, or the garden of a friend.

'Way back when, a common photographers' motto was, "the cheapest piece of equipment in your camera bag is film – so use it!" Nowadays you're probably taking digital photos, but the principle is the same – take lots of pictures, from lots of angles and distances, with different lighting and backgrounds and exposures, to get the best photo.

- Take some photos aiming straight into the center of the rose, some looking into the center at an angle, some from the side.
- Take some photos early in the morning, some at midday, and some in the evening. These variations in lighting can be much more interesting than a flash exposure.
- Get close to the rose. When in doubt, the rose *bloom* should cover half or more of the finished image; you could crop the image later while printing it, but it's better to crop in the viewfinder to preserve detail in the image.
- While you're getting close to the rose to take a photo, make sure it's a good rose – insect damage or disease or dirt (on bloom or foliage) will be enlarged and will detract from the photo. Brown or black stamens on an old flower aren't pretty, either. Neaten up the bloom if you need to.
- Make sure the bloom is in sharp *focus* – if possible brace the camera on a tripod or ledge while you take the photo, to ensure that the camera is rock steady. Sometimes my



camera produces focused leaves, but a blurry bloom – so look closely at your images!

- Watch what's in the background. A bright spot is distracting; so are blackspotted leaves, weeds, dirt, or someone's hand.
- Backgrounds that contrast with the rose are preferred, to make the rose stand out; that could be sky or a black card or fabric, or better yet, a shadowy, out-of-focus area in your garden.
- A little dew on the rose may be pretty, but don't add your own water, and don't drown the poor thing. Judges don't like it.
- Photographers also use a "rule of thirds" – in essence, don't put the point of interest dead center in the frame. Try moving around the rose to find the most interesting way to frame it.

Finally, if you don't enter you can't win. We have relatively few rules in this show, and it's a great chance to share your rose photos with the public. So please, look at your photos, pick out a few good ones, and enter.

There are just four classes this fall – one bloom, two or more blooms, an extreme close-up (abstract), and a garden scene. You can enter two photos per class. Each must be an 8x10" enlargement, on a white 11x14" mat (check craft and discount stores for inexpensive mats). No Photoshop manipulation of images, please! You'll be asked to name the rose on the entry tag, but photos won't be disqualified if you don't know the rose's name. Entries are due at 8am on October 4 at Bogan Park. If you have questions, be sure to contact Diane Snyder at 770-985-8861, or [roberthsnyder@msn.com](mailto:roberthsnyder@msn.com).

### Division III – Rose Photography

#### Rules for Exhibitors

1. All entries must be received no later than 8 a.m. on Saturday, October 4, 2008. Entries may not be removed before 4 p.m. on Sunday, October 5, 2008.
2. All photographs must include roses. Roses must have been outdoor-grown (i.e., not florists' roses) and of good quality; the exhibitor need not have grown them.
3. The photograph must be the work of the exhibitor. Matting, mounting, and printing may be done professionally.

4. Exhibitors are limited to two entries per photography class, a maximum of eight entries. Entries may not have won awards at previous Northeast Georgia/Gwinnett Rose Society rose shows or in American Rose Society or Deep South District photography contests.
5. Each entry must be labeled on the back with the exhibitor's name, and the top of the photograph must be indicated. The exhibitor's name must not appear on the front of the exhibit.
6. A standard ARS (horticulture) entry tag must accompany each entry, showing the name of the rose. If the rose is not registered with ARS or its name is unknown, the exhibitor may indicate the name by which the rose is known to him/her.
7. Photographs must be 8"x10", mounted or window-matted (with photo affixed to mat), on 11x14" **white** mats. No frames, glass, plastic, or frame clips are allowed.
8. Cropping of an image is permitted in all classes. No other image manipulation is permitted.
9. One blue, red, yellow, and white ribbon may be awarded in each class. Keeper awards will be awarded to the blue-ribbon entry in each class.

### Scorecard

<b>Conformance to class and rules:</b>	10 points
<b>Creativity:</b>	30 points
<b>Composition</b> (includes Principles of Design):	25 points
<b>Technical Merit</b> (includes Exposure, Color, and Presentation):	20 points
<b>Distinction:</b>	15 points
<b>TOTAL POINTS:</b>	100 points

### DIVISION III – PHOTOGRAPHY

Class 1 – *A single rose bloom.* The rose need not be a registered variety or at any particular degree of openness, but should be of good quality. A rose with unopened side buds may be included in this class.

Class 2 – *Two or more rose blooms.* The roses need not be registered varieties or at any particular degree of openness, but should be of good quality.

Class 3 – *A close-up (macro) image* of a rose, or of some part of a bloom or rose plant. Think abstract!

Class 4 – *A garden scene* that includes roses.

## STRUT THOSE ROSES!

By Nancy Miller, *Consulting Rosarian*

Hopefully your rose bushes have survived the gusting winds and torrential downpours of the remnants of Fay. If so, they will probably be *happy campers* for the next few weeks. I was fortunate enough to get my fall pruning in prior to the rains. Now I'll be set if I can get a dose of fertilizer on the bushes before the next rain. Then, you got it; I'm thinking gorgeous, rich colored, large petaled fall blooms. And as Co-Chair with Kim Borland of the upcoming GGRS/NGRS Fall Rose Show you know where I want to take those babies!

Yes indeed, it's time to let our roses "strut their stuff" for any and all who come to see the Show. What better way to expand the interest in our favorite flower? If you have roses, please consider exhibiting them in the Show. We've added a few classes that will include more gardens—the EarthKind roses and a Fun Bouquet. I'm really excited the public will get a chance to see EarthKind roses on the tables. I can't wait until we can tell them how easy they are to grow and point to the EarthKind bushes outside the exhibit hall on both sides of the entrance to Bogan Park's office. So, if you're growing the EarthKind roses, please consider cutting a few and entering them in the show if for nothing else, a chance for the public to see the great variety of easy growing, disease tolerant roses. And don't forget the photography class. See Bobbie Reed's article in this month's *The Rose Vine*.

The Show will be October 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> at Bogan Park in Buford. Come exhibit your roses, help set-up, man the show and takedown the show or just come and look at the pretty flowers! It's a fun time to be with your rose friends and it's amazing what you will learn at these shows. We hope to see you there. For more information, call Nancy at 770-963-6490 or Kim at 770-983-1806.

## Compost made Easy and Easier

By Bill Belknap

I have tried for over 30 years to make good compost. Much of the time the results were disappointing. However, I now utilize two composting methods, which provide the needed humus for the garden. I use it to replenish organic matter and when

planting perennials, annuals, shrubs and as well as for mulching. One method I have been using for over 25 years works very well with minimal effort - sheet composting. The other method I have only been successful for about the last ten years - putting organic matter in a bin and waiting and waiting and hoping it will turn into compost. I'll describe both, as they are equally effective.

I learned about sheet composting from an article in "Organic Gardening" about 30 years ago. Basically, sheet composting is done by putting organic matter in contact with the soil to decompose it into compost. The article modified this slightly by doing sheet composting in vegetable garden paths using wide-row planting. To help increase the depth of the planting beds the soil in the paths was removed and added to the planting rows. I use this method in my vegetable garden which I till once a year in the spring. Basically, I use wide rows for planting vegetables, which provides the minimum amount of paths. In order to increase the depth and richness of the soil I dig the paths out and put the soil I remove on the planting beds. I also try and go a little deeper each year to improve the depth of the soil. After digging out the path I am left with a trench about 10 to 14 inches deep. This I fill with organic matter. Some of the matter I may get from removing the organic matter that did not decompose over the winter, but most times I just utilize all the organic debris from removing annuals, from dead organic matter from perennials, but mostly from weeding. I put very few leaves in the paths not because they do not make good compost, but because I use the leaves to make compost in bins, which I'll describe later. Over the spring, summer and fall all organic matter except twigs and branches from shrubs and trees is put on the paths. Unfortunately the result does not make for a very tidy garden, but it does provide excellent humus. It is amazing to me how fast the piles of organic matter decompose taking only two to three weeks to reduce to about the original depth. This year I have added organic matter from kitchen scraps. The only catch is I found I need to cut up the rinds of oranges and grapefruits in order to have them break down quickly. In the spring I also collect grass clippings since they contain many seeds, which I do not want to leave on the lawn. The grass also helps make for a neater garden. Having done this all spring, summer and fall I am left with a path of organic matter for next year. In the spring I till the garden to mix in



the new compost and then redig the paths and start over. This should significantly improve the garden soil every year, and, therefore, improve the productivity of the garden and its ability to retain moisture. Note that I also mulch the garden well. The mulch is also tilled into the garden soil.

The next method - getting compost from compost bins - I admit although I have tried for over 30 years to get good compost this way I have only been successful for about the past 10 years. I have used bins made from wood, 2" x 4" mesh and by 1/2" hardware cloth. I found after years of unsuccessful attempts that there is one secret for getting good compost. I use 3' high 1/2" hardware cloth so that I can more easily dig the compost out of the bin. I purchase the hardware cloth in 25' rolls which I cut in half making two bins about 4' in diameter. I use five to six small pieces of insulated solid copper wire (12 or 14 gauge), which I twist to hold the hardware cloth in place. This makes for a very fast, inexpensive method to make the bins and they are not permanent. I have also found that it is not necessary to use "green" and "brown" ingredients, although using green ingredients speeds up the process. The fall is the main time for building up the compost bins from leaves. The secret, at least for me, is to reduce the leaves using a mulching mower. I spread several bags of leaves on my driveway and then run the mulching mower over them several times. This reduces the size of the material significantly and allows the pile to contain a significant amount of air. The mulched leaves can then be put into bins to make compost in about 9 - 12 months. The height of the material will be about one-third of the original.

In addition to going over the leaves with a mower, I also use a Chipper-Shredder, which makes for a more even particle size. This is not necessary, but probably speeds decomposition some. The chipper-shredder also allows me to run branches from trees and shrubs to about 1/4" particles or less. All of the branches from shrubs and trees in my yard and those of my neighbors go into the shredder on its finest setting which has about 3/8" holes. In general, I keep autumn leaf matter in a separate bin from the material, which includes branches. This makes for two kinds of compost. I have tried just piling organic matter in a bin and it did not work at least in the year or more I would allow it to produce compost. Grass clippings by themselves also do not easily decompose. I suspect this is due to the lack of air and water, which is required for

decomposition. I have, however, layered grass with leaves to make excellent compost. By making the particles fine I have found that compost can be made in from 9 to 12 months without turning.

I like the compost made from branches of shrubs and trees as well as just from just leaves. The leaf compost is rich and almost like loam while the compost from the branches has both a fine texture and some less fine particles from the wood which has not broken down yet. The latter I find helps aerate the soil in addition to providing humus. It is difficult to turn the pile in these bins so I do not. I have also used a few other techniques to help improve or speed up decomposition. I try to have the material around the edges of the bins slightly higher than the rest. This allows the bin to collect rainwater. The edge should be minimal in width to allow water to get to most of the organic matter. I have also found it is a good practice to put a layer of leaves on the pile. This helps to insure that all the debris breaks down, even at the top of the pile and helps to retain moisture. I will also add water when possible to aid decomposition. Water is a very necessary ingredient. I also now both sprinkle a little alfalfa every six inches while adding to the pile as well as emptying the left over alfalfa from making alfalfa tea. Note that by combining both of these compost methods I retain all organic matter except from roses because of the potential for fungal disease.

Good luck with either of the techniques. Happy composting.

## Pruning at the Park

By Nancy Miller, *Consulting Rosarian*

EarthKind roses don't need a great deal of maintenance, but a good August cleaning will give you many rewards in the fall. Bill Belknap, Nancy Miller, Bobbie Reed and Don Schwarz gave the two rose beds we maintain at Bogan Park a good cleaning Friday August 15<sup>th</sup>. We gave the roses a light pruning, some weeding (does an child's athletic shoe count as a weed?) and a bit of organic fertilizer. The park's grounds staff was planning to mulch the roses after we left. Come fall, especially in time for the Rose Show October 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, the bushes will be rewarding us with their many beautiful blooms. Thanks to those who made this happen. (See picture on back page.)

**Roses in Review deadline is:  
September 26, 2008**

## August Meeting Recap

The meeting was called to order by the President Linda Bohne. Sixteen members and two guests attended.

**New phone directory** was distributed.

**Environmental Soil handout** was distributed.

**Change in meeting locations** - September meeting will be at the Collins Hill library with a workshop on budding of roses. There will be no meeting in October. November meeting will be back at the Christ the Lord Lutheran Church. Christmas party in December will be at Susan Clingenpeel's again this year.

**Rose Show** will be on October 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> at Bogan Park. Bobbie is working on the schedule. There will be two new classes this year for EarthKind roses and for Fun Bouquet. Members were asked to help with underwriting of the awards. Need members on Friday at noon to help with setup. Also need help with clerking, placement, takedown in break rooms, arrangement of a couple bouquets, sponsorship of the show, and Sunday takedown. The theme is "Songs of Autumn". Members are encouraged to submit entries for the photography contest. Naming of roses is not required. The photography classes include single rose, spray, close up, and garden scene. We will be selling EarthKind roses instead of miniatures this year.

**Deadhead day at Bogan Park** is August 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM. Members were invited to help with the deadheading of the roses at the park.

**Chamblee Roses order** - We will be ordering roses again from Chamblee. Chamblee requires orders to be in multiples of 12. Roses will be delivered at the rose show.

**Nominating committee** - Louise Stafford and Don Schwarz volunteered

**Roses in Review** - Members were encouraged to submit evaluations. You don't have to be an ARS member. Last year the Deep South lost first place in submissions by only 12 votes. Maybe we can beat them this year!

**Program** - Bill Mahan spoke on the topic of "Improving your Rose Photography". He showed

several beautiful photos of roses from Louise Stafford's garden.

**Thank you** to Sonya and Mikhail Shames for the evening's refreshments.

**Next meeting** - Tuesday September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 at Collins Hill Library.

*Submitted by Rosie Tripp, Secretary*

## Upcoming Rose Shows and Conventions

**Oct. 4-5**—GGRS/NGRS Rose Show, Bogan Park, Buford, GA

**Oct. 10-12**—DSD Convention & Rose Show, Birmingham, AL

*No occupation is so delightful to me as the  
culture of the earth, and no culture  
comparable to that of the garden.*

*Thomas Jefferson*

Submitted by Rani Von Wurttemberg

## Additional Rose Resources

**American Rose Society**, PO Box 30,000, Shreveport, LA 71130, phone 318-938-5402. Annual dues are \$49 Individual, \$62 Joint, \$46 Senior (65+), \$59 Senior Joint, \$10 Youth and a three-year membership is \$140 Individual.

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. ARS Website: [www.ars.org](http://www.ars.org)



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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 Kim Borland.**

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**The annual fall pruning at Bogan Park. From left, Bill Belknap, Nancy Miller & Don Schwarz. Photo by the fourth pruner—Bobbie Reed.**