

The Rose Vine

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From the President

Dear Fellow Rosarians:

The summer heat is gradually diminishing and the cooler day and night temperatures are welcomed by many people and plants. Soon, if not already, new colors will show on the trees – hues of golden yellows, oranges, and reds – wherever we look. Fall has arrived! Overall temperatures and rainfall were better than last year. However, there is still a long way to go to recover from these drought conditions. Hopefully in the months to come, rain will continue to come our way.

The roses seem to do better during this time of year. It is their last performance before winter. Blooms are larger, colors brighter, and they seem to last longer too. October seems to be one of the busier months of the year with lots of outdoor activities and naturally, fall rose shows.

The GGRS Fall Rose Show is October 4th and 5th at Bogan Park in Buford, GA. Roses are what make the show. Lots of blooms are needed. I would like to encourage you to bring your roses for the public to enjoy and admire. Several exhibitors can help you if it is your first time. There is a class everyone can enter. Volunteers are always welcomed, too, for the many jobs there are in putting on the show. Contact Nancy Miller at 2manyroses@bellsouth.net or Kim Borland at kim.borland@yahoo.com for job openings. If you are unable to exhibit or volunteer, please do stop by to see the beautiful display of roses and listen to the speakers.

A good number of members attended the September meeting to hear Bobby Burns give more tips on how to bud roses and demonstrate the procedure. Bobbie Reed and Susan Clingenpeel tried their hand at the technique. It is such an interesting topic. I am sure most of you would agree with me that Bobby could have

talked for another hour or so and had a longer workshop.

The nominating committee (Don Schwarz and Louise Stafford) have listed the slate of officers for 2009 in this issue of the newsletter since there is not an October meeting. Please take a look at the candidates. Since November 4th is Election Day, we will have our election at the November 4th meeting at Christ the Lord Lutheran Church, Lawrenceville. Please mark this location change on your calendar. Installation of officers will take place at the Christmas party on December 14th. Thank you to Don and Louise for serving on the nominating committee this year.

Thanks go to Bill Belknap for coordinating the member's fall rose order and for ordering roses for the Fall Rose Show from Chamblee.

I will be attending the Deep South District Fall Convention and Rose Show October 10-12 in Birmingham, AL. The convention is titled "*Experience the Magic*" and will be held at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens. I look forward to seeing friends and meeting new Rosarians. Come join us for the Rose Show and BBQ luncheon on October 4th. Enjoy the fall season. See you at the Rose Show and the November 4th meeting.

Linda Bohne, CR

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GGRS October Meeting

With the rose show at Bogan Park on October 4 and 5, there is **NO MEETING** this month. Come help out on the afternoon of Friday the 3rd to set up the show or any time Saturday or Sunday to help out (volunteers are always needed!) or just to see the roses. See the rose show information on page 3 of the newsletter.

Don Schwarz, CR

Dates to Remember

October 3—Set up for Rose Show at Bogan Park, Buford beginning at 12:00pm
October 4-5—GGRS/NGRS Rose Show, Bogan Park, Buford, GA
 October 10-12—DSD Convention & Rose Show, Birmingham, AL
 November 4—GGRS monthly meeting at Christ the Lord Lutheran Church, Lawrenceville. *Eden Bioscience products presentation (Messenger)*
December 14—Christmas/Holiday Party, at Susan Clingenpeel's home
January 6—GGRS monthly meeting at GJAC. *Dr. Bruce Gillett-Rose related medical topics*
January 16-18—DSD Midwinter meeting, Tallahassee, FL

Welcome New Member

A special welcome to our new member *Charles Baumracker of Cumming*. We are very pleased to have you as a part of our dynamic society. We look forward to seeing you at the meetings and hope your association with GGRS helps you grow in knowledge and enjoyment of your roses. Please feel free to ask us any questions you may have about growing your roses.

A note to new members: Please pick up a copy of the Greater Gwinnett Rose Society – The Basics of Rose Culture For Our New Members manual from Linda Bohne at your next meeting as we will not be mailing them. This manual is packed with information on growing roses especially in the South with our clay soil and humid weather.

October In the Rose Garden

By Bill Belknap

While the hot weather is behind us the drought continues. Please follow our watering restrictions. Cooler weather will also help produce great blooms on many of our roses. It's also now time to assess our garden and look at what we would like to add or change and to cut the beautiful blooms for your friends and home and, of course, the Rose Show, Oct 4 and 5, at Bogan Park.

Prune: We need to stop pruning in early October. Pruning encourages the rose to put on new growth and with winter approaching most new growth will be killed by the freezing weather. It is OK to prune diseased and dead canes; crossing canes should also be removed or cut back especially if they could be whipped around in the wind during the winter.

Fertilize: You can fertilize your roses with liquid fertilizers about every two weeks, but only through mid October because winter is approaching. Do not apply dry fertilizers, as we need to stop encouraging growth over the long term.

Spray: Continue to maintain your spray program for fungal disease. Blackspot is still present and powdery mildew can occur with cooler weather. Also, watch out for thrips especially in your yellow or paler roses. Thrips can be treated with Insecticidal soap, *Cygon* or *Orthene*, every two to three days until they are under control. As always be sure to follow the manufacturer's directions and wear the proper clothing. Using a respirator is highly recommended, change and wash thoroughly after spraying.

Water: Our roses are still growing and,



therefore, still need adequate moisture. If you do not receive sufficient rain, you should provide needed moisture, 2-3 gallons for small roses and 4-5 gallons for larger roses such as hybrid teas. This will also help insure the rose is ready for winter. When watering, always water well and avoid just sprinkling, but be sure and follow any watering restrictions for your area. Note that many roses will easily survive on less water, though they may not bloom as much.

Observe: This is a great time of year as our roses put on the last show before winter. Look over your garden and see what you like and don't like and what needs changing. - Don't forget the Rose Show. Even if you do not bring any roses stop by to see all the beautiful roses as you may get to see something you would like in your own garden.

Rose of the Month

By Kim Borland, *Consulting Rosarian*

Whew !!!

Rose season 2008 is almost over. By my calculations, beginning around March 1st, I have watered 148 times, deadheaded 46 times, sprayed 28 times, fertilized about 15 times, and mulched 3 times.

I added 30 new bushes to my garden this year. As most of you saw when you were here for the picnic, I am in the process of expanding my garden significantly. While doing so there were days that I donned work gloves and headed out doors by 8am, got so involved in the raking, digging, hauling and sweating, next thing I knew it was already 4pm. So, I'll admit on days like that with the heat index up around 100 degrees, the only word that describes it is **WORK!**

I've asked myself more than once "why do I subject my self to this...it's only a *hobby*". My neighbor has a hobby, she grows orchids. They are nicely planted in containers sitting prettily on her bay window. They stay indoors, where it's cool and comfy'. We grow roses, our backs hurt,

our fingers have blisters from pruning and clipping, and the scratches on my arms look as if I've wrestled a mountain lion.

All this is going through my mind as I'm working with a particularly



Fragrant Cloud, photo courtesy of Jackson and Perkins

fragrant Hybrid Tea rose named appropriately 'Fragrant Cloud'. Introduced in 1963, by a German gentleman by the name of Mathias Tantau. A lovely tall upright bush, with dark green foliage producing enormous coral-orange blooms that have the most heavenly fragrance imaginable. A particular bloom causes me to pause for a minute and look. It's about 4" across; color vibrant, petals symmetrically framing a pinpoint spiral center, no spots or insect damage anywhere to be seen. It is truly a site to behold, indeed the *perfect rose*. I then realize *this is why I do it*. Something this beautiful could never come easily, that's why we work so diligently in our gardens season after season. We are *Committed Rosarians*. Therefore, we are willing to toil day after day under extreme conditions, because we truly appreciate the captivating beauty of that flawless rose.

GGRS/NGRS Fall Rose Show

By Nancy Miller, *Consulting Rosarian*

Lights, Camera, Action—It's nearly Showtime!!! The Greater Gwinnett and Northeast Georgia Rose Societies annual fall rose show is right around the corner! October 4th and 5th the *Fall Festival of Roses, The Songs of Autumn* will be awaiting your presence. The show will be

held at Bogan Park, 2725 North Bogan Road, in Buford Georgia near The Mall of Georgia.

As Co-Chair with Kim Borland, I would like to invite you and/or your roses to the show.

Remember, we've added a few classes that will include more gardens with the *EarthKind* roses and a *Fun Bouquet* arrangement as well as the photography classes. I'm really excited the public will get a chance to see *EarthKind* roses on the tables. If you're growing any of these roses, please cut a few and enter them in the show if for nothing else, a chance for the public to be introduced to the great variety of easy growing, disease tolerant roses.

Our programs will include "For the Love of Roses" by Stephen Hoy, Saturday at 2:00pm and "All About Roses and How to Grow Them" by Bobbie Reed, Sunday, at 2:00pm.

Come help set up for the show on Friday the 3rd starting at 12:00pm. We'll have easy tasked jobs as well as unloading Kim Borland's and Bill Belknap's trucks. Saturday morning come exhibit your roses or help Diane with making sure the Judges, exhibitors and volunteers are well nourished. Help clerk during judging or by all means come and look at and smell the pretty flowers! Join us for the catered BBQ luncheon by reserving your lunch (\$5.50) with Kim Borland. The show is open to the public at 12:00pm after the Judges have concluded their activities. On Sunday come help water those gorgeous blooms so visitors can continue to enjoy them. The show reopens at 12:00pm. We'll welcome you to help us take down the show from 4 to 5:00pm Sunday evening.

It's a fun time to be with your rose friends and it's amazing what you will learn at these shows. The schedule and show information is on the GGRS website: <http://www.gwinnettrose.org>. We would love to have every one of our members participate in the show. This is your society—your show. **It is what YOU make it!** For more information, call Nancy at 770-963-6490 or Kim at 770-983-1806. To obtain your exhibitor number, contact Nancy @ 2manyroses@bellsouth.net. To make a reservation to enter an arrangement, contact Karen Radde @ knradde@bellsouth.net.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

By Don Schwarz, *Consulting Rosarian*

The nominations committee was formed at the August 5 meeting. Louise Stafford and I volunteered to serve. Usually, the nominations committee would report at the October meeting; however, there is no meeting in October because of our annual rose show. Therefore, we are reporting the slate of officers for 2009 through the October *The Rose Vine*. We'll have the election at the November meeting, where we'll take nominations from the floor, and installation of elected Officers at the Holiday Party.

The 2009 slate of officers are: President-Don Schwarz, Vice-President-Kim Borland, Treasurer-Rosie Tripp, and Secretary-Henry Everett. Additionally, Nancy Miller has agreed to continue to edit *The Rose Vine*. Plus, Diane Snyder has agreed to continue to provide Hospitality, with support from Sonya and Mikhail Shames. Bill Belknap has agreed to continue to provide the email distribution of the newsletter and Kim Borland has agreed to continue the postal distribution. Bill Belknap will also continue to maintain the website. Many thanks to all who have agreed to serve. We appreciate your service.

Still Looking For That Perfect Rose

By Bobbie Reed, *Consulting Rosarian*

Soon now the rose catalogs will be arriving. Heck, one has already been circulated at the GGRS meeting. They're always full of glorious photos of roses that are guaranteed to grow vigorously, bloom prolifically, be disease-resistant – to thrive and beautify without care.

Now, we know that what's said in catalogs is too good to be true, but we always hope. So we look for someone who's done some research, who has no financial interest in the outcome, and ideally, someone who's growing roses in a similar



climate to ours. I remain reluctant to accept a recommendation of a disease-resistant rose from someone who has an ideal garden location and sprays more chemicals than I do.

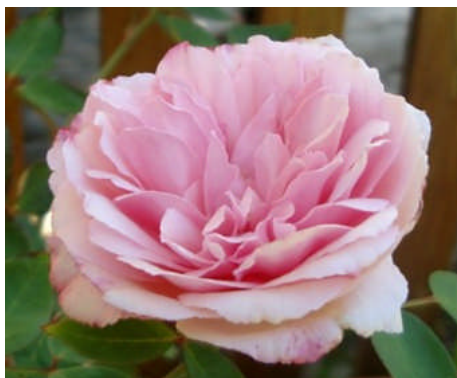
There are national trials that we've already heard about – the American Rose Society's Award of Excellence program for miniatures and minifloras, and the All-America Rose Selections trials for AARS roses. But neither of these trials is conducted in no-spray gardens.

The standard for no-spray roses has been the work done on EarthKind Roses. Roses were grown in various areas around Texas, with similar locations and similar care, and rated according to bloom production and disease symptoms over three years. So far, nineteen roses have made the cut, growing without fertilizers or chemicals, and blooming prolifically throughout the season. Nineteen? Yes, four more roses have been added to the list, including *La Marne*, *Mme. Antoine Mari*, *New Dawn*, and *Souvenir de St. Anne's*.

I think many of us have grown *New Dawn*. Although we had to give ours up for space reasons, it was indeed a healthy, vigorous plant, and a favorite nesting place for mockingbirds. It didn't rebloom much in our summer heat and shady garden, but I really didn't mind.

La Marne first came to us as a cutting from a cemetery rose, and then several folks brought it to us as a rose their family had grown. It gives wonderful all-season color with sprays of small, single, pink-and-white blooms. If pruned hard, it may finish the year at 4' tall; if pruned lightly, it may be somewhat taller.

Souvenir de St. Anne's is the semi-double sport of *Souvenir de la Malmaison*. It has the Bourbon fragrance and delicate pink color of the parent, but has more vigor and lacks the



propensity for blooms to ball. In a semi-shady location ours gets some powdery mildew, but is a reliable bloomer throughout the summer.

Mme Antoine Mari is the mystery to me among these roses. Chamblee's Rose Nursery describes it as a pink-blend tea, about 4' x 4'. It certainly wasn't around a few years ago when I used to haunt Texas rose nurseries, so I'm not familiar with it.

The earlier EarthKind roses, also worth growing in Georgia, are *Belinda's Dream*, "*Caldwell Pink*" (*Pink Pet*), *Carefree Beauty*, *Ducher*, *Duchesse de Brabant*, *Else Poulsen*, "*Georgetown Tea*," *Knock Out*, *Marie Daly*, *Mutabilis*, *Perle d'Or*, *Cl. Pinkie*, *Sea Foam*, "*Spice*," and *The Fairy*. All but one have ARS ratings above 8.0.

But these aren't the only trials that have been done in a no-spray environment. For instance, a trial was conducted at a Tennessee Agricultural Experiment Station in Jackson, TN. After one year, *Baby*

Love, *Carefree Sunshine*, *Hansa* (pictured right), *Home Run*, *Knock*



Out, *Pink Knock Out*, *Pretty Lady*, *Snowcone*, *Topaz Jewel*, *Wild Berry Breeze*, and *Wild Spice* were sufficiently disease resistant to be termed no-spray roses (but presumably require the same fertilizers and water as other roses, unlike EarthKind roses). A second year's testing has been promised. Interestingly, these roses include more recently hybridized roses than the EarthKind list, and include several hybrid rugosas. *Carefree Sunshine*, *Knock Out*, and *Pink Knock Out* are all from William Radler's breeding program, and *Home Run* derives from both *Baby Love* and *Knock Out*, so I would expect those to do well. I've only grown a couple of these, and had less



luck with them than with the EarthKind roses. They also have somewhat lower ARS ratings than the EarthKind roses.

So, why am I thinking about carefree roses now? Our rose show is coming up on October 4-5. Invariably, I wind up talking to some visitor at the show about the beautiful roses, and then they ask which ones they can grow without spraying. Too often, the answer has been none. This year, we will have a class of EarthKind roses, and of course lots of other classes of shrubs and polyanthas and Old Garden Roses where we might have other roses that are easy to grow. Please be sure to bring your blooms of easy-care roses, so we can share them with the public. And if you don't have these yet, be sure to look for them at the show, and in the EarthKind Rose gardens that GGRS maintains at Bogan Park.

The Beginner's Garden

By Paul Blankenship

THE END is in sight for weekly sprayings...September and October are likely the last two months you'll need to perform this weekly ritual. Yea! That's the good news. The bad news is September weather will spell disaster for those who pack up the sprayer early! A few cool nights don't signal the end of fungus diseases, in fact they mark the beginning of powdery mildew season. I know...that's all you need...another disease to worry about! You can do it...just hang in there and finish up the season with regular sprayings. Plants that enter the fall and winter disease free have a better chance of making it through the winter damage free. Clean up lingering blackspot with twice weekly sprayings of Manzate or Dithane until no new blackspot is seen.

MEASURE rainfall received IN YOUR GARDEN and water each week you haven't received at least 1" of rainfall during the last 5 days. Don't rely on the TV weatherman for rainfall totals; put up your own rain gauge!

WANT many lovely, large blooms this fall? Your roses will supply them if they remain healthy in late summer and early fall. Also, happy fall rose plants enter cold weather with a much better chance of surviving the winter without injury.

WARM DAYS AND COOL NIGHTS signal the approach of powdery mildew season. This fungus disease manifests under those conditions...in the early spring and again in the fall. The new growth, buds and peduncles will be covered with a white, powdery material (below). Powdery mildew is not



a devastating disease like blackspot since it does not cause the plant to defoliate. It does, however, cause the foliage to distort and make it less efficient at

capturing energy from the sun. Like most fungus diseases it is easily prevented. When nighttime temperatures are forecast to fall into the 50's, begin treating your garden. Continue until freezing temperatures halt growth. The chemical of choice is Eagle 20EW (the same material as Immunox or Systhane but in a liquid form). Used at the rate of 1/3 to 2/3 teaspoon per gallon it is an effective material and may be mixed with other sprays. Since powdery mildew only affects the new foliage why not just spray across the tops of your roses weekly during powdery mildew weather.

SOIL TEST if you have not done so this season. During the fall testing facilities are often less busy and will thus be able to return results more quickly. Also, if a problem such as low soil pH is detected, one will have plenty of time to take corrective measures before the next growing season begins.

The above article was taken from the September edition of *The Monthly Bulletin*, newsletter of the Augusta Rose Society, Paul Blankenship Editor



September Meeting Recap

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

Meeting changes: There will be no meeting in October. November meeting will be back at Christ the Lord Lutheran Church in Lawrenceville.

Christmas party on Saturday December 14 will be at the home of Susan Clingenpeel in Bethlehem.

Rose Show will be on October 4th and 5th at Bogan Park in Buford. Volunteer, Award, and Food Signup sheets were passed around. Entry tags were available for anyone wanting to show their roses. New category added this year for EarthKind roses. Members are encouraged to enter the photo contest.

Nominating Committee: Candidates will be published in October Newsletter.

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. Unfortunately, the roses in the list of unavailable roses are still listed as unavailable.

Phone Directory: Members that missed previous meeting were given the latest phone directory.

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 – Bobby Burns spoke about rooting roses and growing roses from seed. He also demonstrated budding and grafting of roses.

Thank you to Julie Morris for the evening's refreshments.

Next meeting – Tuesday November 4th at 7:30 at Christ the Lord Lutheran Church in Lawrenceville.

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, Bob Eskew, daddybobsq@aol.com, 205-823-6621

Jan. 16-18—DSD Midwinter meeting, Tallahassee, FL. Debbie Coolidge, geoffcoolidge@comcast.net, 561-861-2421

*And if you vooz to see my roziz
As is a boon to all men's noziz, -
You'd fall upon your back and scream -
'O Lawk! O criky! it's a dream!'
- Edward Lear, 1885*

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



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



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Renewal: All memberships are now due. If there is an error in your mailing address, please notify Kim Borland.

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You need a steady hand to bud or graft a rose as was demonstrated by Bobby Burns at our Sept. mtg.