TENARKY Mid-Winter Workshop
February 19-21, 2010
Nashville, TN
Franklin Cool Springs Marriott

A full slate of seminars, slide shows, informative and entertaining gardening talks, presentations of current and future new roses, innovative ideas for rose shows and gardening techniques, a live auction of bare-root roses from Weeks and J&P, a Consulting Rosarian School, and a banquet and social evening are features of the TENARKY District Mid-Winter Workshop, February 19-21, 2010, hosted by the Nashville Rose Society. The weekend events will be at the Marriott Hotel in Franklin Cool Springs (700 Cool Springs Boulevard), I-65 south of Nashville.

"Show Business" by Don and Mary Myers will be a featured seminar at the Mid-Winter Workshop. AS ARS Rose Show veterans and Judges from North Carolina, Don and Mary have participated in hundreds of local, district, and national shows in the last 20 years. They will share their experiences, successes, frustrations, and perhaps humorous anecdotes as they present innovative approaches to our traditional ARS Rose Shows. Along the lines of their new column in the 2010 *American Rose* issues, they will discuss rose show awards, classes, exhibitors, sites, staging, and "having fun!"

Sandy Lundberg of Bluffton, SC will present "Sandy's Pics," her popular Power Point seminar and discussion of the latest new introductions from a variety of rose classes for 2010. Robbie Tucker, Nashville's creative hybridizer with more than 30 varieties of miniatures and mini-flora roses on the market, will offer his insights on the "Future of Miniature and Mini-Flora Roses." Clayton Beaty, creator of Mills-Mix organic fertilizers and nutrients for roses, will present innovative techniques and products for more effective and successful gardening practices. Geoff Coolidge of **Cool Roses**, West Palm Beach, Florida, will explore the benefits and cultivation of Fortuniana rootstock roses for exhibitors in the upper and mid-south areas. Cool Roses provides a wide selection of exhibition and hard-to-find roses that are Fortuniana budded and grown.

Carol Reese, popular speaker and horticulture specialist for the UT Extension Service's Western Division in Jackson will present an entertaining talk at Friday Evening's Welcome Social/Supper. Her topic is "Divine Plants without a Diva Attitude…" According to Carol, "Rose growers have enough to deal with already! How about some gorgeous plants that need no pampering?" Her slides will feature "tough beauties that look like movie stars."

Saturday night's Workshop Banquet features Dr. Sue Hamilton, Director of the UT Knoxville Garden administered by the Department of Plant Sciences, speaking on "Winter-Interest Gardens." She will present a program of attractive plants of flowering, fruits, barks, and sculptural varieties for the season. At UT's gardens in Knoxville and Jackson, some 4,000 annuals, perennials, herbs, tropicals, trees, shrubs, vegetables and ornamental grasses are evaluated each year.

Immediately following the Saturday night Banquet will be a live auction of hybrid tea, floribunda, and grandiflora exhibition and garden roses from Weeks and Jackson and Perkins. Among many highly rated varieties to be auctioned from each grower, some from Weeks include Julia Child, St Patrick, Gentle Giant, Let Freedom Ring, and Moonstone; and from Jackson & Perkins: Cherry Parfait, Gemini, Memorial Day (fragrant), Black Magic, Midas Touch, Signature, and Veterans Honor. For a complete list of prospective roses to be auctioned off and available quantities go to the TENARKY website (www.tenarky.org).

At the final Workshop event on Sunday morning, Consulting Rosarians will have an opportunity for four hours of certification credit at an approved CR School. All weekend participants are welcome to attend the lectures, based on the ARS Consulting Manual. Prospective CR candidates may take the ARS test for CR certification. Qualifications for becoming certified ARS Consulting Rosarians are passing the open-book test ($10 fee), three years' of continuous ARS membership, letters of recommendation from current CR's, and approval by the local society CR Chair. (Candidates and participants may purchase CR Manuals from ARS Headquarters in Shreveport, LA)

For the complete Schedule of Events, Registration Form, and hotel reservation information, please go to the TENARKY website (www.tenarky.org Rooms at the Marriott Hotel's special Workshop rate of $89.00 per night (double occupancy) are subject to availability after **February 2, 2010.** For additional information please contact Sam or Nancy Jones, 615-646-4138, or email at gsamj@bellsouth.net.