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Tuesday, August 5, 2008

Bob Edberg of Limberlost Roses
Antique Rose Books & Roses in Print
NRS Ice Cream & Dessert Social

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Evening Schedule

6:00-6:45 pm Beginner Program:

“Photographing Roses” by Don Gill

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7:00-8:00 pm - Bob Edberg

8:00-8:45 Ice Cream & Desserts

Free River Cruises for Best Entries

Cheekwood admission free for meeting attendees



August Rose of the Month - Climbing Pinkie

(See article on page 2, photos below)



Photo courtesy of Jill Streit



Photo courtesy of Leann Barron

Climbing Pinkie on a Fence in Leann Barron's Rose Garden

Editor's Desk

One of the best kept secrets of the Nashville area are beautiful public rose gardens. So if you are looking for something to do on a lazy summer day, or have guests coming and you are wondering what you can do with them, go on a tour of the public rose gardens. Although most of the gardens are in Nashville there are some in outlying areas also. Nashville Rose Society members have played a role in all of these gardens.

Here are some of the public gardens that you can visit in and around Nashville:

- Belmont University Rose Garden
1900 Belmont Blvd.
Nashville, TN
- Nashville Music Garden
(Across from Country Music Hall of Fame)
222 Fifth Avenue South
Nashville, TN
- DeFord Bailey Memorial Rose Garden
Corner of Lealand & Gale Lanes
Nashville, TN
- Knowles Sr. Center Rose Garden
174 Raines Avenue
Nashville, TN
- Rose Mont Rose Garden
810 South Water Street
Gallatin, TN
- Carnton Plantation Rose Garden
1345 Carnton Lane
Franklin, TN
- Long Hollow Baptist Church Garden
3031 Long Hollow Pike
Hendersonville, TN

— Charles Lott

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Rose of the Month-Climbing Pinkie

(Pictures on Front Cover)

If you haven't met *Climbing Pinkie*, it's high time you did. This fragrant, medium pink semi-double beauty is a

President's Column...

Last month we had Barbara Wise "The Flower Lady" from Southern Land company talk about container plantings and how to incorporate roses. She talked about using miniatures and shrub roses. This is another great way to be able to use roses. One of the important things to remember about having roses in containers is not to let them dry out. If they dry out and the leaves start to turn brown it is all over for them. A couple of good ways to keep them watered is to keep the container close to a water source or to use some of the water absorbing crystals.

August 5th we will be hosting Bob Edberg. Bob has one of the best collections of antique rose books there is. He also runs Limberlost Rose Books, an antique rose book store carrying books as far back as the early 1800's. These books usually have hand drawn, painted pictures of old garden roses and are a joy to look behold. These renditions of the roses really are true to the rose. Depending on the film or filters being used with a camera the true color of roses in some of the books published today is lacking.

You can go to www.oldrose.com and see what Bob has available on his website. He has also offered to bring anything that has been ordered with him since he is driving to visit us. Bob started growing roses in California and has since moved to South Carolina where he does consultation work with Ashdown Roses for long time friend Paul Zimmerman. Bob Edberg's expertise in identifying roses and their names has been invaluable.

As you all have heard by now the Tenarky District Rose Convention and Show are fast approaching. I hope people will take the time to come and enjoy the show and the lectures during the show. It is the free weekend at Cheekwood so you will be able to bring the entire family to see the rose show. We have separated all the charges for the convention to make it more affordable for people to attend what they want to. If you just want to enter the show it will only cost you \$35 per person. Hopefully this will encourage more people to take part in the show and attend the free lectures. The Lecture on Sunday morning will be very informative. Ray Cloyd will be coming to speak again. This time he will be talking about the modes of action of different insecticides. Remember last time he talked he said you need to use insecticides with different modes of action so that the pests do not develop resistance. At the lecture on Sunday he will explain and spell out how different insecticides work.

—Jeff Harvey

So many plants, so little space

heavy blooming polyantha climbing rose. Like fine wine, this mannerly climber just keeps getting better with age. It requires no spraying, but like all good roses, *Climbing Pinkie* loves her water, sun and fertilizer. Once established, it is very difficult to catch this rose out of bloom. The graceful, cascading canes are easy to train and are nearly thornless. A vigorous grower, *Climbing Pinkie* can reach 10 feet with support, but will also grow into a lovely arching shrub unsupported. This is a real traffic stopper when placed near a street for the pleasure of passersby. I have never seen them planted in masses, but I can visualize it as a jaw-droppingly beautiful display. The flowers are truly so prolific that it's often difficult to see the foliage for the blooms which have a double bloom form with 17-25 petals. This is a healthy, happy, beautiful climber that is highly recommended for just about any garden application.

Climbing Pinkie is a sport of the floribunda *Pinkie* and has been around since it was found in 1952 and brought to the market by Armstrong Nurseries. [Note: A rose "sport" is a naturally occurring mutation that occurs on the branch of an existing rose.] This beautiful climber has received the Earthkind™ designation from Texas A&M University, indicating its high level of landscape performance and found to possess outstanding disease and insect tolerance/resistance required to attain this special designation. You can read more about all the Earthkind™ Roses at www.earthkindroses.tamu.edu. *Climbing Pinkie* and other Earthkind™ Roses are available through mail order from these dealers: Antique Rose Emporium, www.antiqueroseemporium.com (800) 441-0002; Petals From The Past, www.petalsfromthepast.com (205) 646-0069 Chamblee Roses: www.chambleeroses.com (800) 256.ROSE. Local resources for Earthkind roses include Nashville: Moore & Moore West and Bates Nursery, in Sumner County, Long Hollow Nursery.

— Leann Barron

Editor's Note: If you save your copies of Nashville Rose Leaf, read Leann's article, "Texas Tornado Strikes Nashville and Memphis," in June 2007 issue about Earthkind™ Roses and see related article on page 9 "Don't Pass Up the Bucks."

THE BEGINNING ROSARIAN

August In The Rose Garden

By Lori Emery

Skin Protection: The hot blazing days of August are upon us, challenging the novice rosarian. I would like to focus on two major concerns: safety and garden maintenance. Since August is undoubtedly the hottest month of the year, keeping you safe is essential. There are some rosarians who LOVE working in steamy, blistering temperatures—Not me. I like to get up very early on Saturday morning, get all my rose chores done as soon as possible so I can spend the rest of the day in my nice cool house! Regardless of the time of day you choose to tend to your garden, sunscreen is a MUST for every rosarian. Sunscreen will help protect your skin from damaging ultraviolet rays of the sun and help prevent wrinkles and skin cancer. The minimum recommended sun protection factor [SPF] is 15. Generally speaking, I have always been a “more is better” person, so I use SPF 30-50. I keep my sunscreen next to my wide brimmed hat [bright color and vents to keep the sun from warming the head and neck] so I won’t forget or think to myself, “well I’m not going to be out there long”...WRONG, yes you will. Apply the sunscreen to all exposed skin and ideally 30 minutes before you go outside. In fact, I use sunscreen on a daily basis, not just when out in the garden.

Hydration: Adequate hydration is vital when gardening in the summertime, particularly August. Drink at least eight ounces of water [NOT coffee or sports drinks] before you go into the garden. Depending on the humidity, temperature, and the size of your rose garden, you may need an additional eight ounces every 30 minutes or so to prevent sunstroke [heatstroke]. Thirst is not considered a reliable sign that you need water. Basically, sunstroke occurs when the body takes in more heat than it can get rid of. Symptoms include sudden dizziness, weakness, headache and little or no sweating. Prevention is the key here, but if you develop these symptoms, go inside immediately and replace fluids. Carry your cell phone with you, if you feel funny or weak call someone to come and check on you and describe your symptoms to them. Another tip to keep your body cool is to place a cold cloth wrapped around your neck to help cool your body temperature. If untreated, additional symptoms of sunstroke include hot dry skin, increased body temperature, rapid pulse, muscle cramps, vomiting and coma [NOT a good way to spend August].

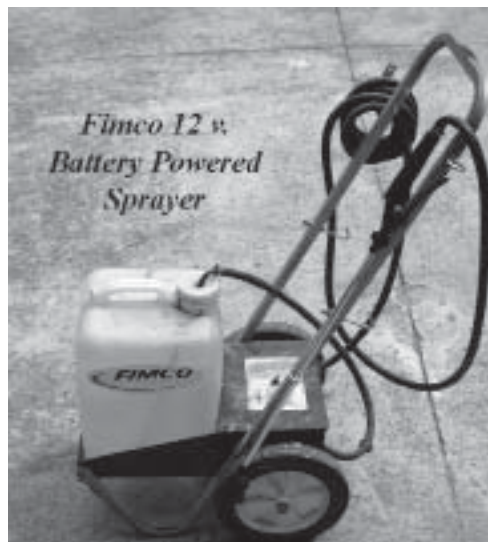
Rose Wardrobe: Now that we have you protected from the sun and are well hydrated, we

can discuss your rose wardrobe. Of course, you already have your vented, wide brimmed hat to cool your head, now. Now all you need is a light colored, long sleeved shirt and long pants to prevent exposure to any chemicals you may spray on your roses. A respirator is recommended to prevent you inhalation of chemicals. If you don’t think you need it think about this:



IF YOU CAN SMELL THE CHEMICAL, YOU ARE EXPOSED TO IT. I have a designated pair of tennis shoes that I only wear in the rose garden. You should not wear sandals, flip flops or open heeled shoes because if your garden is sloped and the grass is wet, you can easily slip and fall and break a hip or a bone—not how you want to spend the rest of August. I always take my shoes off before going into the house to prevent tracking chemicals into the house. If you have a laundry room or some place where you can take off all your clothes [after you have sprayed with chemicals], drop them into the washer and wash them separately from other clothes, this would be ideal. I always take a shower and wash my hair immediately after spraying to eliminate any residual chemical that may be on me.

Speaking of spraying, of course you will continue your spraying program to prevent blackspot. The container you use to spray your roses will depend on how many roses



you have. If you only have 2 rosebushes, you can get a commercially available fungicide such as Bayer. I have about 32 rosebushes, so I use a battery operated sprayer and it only takes me about 15 to 20 minutes to spray them.. Generally when I first go out in the morning, dew is still on the bush, and I give it a little shake to dry faster. Thus I can hurry up and spray before it gets too hot. I only spray every 2 weeks and mix fresh chemicals each time I spray. Always wear gloves when mixing and applying chemicals.

Summer Outlook: Most roses don’t bloom well in sweltering 90 to 100 degree temperatures, so expect blooms to be small. [I think this has something to do with the sugar level in the plant, but I am not sure about this]. I think it is important to do the basic maintenance and conserve energy [yours and the roses] this month and daydream about the cooler temperatures, bigger blooms in September and the Tenarky Convention in October.

Suffice to say, roses will need lots of water. Hopefully you installed some sort of watering system when you planted your raised bed of roses. If you have a timer on your watering system, then you can take the rest of the month off in terms of watering. My watering system is me and my hose. At one time, I used soaker hoses which worked well. Except for the fact that it is time consuming to water by hand, I enjoy the tranquility of standing there watering each bush individually and listening to the birds. I also have a lot more time to observe the bush for any sign of disease and I have a nozzle on the hose with several settings, so if I see aphids I can blast them off and also use the power wash setting to get rid of any spider mites that may be lurking on the underside of the leaves. Unless it is unusually dry, I water thoroughly once a week; each hybrid tea, climber and shrub gets 5 gallons and minis 2.5 gallons. The exception to this is roses in containers. These will dry out very quickly and will need to be watered almost daily.

As a new Nashville Rose Society member, you WILL be growing some fabulous roses for many years and I want you to do it safely and efficiently and have fun. Using sunscreen, keeping yourself and your roses well hydrated, and protecting yourself from chemicals will help you to have a hobby that will give you and others great joy. Don’t forget to share your roses: take them to work, to the doctor’s office, etc. EVERYONE loves to receive roses!

Great Rosarians of the World Lecture on Sustainable Rose Gardening for the 21st Century

By Sam Jones

In our race for the perfect rose, the “Queen of Show,” reigning in beauty (if not in fragrance) in delicacy of form and color (if not in hale and hardiness) have we forgotten that roses were the “Queen of Flowers” a long time before “1867” (the advent of modern hybrid teas)? Roses reigned in poetry, fragrance, beauty, romance, war, and peace for eons before anyone knew they must be placed on life-support of costly and labor-intensive chemicals and pesticides. In mixing their genes for the rose that fits our notion of beauty, have we also made them chemically dependent? Forgetting what nature has done on her own for millions of years in giving us thousands of varieties for every clime and land on the planet, are we now raising costly chemical “junkies” instead of roses?

Now, in the 21st Century, as we look at what the future holds for roses, the big question is, “Is it possible to grow roses without chemicals?” (Nature must be laughing at our poor efforts to take over her job for the last 150 years of hybridizing and hot-housing roses.) The big question is, can we see that we must work with nature and learn if we are really to enjoy the potential created with roses over the past 30-40 million years?

Today, our big task is to learn to have respect for nature and to let her teach us her secrets of health, sustainability, versatility, and yes, beauty and fragrance. And the real question is—can we meet the challenge?

Some of the greatest rosarians of the world recently met together in New York and asked that question of each other. Nancy and I were privileged to join them for a weekend of memorable experiences, learning stimulating gardening ideas. In an insightful and prophetic series of lectures, speakers asked again and again, Have we created chemically-dependent roses? Can we learn to grow roses nature’s way?

The personalities that presented the 2008 Great Rosarians of the World Lecture Series on April 5th at New

York’s Brooklyn Botanic Garden were mind-boggling in their influence on roses.

For starters, there was **Clair Martin**, Rose Garden Curator of the Huntington Botanical Gardens in San Marino, California and founding chair of the Great Rosarians of the World annual lecture series.

Then there was **William (Bill) Radler**, creator of ‘Knock Out’, probably the most popular and sought-after rose in modern times and undisputedly the pace-setter of low-maintenance roses for the 21st century. Radler was the Great Rosarians of the World 2008 Honoree. But the list of “star” rosarians goes on.

Stephen Scanniello is President of the Heritage Rose Foundation, popular rose historian and gardening author of international fame, with books on American roses, climbing roses, rose companions, and his award-winning *A Year of Roses*. He challenged the group to preserve and utilize genetic material from antique roses that have survived centuries of diseases and pests from cemeteries and abandoned home places around the country.

Informative, engrossing, and entertaining at every presentation, Stephen Scanniello will also be the TENARKY Awards Banquet speaker here in Nashville on October 4th (Holiday Inn in Brentwood). As a past curator, he has transformed the Brooklyn Botanic Cranford Rose Garden into a rose showplace of international acclaim.

Paul Zimmerman, founder of Ashdown Roses of South Carolina, urged future rosarians to move toward an “All-Green” Rose Garden with Ashdown’s motto: “Just Say No to Chemicals.” **Steve Jones** and **Marilyn Wellan**, American Rose Society current and past presidents, along with other ARS leaders, strongly endorsed the ideals of Sustainable Rose Gardening.

Ambassador Faith Witttlesey, former U.S. Ambassador to Switzerland when President Reagan proclaimed the rose as America’s Flower in 1986, gave

her full support of America’s love of the rose and quest for creative ways of working with nature. Her credentials? As an avid gardener, she has a highly disease-resistant (sustainable) Tea Rose from India, the ‘Faith Whittlesey’ rose, named in her honor by hybridizer Viru Viraraghavan and his wife, Girija, who were the Great Rosarians of the World honorees in 2005.

Peter Beales from England, Great Rosarians of the World 2001 honoree and former President of the Royal National Rose Society of Great Britain, and his son Richard came especially for the occasion to launch in America their endorsed fully organic feeding program for roses—the “Peter Beales Complete Natural Rose Care” regimen.

American **Billy Styles** of Matthews, North Carolina, who formulated and markets these organic products, exploring the virtues of organic over synthetic fertilizers.

Believing strongly that healthy soil is “living” soil, swarming with microbes, beneficial bacteria and many other helpful organisms in the soil, providing improved air, water, and nutrient exchange through the root zone, Styles started Organic Plant Healthcare in 2006. His ideals were realized when he joined forces with Ashdown Roses and Peter Beales to develop an organic product that would put biological life into the soil along with other elements needed for healthy soil and happy plants.

Styles believes that his feeding program for roses is the first complete all natural rose care product designed for the entire season, spring, summer, fall, and winter. However, we must add that notable Tennesseans Ted Mills, Roy Guthrie, Clayton Beaty, and Rick Morris have for years promoted gardening nature’s way, by adding organic substances to the soil with Mills Mix, Easy Feed, Royal Soil (well composted horse manure) and similar products that many southern rosarians, including Nashvillians, swear by.

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Were other “great” rosarians and gardeners present promoting naturally grown, healthy and sustainable roses? Yes, the list goes on. For instance, **Peter Kukiel-ski**, Curator of the Peggy Rockefeller rose Garden at the New York Botanical Garden, spoke on the future of public rose gardens’ return to the basics of maintaining healthy soils and educating the public on composting and other organic gardening methods.

James Sotillo, New York State organic gardening expert, decisively demonstrated how plants are the key to all living things by harnessing the power of the sun, pulling carbon dioxide from the air and replacing it with oxygen, and creating carbohydrates, proteins, and sugars, the fuel and building blocks of life. **Thus, by developing sustainable gardens, the key goal is “building and fostering life.”** Such an environment naturally keeps damaging organisms and insects in check.

Sotillo reminded all that by invading and trying to conquer nature, we have often destroyed nature. It’s no wonder we often have weak plants, a loss of “good” insects, soils with limited nutritional capacities, and dangerous chemicals leaching into our water supplies, blighting our gardens and harming our health. The answer? “Accepting what nature has built over the past million years and enabling its power.”

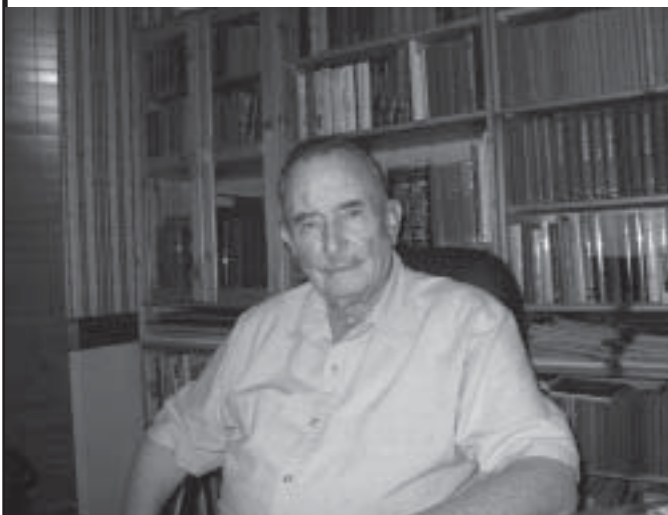
Need we say more? **Pat Henry**, Roses Unlimited Nursery, Laurens, South Carolina, a gardener who primarily loves beauty and design, offered an important reminder. Rosarians like her, she stated, often go to their gardens in morning or evening seeking “sustenance of spirit” by welcoming “the morning sun as the roses unfold and the setting sun, as the last glimmers of light shine through the roses.”

If the rose garden is truly to become “a thing of beauty” and “a joy forever,” Pat Henry maintained, then “fragrance must be a part of my rose garden. Beauty of form has its place, but a rose garden devoid of fragrance is cold and sterile. So at all times of the year, whatever the season, there must be plenty of heady fragrance in my rose garden.” The Creator truly gave nature an enduring gift we must never lose: beautiful and fragrant roses that lift our souls and spirits toward the divine. Why else do we garden? Is it not ultimately because in the rose and its fragrance we are privileged to behold the face of the Creator?

Bob Edberg of Limberlost Rose Books Speaks for August 5th Meeting of Nashville Rose Society

By Charles Lott

August 5, 2008 is a date you want to reserve on your calendar so you can meet Bob Edberg of Limberlost Rose Books. He comes to Nashville



with a fascinating background that has taken him from the recording industry to rose sales and now collecting rose books. Bob began collecting rose books in 1965 and now has more than 2700 books in his collection. Bob says that although he has fewer books than NRS president Steve Jones whose collection numbers three thousand, Jones acknowledges that the Edberg library has more “quality” books. His hobby of collecting led to the establishment of Limberlost Rose Books, an on-line business for selling books about old roses at his website www.oldroses.com.

One of his many achievements is the publication of ***The Encyclopedia of Antique Roses***, a five volume set. He has completed the first four volumes of this series and is currently working on volume 5. When complete, the Encyclopedia will document all old garden roses ever introduced. The encyclopedias will contain laser facsimile reproductions of all 452 chromolithographed plates of roses that appeared in the monthly issues of the French “Journal Des Roses”, from January 1877 through August 1914. Included are the origi-

nal descriptive texts, in French, of each monthly featured rose, together with their English translations. The forewords are by prominent rosarians such as Madame Odile Masquelier, Mr. Paul Zimmerman and Mr. Milton Nurse. The plates are full original size, 8 1/2” x 11” sheets of heavy stock, with printed text on correspondingly light stock. All copies are limited to 250 numbered copies, with the first 100 signed by the author.

A love affair with roses began in 1942 when his grandmother started him with four ***American Beauty*** plants, and his strong preference is to antique and Old Garden Roses. At one time he had 1100 roses in his garden in Van Nuys, California where he operated an antique rose nursery for sixteen years that annually shipped about 4,000 plants. He counted among his customers movie star Angela Lansbury. Bob currently lives and gardens with his wife at their home in Campobello, South Carolina.

Following graduation from University of Washington in Seattle, Bob served in the US Army Airborne Company. His resume also includes growing apples, a long career with Capital Records, and being a champion chess player.

Bob Edberg is an entertaining speaker and you will want to hear his presentation for the August 5, 2008 meeting of Nashville Rose Society. The meeting will be in Massey Hall at Cheekwood Botanic Gardens. There will be a Beginner Program about photography (see article on page 9) at 6:00 pm and Bob’s presentation will be at 7:00 pm. Come and bring a friend!

A Summer Exercise

By Glenda Whitaker

Perhaps it began with my Daddy who could spend hours just studying world maps, dreaming about the wondrous planet God has given us, especially these United States of America. From mountains to valleys, the water comes coursing from springs into streams, mighty rivers, and finally oceans – then back to us again with snow, rain, and dew in a planned recycling program that we learned to call the “water cycle.” The creator of the universe was way ahead of us on recycling programs!

Just think of our early pioneers as they mapped this vast land while trekking from east to west. But right now we are going to think in small terms as we do our own mapping. This year when adding new plants purchased through our rose sale, I decided I should have an organized plan, mapping on paper just where to plant. I made a crude drawing, numbering the beds and location in the garden on separate sheets of paper. Then I identified the new cultivars to be planted according to the impact of color I wanted to create, considering the potential growth – tall in the back, shorter compact plants in front. These were older beds begun many years ago with a low stone wall background (about 4 ft. high, defining a terrace with varying perennials and trees above). I added a 15” high border of stone around each renewed bed to unify the hardscape appearance. This cost a little more to border with the natural stone, but as the center of attention surrounding a large grassy circle, it helped to draw the eye to the roses. The newly built-up beds also allowed for added soil and supplements to create a good mix, insuring good growth and drainage. (Roses like water, but not wet feet!)

If SEC coaches can use X’s and O’s for court strategy, so can I. My X’s were the taller cultivars, while O’s were the lower, compact bushes, miniatures tucked in between the O’s with a “little o.”

The mapping guided the planting to a tee and has proven to work as planned. I feel like George Washington or Thomas Jefferson who carefully inventoried plants and placement in their living gardens. Not that mine will go down in history, but it surely has helped me feel organized. Plant markers have a way of getting faded or lost, but my trusty mapping filed safely away can be referred to over and over again. The older part of the garden is still to be mapped—climbers, modern shrubs, old garden roses, but when I finish, I shall have a count of the roses and their names. Then when someone smugly asks “How many roses do you grow?” I can have a ready answer – with no brag, just facts!

An Arranger’s Perspective

Barbara Gordon, a friend and outstanding American Rose Society arrangement judge from the west coast, suggested the following ideas for consideration as a guide for one’s

Denver American Rose Society Convention: A Celebration of Great Roses and Awards

Denver ARS 2008—Spring National Convention and Rose Show, June 25-30—was a western showcase primarily of beautiful roses and awards, but also of gardens, mountain scenery, historical landmarks, excellent weather, and delightful hosts.

Foremost, Denver was a weekend of awards. The ARS Gold Honor Medal was given to Dr. Tommy Cairns of Studio City (Hollywood) California, recognized for “a lifetime of passion for roses, devotion and volunteer service to the goals of the American Rose Society.”

Dr. Tommy Cairns and his partner, Luis Desamero received the coveted ARS 2008 Blake Hedrick award for exhibitor excellence as well as the highest of all rose show awards the Nicholson Bowl which includes nine hybrid tea blooms each of a different variety. To win ev-

ery bloom must be of Queen form. The Nicholson Bowl winning roses were *St. Patrick*, *Pink Promise*, *Gentle Giant*, *Brandenburg Gate*, *Veteran’s Honor*, *Gemini*, *Hot Princess*, *Moonstone*, and *Marilyn Monroe*. Cairns and Deamero also won the challenging New Zealand Kiwi award of six different varieties (and three types) of roses; the Kern Trophy for five Old Garden Roses of different varieties; the Mavity Trophy for five sprays of Floribundas, and finally, the Shivers Miniature Trophy for seven different varieties of “Award of Excellence” miniature winners (AOE).

Two other Californians also won national titles: The Swim Trophy for five different hybrid teas by Susan Chan McCarty of Hillsborough, CA, and the President’s Trophy of three stems of any variety by Scott and Judy McCray of Highlands Ranch, CA (a young couple who were excited first-time national winners).

Carol and Jerry Macon of Colorado Springs won the Dorothy Stemler Award for the best Old Garden Rose Bouquet of eight blooms (all dating back before 1867) and the Buck Trophy of three different shrub varieties. Sharon and Alan Fotheringham of American Fork, Utah won the Pfister Trophy for the best grandiflora specimen.

Perennial winners Satish and Vijaya Prabhu of Columbia, South Carolina swept away national trophies like the Dee Bennett for Miniatures, J. Benjamin Williams for Mini-Florals and the Ann Reilly for Floribundas. The Floribunda Spray Queen (a new award) was won by a Louisiana couple, Abby and Philip Leonard with *Eureka*. And an Ohio resident, Jim Zimmerman, won the Bea Satterlee Miniature Arrangement award.

Western roses, however, dominated the show, and other top arrangement trophies went to Dr. Cynthia Chuang of Los Altos, CA (Nora Katherman Trophy for a traditional style) and to Carol and Jerry Macon of Colorado Springs (the Russ Anger Trophy for a modern style). Finally, we get to the Queens of Show and Best of Show roses: *Hot Princess* was the Hybrid Tea Queen, shown by Susan Chan McCarthy of Hillsboro, CA; *Dancing Flame* (hybridized by our own Robby Tucker) was the Miniature Queen, shown by (who else) Tommy Cairns and Luis Desamero; *Memphis Queen* (hybridized by Tennessean Whit Wells) was the

garden, with vocabulary to fit the planning. Hardscapes: Permanent structures such as fences, trellises, arbors, pathways, walls, ponds, arches, etc. Anti-hardscapes: Movable or mobile highlights that establish focal points of interest against the hardscapes in the garden: bird baths, benches, lanterns, whirligigs, chimes, statues, baskets, pots, topiary, etc. Any and all of the above can enhance, adding variety to the space we call our landscape. However, we would be advised to keep in mind the element of space, so necessary in allowing appreciation of individual plants, their color, texture, and shape. Remember as rose enthusiasts, we want the roses to shine as the focal point, using movable highlights with discretion. Think about that word “movable” and evaluate the look of the garden from the standpoint of “too much” that can create a jumble of focal points. Sometimes we can have too much “jewelry” that takes away from the one good piece of value. So along with your garden mapping, evaluate how the hardscapes and highlights blend to add to the overall beauty. Get out your camera and take a picture of the garden. Sometimes a picture helps to give us an objective viewpoint. Stand back and ask “Does this really add or detract from the true flow of the garden? Does the eye jump from here to there trying to take in every little “highlight” I originally thought was so attractive? As Becky Meagher or Lynn Wallman would say “Location, location, location!” Then they would say “Clear the counters and extra doodads so the house can be seen!” The same applies to the garden arrangement. Go take another look and adjust accordingly. You, too, can become a landscape designer with an arranger’s perspective.

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Denver Convention,(continued from page 6) Mini-Flora Queen, shown by Satish and Vijaya Prabhu of Columbia, S.C.; and the Best of Show (Garden Web Trophy) went to Carol and Jerry Macon of Colorado Springs for their modern *shrub* (no less), ***Flower Girl***.

Besides exhibitors, noted growers, distributors, and hybridizers also won prestigious awards. **Bill DeVor of Nor'East Miniature Roses (Greenheart Farms) won the first Glenda Whitaker Annual Award for Achievement in Membership.** (Nor'East provides a miniature rose plant, free of charge, to every new member of ARS.)

Ralph Moore's miniature rose, **Sweet Chariot** won the Alexander Gamble Fragrance Medal; and Frank Bernadella's **Kristin**, another miniature, won the David Fuerstenberg Prize for an outstanding New American Rose.

Nor'East Roses gave each registrant a coral pink miniature rose appropriately named ***Gem of the Rockies***. The Denver Convention, itself, was a gem, a rare find, and a joy to all those who attended. Bravo to Convention Chair Peggy Williams and her committee and all her helpers.

Thank You From Ted Mills

Master Rosarian Ted Mills of Chattanooga, TN, a member of Tri-State Rose Society and also a member of Nashville Rose Society is a dear friend to all of us. Ted, the inventor of Mills Magic Rose Mix, has recently been diagnosed with cancer. He is currently undergoing chemo treatments in Chattanooga. Because so many of you sent cards to Ted, he called and asked us to print this note thanking you for the cards, letters, and prayers. You can write him at 1001 River Hills Drive, Chattanooga, TN 37415.

Special August 2008 Rose of the Month "Mona Louis"

Louis Mishu, you are our extra special Rose of the Month, along with Mona. The rose is still under test, but from what we hear, it will be a must for every garden. Characteristics include great substance with exceptional hardiness, everblooming, growth habit very upright, producing beautifully formed trusses of vibrant color, with rich green foliage all the way to the ground. Just picture this among your other cultivars, a rose that could well be named the "Mona Louis."

— Nashville Rose Leaf

August Rose Tips

Every rosarian has "tricks" they have learned that make gardening easier and more successful. How about sharing some of your "tricks" with others! Send your rose tips to the editor at crlott@bellsouth.net.

Since the two most important ingredients for growing roses are air and water and in August our roses are hot causing smaller blooms, we must concentrate on the roots during this month giving them as much water as we can. The act of keeping them cool and aerated will give us plenty of large, healthy leaves and big blooms for the Fall. I use the irrigation in the early morning and cool them down again in the late afternoon. Also cool down, with water, your bricks, stones, and concrete that are near your roses. They hold and reflect the blistering heat. So many of us focus on the big blooms only and forget about the roots.

— Kathy Brennan ARS CR, Member Nashville & Tennessee Rose Societies

When I lived in Bowling Green, KY many years ago prior to my move to California, I participated in the flower arranging section of the Bowling Green Rose Society's shows. I won a silver tray for Best of Show in flower arranging and always "begged" top quality rose varieties from my friends to use in the flower arrangements. I soon learned to cut the roses very early in the morning while the sugar content was at its peak so the roses would stay fresh for the three days of each show. I'm now a novice rose grower and appreciate Diane and Dillard Lester inviting us to become members of the Nashville Rose Society. We look forward to exhibiting our roses in the future!

— Carol Tokas, NRS Member, Nashville, TN

Dr. Thomas Hickey, who writes the Beginners' Column for the American Rose Magazine, admonishes us as to the value of "deadheading" our roses on a regular basis. Getting those spent blooms off encourages the bush to produce more blooms in their place. It is an easy exercise to just go through the garden and snap off the spent blooms by hand, leaving as much foliage as possible to give strength to the bush. After a week or so, go back to those plants and observe where the next strong bud eye is about to produce new growth and prune about 1/4 of an inch above the new growth. It is exciting to then go back and sight the tiny new bud that is forming, like helping to give birth to a new rose! Valuable horticulture guides, in addition to our Nashville Rose Leaf Beginner Column, are available to those of you who are members of The American Rose Society. May I encourage you to join and receive this great magazine full of rose information. Our own Logan Shillinglaw and Robbie Tucker have excellent rose tips in their Rosemania ads each issue.

— Glenda Whitaker, ARS Master Rosarian, Horticulture & Arrangement Judge

I expect everyone knows this already but you never know. Add a foliar feed like "Miracle Grow" or "Super Bloom" to your spray each week. According to several experts I have talked to over the years from the companies that actually make the other sprays, like Ortho etc. say that it actually improves the performance of the fungicide.

— Lionel Austel, NRS Member (20 yrs), & Iris hybridizer, Clarksville, TN

While undergoing chemo treatment on Memorial Day 2008, I was surrounded by fellow military veterans of three wars who were also being treated. Having brought along two bouquets of roses from my rose garden, the hospital treatment room seemed to lose its solemn atmosphere. The aging veterans applauded the action, while the nurses smiled with an appreciative glow. It proves that adversity can be temporarily set aside when a beautiful array of roses is on the scene. The moral: Share your roses with the sick. It will brighten their day.

— Ted Mills, ARS Master Rosarian, Horticulture Judge

Cost of using pH adjust additive Indicate 5 (\$42 per gallon) for spray mix can be reduced. For 5 gallons of spray solution, first add two tablespoons of white vinegar (\$2 per gallon) and a little dishwasher detergent soap (\$1 per quart) to spray solution. Mix and then add the Indicate 5 until the solution turns pink(takes much less to get to the correct pH). This will save you some money over a rose growing season.

— Ray Hunter, NRS Past President, 2008 NRS Rose Show Co-chair

Now is a good time to add fertilizer to your roses for the last time this year. If you use a slow release fertilizer like a four month Osmocote it will take you into October. If you like to use organics they will be broken down and used up also by October. You do not want your roses getting too much nitrogen in the fall and the nitrogen from either of these sources will be mostly used by then. This will give your roses a good dose of nutrients to promote good flowers in the fall. It will also help produce a good root system if you have newer roses to help support the rose through the winter months.

— Jeff Harvey, ARS Consulting Rosarian, Horticulture & Arrangement Judge

October NRS Rose Show A Time of Royalty “Wine & Roses”

By Ray Hunter

Many of us remember the famous radio and television show “Queen for a Day” that was so popular until 1970. The 2008 Nashville Rose Show “Wine & Roses” combined with the Tenarky District Convention “Roses for Everyone” offers more opportunities for our members and guests to be the “Queen of Show” in 2008. This will be a memory that will last not just a day but for a lifetime.

There are four “Queens of Shows” in 2008. The prestigious Hybrid Tea category, last won by Don and Sara Jo Gill, is the most entered category of the show. In addition there will be the King of show, Princess of show, and five runners-up presented in the courts. The judges will award blue ribbons for the best of each variety in the show and bring the twenty-five or so blue ribbon winners to a balloting table. The judges will then begin a process of voting on the top eight from this selection. The result will be the Royalty Court Awards of the Queen, King, Princess and five awards of merit in the Court of Honor. Many other Nashville Rose Society members have won Hybrid Tea Queen of show awards including Doyle Clark, Lyle and Ruby Worsham, Connie and Larry Baird, Sam and Nancy Jones, and Ray Hunter. A novice entry won the Queen at the 2007 Tenarky District Show!

Similar “Queen of Show” and Royalty honors are awarded to the top miniatures, miniafloras, and for the first time this year, the top floribundas. In addition there is the prestigious Best Novice Award, commonly called the “Novice Queen”, awarded to the top newer exhibitor who has never won a blue ribbon in an ARS sanctioned rose show (Yes, if you won a blue ribbon in a local Grand Prix show, you can still enter this show in the novice category). There are also top Novice awards for the best Novices in miniature, minifloras, floribundas, and shrub. In all four Novice queen awards.

In floral arrangements, top awards receive the prestigious American Rose Society Gold, Silver, and Bronze Certificates in both standard and miniature categories. This is very similar to the Queen, King, and Princess in horticulture. Sara Jo Gill last won the award for standard size, and Connie Baird won the last miniature award. There are also Novice Queen of arrangements in both standard and miniature categories: best arrangement by exhibitor who has never won a blue ribbon in an ARS sanctioned show.

In total there are seven opportunities to win a “Queen of Show” and six classes to win the Best Novice Award. Come enter in the rose show and have lots of fun. Y’all come!!!

“Roses for Everyone” Convention and Rose Show Cheekwood Botanic Gardens & Brentwood Holiday Inn

By Jeff Harvey

Roses for Everyone is the theme for the Tenarky District Convention and Rose Show which is being hosted by the Nashville Rose Society October 3-5, 2008 at Cheekwood Botanic Gardens and Brentwood Holiday Inn. When Jennifer and I travel we like to be sure our time is well spent and the program committee for the convention has designed a weekend filled with interesting educational and fun filled events.



Carol Reese

Friday night starts off the activities with a BBQ dinner at Brentwood Holiday Inn and Carol Reese will be the entertainer. Carol is an agent at the University of Tennessee Jackson Experimental Station and specializes in ornamental horticulture. She is also a garden writer, touring lecturer, and has written articles for *Fine Gardening Magazine* and other national publications. Her presentation about the birds and the bees in the garden is one of her most entertaining lectures and is a delightful beginning for an exciting weekend.

Nashville’s beautiful Cheekwood Botanic Gardens is the setting for the 2008 Tenarky District Rose Show and lecture series, *Roses for Everyone* on Saturday, October 4th. The prep area will open for participants at 6:30 am with entries received



Stephen Scanniello

until 10:00 am. Judging will begin at 10:30 am, and the show will be open to the public 1:00-4:30 on Saturday and again 11:00 am – 2:00 pm on Sunday. Saturday afternoon features three outstanding lectures available to the public. Presentations fea-

ture the following: Stephen Scanniello, world famous rosarian, landscape design artist, author and speaker; Monty Justice, creator of ‘Monty’s Joy Juice’, Master Rosarian and Tenarky Silver Medal Winner; and Robbie Tucker, famous rose hybridizer and co-owner of Rosemania. In addition Cheekwood Museum and Gardens will be available for attendees. Cheekwood’s Scarecrow exhibit will also be on display. Did you know that the first weekend in October is “Free Admission” for Cheekwood? Come and bring your friends to the Tenarky Rose Show and enjoy the gardens and museum too!

Saturday night we will have a special treat in store—wine tasting from Arrington Vineyards at the Brentwood Holiday Inn. Arrington, a new addition to Nashville area wineries was founded by Kix Brooks of the country music duo Brooks & Dunn, and is located just south of Nashville. Special guest Stephen Scanniello will speak following the awards ceremony at Brentwood Holiday Inn Saturday evening. The hotel has a reputation for good food, so make your plans now to attend the wine tasting and banquet.

Following the Sunday morning breakfast buffet at the hotel, Dr. Raymond Cloyd, Kansas State University entomologist will speak on the modes of action of insecticides. His presentation promises to provide useful information for controlling rose garden pests. There will also be a garden tour featuring several Nashville area rose gardens, and remember the rose show at Cheekwood is open 11 am until 2:00 pm on Sunday.

We have changed the registration form so that you only have to pay for the things that you want to attend and I hope this encourages more people to come to the show as well as the dinners. **The registration and schedules are on the Nashville Rose Society website www.nashvillerosesociety.com, and a copy is included as an insert with this issue of Nashville Rose Leaf.** Special thanks to the convention chair persons, Sam and Nancy Jones and the rose show co-chairs, Annie Owen and Ray Hunter. See you in October at the rose show!

Winners Get Free Riverboat Cruise at August 5th NRS Ice Cream & Dessert Social

By Charles Lott

All you crankers and bakers get out your best recipes, because stakes for winning the Nashville Rose Society Annual Ice Cream & Dessert Social just got bigger. NRS Hospitality Chair, Melissa Gowan

persuaded Captain Jim of Blue Herron Cruises of Ashland City, Tennessee to donate tickets for his Cumberland River Cruise as prizes. Each

of the winners (Best Ice Cream and Best Dessert) will get a pair of tickets for the cruise. To see information about Blue Herron Cruises go to their website www.blueheroncruises.com.

All NRS members are encouraged to enter the competition by bringing your favorite home made ice cream or any other



non-ice cream dessert. You can freeze your ice cream in advance, or bring your electric freezer and let it do the work while the meeting is in progress. You will need to bring your own ice and ice cream

salt. Room and electrical connections will be provided in the kitchen area at Cheekwood. Each ice cream participant will serve their own ice cream, so remember to bring a large spoon

for serving. Numbered identification tags for each entry will be provided and you will need to fill out a tag before placing your entry on the ice cream or dessert table. Winners in each category will be determined by a vote of the members and guests. See you at the ice cream party!

Photographing Roses Presented by Don Gill

NRS Beginner Program

August 5, 2008, 6:00- 6:45 PM



There are two ways to show off your roses from your garden : one is to put them in a vase and exhibit on your table or at a rose show, and the other is take a picture which you can display in print form or send via email to family and friends. The nice thing about photographs is that you can show your roses for a much longer time in this format.

With the advent of the digital camera, equipped with features to simplify and automate picture taking, good pictures are now possible for most



novice photographers. However, there is nothing more disappointing than taking a picture of a beautiful bloom in your garden only to learn later that it did not

turn out well. There are some techniques involved in taking good pictures whether you have a sophisticated SLR (single lens reflex) or a simple "point and click" digital camera.

Photographing Roses is the title of Don Gill's presentation for the August 5, 2008, NRS Beginner Program. Don will cover a variety of topics including how to cope with lighting issues, divulge some secrets learned in taking good pictures, and answer your questions. Exhibiting roses is not the only thing Don excels at, he also know how to photograph those beautiful specimens he grows. You will want to learn now he does that too! Visit the Nashville Rose Society website www.nashvillerosesociety.com to see some of the pictures taken by Don Gill. A picture of Don and Sara Jo Gill's rose garden is featured on page 12 of this issue. The program presentation will be in Massey Hall at Cheekwood, beginning at 6:00 pm, so come early and get a good seat!

Don't Pass Up the Bucks

Don't Pass Up the Bucks was the title of Gaye Hammond's presentation at the 2006 Tenarky Winter Workshop. The "Bucks" she was referring to are the roses developed by the late Griffith Buck, rose hybridizer at Iowa State University for more than sixty years. In his work to develop roses that are more disease resistant and winter hardy, he applied the Darwinian principle of "survival of the fittest" to his roses. Roses that could not survive winter temperatures without protection and maintain good foliage without fungicides were just another pretty face and according to Buck, did not deserve to be introduced on the market.

Building on the pioneering work by Griffith Buck, Texas A & M University, with the assistance of Houston Rose Society, is in the third year of one of the largest rose research programs ever undertaken. Purpose of the research is to identify rose plants that are environmentally friendly and require minimum care. Roses that meet the minimum criteria for this program are designated Earthkind™. The Earthkind™ research has been in progress for more than two years and has classified about thirty cultivars. Roses receiving the Earthkind™ designation have been proven to reduce the need for pesticide application by 98% and supplemental watering by 70%. The ultimate goal of the program is the identification of fifty roses that will pass the Earthkind™ test by 2010.

Individuals and organizations are invited to participate in the research by sponsoring a test site. The number of plants tested is at the discretion of the testors. If you would be interested in participating in this project, contact Nashville Rose Society Earthkind™ coordinator, Anne Owen (615) 794-0138 or annieo@comcast.net. You can read more about the program and see a complete list of the roses that have met the Earthkind™ criteria at their website earthkindroses.tamu.edu

Editor's Note: This article is adapted from an article in the November 2006 issue of Nashville Rose Leaf by Master Rosarian Cecil Ward. The August 2008 Rose of the Month, Climbing Pinkie is an Earthkind™ rose. See Leann Barron's article on page 2. The University of Tennessee also has a test program to identify "disease resistant" roses. For information on the UT rose test program contact Dr. Mark Windham, mwindham@utk.edu, (865) 974-0206.

FROM THE GROUND UP

By Leann Barron

There's a Revolution Going On...

Marilyn Wellan, past president of the American Rose Society, recently said,

"I believe we are witnessing a revolution in the way we grow roses."

Huh? Did she say "revolution?" Well, sign me up. My favorite theme: The Beatles' 'Revolution' album. Bob Dylan singing "...the times, they are a-changin'." And my personal favorite, quoting from an old bootleg comedy tape by a long dead fellow named John Bean: "Well, I don't care, you're gonna have to change." Change and revolution are synonyms on many levels. Change is good for the soul.

But what does revolution have to do with growing roses? Here's the thing: there's a brave new revolution "growing" on that is changing the way we hybridize, grow, sell, garden and landscape roses, and the future's so bright you'll need sunglasses. From university rose studies to the floral industry, from improved horticultural practices, to advances in hybridizing, this movement is galloping at lightning speed to make roses "green." Clean, chemical free, fragrant (hurray!) and disease-resistant roses are the way of the future, so we'd all best hop on board this train.

Long gone are the days when people were willing to spray their roses to keep them healthy. The current leader of the no-spray charge is hybridizer William Radler. He's cornered the rose market with his wildly popular 'Knock Out' series (this gentleman's got to be making millions)--and take note: they don't have the big, showy flowers of a hybrid tea, yet they're in high demand because they're easy to grow. People want roses that are reliably going to live and bloom--sorta like a friend that they can count on. Hybridizers are racing to see who can topple Radler's 'Knock Out' market dominance by combining the same free-blooming and disease resistant qualities with an effort to bring in fragrance as a valued addition. The Easy Elegance Series by Bailey Nursery's chief hybridizer Ping Lim has brought some outstanding recurrent and everblooming roses to the market that give us great color variety as well as the coveted disease resistance. Some

of these cultivars were part of our NRS rose sale offering for 2008 and from the reports I'm hearing, they are sure to rival Radler's success in the next few years.

In the **academic area** of the rose world, universities (including the University of Tennessee) are taking the lead in rose evaluations, putting hundreds of existing rose cultivars into tortuous growing conditions to observe which roses not only survive but thrive. The most prominent of these studies comes out of Texas A&M, with their Earth Kind rose trials. The roses were evaluated for various factors, including the roses' ability to fight off such diseases as black spot, immunity to pests and ability to flourish during hot, dry North Texas summers. Through their continuing research, new techniques of plant selection and culture are helping to nip disease problems in the bud before they occur, and keeping pesticide use at a minimum. The Earthkind roses and other cultivars are being scrutinized by hybridizers, and we can expect to see some of them as parents of the next generation of rose babies.

With good reason, many people associate growing roses with such miseries as thrips, aphids, Japanese beetles, pesticides, fungicides, powdery mildew, and black spot. Whew, no wonder, in today's busy society, people are hesitant to take on such a demanding diva. But times are changing and so are roses.

The latest industry buzz word is "sustainable" roses. The spotlight is shining on easy care rose varieties, as well as techniques to enhance a rose's health.

Much of the emphasis is on improved horticultural practices, including the use of organic amendments, from old fashioned manures and alfalfa, to seasonal fertilizers containing mycorrhizae microbes. People are also turning back to some of the great old garden roses that have graced gardens for centuries. Outstanding rose nurseries such as the Antique Rose Emporium in Brenham, TX specialize in these tough, often fragrant, easy care roses and as a result, they are experiencing tremendous public interest, a rise in sales

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THE WAYSIDE ROSE

Out on the old highway it grows,
The wayside rose,
Rooted deep in the hard dry ground,
Swathed in the weeds that crowd it round,
Tended by naught but the rain and sun,
Its loveliness hidden, praised by none,
Contented, it blooms for the One who knows
Why it is there, This wayside rose.

Beaten by every wind that blows,
This wayside rose,
Asking not for a better place,
Where to unfold with ease and grace,
Wasting no time with excuses vain,
It brightens the weed-filled dusty lane,
An exquisite flower that blooms and grows,
Perfect for Him, This wayside rose.

— Sarah Wilson Middleton, ARA 1926



and popularity as the word spreads. Meanwhile, we can continue to educate ourselves about beneficial horticultural practices. The whole rose world is changing, and keeping up with the latest improvements is not only informative but fun. Change is good for the soul, and when applied to our attitudes about rose growing practices, the meaning of change can include benefits for our bodies and our environment. All aboard!

NRS, Tenarky, & ARS Coming Events

Details & other event news on our website: www.nashvillerosesociety.com

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5	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>NRS Meeting @ Cheekwood - Massey Hall</u> 6:00-6:45 pm Beginner Program: "Photographing Roses" By Don Gill , webmaster, www.nashvillerosesociety.com 7:00 pm "Antique Rose Books and Roses in Print" By Bob Edberg of Limberlost Rose Books 8:00 pm NRS Annual Ice Cream Social - Members bring your best Ice Cream & Dessert (see article on page 9)</p>
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SEPTEMBER 2008

2	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>NRS Meeting @ Cheekwood - Massey Hall</u> 5:00-7:00 pm NRS Grand Prix 2 - Set Up and Placement 6:00-6:45 pm Beginner Program:"Climbing Roses" By Leann Barron, ARS Consulting Rosarian 6:30 pm Refreshments by Melissa Gowan and Hospitality Team 7:00 pm "The Ultimate Garden Plant" By Mike Shoup of Antique Rose Emporium, Houston, TX</p>
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3-5	<p>Tenarky District Convention & Rose Show, Nashville, TN Convention: Sam Jones, (615) 646-4138, gsamj@bellsouth.net Rose Show: Ray Hunter (615) 227-7153, nash809@comcast.net</p>
12	<p>5:00 pm NRS Picnic - Glenda Whitaker's, 1129 Overton Lea Rd., Nashville, TN, Contact: Jeff Harvey (615) 268-7089, dirtdawg@hughes.net</p>
12	<p>Dixie Rose Club Show, Memphis Botanic Gardens-Contact: Tammy Boswell, tboswell63@comcast.net, see www.dixieroseclub.org</p>

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11	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>NRS Meeting @ Cheekwood - Massey Hall</u> 6:00-6:45 pm Beginner Program:"Winterizing Roses"-Charles Lott 6:30 pm Refreshments - Chili & Cornbread Cookoff 7:00 pm "Oriental Manner Flower Design" - Betty Langford</p>
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(Above) Marise Keathley observes some of the beautiful hybrid tea roses in the July 2008 garden of Don & Sara Jo Gill. (Below) Martha Garman stands beside the lovely modern shrub *Pink Bonica* in the Garmans rose garden (for more information about this award winning rose go to www.rose-roses.com/rosepages/shrubs/Bonica.html).

(Above) *Hot Princess*, Queen at Denver ARS National 2008. (Below) Louis Mishu with l-r Ann Lott, Marty Reich & Faye Boatman at 2008 NRS New Member Social at Mishu's home

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