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**May Meeting @Cheekwood**  
**Tuesday, May 6, 2008**

***NRS Silent Auction 6:00-8:00 pm***

**(Article on Page 5)**

**Program:** “Answers to Rose Questions”  
**By:** Wilma Wrongfoot, Mary Reich, Don Gill, &  
Ron Daniels

### Evening Schedule

5:00-6:00 pm Silent Auction Set Up

6:00-6:45 pm Beginners Session

**“Those Pesky Pests” Larry Baird**

7:00-8:00 pm - **“Answers to Rose Questions”**

Refreshments Served at 6:30 pm

**(NOTE: Men in charge of May Refreshments)**

***Cheekwood admission free for meeting attendees***

**Anne Owen’s Baby-*The Widow of the South***

**(See article on page 4)**



Photo courtesy of Anne Owen



Photo courtesy of Dr. Bill Welch

**May Rose of the Month- Katrina Survivor “Peggy Martin”**  
**(See Article on Page 2)**

## Editor's Desk

Sunday afternoon, March 9, 2008, Jim Ruppert called and we talked about the wording for the bench to be placed at Cheekwood Botanic Gardens in memory of his wife Shirley who died suddenly of a stroke last June. Early the following Tuesday morning I received an email from Anne Owen informing me of Jim's tragic death in an auto accident. The wording for the plaque on the bench has changed and now it will be in memory of both Shirley and Jim.

They were two gracious people and their presence and engaging smiles will be missed by friends and members of Nashville Rose Society. A passion for roses led both to become American Rose Society Consulting Rosarians. They hosted several NRS picnics at their lovely home on Harding Road, and Nashville Rose Society had a standing, free reservation at their Rose Garden B & B anytime one of our out-of-town guest speakers needed overnight accommodations.

The Ruppert's untimely deaths reminds us of the uncertainty of the future. There is an urgency about life that requires us to attend to those matters that make a difference in our world. One of the best ways rosarians can make a difference is by sharing roses and rose knowledge with others.

— Charles Lott

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## Roses of the Month

### Katrina's Survivor Rose - 'Peggy Martin'

(Pictures on Front Cover)

There are at least two good things that came out of Hurricane Katrina. One is Mrs. Peggy Martin, and another is a very special rose. For many years, Peggy Martin has been an active member of the New Orleans Old Garden Rose Society. In 1989, a friend of Peggy's gifted her with a hand-me-down rose cutting. It had come from a friend, who had received a cutting from another friend, you get the idea. Peggy planted it near an old shed at her home, and within a few years, the vigorous climbing rose graced the old building with pink clusters of flowers and long, flexible, nearly thornless canes. This previously unnamed rose has been merrily growing there for nearly 20 years.

During a visit to the Martins' home in 2003, Dr. William C. Welch, noted Texas Cooperative Extension horticulturalist, top rose expert and aficionado, admired this climbing rose that was covered in slightly fragrant pink "nosegays" and whose foliage was bright green and clean. Peggy graciously gave him several cuttings, which he took home and planted along a picket fence. Dr. Welch was pleasantly surprised by the rose's vigor, health and disease-resistance, but thought little more about it because he assumed it was a mid-spring "once bloomer." As he continued to observe the rose, he discovered that as the plant matured, it would have a second bloom cycle in autumn.

Meanwhile, back in Louisiana in 2005, the unthinkable happened: Hurricane Katrina. Peggy Martin and her husband M.J. lost their home, the commercial fishing boat M.J. used to supplement their income, and most tragically, both of Peggy's elderly parents, who perished in the subsequent flood. Approximately twenty feet of salt water covered the Martins' entire property for two weeks. Their sadness and loss was overwhelm-

ing. When the Martins were finally able to return to their home, it was obvious that all her beautiful garden plants were also lost. As she absorbed the devastation, walking slowly around her property, she was utterly shocked to see two plant survivors--one of which was the pink rambling rose, still bearing lush growth.

Dr. Welch fretted about the fates of his many friends in New Orleans in the aftermath of the hurricane. When he was finally able to reestablish communication with the Martins, and he was both relieved and saddened. As they talked, he inquired after their home and garden, and Peggy shared miraculous story of the rose. Like Peggy, this rose is a tough, true survivor. Dr. Welch named the rose in her honor, and worked with nurseries to start a small crop of roses from the cuttings, making the 'Peggy Martin' rose available to the public, currently limited to just a few growers. These growers are generously donating \$1 per plant to the Greater Houston Community Foundation, with the purpose of assisting in the task of restoring gardens, green spaces and parks in New Orleans, Beaumont and other hard hit Gulf Coast locations. With its good looks and healthy vigor, the "Peggy Martin Rose" is well on its way to becoming a classic garden mainstay for those wanting a climber that is thornless, with abundant pink clusters of small flowers.

If you are looking for a gorgeous and vigorous (12-to-15 feet) pink climbing rose for arbors, fences or walls, I encourage you to try 'Peggy Martin.' (Personally, I ordered two 'Peggy Martin' roses, which will join the 'Lavender Lassie' roses on my arbor.) You can look forward to spending many years with this symbol of hope, resurrection, and the will to survive and thrive against all odds. It's a great rose AND a great cause.

You can order your own *Peggy Martin* rose from Petals from the Past, Inc, Jemison, AL (205) 646-0069, [www.petalsfromthepast.com](http://www.petalsfromthepast.com); The Antique Rose Emporium, Brenham, TX, (800) 441-0002, [www.antiqueroseemporium.com](http://www.antiqueroseemporium.com); or Chamblee's Rose Nursery, Tyler, TX, (800) 256-7673, [www.chambleeroses.com](http://www.chambleeroses.com)

— Leann Barron

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# THE BEGINNING ROSARIAN

## May—A Month for Growing, Working, and Blooming

By Sam Jones

May can be a busy and rewarding time in your rose garden. Because nature, herself, is working so hard, clothing your bushes with abundant growth, clean leaves, vigorous stems, and buds popping out at the ends of almost all new canes, it is tempting to sit back and “leave the gardening to her.” After all the tiresome digging, planting, pruning, raking, uncovering, weeding, fertilizing, and watering in April, it looks like May is the month to “turn ‘er loose and let ‘er go.”

Don’t be fooled. Nature is doing a good job, but so must you! Otherwise you will be disappointed by the time the month is gone and the beetles begin arriving in June. In order to enjoy a beautiful, pleasurable rose garden, there is still much work to do in May. Now is the time to make plans, albeit much of what you do will be cooperating with nature. This is the beauty and joy of rose gardening in May.

As much exciting growth is discovered in your garden every day, here are some tasks you still must diligently work at this month:

**The first is to continue regularly spraying your roses.** How hard can that be? You will need to spray two or three times this month at the most. The key is to spray your rose bushes in May whether it looks like they need it or not. Come June and July, you will find out why, when you notice that those new, clean green leaves of spring are looking not only dingy, and some a turning yellow or having black spots. By then, you will have a full-blown case of “black spot” in your garden, which can be doubly discouraging during the hot, sticky summer months. It is even more tempting to blame nature, when you have little to admire from your favorite window. The real culprit is not mother nature, it is the gardener who who failed to give attention during the rosy month of May.

What, when and how should I spray? The number one reason to spray is to rid your roses of the dreaded black spot fungus. You should spray at two-week intervals, using an inexpensive one or two-gallon pump sprayer (available at local garden centers or online), spray your “clean” bushes with two substances that you can mix together: one for the leaf surface, and the other for penetrating the foliage itself. One is “topical” and the other is “systemic.” When used together, or alternatively, at two-week intervals, during May, you will avoid a lot of disappointment come really hot, muggy summertime. **[Refer to the spray reference chart included as an insert with this newsletter.]** The spray ref-

erence gives a list of recommended products for both fungal treatment and chemicals that can be used to rid your roses of various pests. If you have questions about what products to use contact any Consulting Rosarian (see list on page 7). Be sure to attend the May meeting when a panel of outstanding rosarian will answer your questions.

You already know that water is a must for roses. However, you can also SPRAY your roses with water, not only to hydrate the foliage during dry spells, but you can also effectively water-spray away the most troublesome insects you might encounter during this month, as well as most of the summer. The two insects you are most likely to see in May are first, aphids—little green, sticky devils that almost cover the ends of your luscious new stems and buds. Secondly thrips, almost invisible varmints nesting in blooms that turn lighter-colored-rose petals brownish.

With an inexpensive, adjustable garden hose sprayer nozzle on a wide-fan or an angle setting, you can spray away those bothersome aphids. Once or twice in several days and they will virtually disappear. Thrips require something stronger, but don’t bother with them unless you really want only pristine-white blooms. If you do, then mist-spray only the buds (not the whole bush) before or soon after they open with an “insecticide” (Orthene is a good choice), and they will soon made themselves scarce. Be careful. Many insects help you. Don’t try to kill them all—only a very few are bad ones.

If you have planted bushes near a sunny, brick wall—you may notice that your bottom leaves are looking gray and beginning to drop, in spite of your faithful fungus applications. You could have an infestation of spider mites (hard to see with the naked eye). But before purchasing expensive chemicals to eradicate these critters, I would suggest you turn your trusty water-hose nozzle on them, as well. Repeated hard water-spraying from the bottom of the bush upward several times over a couple of weeks, and these babies won’t stick around. They hate water. Use it often and use it well.

What’s left for May? If you have cooperated well with nature’s flush and profusion of blooms toward the end of the month, let me entice you to cut some of the most attractive, as well as fragrant, blooms. Don’t worry a lot about shape; just find the ones that are most appealing to you. Cut them, and if you want, share some with a friend and certainly with

### President’s Column...

April showers will bring May flowers, is the standby saying for spring. If all of April is like the first four days, May should bring some amazing flowers. May is a great time to set aside a weekend for a rose show. Most major cities within three hours of Nashville have a spring rose show each year.

If you grow roses and purchase a new plant or two every year, I strongly urge you to go see a rose show. There is no other place one can go to see so many new varieties of hybrid teas, miniatures and shrubs. The pictures in the books and catalogs really do not do the real thing justice. In addition to seeing the real thing you get a chance to talk to people about how it grows. The bloom you see may be the only one that looked good the whole year and the catalogs are not going to tell you that.

Speaking of new roses our own Anne Owen has just received a silver certificate from the ARS rose trials for a rose she has created. She volunteers at the Carnton Plantation and is going to name the rose *The Widow of the South*. I am not sure yet when the rose will be available for people to grow. I believe Anne may enter it in a few more rose trials to see how it does in other parts of the country. Congratulations to Anne!

At the end of May we will have our annual garden tour. This year we are going to try something a little different and have some food and drinks available along the way. We have three gardens on tour this year, all very different—Music City Garden, a new public rose garden in downtown Nashville, and the private gardens of Sam and Nancy Jones and Jerry and Marise Keathley. (see article on page 4 for addresses.

—Jeff Harvey

*So many plants, so little space*

your spouse, but let me lure you into taking a small step you never thought you would. Consider taking some to a—Rose Show.

Don’t let those capitalized two words intimidate you. There is not a “Rosarian” alive that did not start out where you are. Yes, take some of your roses, the ones that look the best to you, to a rose show—there are a number of rose shows in the spring and fall within a few hours driving distance of Nashville. The Tenarky District show will be October 4th, at Cheekwood. Everyone starts as a “novice.” You will be surprised at how many “old hands” will assist you. They have all been right where you are. I can say this, once you show roses the first time, you will do it again. It’s fun and you will be hooked. But it’s all about enjoying roses and helping others enjoy them, also.

## ***A Star Is Born***

By Anne Owen

Isn't that what every mother says of her children?

In 2003, I wanted to hybridize a rose to be named for Historic Carnton in Franklin, Tennessee. Initially, I asked Robbie and Marsha Tucker to do it, but Marsha convinced me that I could learn the procedure in about five minutes. With the patience and tutelage of Robbie and Marsha, I had a good crop of hips that produced seedlings blooming in the spring of 2004.

One of the crosses I was most excited about was *Madame Isaac Pereire* x *Knockout*. My goal was to have a rose with the disease resistance of *Knockout* and the fragrance and higher petal count of *Madame Isaac Pereire*. That cross yielded two seedlings that were kept for further evaluation.

Through all of 2004, the seedlings were kept in pots, and in the spring of 2005 they were large enough to be planted in the ground. The roses were not sprayed for fungal diseases and while both were disease resistant, one proved to be more highly disease resistant than the other. That seedling was given the study name of 'Carnton'.

In addition to exceptional disease resistance, other characteristics this rose inherited from *Knockout* are the self-cleaning nature and continuous bloom. From *Madame Isaac Pereire*, the rose inherited fragrance, a petal count of 40-50, and the medium pink color. It also roots very easily and grows well on its own roots.

In 2006, I submitted two plants to the American Rose Society Trial Gardens at Shreveport. Following a two-year evaluation, the rose won a Silver Medal Certificate and the two plants were planted in the ARS Winner's Garden. The rose will be registered this year with the name *The Widow of the South*.

The University of Tennessee has field trials for disease resistant roses. Hopefully, they will have room to test this rose in their five year trial in the future.

Hybridizing roses has been a very exciting project, and unlike other plants, you get to see the bloom of a new rose within several months of planting the seed.

I encourage anyone who grows roses to try hybridizing! (See picture on page 1)

## ***Would You Like Coffee and Tea with Your Roses?***

By Jean Bruce

I love spring break. When most of my school colleagues are off to the ocean shore during spring break I bring a bit of the ocean to my door with the fresh smell of newly minted rose tea tonic and a cup of java to boot, without leaving Fairview TN!

This week I started my spring tonic rose brew that gives me the wonderful salt-marsh aroma, without leaving Tennessee—there is nothing like a mix of alfalfa and fish emulsion in early spring. (I would not recommend mixing this mid-summer due to the intense TN heat—that might bring too much salt-marsh aroma into the air and create some very unhappy neighbors—experience talking here)

After I've mixed up the tea I have to wait for a couple of weeks to use it, so then I turn to my coffee. With a covered cup of freshly brewed java for myself, I head back out to the garden to add 2 cups of used coffee grounds around each bush (my local Starbucks is a great resource for this complementary spring pick-me-up). I normally begin to stockpile coffee grounds beginning in February so I have several bags available by mid-March. I toss the free bags into my freezer as I begin to collect so it prevents any chance of mold growing in the bags while waiting for spring break. A week before I'm ready to use them I pull them all from the freezer so the grounds aren't frozen when I begin to work it into the soil. Coffee grounds are a mild source of nitrogen and also add organic matter to the soil, plus when it rains my garden has a fresh brewed aroma.

### **Spring Rose Tea Tonic Recipe**

1 -32 gal trashcan with lid  
Fill the can almost to top with water  
Add the following:

15 cups Alfalfa pellets

2 cups Epsom salts

1 qt- fish emulsion

1 qt- liquid seaweed

Stir every other day

Let this mix for 2 weeks

Feed 1 gal per bush

Refill with water- let it sit another week or so

Feed again, and spread remaining sludge around bushes

I purchase the liquid seaweed from Rosemania, Epsom salts from the grocery store, and pellets and fish emulsion from a local feed and grain store.

## ***Welcome New Members***

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## ***Nashville Rose Society 2008 Spring Garden Tour Sunday, May 25, 2008***

**1:00-6:00 PM**

The Nashville Rose Society 2008 Spring Garden Tour includes three lovely rose gardens—one public and two private. The public garden is the all new Music City Rose Garden gracing downtown Nashville on 4th Avenue, South, across from the Country Music Hall of Fame (see article on page 5). The private gardens on tour are Sam and Nancy Jones, located at 130 Belle Glen Drive, Nashville, TN 37221 and Jerry and Marise Keathly at 5300 Lancelot Road, Brentwood, TN 37027. Refreshments will be served during the tour at the private gardens. NRS members and their guests are invited to enjoy this spring tour of rose gardens.

# NRS Silent Auction Needs YOU!!!

By Ron Daniels

The NRS Silent Auction is not only one of our best fund raising events of the year it is a fun time for everyone. Two things must happen for the NRS Silent Auction to be successful: NRS members must bring items to be purchased and NRS members and their friends must come with checkbook in hand to make those purchases, Tuesday, May 6, 2008!

Members, go out and solicit businesses you patronize and ask if they will donate something for the auction. Bring your own creations--craft items, plants, and food. This is not a garage sale so do not bring your old tires!

Here are some steps to follow when bidding in a Silent Auction.

1. Take note of all the items and list the ones that interest you.
2. Know how much you are willing to spend at the auction and put a price beside the items on the list you made in step 1. If the total is more than you are willing to spend you will have to eliminate some.
3. Write your bid on the bid sheet for the items you want (follow recommended minimum bid and increment)
4. Go back periodically and check the price to see if anyone has outbid you on an item. If so you must decide if you want to raise the bid or forego this item. If you raise the bid be sure your total still matches your money.
5. Wait until the end of the auction, pick up the items for which you were the winning bidder and pay the treasurer.

Remember that Nashville Rose Society is a non-profit organization and fall under the federal guidelines for tax code 501c(3). This means that if you donate any items for sale at the Silent Auction, you can take a tax deduction for the fair market value of the item. The same is true for businesses, so if you ask for a donation, remind them of this. Also if the price you pay for any item purchased is higher than the fair market value you can deduct the difference as a donation to NRS.

Last year and we raised over a thousand dollars. Let's make the 2008 Silent Auction even better. If you want to help with set up or have any questions, contact me at (615) 330-7083 or [custrec@bellsouth.net](mailto:custrec@bellsouth.net).

## *May 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

### Griggs Guidelines for Happy Roses

1. *Clean the beds. Remove the old mulch.*
2. *Spray the beds for fungus spores that cause blackspot and mildew.*
3. *Begin spray program for blackspot.*
4. *Watch for early insects and spray if infested.*
  - A. *Aphids -be alert for these tiny pests whic begin on roses in early spring as new growth emerges. Remember if using a systemic insecticide it should be applied early enough to be present in new growth. This is especially true if a ground application is used.*
  - B. *Thrips are very difficult to control. Remove all infected buds and blooms and dispose of them. Contact spray can be used; however, it must be used before the thrips enter the bud. It takes about two days for thrips to complete a life cycle--so it will take several applications of insecticide for good control. Some references give early to midsummer as the time of most damage. My experience is they are from April to October.*
5. *After everything is cleaned up apply new mulch.*
6. *Use good rose movement practices, don't get stressed out--Enjoy your roses!*
7. *One last thing, don't forget water if the weather is dry.*

— Charles Griggs, NRS Apprentice CR

*To take care of those pesky onions that crop up wherever they choose, use a tough rubber glove with a cotton glove over it. Soak the cotton glove with Round-up and start at the bottom of the onion and come up to the top with your gloved hand. This will kill the onion.*

— Kathy Brennan, ARS Consulting Rosarian, Member Nashville RS & TN RS

*If you like to design with roses you will need companion plants and filler material. Some of the best filler material are conifer (evergreen) branches. Evergreens can have a deep green to a yellow color. There are many that come in blue and even grey, Gray is a great unifying color and will blend in well with any color rose. It does not take many branches to fill in a design so you can start with a small tree. They will grow and you will have an abundance of replenishing filler material. Some more interesting conifers are the Pinus Parviflora (Japanese white pines) and Pinus Strobus (eastern white pine). These have long flowing needles. If you like dense evergreen, Pinus Thunbergia (the Japanese Black pine) is great. They have very thick upright growth patterns with thick candles.*

— Jeff Harvey, NRS President, ARS CR, Horticulture & Arrangement Judge

*Be sure to mulch the canes well on newly planted roses until new growth begins. Canes drying out in the sun and wind is the main cause of plant failure. Remove mulch carefully so as not to break off tender new shoots.*

— Marty Reich, ARS Master Rosarian

*If you should get stung by a bee or hornet, tape a copper penny to the area of bee sting and leave for 15 minutes. It seems the copper in the penny counteracts the poison of the sting, so carry a few pennies in your pocket to the garden in the future.*

— Glenda Whitaker, ARS CR Horticulture & Arrangement Judge

## *Nashville Music Garden Rose Installation Ceremony*

There is no better way to welcome the start of spring than by planting flowers! The Nashville Music Garden, located at the corner of Fourth Avenue and Demonbreun in the Hall of Fame Park, is a one of a kind rose garden that will honor both singers and songwriters synonymous with Nashville's Music Community. On Thursday, March 6, 2008, the first two roses, *Always Love You* and *Nashville Rose*, were installed in the 2,700 square-foot-honorary garden. The debut roses are part of the Nashville Music Collec-

tion, a special collection of roses named after artists, music industry leaders and songs related to Music City USA. Planting of the roses is now complete and includes *Barbara Mandrell*, *Amy Grant*, *Dolly Parton*, *Lynn Anderson*, *Elvis*, *Pam Tillis*, *Ring of Fire*, *Tennessee Waltz*, and *Rocky Top* installed along side *Always Love You* and *Nashville Rose*. There will be a formal dedication of the garden later in the year when the roses are in full bloom. (see picture on page 8)

# FROM THE GROUND UP

By Leann Barron

## 1. Ashdown Roses: *A World of Garden Roses*

Paul Zimmerman stepped to the podium and began his program by saying: "A ROSE IS NOTHING MORE THAN A SHRUB WITH FLOWERS." I sat up. What did he say? Who was this man? Was I in the wrong meeting? I looked around the room to make sure that I was, indeed, at the Tenarky District Winter Rose Workshop. Sure enough, my fellow rosarians sat listening intently, showing no outward reaction. Did they hear what he said? "A ROSE IS NOTHING MORE THAN A SHRUB WITH FLOWERS." A million thoughts ran through my head, such as "How utterly true!" and "Then why are people so afraid to grow roses? They aren't afraid to grow azaleas or hydrangeas." I wanted to stand up and applaud.

For the next hour, Mr. Paul Zimmerman, owner and CEO of Ashdown Roses in Campobello, SC, passionately explained his nursery's unique garden rose philosophy. Without a doubt, this man is in deep and abiding love with roses of all kinds. One of the few commercial nurseries in the country daring to go "green," Ashdown has come a long way since its initial focus on antique roses. The nursery has evolved into offering and promoting really just one kind of rose — Garden Roses, encompassing everything from antique to modern, climber to rambler, groundcover to shrub; and everything in between. Perhaps more importantly, they also represent roses that are easy to grow, lovely to behold and in truth, are nothing more than the most versatile of all flowering shrubs. The sheer versatility of roses even allows us to view them as companion plants. Imagine the possibilities. Paul Zimmerman wants you to think of them as flowering shrubs and vines to use in your garden and vase, alone or with other flowers and plants.

Ashdown is proud to be one of the few commercial rose nurseries in the United States no longer using synthetic chemicals. Now before I lose some of you, let me offer a distinction. Most modern, exhibition hybrid tea roses are in a different "breed" and in general, require strict spray programs in order to win top rose show awards. Therefore, I do distinguish between Exhibition roses and Garden roses as described in this article.

Ashdown's philosophy emphasizes natural, organic, even old-fashioned garden practices, including the use of worm castings, mushroom and homemade composts, aged, unsterilized manures, and leaf mulches. Every rose on their 20 acres, from plugs to roses for sale to permanent plantings, is cared for using

only organic and natural products.

Paul suggests that there is some evidence that young roses left unsprayed develop their own immunities. Give your new garden roses a minimum of three years (unsprayed) to develop this immunity, and if it's still diseased, shovel prune. Why toss the rose instead of spraying? He advises that if you are feeding your garden rose and it still isn't doing well in your garden, it's probably not well-suited for your area of the country, not to mention our own little microclimates. I still don't know if I could bear looking at a potentially bspotted garden rose for three years, but it was music to this rosarian's ears, as I am often frustrated by the need to use fungicides.

The premise to remember is that not every great rose does well in every part of the country. For example, Paul cited one of my favorite hybrid perpetuals, 'Paul Neyron,' as black spot prone in the South (certainly true in my garden). Rose leaves have natural spores that ward off disease on their own. These cultivars need to be recognized and reported as disease resistant roses in your area. Doing a bit of homework in selecting the right roses, and practicing proper cultivation will yield less garden disease. On insect pests: considering that the reproductive cycles of aphids, Japanese beetles, and spider mites are roughly 8 days(!), he suggests inviting beneficial insects and birds to aid in the problem. Try feeding the birds this summer and see if you notice a difference.

Since no single rootstock performs well in ALL parts of the country, Ashdown only offers own-root roses, an advantage for producing fuller bushes, constant renewal of flowering canes, better winter hardiness, no suckering canes, and coming back true if you run over them with the lawnmower.

Ashdown Roses has a history of representing outstanding rose breeders, including Sean McCann of Ireland. Recently, the nursery formed alliances with two of the most esteemed nurseries in Europe. Ashdown is now honored to be the sole North American Representative for the United Kingdom's famed Peter Beales Roses. While Peter Beales is well known for being a world leader in classic roses, North Americans have not had access to these international award winners until now. The nursery is also privileged that the House of Delbard has chosen them to be their exclusive U.S. Licensing Agent. All their Delbard roses have come directly from the family farm in Malicorne, France and it is only from those roses that they propagate. These clas-

## Love Is In The Air

By Kathy Brennan

Ah yes, spring is here or soon on the way, and definitely moving us towards our ladies. We are talking roses standing tall and waiting for us in our gardens. Our court of beauties will soon be demanding pruning, feeding, and watering. As their court jesters, we will attend to all of their needs. The rewards are rich as the bushes love us back with big, beautiful flowers and luscious greenery, and yes, the lovely fragrances we experience as we work between the canes, brushing up against a blossom that releases its delicate scent.

I would be remiss if I didn't talk about prickles. You should see my two favorite blue denim garden shirts. Need I say more! The ladies are lovely to look at and dangerous to pick. There is no gathering the rose without being pricked by the thorns. Like in the Linda Ronstadt song, "Love Is A Rose" whose lyrics tell us "Love is a rose but you better not pick it." However, even in the face of danger, we all know that picking is one of the joys in growing this beast.

T.S. Eliot summed our approaching April up in his poem, PORTRAIT OF A LADY, with these words; "*Yet with these April sunsets, that some how recall my buried life, and Paris in the Spring, I feel immeasurably at peace, and find the world to be wonderful and youthful after all*". Does this not set the stage?

God has truly blessed our world with this flower, and one of our presidents was wise enough to proclaim it as our national flower—an honor well deserved.

So with these words, I encourage you to go forth young men and women into glorious battle, dressed in your suit of armor with sprayer in one hand and clippers in the other; you will rejoice in your triumphs, suffer your losses and overcome the ruins of the green beetle.

sic French roses are famed for fragrance and disease resistance, two favorite characteristics. I've ordered three and I can't wait to try them. Pictured on page 8 is the Delbard rose *Nahema*. Bearing the name of the perfume of Guerlain, this stunning climber has a perfume of fruit with notes of lemon grass. The blooms are of a soft pink, very full, cupped and deliciously old fashioned in shape

Gaining wide recognition as a top-drawer nursery, Ashdown's vision for itself includes being an ambassador for the garden rose, whether Antique, Climbing or Modern shrubs.

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## NRS, Tenarky, & ARS Coming Events

Details & other event news on our website: [nashvillerosesociety.com](http://nashvillerosesociety.com)

### MAY 2008

4	Memphis Rose Society Rose Show, Lowes @ 8300 Hwy 64, across from Wolfchase Galleria. Contact: Barbara Olive (901) 493-3200, <a href="mailto:barbara.olive@memphistn.gov">barbara.olive@memphistn.gov</a>
6	<u>NRS Meeting @ Cheekwood - Massey Hall</u> 6:00-8:00 pm NRS Silent Auction (see article on page 5) 6:00-6:45 pm Beginner Program: "Those Pesky Pests" Larry Baird 7:00 pm Answers to Your Rose Questions
18	NRS Cut Flower Rose Sale Contact: Jeff Harvey (615)268-7089, <a href="mailto:dirtdawg@hughes.net">dirtdawg@hughes.net</a>
25	Nashville Rose Society - Spring Garden Tour (article on page 4) Contact: Anne Owen (615) 794-0138, <a href="mailto:annico1203@comcast.net">annico1203@comcast.net</a>
31	Bowling Green Rose Show, Bowling Green, KY Contact: Kent Campbell, <a href="mailto:clairelc@aol.com">clairelc@aol.com</a>

### JUNE 2008

3	<u>NRS Meeting @ Cheekwood - Massey Hall</u> 5:00-7:00 pm Grand Prix I - Prep & Entry Contact: Dillard Lester <a href="mailto:d-lester@comcast.net">d-lester@comcast.net</a> , (615) 896-0203 6:00-6:45 pm Beginner Program: "Companion Plants for Roses" By Lynne Wallman 7:00 pm "Rose Pests & How to Treat Them" by Roy Cloyd 8:00 pm Grand Prix I - winners announced.
25-29	ARS National Convention & Rose Show, Denver, CO Contact: <a href="mailto:pegwilliams22@comcast.net">pegwilliams22@comcast.net</a>

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Nashville Rose Society has about seventy-five, healthy rose plants available for sale. These are No. 1 grade potted roses from Weeks Roses, Jackson & Perkins Roses and Bailey Nursery in two gallon pots. If you still need some roses for your garden, better hurry because these beauties will not last long at the bargain price of only \$20 each. To find out what varieties are still available and to place your order, contact Marty Reich, (615) 833-0791, [marty615@bellsouth.net](mailto:marty615@bellsouth.net).

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On the left is the Delbard Rose Nahema (article on page 6)

On the right is the miniature rose Barbara Mandrell one of roses in the new Nashville Music Garden (article on page 5)



Pictured below are participants in the "Rose Installation Ceremony" at the Nashville Music Garden, March 6, 2008 (l-r) Randall Lantz, Superintendent of Horticulture for Metro Parks and Recreation; Jackie Jones, Superintendent of Community Affairs for the Metro Parks Board; Pat Bullard of Life-Works Foundation and financial support for the garden; Jeff Harvey, Nashville Rose Society President; country music legend, Barbara Mandrell; Dr. Louis Mishu, NRS member, Horticulture Expert and Consultant for the garden; Jim Douglas, Landscape Architect from Hodgson & Douglas who designed the park; Charles Lott, Nashville Rose Leaf Editor; Heather Middleton, Director of Public Relations for the Nashville Convention and Visitors Bureau (see article on page 5).



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