



May 5th NRS Meeting at Cheekwood

6:00 - 6:45 pm Beginner Program Marty Reich - Rose Pests

6:30 pm Refreshments & Silent Auction

7:00 pm Speaker Alan Windham - TN Rose Trials

March Rose of the Month

Lynn Anderson

Hybrid Tea 1993



Photos courtesy of Weeks Roses

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By: Glenda Whitaker

When a rose comes along and the viewers exclaim "Oh My God," there must be something special and worthy of such praises. The expression became a synonym for this pink blend hybrid tea developed by Joseph Winchel, until the rose was selected to be named *Lynn Anderson*.

Arriving with her publicist at one of our Nashville Rose picnics, held in the garden of Mona and Louis Mishu, music legend Lynn Anderson was welcomed to the event. Stating that ever since she recorded her famous gold record "Rose Garden", and sang those words "I beg your

pardon, I never promised you a rose garden," she had wished for a rose to be named for her. At that time, NRS member Bob Whitaker was serving as President of the American Rose Society who quickly followed up with Tom Carruth, chief hybridizer of Weeks Roses. Tom indicated he could send slides of yet unnamed roses from which to choose. Viewing the slides, a cream finely edged with deep pink rose immediately caught Lynn's eye. Tom had already briefed Bob on the growth habit of strong, long stems clothed all the way down with huge green leaves to "create a formal gown for this country lady." Reiterating the exclamatory phrase of those who had seen the high

centered, very tall, upright beauty in test gardens, this made a further impression, helping Lynn to finally choose this spectacular new rose by hybridizer Joseph Winchel.

A formal presentation was made to Lynn Anderson in the Whitaker rose garden with NRS members John Brevard, Jerry Brinkley, Lynne Wallman, and Bessie and Cecil Ward in attendance. Bob presented Lynn Anderson with an honorary membership in The American Rose Society on this occasion.

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Editor's Desk

Being part of what I deem "The Rose Connection" is a large part of what I love most about the NRS. Our members could not be more diverse, yet we all come together once a month to celebrate our most common connection, the rose. I marvel at how this magnificent flower so seamlessly connects otherwise unrelated people and events.

When Glenda Whitaker sent Jim and I an e-mail about her article on the Lynn Anderson Rose, I related to her my childhood memory of sitting in the back of my dad's government-issued Marine Corps recruiter car, feverishly singing "Rose Garden" after watching recruiting videos featuring the song. Sweet Glenda was kind enough not to mention that my dad finally pulled the car over and asked me to stop singing. I like to believe it was because he had grown tired of the song, having heard it so many times a day, but there may have been other reasons.. enough said. In any event, I immediately complied with his request. You see, my father was a Marine Corps Drill Instructor long before he was a recruiter. The poster you will see later in this issue of how close a D.I.'s nose gets to someone's face when he means business is an accurate depiction, I assure you.

While I felt silly for sharing such a non-rose related memory, Glenda, true to form, used it to connect the USMC, one of its recruiters, a drill instructor's daughter, a country music singer as well as her most famous song, using nothing more than a rose. I had no way of knowing this would be the last article our beloved Glenda would ever write. She was one of my favorite rose connections and I will hold my memories of her as dear as I do those of my childhood.

— Starla & Jim Harding

The June newsletter will feature a tribute to honor the beloved Glenda Whitaker.

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President's Column

Roses, Roses, Roses. Everything's coming up roses. We are on a whirlwind of roses. We love them, the deer love them, the thrips and aphids love them and anything else with invisible wings loves them. Now is the time to fight for their lives.

The May rose meeting will be filled with excellent information to help you win the battle for a beautiful rose garden. Rosarian Marty Reich will start our Beginner's Workshop by talking about pests, and then Alan Windham will come along and talk about the new fungicide sprays. He is a plant pathologist with the UT extension of the University of Tennessee. Our silent auction will be going on during the course of the meeting. We need your help in making this a fun and successful event for our society because 100% of the proceeds help fund our educational outreach. You can participate by bringing assorted plants, rose related or other items you no longer are using, or wondering why you even acquired them in the first place, yard art, chemicals, or gift certificates from garden centers. You get the picture, anything someone else will surely want to bid on. May will take us to the Farmers Market on the 9th to sell roses. This is an opportunity to exercise your salesmanship skills.

For all the new members who are helping to keep our society on our rose growing path, Anne Owen is hosting a new members get together in her garden on May 16.

For more rose thrills, the Tennessee and Holston Rose Societies are sponsoring a Festival of Roses open rose show on May 23 at the UT BioTech building. This is in conjunction with the opening of the rose trial gardens.

— Sandra Frank



ARS News

ARS Ballots will be available to most members through a four-page insert in the May/June issue of *American Rose* along with candidate resumes and a candidate question & answer section. The May/June issues will be mailed to members on April 1, 2009. An online ballot is now available to ARS members at www.ars.org.



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Announcements

New Members Get Together

In 2005 the late, great rosarian, Louis Mishu, and his lovely wife, Mona, hosted the first New Member Get-together in their garden. Louis wanted the new members to have a chance to get acquainted with each other and ask rose-growing questions as well as view their wonderful garden. The tradition is being continued this year at the home of Anne and Gary Owen on Saturday, May 16, from 2-4. All new members who joined since May 20, 2008 will receive an invitation and a map to this event. Membership chairman, Marty Reich, will be co-hosting. We hope all the new members will attend.



May Speaker

Dr. Alan Windham will be our speaker in May. Perfect timing for rose growers. Part of his talk will be on the disease resistant rose trials that he and his brother have been doing for the last two years. He will also talk about some new materials that have come out to help deal with black spot and other fungal diseases. Recently, the University of TN at Knoxville has installed a rose garden. Alan and Mark have been instrumental in its development and he will tell us about it.

Alan has received his degrees from Mississippi State University and North Carolina State University. He has been a Dr. of Plant Pathology since 1985. He has written many articles for the Southern Nursery Association and other trade publications. Some of his most recent research has been in disease resistant cultivars of roses in TN. You can see these rose trials in Knoxville, and Jackson, TN and there is also one in Mississippi.

I have heard Alan talk several times. He will be very informative and entertaining. I hope everyone can make it to the meeting in May.

— Jeff Harvey

THE BEGINNING ROSARIAN

Rose Replant Disease
By: J. Scott Rankin, MD

The botanical family Rosaceae (roses, apples, cherries, pears, peaches, and plums) contains the genus *Malus* that includes apple trees. It has long been known by apple growers that planting new trees into soil in which apples have grown previously is associated with stunted growth of the new plant and a high attrition rate. The above-ground symptoms of poor growth are, in fact, the result of poor root development. In the apple industry, this phenomenon is called soil sickness or apple replant disease, and it is now evident that replant illness may be characteristic of the entire family of rosaceae. Although replant problems have been thought traditionally to be host-specific (i.e. apples should not be followed by apples, etc.), it is now suspected that the problem may be more general. Even non-related species of fruit may be involved, and it is clear that roses are affected.

For the rose grower, replant illness may cause a particularly difficult and frustrating experience. After planting a new rose, the plant languishes, with few signs of growth, despite no evidence of pests or disease. The rose just sulks, and growth may be stunted and bloom production minimal, even with excellent care and fertilization. This scenario may continue for a season or two, until either the weakened rose is overcome by disease or the grower loses patience and removes it. Replant disease can be a major factor in causing the new rosarian to lose interest in growing roses and to give up rose culture altogether.

The exact cause of rose replant disease is uncertain. While most rose growers have experienced the malady, controversy exists as to whether or not it is a disease at all, and if so, theories range from "allelopathy", microorganic or mineral deficiencies, fungal buildup in the soil, nematodes, and autotoxicity. Allelochemicals are metabolic by-products of certain plants that, when introduced into the soil, cause growth inhibition. Symptoms of allelopathy include leaf wilting and yellowing, and death of part or all of the plant. If the theory is that roses produce some type of in-

hibiting chemical into the soil, however, it doesn't explain why other plants have no problem growing in the soil. It also would seem that allelopathy might impact adjacent roses, but this does not seem to occur.

Another theory suggests that decaying rose roots give off a by-product of decay that is toxic to new roses. However, this concept doesn't seem plausible if roses normally grow well in soil richly amended with decaying organic material. Other suggested causes include nutrient or mineral deficiency, fungal build-up, or nematodes - small microscopic worms that gradually build up in the soil and consume the roots of the bush. Another possibility is *Armillaria*, a soil fungus that attacks oak, yellow pine, willow, raspberries, nut trees, grapes, currants, gooseberries, strawberries, roses and other rosaceous plants. Fully mature rose plants may be able to resist such pathogens as they build up, whereas an immature rose replanted into the affected soil can be consumed.

Rose replant disease has been reported to exist in the soil for up to 20 years. Therefore, leaving the soil fallow is not effective, and no definitive treatment is known. Precautionary steps, however, can be taken. The easiest method is to remove all of the soil in which the previous rose was planted and relocate the used soil to another area of the garden. Since the disorder does not affect non-rose family plants, moving the old soil to another location is not a problem. Then the new rose is planted in entirely new soil. The author prefers clean artificial soil, such as Miracle Grow garden soil "for trees and shrubs", but many options are available. Planting in a slightly raised bed improves drainage and also is useful.

Suggestions also exist that boosting soil fertility, and hence root growth, with slow-release nitrogenous fertilizer can reduce the severity of the problem. Adding products containing mycorrhizae (symbiotic fungi) to the soil recently has been highlighted. This intervention is still controversial, but these products are unlikely to harm the plants if used as directed, and may be beneficial. In summary, rose replant disease is

characterized by growth stunting observed when a new rose is planted into soil where a rose has previously grown. The malady can be prevented by routinely removing all of the old soil, and planting new roses into entirely clean artificial soil products.

About the author: Dr. Scott Rankin is a practicing physician in Nashville who has attempted to grow roses for several decades. With improved understanding of rose culture, his endeavors are gradually becoming more successful, and the educational efforts of the NRS have been very important towards that effort. He and his wife Sue have hybrid tea roses, old roses, and bush roses, with a particular emphasis on David Austin varieties.

The East Tennessee Festival of Roses

May is shaping up to be the month of roses for Knoxville so please join us as we celebrate "America's National Flower". Starting with the Dogwood Arts Festival Open Rose Gardens, the month holds many opportunities for the public to see and enjoy the best roses grown in East Tennessee. The Dogwood Arts Open Rose Gardens include several gardens of members of the Tennessee Rose Society and will be open from 12:00 to 5:00 daily on May 9-10th and May 16-17th. For more information, visit www.tennesseerosesociety.org.

A new rose garden is being constructed thanks to a generous gift to the University of Tennessee Gardens. Dr. Mark Windham, Plant Pathologist of UT, has spent many years testing a no-spray collection of roses that will be featured in the new rose garden along with hybrid teas, floribundas, grandifloras, miniatures, shrubs, antique selections, and climbers. There will be a UT Rose Sale on Friday, May 8th., from Noon- 6:00 and Saturday, May 9th, from 8:00-6:00.

A rose show finishes up this exciting month of roses with an outstanding exhibition of roses being held in the Plant Bio-Tech Building on the University of Tennessee Campus on Saturday, May 23rd, with the public viewing beginning at noon.

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The Benefits of Systemic Insecticides

By: Dr. Raymond A. Cloyd

Systemic insecticides are compounds in which the active ingredient is taken up, primarily by plant roots, and transported or translocated to areas throughout rose plants like growing points where it will negatively affect certain plant-feeding insects such as aphids. Systemic insecticides may move within the vascular tissues either through the water-conducting tissue (xylem) by means of the transpiration stream or the food-conducting tissue (phloem) or both depending on specific characteristics of the active ingredient. In addition, once inside the rose plant, the active ingredient may move back-and-forth from the water-conducting tissues to the food-conducting tissues or vice versa. However, this is contingent on the physical and molecular properties of the active ingredient associated with each systemic insecticide. Systemic insecticides commercially-available for homeowners include acephate (Orthene), dimethoate (Cygon), disulfoton (Di-Syston), acetamiprid (TriStar), imidacloprid (Merit and many generics), and dinotefuran (Safari).

The benefits of systemic insecticides include 1) roses, in general, are continuously protected throughout most of the growing season without the need for repeat applications, 2) systemic insecticides are less susceptible to ultra-violet (UV) light degradation or “wash off” following an application, 3) minimal, if any, unsightly residues on foliage or flowers when systemic insecticides are applied to the soil or growing medium, and 4) roses treated with systemic insecticides may be less harmful during the handling process compared to rose plants receiving spray applications of insecticides.

Most systemic insecticides move up the plant via the transpiration stream, and are primarily effective on insect pests with piercing-sucking mouthparts such as aphids, whiteflies, mealybugs, and

soft scales because these insect pests feed extensively within the food-conducting tissues or phloem. As an insect feeds, it withdraws a lethal concentration of the insecticide active ingredient and is killed. For example, the piercing-sucking mouthpart (proboscis) of an aphid is inserted into plant tissues, reaching the conductive cells or phloem sieve tubes through which water and food are transported. The aphid takes up the active ingredient of the insecticide during the process of withdrawing plant fluids. Spider mites such as the twospotted spider mite (*Tetranychus urticae*) do not feed within the xylem or phloem. Twospotted spider mites feed within leaf cells damaging the spongy mesophyll, palisade parenchyma, and chloroplasts with their stylet-like mouthparts, reducing the chlorophyll content and the ability of plants to photosynthesize. Since spider mites do not feed in the vascular tissues, they are typically not susceptible to systemic insecticides.

Systemic insecticides may be applied directly to the soil or growing medium or sprayed onto rose plant leaves or stems. Systemic insecticides, when applied to the soil or growing medium, are taken-up by the roots providing up to 12 weeks of residual activity; even longer depending on the systemic insecticide. However, they may take longer to be distributed throughout the rose plant. In contrast, systemic insecticides applied to the leaves may provide up to 4 weeks of residual activity. Nonetheless, foliar applied systemic insecticides provide quicker kill of target insect pests. In either case, systemic insecticides provide the rose plant with long-term protection from insect injury.

Systemic insecticides, in general, are water soluble, which allows them to be absorbed by plant roots. The water solubility, which may be expressed as grams per liter (g/L) or parts per million (ppm), determines how rapidly the active ingredient in systemic insecticides is distributed throughout plant parts including leaves and roots. However, the affinity of the plant for the active ingredient may also contribute to the movement of systemic insecticides within plant tissues. Also,

plants do not readily metabolize systemic insecticides. A highly water-soluble systemic insecticide may kill insects quickly but may not provide long-term control compared to a less water-soluble systemic insecticide.

Applications of systemic insecticides to the root zone must be performed when rose plants are actively growing and have an extensive, well-established root system in order to enhance the up-take of the active ingredient through the vascular plant tissues. Systemic insecticides applied during warm, sunny days will result in increased movement of the active ingredient through the transpiration stream. In contrast, up-take is inhibited when rose plants don't have well-established root systems. Any delayed movement of the active ingredient may result in the systemic insecticide taking longer to kill insect pests.

Systemic insecticides, when applied to the soil or growing medium, need to be used preventatively in order to control phloem-feeding insects that may be encountered on roses and other plants such as aphids, whiteflies, mealybugs, and soft scale. If systemic insecticides are applied after insect pest populations are already established on rose plants or roses have developed extensive woody tissue this may delay control, resulting in insect pests causing damage before ingesting a lethal concentration of the active ingredient to kill them, while in the meantime the insect pests are still producing additional generations.

In conclusion, systemic insecticides may provide long-term control of certain insect pests without having to rely on regular spray applications. However, it is important to use proper insecticide stewardship so as to minimize the risk of insect populations potentially developing resistance to systemic insecticides.

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The Rest of the Story

Interview with Lynn Anderson

By: Glenda Whitaker, ARS Master Rosarian



“Having a rose named for me is one of the most wonderful events in my life,” Lynn Anderson commented many times during our conversation. Proceeding events related to her and the rose have extended that joy. Currently, Lynn is living in Taos, New Mexico, where she has donated dozens of “Lynn Anderson” roses to the Women’s Shelter, the Town Plaza rose garden, and the library. When she visits these and other places where the rose is planted, she admits verbalizing “That is MY ROSE!” She feels the strong, hardy character of the rose is symbolic of her own life, where toughness to overcome adversity in life is present.

Learning at the age of 17 to live among many egos began when Lynn was a regular on The Lawrence Welk Show. “Rose Garden” was a special hit and helped launch her entertaining career. Her fond memories of Welk were of a strong man who knew how to handle about 50 performers on the weekly shows. She became associated with other entertainers subsequently, such as Dean Martin and Bob Hope.

It was on a Bob Hope Special where troops were being welcomed home from Vietnam that Lynn had another moving experience. A thousand from each branch of the service lined up, with her paying special attention to the U.S. Marines. You see, the Marines had adopted “Rose Garden” as their unofficial theme song for a recruiting effort whose poster read “Needed: A Few Good Men – we don’t promise you a rose garden!” Lynn was presented the coveted Marine pin that was reserved for wives and women Marines who showed distinguished service. The beautiful long stemmed rose, with the Marine Corps symbol of the world globe and anchor superimposed, became a treasured possession for the one who made “Rose Garden” famous. The Corps also presented Lynn with a sign they had put up in a vegetable garden at a camp where

they were stationed that read “Rose Garden.”. When she sang “Rose Garden” to the Marines, they gave her a standing ovation which thrilled her. It is evident the US Marines and Lynn Anderson had great mutual respect for one another.



Back to the Music City Garden, right here in the heart of Nashville’s music district downtown, across from the Country Music Hall of Fame, Lynn feels she has claim to two of the roses planted there because of records she cut: Rocky Top and Lynn Anderson hybrid tea because of “Rose Garden.”

Born in North Dakota “about as far north as you can get,” she still has attachments to Nashville and is particularly pleased to know about the Nashville Music Garden and the recognition in roses for many of our country music stars. Since her parents still live here, as well as one of her two children, she has every reason to return to Nashville for visits.

Lynn’s parents have been part of her music since she was very young, her mother writing many of the songs she has recorded. In fact, all the songs on a recent 2008 album were written by her mother, and the album “Cowgirl” was dedicated to her. The album won seven awards in the western music industry and was named

the favorite of The Cowboy Hall of Fame. Lynn is working on a second album of her mother’s music at this time.

If you recall the Merle Haggard #1 recording “The Fugitive,” it was a song written by Lynn’s mom, also “Strangers.” Her music was sought after by Buck Owens and Chet Atkins, who invited Lynn’s family to leave California and come to Nashville to record with RCA. Lynn’s dad became the publisher of her mother’s songs. As one can see, her recording future is still active. Husband, Mentor Williams, is a song writer, so Lynn has plenty of songs from which to draw.

Going global is how Lynn Anderson expresses her interest in country music these days. The European market is now open to country music. She has given shows in Norway, Germany (where Lynn was presented the Country Music Hall of Fame Award for Germany), Ireland, with a trip to Australia coming up soon. A memorable picture was taken of Lynn in the midst of thousands of roses in Norway, as she is still strongly identified with “Rose Garden.”

Mishu Memorial Bench

The Belmont Rose Garden, on the grounds of the Belmont Mansion, is soon to have the addition of a Victorian style Medalion bench placed in memory of Dr. Louis Mishu, an ARS Master Rosarian and past president of the Nashville Rose Society. While preserving the shape and location of Adelia Aacklen’s original Belmont rose garden, he supervised the soil preparation and planting of over 200 roses. Louis’ passion was to share his love of roses with the public. He designed and established a rose garden at Knowles Senior Center, the DeFord Bailey Memorial Rose Garden, and supervised the installation of the Nashville Music City Rose Garden. His personal rose garden included over a thousand plants and was always open to visitors. Memorial contributions for the bench may be made to Nashville Rose Society (see page 7).

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May Rose Tips

You can submit your favorite rose tips to the editor: jim_harding@gspnet.com

I have a tip for planting the own root roses that come in the small 2 to 3 inch size pots. I like to plant those in a one gallon nursery pot with Pro-mix potting soil with a handful of Mills Magic mixed in. When they start to grow good, add Bloom-Kote to the top of the soil and continue to water well. Plant in the ground, or bigger pot after roots grow out of the bottom of pot. This really gives them a good start compared to planting straight into the garden.

— Doyle Clark, NRS Member

Your miniatures may look happy and unscathed by winter, but give them a trim anyway. They will look and bloom better later on.

— Marty Reich, ARS Master Rosarian

(ROM Cont'd from front cover)

It was an exciting time for all. Lynn was sporting a great big brimmed hat over her long blonde hair and an impressive U.S. Marine Corps pin in her suit lapel. The pin was an honorary gift to her when she helped the Marines with a major recruiting effort. Sharing this story recently with Jim and Starla Harding, Starla recalled how her own dad had been responsible for this particular recruiting, saying it had been one of the most successful efforts the Marines had experienced. (Starla admits driving her family crazy singing "Rose Garden" constantly at the time!)

The chosen **Lynn Anderson** rose was so new that it took two additional years to produce enough plants to introduce to the market. Weeks Roses introduced this beauty in 1995, which quickly became a hit in rose gardens across the country, gracing many rose show tables with "Queen" quality.

A few years later, a highlight of our 1999 American Rose Society National Convention was a rousing program of music for convention attendees at the Ice Cream Social headlined by Anderson in the spacious Delta lobby of the Opryland Hotel. The crowd loved her as she began singing "Rose Garden" and interacted with the receptive audience just outside the rose show ballroom. Lynn was presented a Bloomsaver full of **Lynn Anderson** roses--quite an impressive sight, just like the lady herself. Her hour-long program was a gracious gesture on her part to show appreciation for the **Lynn** NASHVILLE ROSE LEAF, MAY 2009

Anderson rose and the part Nashville Rose Society had in its naming.

At an earlier time, Lynn presented the American Rose Society a framed copy of her "Rose Garden" gold record to be auctioned off in a fundraiser to benefit the ARS. Yours truly had the winning bid and the gold record now resides in the Klima Rose Center of The American Rose Society. Look for it in 2010 in The Whitaker Hall of Honor, when Shreveport, LA. will again host the ARS National Convention.

The **Lynn Anderson** rose joins other Joseph Winchel hybridized roses in the famous category: **Dolly Parton** (1984), **Louise Estes** (1991), **Rosie O'Donnell** (1998). **Crowd Pleaser** was discovered as a sport of **Lynn Anderson** and introduced in 2000.



Lynn Anderson at the Opryland Hotel with a bouquet of Lynn Anderson and Louise Estes roses.

Photo courtesy of Robbie Tucker

Remembering Alan Shew

By: Charles Lott

Dependable, dedicated, quiet, friendly, and faithful are some of the words that accurately describe rosarian Alan Shew. After Alan and Janet moved to Nashville one of their early involvements was with Nashville Rose Society. Soon after joining the rose society they volunteered to be in charge of the welcome table at monthly meetings. The smiling faces of Alan and Janet (along with her beautiful hats) that greeted everyone who ventured into an NRS meeting, became a trademark symbol for the warm hospitality you could expect during the remainder of the meeting.



Janet & Alan Shew welcoming members and guests at an NRS Meeting.

Photo courtesy of Charles Lott

When the American Rose Society sponsored a quilting contest in 2005, Glenda Whitaker sought out master quilter Janet to lead the effort for a Nashville Rose Society entry. The NRS entry made under Janet's leadership was awarded "Best of Show" in the team category in the national contest and a certificate was presented to Janet and other team members at the ARS National Convention in Shreveport, Louisiana, April 27, 2005.

As their involvement in Nashville Rose Society increased, so did the size of their rose garden. The rose garden at the Shew's beautiful home in Kingston Springs now contains more than 50 roses. .

Following recent surgery for pulmonary fibrosis and a brief hospital stay Alan passed away at their home March 22, 2009. Alan and Janet recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. He will be missed by Nashville Rose Society and all whose lives he touched. Memorial contributions may be made to Nashville Rose Society (see page 7), ARC of Davidson County, or Alive Hospice of Nashville.

A Rose Lover's Calendar

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MAY

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7:00 pm Alan Windham - TN rose trials; new Knoxville Rose Garden
NRS Silent Auction-Contact Larry & Connie Baird - cbaird@peoplepc.com
- 9** Franklin Farmers Market & Rose Sale
For info contact Jeff Harvey at jeff@dirtdawgnursery.com
- 9-10** Birmingham Rose Show at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens on Lane Park Road. Contact Gloria Purnell 205/253-1564 Gloriacpurnell@aol.com
- 16** New NRS Members Get Together
- 17** NRS Garden Tours - Contact Lynda Correl - lyndacorrell@comcast.net
- 17** Memphis Rose Show @ Lowes in Bartlett 8300 Highway 64, store opens 6 am, deadline for entries 10 am, open to public at noon - Barbara Olive
- 23** East Tennessee Festival of Roses - Knoxville campus of the University of Tennessee - For a map and directions for parking email Kay Rodgers at corgiperson@comcast.net
- 30** Bowling Green Rose Society Rose Show - Bowling Green, KY
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- 2** NRS Meeting at Cheekwood
6:00-6:45 pm Beginner Program - Sam Jones - Summer Care of Roses
7:00 pm Bill Anderson - MTSU Plant & Soil Science Dept.
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Belmont Rose Pruning

By: Anne Owen

A group of Nashville Rose Society members gathered at the Belmont Rose Garden on March 18th to help prune roses and to teach their grounds crew how to prune the roses. NRS President Sandra Frank, Chairman of Consulting Rosarians Charles Lott, Master

Rosarians Larry Baird and Annie Owen, Consulting Rosarians Lyle Worsham, Keith Garman, Ron Daniels, and Dillard and Diane Lester all pitched in to get the roses in shape for the spring bloom.

For anyone who hasn't seen the beautiful rose garden at Belmont that Louis Mishu designed and installed, please take some time this year to go and see it. The rose beds are located in a perfect

spot on the grounds where students and faculty pass by. When the roses are in bloom, their beauty is like a magnet, even for busy students who just have to get a closer look and smell them. For us in the Nashville Rose Society, we couldn't pass by without thinking of our dear Louis and thanking him for his dedication to and love of roses.



Photo courtesy of Charles Lott

Belmont Rose Garden Pruning - From left to right

Front Row: Melissa Finan, Josh Post, NRS President: Sandra Frank, Jason Siegel,
Middle Row: Mary Weber, Fred Thompson, Judy Fisher, Sam Kobia, Patrick Ward, Diane & Dillard Lester, James Cooper, Josefine Lagunes, Anne Owen
Back Row: Ron Daniel, Keith Garman, Lyle Worsham, Larry Baird.
Not Pictured: Charles Lott (The man behind the camera)