

## 2008 Nashville Lawn & Garden Show

### "It's Easy to Be Green"

Whether you're a "green" inexperienced gardener or proudly possess a "green thumb", the do-not-miss-it event in 2008 will be the Nashville Lawn & Garden Show, February 28 through March 2, at the Tennessee State Fairgrounds. **It's Easy to be Green**, the 19th annual presentation of the largest gardening show in Tennessee, will be the greenest experience of the year; show proceeds will be used to help increase the urban forestry canopy in Middle Tennessee and to provide "green" education.

The show will include:

- Lectures by internationally known Irish gardener, Helen Dillon, from the Emerald Isle; and by nationally acclaimed plant preservationist and cultivator, Barry Glick from West Virginia;
- An acre of live gardens featuring environmentally friendly gardening ideas;
- A floral design gallery with a very green tint;
- Demonstrations on how to creatively and deliciously integrate raw foods into your diet presented by Laura Button, Journey to Bliss Raw Foods, Smyrna, Tennessee;
- Hundreds of exhibitors from throughout the United States offering an array of products, services, plants and equipment to help make your corner of the world greener.

The centerpiece of Nashville Lawn & Garden Show will be a naturalized presentation of more than 20 live gardens created by professional landscape designers. Most of the gardens include water features, ranging from small fountains to large waterfalls. The free series of more than 20 lectures will include presentations from expert horticulturists and garden designers from throughout the country. Some of the popular Tennessee speakers returning to the show are Jack Carman, wildflower expert, Tullahoma; Randy Smith, Mother Nature Nursery, Brentwood; and Carol Reese, ornamental horticulture expert, Jackson.

More than 21,000 people attended the 2007 show. Proceeds are used by the Horticultural Association of Tennessee to fund horticultural projects throughout Tennessee. For more complete informa-

## February 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 [crlott@bellsouth.net](mailto:crlott@bellsouth.net).

*February is a good time to check all your chemicals and other gardening supplies to see what needs to be replaced for the new season. The March Meeting is our annual Vendor Night - order forms will be out soon, so you can get all your supplies at one time while helping NRS.*

*If you haven't tried the water absorbing crystals in your garden, now is the time. Drought conditions are predicted again for 2008, so anything we can do to reduce the need for water is important. One brand - Terra-Sorb absorbs 300 to 400 times its weight in water, then releases it slowly to reduce watering by 50% or more. The crystals are non-toxic, non-hazardous to the environment, and will last from 3-4 years.*

— Annie Owen, ARS Master Rosarian & Horticulture Judge

*Do nothing; absolutely nothing. Don't prune or plant, order or oversee. This is your last pre-gardening, pre-spray month. Enjoy it while you can.*

— Don Reed, NRS Former President

*Main tip I have is to check supplies so they know what they need for vendor night and to check the mulch to be sure the roses are still covered. The squirrels tend to mess mine up burying walnuts.*

— Marty Reich, ARS Master Rosarian

*Since February is usually such a dreary time, about all we can do is be sure the winter covering on our roses is still in place, imagine the beauty we will see when the blooms reappear. Pull out the catalogs place all those final orders. Be sure to check what is available from the NRS rose sale, and get that order in. Also don't forget a great weekend with rose lovers in Bowling Green, Ky at the Tenarky winter workshop. Information on attending is in this issue of the Nashville Rose Leaf. If you have never attended, it is a fun and informative time to enjoy roses even when we don't have any blooms.*

— Larry Baird, ARS Consulting Rosarian and Horticulture Judge

*Inventory supplies of pesticides, tools and fertilizer. Order items needed from NRS vendor night. Another reminder to repair, sharpen and perform other maintenance on tools and sprayers used in your garden. Make sure they are in the proper place in your shop or other storage area. Have them ready to use when needed. Why spend 3 or 4 hours finding, repairing, and sharpening. Remember some sprayer parts become hard and may need replacing or oiling. A little prevention now will save a lot of time in March.*

— Charles Griggs, NRS Apprentice CR

*With the weather more than likely being a little too cold to be able to do much outside I like to take the time to sharpen all my tools. This includes not only my pruners but shovels and axes and anything that has an edge. It does not take long to do but it sure saves a lot of time in the spring when I have to cut through tree roots and clay to dig holes for my new plants. This is also a good time to go out and straighten up the garage and put away all those things that just got thrown around in the fall.*

*With vendor night coming up I go to my chemical and fertilizer area and take inventory of everything. This way when the order forms come out I can determine what I need easier and do not end up with two pints of something like Banner max or compass. Those can set you back a pretty penny and I'd rather buy a couple of pretty roses. Have a good winter.*

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

tion, call the Nashville Lawn & Garden Show office at 615-876-7680.

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The Nashville Lawn and Garden Show is the best opportunity of the year for enlisting new Nashville Rose Society members. We will again sponsor a booth at

the Lawn & Garden Show to share information about roses and encourage people to join and get involved in NRS. Ken Correll is again coordinating NRS participation in the L&G Show. We need volunteers to help at the booth. If you are available to help manage the booth contact Jeff Harvey (615) 289-7089 [dirt-dawg@hughes.net](mailto:dirt-dawg@hughes.net) or Ken Correll (615) 885-9080

## *Officers Installed, Awards Presented at 2007 Nashville Rose Society December Banquet*

An enthusiastic group of rosarians and their friends enjoyed the Nashville Rose Society Banquet at Richland Country Club on December 2, 2007. The highlight of the evening was the installation of new officers and the presentation of awards.

Outgoing president Charles Lott passed the leadership gavel to Jeff Harvey the 2008 president. Other officers are Sandra Frank, Vice President; Jerry Keathley, Treasurer; Cynthia Worch, Corresponding Secretary; Diane Sepich, Recording Secretary, and Louis Mishu, Member at Large.

The American Rose Society Bronze Medal is given annually to a member who has been an outstanding ambassador for the organization and encouraged others to become rose gardeners through teaching and example. Marty Reich received the 2007 ARS Bronze Medal.

The NRS President's award is presented to a member who has made a unique contribution to the organization and the community. The 2007 NRS President's Award was given to Dr. Louis Mishu for designing and installing three public rose gardens in the Nashville area over the past three years. The three rose gardens were the Rose Garden at Knowles Senior Citizens Center, Belmont University Rose Garden, and the rose garden honoring Grand Ole Opry Star DeFord Bailey. Dr. Mishu received a standing ovation when his award was presented.

Each year Nashville Rose Society has two Grand Prix Rose Shows where members are allowed to exhibit roses and arrangements in competition with fellow members. Winners are given points and the results of both shows are compiled to determine awards on three levels. The 2007 NRS Grand Prix Awards were as follows: Advanced, Lyle and Ruby Worsham; Intermediate, Ron Daniels; Novice, Denise Thorn.

The American Rose Society classifies as ARS Consulting Rosarians those persons who meet certain qualifications and pass the CR Test. Presently twenty-eight NRS members are Consulting Rosarians (see list on page

seven). Nashville Rose Society has established the Apprentice Consulting Rosarian for persons who desire to be a CR, but have not met all of the qualification requirements (there are five NRS Apprentice CRs).

Each year NRS presents a "Consulting Rosarian of the Year" award to an individual or couple who have made exemplary contributions as a CR. The 2007 CR award was given to Larry Baird and "Wilma Wrongfoot," (alais Connie Baird). The Apprentice CR of the Year award was given to Ron Daniels.

Following the installation of officers and presentation of awards NRS members and guests enjoyed dancing to the music of Milton Grimes and the Occasion. (See pictures on pages 1 and 8)

### *February NRS Meeting Features Clayton Beaty Of Beaty Fertilizer*

Clayton Beaty of Beaty Fertilizer in Chattanooga, Tennessee will be the featured speaker for the February 5, 2008 meeting of the Nashville Rose Society. Beaty Fertilizer manufactures and distributes Mills Magic Rose Mix, one of the most popular plant food products for roses on the market. Clayton is a graduate of Tennessee Tech University and took over the business from his father. He and his wife Judy live in Cleveland and their son John is a university student.

Clayton will tell about some new developments in fertilizers. The presentation will include a brief description of how a new rose is hybridized and brought to market.

As usual the meeting will be at Cheekwood Botanic Gardens, however, we will be in a different room. Because of a schedule conflict at Cheekwood, the Rose Society meeting has been moved to The Potter Room (turn left after entering the front door).

The Beginner Session will begin at 6:00 pm and the main program will start at 7:00 pm.

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### **Register Now!**

## **Tenarky Winter Workshop**

**February 23, 2008**

**Bowling Green, KY**

There is still time for you to register for the Tenarky District Winter Workshop in Bowling Green, KY, February 23, 2008. You can print a copy of the registration form from the district website, [www.tenarky.org](http://www.tenarky.org) or you can send your name and address along with your check to this address:

**Peggy Utz  
1328 Mill Lane  
New Albany, IN 47150**

Make your check payable to "Tenarky District," and send \$79 for each person. The payment covers the cost of the convention and the banquet on Saturday evening.

The program includes a number of outstanding speakers presenting topics about roses and rose care. You will enjoy getting to know other rosarians in a relaxed setting.

If you want to stay overnight either Friday or Saturday, Make reservations at Holiday Inn University Plaza (270) 745-0088

# THE BEGINNING ROSARIAN

## February—*Don't Forget About Me*

By Mary Bates

February is a great month for drinking hot chocolate by the fire and dreaming of new roses for the garden. As an addicted gardener, many hours are spent planning for the new roses. With so many choices and varieties, it is hard to make a decision, and I find I often change my mind before I place an order. How can one decide with so many choices? Of course, the best guide is reading about the varieties and using the rating system provided by the American Rose Society. I have found that roses receive high ratings for a reason. All of the roses I have purchased with a high rating have done well for me. I love the Hybrid Teas, Floribundas and Climbers, but maybe this year I will try an Old Garden Rose or some miniatures or maybe even some minifloras. I just can't decide but in an attempt to calm the purchasing fever, I ask myself, "What about the roses I already have?" Maybe I should check on them, but it really is cold outside.

Dressing for the weather, I find it really is refreshing and maybe it's not too cold to garden after all. Once outside, I am always rewarded by something new in the garden. I notice the red tips of the peonies peeking from the soil, the fat buds of the Lenten Rose and the strong daffodil stems topped with blooms ready to burst open. The azalea buds look good and the hydrangeas have tiny swollen buds. I missed their blooms last year and hope they will be back this year.

It doesn't take long for my attention to be drawn to the roses." Don't forget about me," each one seems to be saying.

I have been amazed watching the roses as they freeze and then when the temperature rises watching them bounce right back like the cold doesn't faze them. They seem so strong, but I decide to refresh my winter protection by adding more Nature's Helper around the bud union just to be sure. Twelve to twenty inches of organic

matter is a lot and some had been washed away by the rain. (Maybe adding the collar of hardware wire around the bud union and filling it with organic material is the best idea for winter protection after all.)

I do know now that when I see signs of growth and decide to remove the winter protection, I will use a stream of water to wash it away. Last year I raked the winter protection away, and some of the new growth was accidentally broken.

Further observation reveals the rebar stakes are working well, and the roses seem to welcome the extra support. It is nice to have something sturdy to help support the roses in the winter winds. Earlier I had worried the rebar would look ugly in the garden. After all, the pieces I had purchased were 10ft before they were cut into 5 foot lengths. After I pounded them into the ground, I still thought they looked too tall, but now I see they are perfect size. Since the roses grew so fast and full last year, the stakes are barely visible now. (It's not too late to stake your roses if you feel they need extra support. Rebar is used in concrete and is readily available from building supply stores. Rebar caps are recommended for prevention of injury. I use the most common size ½ inch by 10 foot and cut each piece into in the middle)

My recycled knee-high hosiery worked well for attaching the canes to the rebar. The hose allows the roses flexibility, and large loosely tied knots are easy to adjust even with gloves on.

Now what about those leaves? I remember Master Rosarian Ted Mills's advice, "***Keep your rose beds hospittal clean.***"

I worked diligently all year long removing the rose leaves, but now I discovered more leaves to be removed. After all, the leaves do carry disease organisms that can attack rose canes. Wet leaves tend to matt down

and keep moisture from draining. I remember another rosarian's advice, "*Roses love water, but they don't like wet feet with standing water*". Those leaves would have to go.

Some rosarians advise sprinkling lime in the rose bed in February. This sounds like a good idea, and I think I might try this. If I am really smart I will get a soil test. The *\*All About Roses* book by Ortho and endorsed by American Rose Society recommends a PH of 6-6.5 for roses.

Now the next challenge-how to prepare a bed for the new roses with the ground frozen. Maybe I should have started in the fall, but I will gather my Nature's Helper, my mushroom compost, and my sand. I will not be deterred. Sounds like a plan, doesn't it?

But for now I'm glad I listened to my roses. They always tell me what they need if only I would look and listen more.

***All About Roses*** and ***The Complete Guide to Roses*** by Ortho are great books for beginners as they both give a good guide for growing techniques as well as beautiful photographs and information on highly rated roses. I bought my books at Home Depot.

The American Rose Society is currently offering ***All about Roses*** free with a two year subscription. To join you may contact them at 1-800-637-6534 or on the web at [www.ars.org](http://www.ars.org).

*Mary Bates lives and gardens in Knoxville, Tennessee. She and homebuilder husband, Michael fell in love with roses while traveling in Australia and New Zeland. When they returned home to Tennessee after working in Anartica, they began with a small rose garden that now contains several climbers and shrubs and about sixty hybrid teas and floribundas. Their construction company Michael Bates Homes is a Southern Living Custom Builder. They have a daughter, Amber and a son, Aaron. This is Mary's second article for ***Nashville Rose Leaf***. Mary wrote an article about hybridizer Whit Wells of Memphis, Tennessee that was published in the December 2007 ***Nashville Rose Leaf***.*

# FILLING THE NICHE

By Leann Barron

## Daydreaming Cuckoo Land

Here I sit, on the front porch in 24 degree weather, basking in the noonday sun. This is noteworthy, as this is only the third time I've seen anything resembling the sun since Christmas. Without a breeze, even winter's sun feels great as it warms the skin, and brisk air clears the mind's remaining Christmas debris. Even fruitcake becomes a rather fond memory.

As much as I complain about being indoors in winter, I really wouldn't like to garden year-round. All is quiet in the garden, no blossoms compete for attention, no one needs spraying or watering, and best of all, no weeding is necessary. The tattered remains of last summer's lush and colorful garden now resemble the architectural ruins of Stonehenge, or in my case, fruitcake crumbs.

Winter is the time to rest, plan and think about new roses for the 2008 garden. Daydreaming on the porch, my mind drifts pleasantly to Cloud Cuckoo Land, where all is floaty and perfect (the dictionary refers to it as "an (unrealistically) idealistic state where everything is perfect, e.g., "You're living in Cloud-cuckoo-land.") It hints that the person referred to is naïve, unaware of reality or deranged in holding such an optimistic belief. When I am in this dreamy state of mind, I can grow anything I want with a bewitching twitch of the nose. My roses grow 18 feet tall with enormous blooms and unspotted leaves that handily win Queen of Show at the ARS National Convention.

Don't try to tell me you have never been to Cloud Cuckoo Land out there in that rose bed. You don't have to smoke the funny stuff to find this magical land—just GROWING roses is its own psychedelic trip, no drugs necessary. You don't believe me? Then answer this question: where else does a grown man dress up in a white space suit, goggles, respirator and rubber gloves and play garden Star Wars with aphid armies? What normal adult walks through the garden carry-

ing a bucket of soapy water, seeking and destroying (drowning) unsuspecting beetles?

And we wonder why our neighbors smile sympathetically and build high fences?

I mean, just the thorns on some of our most beloved roses are downright terrifying--straight out of Little Shop of Horrors. Doing battle with thorns can be a gladiator-worthy blood sport, requiring full body armor to even get close to them.

You don't need a Meyers-Briggs personality test to know that if you grow roses, you are, by definition, creative, an adventurer, an eternal optimist, and, yes, a hopeless romantic. And this personality type sometimes drift out there to Cloud Cuckoo Rose Land.

For example, on the porch I thought about interesting names people give roses, and my mind drifted back to one of my favorite childhood pastimes, speaking Pig Latin. When you stop to think about it, mere botanic (or French, or country stars') names are boring compared to their Pig Latin counterparts. In Cloud Cuckoo Rose Land, the 'St. Patrick' rose becomes Aintsay Atrickpay. 'Dolly Parton' becomes Ollyday Artonpay. 'Betty Boop' is Ettybay Oopbay. You get the idea. And just think about all the everyday garden terms we use...how dull it is to plant, weed and mulch when you can antplay, eedway and ulchmay! When no one's looking, you can even burn those leftover fruitcake calories by running around in your space suit yelling, "I know you're out there, you otted-Dray apanese-Jay eettle-sbay! Epare-pray ootay ie-day!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!"

But back on Planet front porch, someone's calling me. It's getting cold, so I land my spacecraft and shuffle back into the house. My husband asks me where I've been, and I just smile and say, "Daydreaming, love, just daydreaming."

May your winter daydreams be filled with roses.

## MRS Vendor Night March 4, 2008

Vendor Night at Nashville Rose Society will be BIGGER AND BETTER than ever before and this is one event you do not want to miss. Products from nine area vendors will be available. Vendors will be present to describe products, answer your questions, fill orders, sell you products that will help you have healthier roses, and make gardening easier for you. If you have never attended NRS Vendor Night, you will not want to miss this opportunity. Included with this issue of Nashville Rose Leaf are order forms for you to complete and send to Vendor Night Coordinator Gary Spencer (see contact information below). By pre-ordering you are assured of getting the products you want and assist the vendors in knowing the products to bring. Nashville Rose Society gets 10% of the proceeds from sales to support our educational programs.

The following vendors will be present to sell and discuss their products at NRS Vendor Night beginning at 6:00 pm:

- Beaty Fertilizer
- The Compost Farm
- Cool Springs Press
- Dickens Turf & Landscape Supply
- Davidson Farmers Coop
- Flower Mart
- Rosemania
- Southern Nurseries
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Note that products from Rosemania will only be available by Pre-ordering, and additional products will not be available at the sale.

**Send completed order forms to:**  
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**Completed order forms must be returned by February 22, 2008**

## NRS, Tenarky, & ARS Coming Events

for more details visit these websites:

[nashvillerosesociety.com](http://nashvillerosesociety.com) - [tenarky.org](http://tenarky.org) - [ars.org](http://ars.org)

### FEBRUARY 2008

5	NRS Meeting at Cheekwood-POTTER ROOM 6:00-6:45 pm Beginner Program: "Chemicals " Marty Reich 7:00 pm "Fertilizing Roses" Clayton Beaty of Beaty Fertilizer
22-23	Tenarky Winter Workshop, Holiday Inn and Sloan Convention Center, Bowling Green, KY Contact: Kent Campbell <a href="mailto:clairelc@aol.com">clairelc@aol.com</a> (270) 842-8819
24	Consulting Rosarian School and Seminar, Holiday Inn, University Plaza, Bowling, Green, KY Contact: Bob Jacobs, (270) 781-2592, <a href="mailto:r.jacobsa@insightbb.com">r.jacobsa@insightbb.com</a>

### MARCH 2008

7	NRS Meeting at Cheekwood - Massey Hall 6:00-6:45 pm Beginner Program: "Planting Roses"-Sam Jones 6:00-8:00 pm VENDOR NIGHT @ NRS
15	NRS Pruning Clinic/Demonstration Delivery of Bare Root Rose Orders & Public Sale 1129 Overton Lea Road, Nashville, TN 37220 Contact: Charles Lott (615) 824-5614, <a href="mailto:crlott@bellsouth.net">crlott@bellsouth.net</a>

### APRIL 2008

1	Delivery of Fortuniana Roses - Time TBA NRS Meeting @ Cheekwood - Massey Hall 6:00-6:45 pm Beginner Program: "Hybrid Teas & Miniatures" 7:00 pm James Mills of J&M Nursery on Fortuniana Roses
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We are a non-profit organization serving the middle Tennessee area to educate persons on growing and exhibiting roses. Membership is open to everyone who supports the objectives of the organization. Annual dues of \$20.00 includes a subscription to The Nashville Rose Leaf, the official newsletter of the society. To join send a check payable to Nashville Rose Society to:

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## **NRS 2008 ROSE SALE IN PROGRESS**

Nashville Rose Society's annual fund raiser sale is now in progress. We are offering both Bare Root roses and potted roses on Fortuniana root stock.

More than 250 roses of all varieties are offered in our Bare Root sale. Bare Root roses in our sale are from Jackson & Perkins, Weeks Roses and Bailey Nursery. More than 200 varieties of Fortuniana roses grown by James Mills are available in two gallon pots.

A list and order forms for both Bare Root and Fortuniana root stock roses are available on the NRS website [nashvillerosesociety.com](http://nashvillerosesociety.com), or you can contact Charles Lott or Marty Reich for a copy.

Mail your order early to ensure that you get the varieties you want for your 2008 garden. Money raised in the rose sale supports publication of this newsletter.

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## Editor's Desk

The flames in our fireplace wrapped around pieces of wood while emitting a warmth we enjoyed with relatives while viewing yet another bowl game in our den. When someone informed us of their conversion from wood-burning to gas logs, my wife noted that we have not done that because we get our wood free from the woods behind our house. Reflecting on the personal labor I put into sawing and splitting the wood she was enjoying, it occurred to me that Ann and I had very different understandings of the meaning of "free."

Something that appears free to one person may have required considerable time and energy on the part of others. Such is the case for hybridizers that create the beautiful roses we enjoy in our gardens. How many rosarians realize that each new rose that appears on the market goes through an evaluation period lasting eight to ten years before it actually makes it to market? So the next time you select a new rose for your garden remember that this cultivar is not available because someone sprinkled "pixie dust" and a new rose appeared. A dedicated hybridizer hand pollinated lots of flowers to create seeds and only some of them became seedlings. Following years of evaluation one of them became your new rose.

—Charles Lott

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## Rose of the Month

### *Sc sentimental* — A Striped AARS Winner!

(Picture on Front Cover)

(Floribunda, red-white stripe Carruth 1997)

Personally I am partial to solid color roses. Hence, multi-colored roses are not a common sight among the cultivars in our garden. So when I initially saw pictures of the striped rose, *Sc sentimental*, my first thoughts were that this rose is not one that I wanted to grow. Nevertheless a *Sc sentimental* plant slipped in among a large group of fortuniana plants I purchased two years ago, and I must tell

### President's Column...

I am looking forward to the next year with the rose society. We have a interesting year planned out so far. I am sure we will have something for everyone.

The year starts off with Clayton Beatty as our speaker for the meeting. He will be discussing some of the products he sells as well as some new organic products that are just coming out. With many people wanting to us less toxic sprays this should be a good meeting.

In fact, for the organic people, I recently saw a tip that if you have weeds in the cracks of your sidewalk or patio you can spray a concentrated salt water solution on the weeds and they will go away in about 5 days. Just be careful if you have bricks, the salt can stain them.

Jennifer and I were getting ready to order some roses and we thought we would give Sequoia Nursery another try. Ralph has a lot of plants that just are not widely available that are unique. So we got our order ready and added a few wish list plants if they were out of something. Come to find out when we went to order that Sequoia is going out of business this April. We talked to his staff and they said they were going to try and take over his stock but in a new location and under a new name. Lets hope they are able to pull it off. Needless to say we ordered everything we had on our list just in case.

Our first big event is coming up quickly. The Lawn and Garden show at the Fairgrounds. Please keep a day open to help out at the information booth. We will have information on growing roses as well as flier to handout about the district show. I am sure Ken Correll will be asking for help at the February meeting.

—Jeff Harvey

*So many plants, so little space*

you when the first blooms appeared I was impressed.

Several things make this such an outstanding rose. There is a snowflake like variety among the blooms so that almost no two are alike. Although blooms are distinct they are similar enough. Some are burgundy splashed white and others are creamed-swirled-red and all are from the same plant. This beautiful Floribunda rose whose parentage is *Playboy* and *Peppermint Twist* also has a strong spice fragrance. The hybridizer says that his only disappointment with *Sc sentimental* is that it does not do well on its own root. However, this is an excellent garden shrub and has good disease resistance.

Tom Carruth, the hybridizer, is the director of research for Weeks Roses of Upland, California, a position he has held since 1988. *Sc sentimental* was an All American Rose Selection (AARS) winner in 1997 and is the first Tom Carruth rose to win this honor. This is also the first striped rose to get the AARS award. Other AARS winners by Tom Carruth include *Julia Child* and *Wild Blue Yonder* (2006); *About Face* (2005); *Memorial Day* (2004); *Hot Cocoa* (2003); *Betty Boop* and *Fourth of July* (1999).

Although the blooms are not long lasting in a vase a few *Sc sentimental* stems in an arrangement of roses is an eye-catcher. We have enjoyed it so much that we ordered a second. You will not be disappointed if you add this rose to your garden selection for 2008.

This rose is among those available in our 2008 NRS Rose Sales in both bare root and on fortuniana root stock. Copies of the order forms were in prior issues of Nashville Rose Leaf, and you can print a copy from the NRS website (see rose sale article on page 7).

—Charles Lott



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## February Meeting in Potter Room

Tuesday, February 5, 2008

Clayton Beaty Presents

### “Fertilizers for Roses”

(see article on page 4)

#### Evening Schedule

6:00-6:45 pm Beginners Session  
“Chemicals for your Garden”

By Marty Reich

7:00-7:15 pm - Announcements

7:15-8:00 pm - “Fertilizers for Roses”

Potter Room - Cheekwood Botanic Gardens

**Refreshments Served at 6:30 pm**

## February Rose of the Month



## Sc sentimental

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Photos courtesy of Sam Jones



Ray Hunter administers oath of office to 2008 NRS Officers. 1-r, Jeff Harvey, President; Sandra Frank, Vice-President; Jerry Keathley, Treasurer; Cynthia Worch Corresponding Secretary; Charles Lott, 2007 President; Mona Mishu (standing for Louis) Member-at-Large. Not pictured Diane Sepich, Recording Secretary.

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Scenes from NRS 2007 Awards Banquet: top left-Louis & Mona Mishu receive President's Award, top right-Connie & Larry Baird accept Consulting Rosarian of the Year; bottom left-table arrangement; bottom right- Dillard Lester presents Grand Prix Advance Award to Lyle & Ruby Worsham (see article on page 4)

