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## March Meeting

### Cheekwood Massey Hall

Tuesday, March 4, 2008

### NRS VENDOR NIGHT

#### Evening Schedule

6:00-6:45 pm Beginners Session

“Planting Roses” By Sam Jones

6:00-8:00 pm - VENDOR NIGHT SALES

Product Presentations by Participating Vendors

Refreshments Served at 6:30 pm

Cheekwood admission free for meeting attendees

## March Roses of the Month

(See article on page 2)



Photo courtesy of Weeks Roses

### Dream Come True



Photo courtesy of Sam Jones

### Mister Lincoln

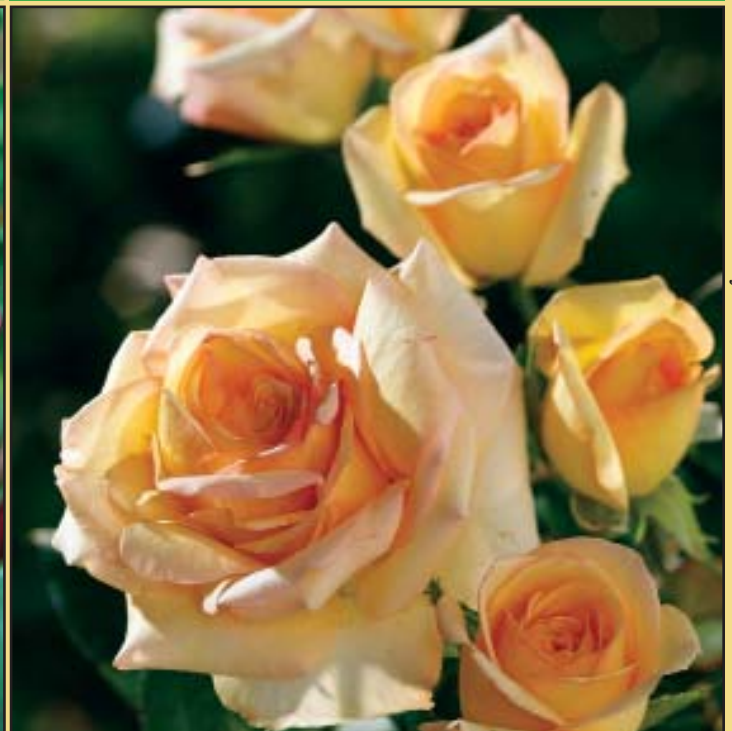


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### Welcome Home

## Editor's Desk

"I can almost feel the sap rising in those rose canes." In the middle of winter, those were words used recently by Anne Owen to express, her excitement over the anticipation of spring!

Anne is one of the gifted writers among our membership who unselfishly shares her talents and knowledge about roses on the pages of Nashville Rose Leaf. We are pleased that you are being introduced to several new writers who responded to our recent appeal for articles. The March issue of Nashville Rose Leaf introduces you to NRS members Jean Bruce of Nashville and Kathy Brennan of Knoxville, and you will enjoy reading their articles on pages three and five respectively. Leann Baron is now penning the column "From the Gound Up" each month and Mary Bates of Knoxville has written several articles for recent issues. Others are coming!

We hope you to will be inspired and share your writing talents along with your knowledge of roses. Remember you do not have to be a polished literary person to write articles for Nashville Rose Leaf. In fact we will help you put your thoughts on paper if you have something you would like to share.

— Charles Lott

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## Roses of the Month

### Dream Come True, Welcome Home, Mr. Lincoln

(Pictures on Front Cover)

Some are new and bold, some are tried and true, but whatever you do, make it fast, don't let them be sold without you! NRS bare root rose sale//delivery March 15, 2008.

**Dream Come True:** You can be among the first to get the 2008 All American Rose Selection (AARS) Dream Come True, a gorgeous red and yellow bi-color of 40 petals that will give large, full blooms for the home or rose show table. Described as very floriferous, this tall upright grandiflora has mild tea fragrance. Known as a clean vigorous plant, its long stems

have shapely yellow blooms edged in ruby red, blushing to all ruby on the finish for a multi-color display that is truly dreamy in every way. A Dream Come True for its amateur hybridizer Dr. John Pottschmidt, adding this cultivar to your garden could make your dream of a blue ribbon come true sooner than you might think!

**Welcome Home:** A good yellow hybrid tea is a rare treat, and this J&P 2008 exclusive has had high praise as an exceptional performer in all climates, top ratings in test gardens all over the country. Here in Middle Tennessee, we can experience micro climate changes that can separate one garden's success from another, depending on location, wind exposure, rainfall, etc. Thus the "exceptional performer in all climates" ratings comes to mean more to each of us. The pointed ovoid buds open to 4-5 inch blooms on 16-20inch cutting stems. The blooms open with a surprising peachy pink center and mature to buttery blossoms. Dark green foliage gives a perfect foil for the light yellow blooms. As with the floribunda Julia Child, a licorice fragrance is present. Make your company feel special with a bouquet of Welcome Home to greet them.

**Mister Lincoln:** The AARS selection that has lived its reputation since 1965, the strong damask fragrance continues to win the fragrance class in shows, receiving the coveted American Rose Society Gamble Fragrance Award in 2003. The very rich red coloring and fragrance comes from the parentage of Chrysler Imperial (Lammers - AARS 1953) and Charles Mallerin (Meilland - 1951). It was an American milestone in red roses when Herb Swim and Ollie Weeks (Weeks Roses, Ontario, California) collaborated in this tall upright hybrid tea. It stands head and shoulders over many in its growth, just as its namesake President Abraham Lincoln did. The 30-35 petals open to 4-5 inch blooms on long cutting stems. For optimum vase life and maximum enjoyment, blooms should be cut at ¼ stage of opening and allowed to develop in a cool area, preferably without refrigeration to maintain the vibrant velvety red. It can show as a fully opened bloom, fresh yellow stamens visible. Very hardy, I highly recommend this tried and true rose. Note: This rose should always be exhibited under the full Mister Lincoln, no abbreviations. Now, get those orders in to Marty Reich and Charles Lott

—Glenda Whitaker

## President's Column...

Spring is just around the corner. Soon the daffodils will be blooming and the roses leafing out. This is the usual time I put down my first application of organic fertilizer. This takes a few weeks to work itself into the soil, so I am not worried about too fast an uptake causing burning of the plants. I did have a problem last year with potted roses. I had just applied fertilizer a few days before a rain and hot weather hit and burned a bunch of them.

This is one of the reasons I am sticking to organic fertilizers, water soluble fertilizers and time release formulas. There are many of these to choose from. I am going to be using mostly products available from Beaty fertilizer which you will be able to get at Vendor Night.

There has been a large increase in the number of public rose gardens in the Nashville area over the last year or two. Here is a quick rundown of them: Knowles Senior Center near the fairgrounds, Deford Bailey Rose Garden on 10th Ave., the Belmont Rose Garden at Belmont University, and the Music City Garden on 4th Ave. which should be up and running this spring.

These are wonderful places to go and see roses. I would encourage everyone to go and look at them when you have a chance. The rose society should in some way try to help these gardens prosper. One of the ways to do this is publicize them and talk about their unique features.

For instance, the Deford Bailey Garden is growing roses totally organically. This includes sprays and fertilizers. The Music City Garden will only have roses in it named after songs or musicians with a Nashville connection.

—Jeff Harvey

So many plants, so little space

## The Best of Nashville Rose Society

By Jean Bruce

I just shivered and slid my way over ice crystal grass on my way to the mailbox and pulled out my subscription to the “DownEast” magazine. The front cover read “The Best of Maine...” I immediately began to think about that title but with a different slant, “The Best of Nashville Rose Society.”

**The Monthly Meetings:** I’ve been a resident of the Nashville area for 4 years now and a member of the Society for almost the same amount of time. When I arrived, I came with a love for roses but without successful growing experience. I thought Simplicity Roses were supposed to be annuals! The early meetings prior to the evening program were and continue to be an educational event.

**Annual Rose Show:** I volunteered my first year to clerk during the Nashville Rose Show. It was great to hear the judges talk about the roses and why the winners were chosen from the others—The judges were almost anxious to answer my questions regarding why one rose would take first place over another that through my untrained eye looked the same. It’s a wonderful experience to enjoy the variety rose species and make notes of those I might want to add to my garden after the judging is over. I recommend clerking for all beginners, and not just for one year.

**New Members Rose Gathering:** I had seen Mr. Mishu demonstrate spring pruning during one of my first spring meetings and had heard him talk about the medium he uses for his roses. It was such a treat when he hosted the new members gathering. We were able to enjoy his gardens, mingle with other new comers, and also receive a short lesson on the soil-less mixture that he uses. As a member of that group, I didn’t feel uncomfortable with asking numerous questions, which I’m sure were very basic. I was sad when my 2nd year came around and I couldn’t tag along with the new members as it was their turn to visit with one of our great rosarians in their garden.

**Annual Rose Sale:** Where else can you get top quality bushes at such rock bottom prices? There is always a diverse selection and some interesting offerings that I hadn’t thought of for my wish list until the order form arrives. Every year it’s always hard to decide which ones do I want to add—especially since I have a limited area to garden.

## THE BEGINNING ROSARIAN March — Roses in Middle Tennessee

By Larry Baird

Middle Tennessee in March: Birds singing, sun shining, warm days with caressing temperatures and then WHAM! The afternoon brings cold rain, dropping temps, and snow. Yes, if this is your first introduction to roses in middle Tennessee in the spring, you are in for an enlightened experience.

Perhaps your encounters with spring

**The Nashville Rose Leaf:** Is a wonderful newsletter that is filled with great snippets of information regarding new roses, different techniques, laments of the dreaded Japanese Beetle, and reminders of the special speaker and topic for the upcoming monthly meeting. Even when I cannot make a meeting—I know the newsletter will help me get through until the next meeting.

**Members:** I have found so many knowledgeable and warm people that are more than willing to talk bugs, chemicals, and various virtues of numerous roses. I have never felt out of place when asking basic questions. Everyone is more than willing to share their knowledge.

I have successfully put what I’ve learned from NRS to work and actually have a quietly sleeping 30x30 perennial rose bed in my backyard. I must be doing something right; this past fall my local florist asked me who did my yard because I had the best looking one in my small neighborhood. I have to give most of the credit to NRS for the continued education, roses and support. I still have much to learn and look forward to the NRS activities and my rose bed coming out of hibernation shortly.

NRS member Jean Bruce says she has wanted a rose garden since she was young. “My grandmother would allow me to accompany her when visiting a friend at this wonderful ocean-side garden hidden behind her house and it was a wonderland of roses. I never had any garden space until fifteen years ago when we bought a rambling farm house in the foothills of the White Mountains in western Maine. I had limited success with simplicity hedge roses and a few David Austin English roses, but never hybrid teas. The winters were brutal so I was constantly replacing them. Plus there was no local rose society to help me along. The one benefit in Maine was the free seaweed for mulching and feeding.” Jean and her husband Rick (who is an avid bass fisherman) moved to Fairview, Tennessee four years ago where her rose garden contains about fifty plants—mostly hybrid teas and floribundas and a few shrubs. Jean also enjoys reading and flat water kayaking.

weather in the past mimics the above. where the cold front passes, followed by warm and beautiful days which are, sometimes cool. Not so here. Maybe you were here last spring and had the pleasure of enjoying our extended period of warmth and sun that had all our hearts light with the expectation of a beautiful early spring bloom cycle. Anticipation was heightened by beautiful new growth and then came the much remembered Easter weekend freeze of 2007. Most of Nashville experienced temperatures in the 20’s. Some outlying areas, such as Duck River, where I live, reached a low of 16 degrees. Although the Easter weekend freeze of 2007 was an unusual occurrence, such things have happened before, and (heaven forbid) could again.

Now, I said all that to get to the point to say this. March has a way of lulling us into a period of expectation when we say “winter is over, I can now uncover cut and begin to enjoy my roses again”. Don’t you dare do it.

Speaking from experience, it is very easy to give into this seduction of warmer weather and lose many roses that you have loved and enjoyed for many years. In other words, leave them covered. Better still check the winter protection and be sure it has not washed away with the rains or blown away with the winds of winter. Replace it if necessary, and be sure roses are protected from wind that we will experience in March.

To further enhance your prospects for beautiful roses this year, check with the Nashville Rose Society and see what varieties are still available for the spring rose fundraiser and place your order. Peruse catalogs and make those last minute orders for roses that you just have to have, check your Ph and soil nutrients, check the supply of fertilizer and chemicals and replenish as needed. Just don’t give in to the temptation of uncovering,

Patience! Patience! Patience!!

Larry Baird is an ARS Consulting Rosarian. He and his wife Connie are enthusiastic exhibitors and have won numerous awards at local district and national rose shows. They were awarded the ARS Bronze Medal by Nashville Rose Society in 2003 and named NRS Consulting Rosarians of the year for 2007. Larry and Connie reside in Duck River, Tennessee. Their garden which contains over four hundred roses of all varieties has been featured on Nashville Public Television’s Volunteer Gardener program

# The Anatomy of Roots, Stems and Leaves of Roses

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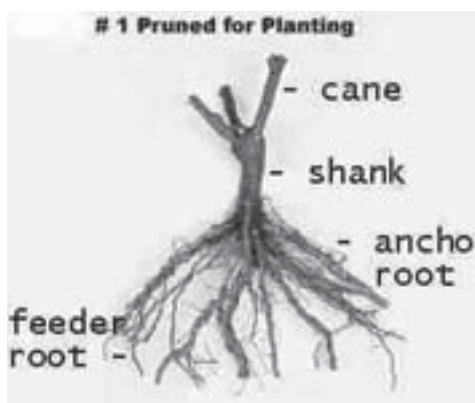
**Canes** - Canes are the main branches of the rose bush, emerging from the root mass in the case of an 'own root' bush and emerging from the bud union on a grafted rose.

**Shank** - The main stem of the rootstock rose. The 'preferred' rose has been grafted onto the top of the shank.

**Bud Union** - the area between the roots and the stems where the bud of the desired variety was grafted onto the rootstock.

**Roots** - There are two types of roots.

- The 'anchor' roots are thick and strong, and they hold the rose bush upright while it is growing. They also store nutrients during the winter season.
- The 'hair roots' are the feeder roots. Their main job is to absorb the nutrients in the soil as they become available.



**Basal Breaks** - Basal breaks are new canes sprouting from the bud union (the graft) on a grafted rose. These new canes are the way the rose renews itself. They are sometimes mistaken for the 'sucker' cane which does not



emerge from the bud union.

**Leaf** - The leaves of roses are pinnately compound - that means they are made up of leaflets arranged along the side of a common axis with one leaflet on the end. The example is of a five-leaflet leaf. Roses also have 3-leaflet leaves and many have 7-leaflets or more.

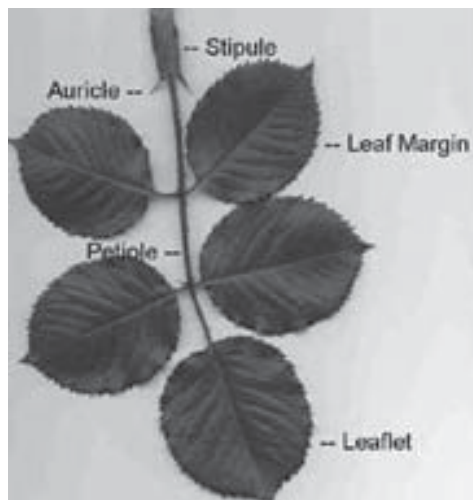
**Petiole** - The tiny stem holding all the leaflets.

**Petiolule** - a subdivision of the petiole that connects a leaflet to the petiole.

**Leaf Margin** - The edge of the leaflet, usually "toothed" like a saw blade. Some roses have very smooth leaf margins, others are very deeply 'dentate' or toothed.

**Stipule** - The tissue at the point of attachment of petiole to stem. Often long and exaggerated.

**Auricle** - the 'ear-like' projection from the tip of the stipule.



## Nashville Music

### Garden Groundbreaking

Groundbreaking for Nashville Music Garden took place on November 20, 2007. The garden is located adjacent to the Country Music Hall of Fame and Schermerhorn Symphony Center in downtown Nashville. (See picture on page 8)

Life Works Foundation Trustee Pat Bullard, who redesigned the esteemed Belle Meade Plantation bridal garden and the Boxwood Garden in 2000, recently focused her energies on developing Nashville Music Garden so that roses whose names have a Nashville music connection will experience increased appeal in a wider audience. Pat's desire is that flowers in this garden will be a living tribute to the personalities and music behind the names and draw attention to those whose contributions helped give Nashville worldwide recognition as Music City USA.

Planting of the first roses in the new garden will take place on March 6, 2008, and a public celebration is scheduled in the spring after the roses bloom.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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# Are You A Josephine?

By Kathy Brennan

Never was there a more passionate collector and grower of roses than Empress Josephine. As the wife of Napoleon 1st, she attempted to grow every known variety of roses in her garden at Chateau de Malmaison, near Paris.

She collected 250 rose specimens. Half of the garden was gallicas and the rest of the garden consisted of 27 centifolias, 22 chinas, 9 damasks, 3 mosses, 11 species, 4 spinosissimas, 8 albas, 3 foetidas and 1 musk.

Josephine accomplished this task with the help of her Irish gardener, John Kennedy who, during the war years, was allowed to cross borders unharmed to search for new plants. Also, with the aid of Generals, who brought to Malmaison, roses from other countries. Even the British brought her plants and seeds found on the captured ships after their victory in the battle of Trafalgar.

The most famous of Josephine's roses would be Souvenir de la Malmaison. It is a beautiful pink rose, very fragrant, but bad for black spot. Mystic Beauty, however, is a pink sport of Kronprinzessin Viktoria, a sport of SDLM, and is considered a very good rose for your garden. Mystic Beauty has been described as SDLM on steroids.

Josephine was possibly the first Consulting Rosarian, inviting hybridizers to wander freely in her gardens collecting specimens. She invited friends to tea parties among the roses and held tours. Because of these generous acts, France became a leading grower and exporter of roses.

So, as we rosarians search, like generals, our catalogs and nurseries for the reward of owning the perfect rose bush and are so proud of our rose garden that we invite anyone who is interested to visit, you must ask yourself, am I a Josephine? NRS member Kathy Brennan is Vice President of Tennessee Rose Society in Knoxville, Tennessee and is an ARS Consulting Rosarian. She began growing roses about fifteen years ago. Today her garden of 175 roses in Farragut, Tennessee includes hybrid teas, floribundas, grandifloras, David Austins, ramblers, climbers, miniatures and mini-floras. Her favorite weekly job in the garden is cutting bouquets of roses to share with neighbors and family. She and husband Jim have two daughters and three grandchildren. In her spare time Kathy enjoys reading books about roses. This is Kathy's first article for Nashville Rose Leaf.

# March 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).

Spring pruning can be a big chore, but I really enjoy pruning! You're probably asking how can that be fun? My answer is music! I plug in the Bose out back on the deck and listen to some gospel music as I snip away. One year I was listening to Christmas songs when I was winterizing and later that evening discovered I ran the car battery down. Oops!

— Hattie Slone, NRS Member Lexington, KY

**WHEN TO PRUNE?** On a cool, crisp, late winter/early spring day, when you have the time. Usually the second to third week in March. **WHY DO WE PRUNE?** For big, healthy flowers. Pruning gives the plant new life, a new start to grow large canes and beautiful flowers. Don't forget your newly sharpened pruners and loppers, also a pair of nice heavy gloves. Just think of this task as a rebirth and you will reap the rewards come May.

— Kathy Brennan, ARS Consulting Rosarian, NRS Member, KnoxvilleTN

Be sure to attend the planting and pruning demonstration Saturday morning, 10 -12 noon, March 15, Glenda Whitaker home, 1129 Overton Lea Road, Nashville 37220. Bare Root Rose order pick-up and sale of available plants. All Consulting Rosarians and other volunteers needed to help sort rose orders beginning 8 AM.

— Glenda Whitaker, ARS CR, ARS Horticulture and Arrangement Judge

I get my year's supply of Mills Mix and anything else I am running low on at Vendor Night. I will prune my climbers possibly the middle of March (if the weather is reasonable) because they leaf out sooner than the hybrid teas which I usually do at the end of March. I try to take out the really old canes and redirect the others on the trellises. Cliff Cleaetold me many years ago to prune the climber America very hard. It really responds.

— Marty Reich, ARS Consulting Rosarian

Editors Note: Some climbers bloom on "old wood" (last year's growth) so be careful not to lose spring blooms when pruning that type climber.

Plan to work smarter not harder this year. Reorganize all your rose care products, throw out those that are expired, make sure all sprays are dated, keep an extra calendar [jot down dates you spray and the products used]. Keep a spray chart near your supplies, Put down fresh weed prevention barrier before you mulch and mulch adequately in case we have another drought

— Lori Emery, NRS Apprentice CR

## Nashville Rose Society Pruning & Planting Clinic March 15, 2008

Proper Pruning is one of the most essential steps toward having healthy plants and growing beautiful roses to enjoy and share. Pruning is also one of the elements most neglected by beginning rosarians.

Learning how to prune roses is best done by observing a skilled rosarian perform in the garden. You will have this opportunity at the NRS Pruning Clinic in Glenda Whitaker's garden, Saturday, March 15, 2008, 9:00 - 12:00AM at 1129 Overton Lea Road, Nashville, TN. If you would like more information contact Jeff Harvey, (615) 268-7089, [dirt dawg@hughes.net](mailto:dirt dawg@hughes.net).

## Nashville Rose Society Mentor Program

We started a program last year to pair a mentor and a "newbie" rose grower to provide that extra personal touch that you sometimes need to help you get started. Feedback from those who participated last year has been overwhelmingly positive.

Perhaps this year you would like to have a mentor and be paired with a seasoned horticultural or arrangement show person to see exactly what they do to win all those ribbons.

I am looking for more people to participate in this. I have sign up sheets at the meeting or you can contact me directly.

— Jennifer Harvey  
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# FROM THE GROUND UP

By Leann Barron

## OUR 2008 FESTIVAL OF ROSES

Hurray, it's almost spring, and the Nashville Rose Society is bustling with activity. With the NRS fundraiser Bareroot Rose Sale, Vendor Night, and the Fortuniana rose sale all fast approaching, it's time to come out of hibernation, inventory your garden shed, and think roses, roses, roses. I like to think of this season as a Festival of Roses, and now is the time to start the celebration.

When I first joined the Nashville Rose Society, I was very nervous about which roses and rose products to select. I even wondered if those thorny sticks would actually bloom when they were planted. One of my dearest mentors, Anne Owen, calmly reassured me, saying, if you plant it and you don't like it, just shovel prune it and try something new. That was a new way of thinking for me: I thought you were supposed to buy a rose and try to keep it forever, like an oak tree or something, even if it didn't live up to its promise. But after growing roses for quite some time now, an underperforming rose is lucky to have two summers in my yard. Goodbye! I treat roses like I do herbaceous perennials. Why keep a rose if it is less than fabulous, when there are so many outstanding roses to try? You know the old adage, so many roses, so little time.... That said, let's talk about some of the wonderful roses available from the NRS Rose Sales. Trust me, you'll be out in the garden with your shovel before you can even finish this article, making room for more!

Our Bareroot Rose Sale has some outstanding roses available this year, many which have won gazillion awards, both on and off the exhibition tables. One offering, Sunrise Sunset was introduced in 2007 by the great hybridizer Ping Lim, and it bloomed its little heart out last summer in my garden. It's a small, pink front-of-bed shrub rose that looks great in small groupings. This is a good all-around landscape rose that I didn't spray at all, and it showed nary a trace of blackspot. On my "must have" list this year is the Hot Cocoa floribunda. I've admired it in Sandra and Dick Frank's garden for several years,

and am finally succumbing to its wonderful chocolate-y orange blooms which will complement dark foliated plants and purple blooming perennials. St. Patrick hybrid tea rose is a perennial favorite of the NRS, a classic yellow bloom with tinges of Irish green. The bareroot selections are just wonderful this year, and include not only such classic roses as Double Delight, Gemini, and Moonstone, but also newer introductions that are getting lots of attention such as Falling In Love (whose genetically perfect parents are Moonstone and Marilyn Monroe--I mean, how can you go wrong there??), and Strike It Rich, an AARS Winner bred by Tom Carruth. Distant Drums, which is a hardy Griffith Buck rose, is showing great disease resistance and was one of Bob Whitaker's favorites, and Sunstruck is also showing great promise. Orders must be received no later than March 15 (for details, see the NRS website), so don't delay in placing your order.

The NRS Fortuniana Root Stock Rose sale is also coming up. Fortuniana roses must have extra winter protection for the first couple of years, so make note of that when ordering. Once these roses are established, they offer great disease resistance, and they reward you with large blooms and fast growth. With the demand for Fortuniana roses increasing in mild climates, the orders for these roses is on a first-come, first-served basis, so order now. The list of available roses is on the NRS website.

Now everyone has some "pet" roses, and some of my personal favorites include a rose that I think should be in everyone's garden, Veteran's Honor, a classic red hybrid tea with great, strong fragrance and is a wonderful cut flower to bring in the house and to share with neighbors. This rose simply doesn't disappoint. I continue to have a love affair with my personal favorite climber, America, a big, tough, luscious orange rose that grows vigorously on my corner fence. This rose is the first one I ever planted, and it was love at first sight. I have seen passersby fall under its

spell, stopping on the sidewalk to have their picture made with it, and inhale its intoxicating fragrance. In 1976, William Warriner married Fragrant Cloud and Tradition, and they spawned this big blooming baby America, and it was promptly awarded AARS winner designation.

Don't overlook Cherry Parfait, a 2003 AARS winning Grandiflora from the famed house of Meiland, as yummy looking as it sounds. The list is long, but don't be intimidated. If you are willing to do the winter protection, beautiful Fortuniana roses can be very rewarding, as many of us in the Nashville Rose Society will attest. Get your order in now for best selection.

Last but not least is Nashville Rose Society Vendor night. This is a favorite fundraising event for Nashville-area gardeners, and you don't even have to grow roses to participate (but we hope you do!). You can order everything from roses to garden books from Cool Springs press, pruners to fabulous fertilizers, garden markers to gloves, and that famous stuff that prize-winning roses love, Royal Soil from The Compost Farm. Our own NRS member Logan Shillinglaw and ARS award-winning hybridizer, Robbie Tucker own Rosemania, another Vendor Night favorite stop. Robbie grows fabulous miniatures and mini-floras, and their web-based company includes not only his roses, but also introductions by another illustrious mini-hybridizer, David Clemmons.

Rosemania also sells numerous hard-to-find, top quality garden products. Rosemania products will be available ONLY by pre-ordering, so don't delay in doing so...many of Robbie's mini roses are already sold out. Other long-time NRS supporters like Beaty Fertilizer, Davidson County Coop, Dickens Turf and Landscape Supply and Southern Nurseries offer excellent quality products and good prices, as do relative newcomers to Vendor night like Cools Springs Press, Dirt Dawg Nursery (owned by our very own NRS President Jeff Harvey) and Flower Mart.

Don't miss the chance to buy top quality roses and fine products, supporting our fine local Vendors, and at the same time benefitting the Nashville Rose Society. So get those orders in and start shovel pruning now!

## NRS, Tenarky, & ARS Coming Events

for more details visit our website: [nashvillerosesociety.com](http://nashvillerosesociety.com) -

### MARCH 2008

7	<u>NRS Meeting at Cheekwood - Massey Hall</u> 6:00-6:45 pm Beginner Program: "Planting Roses"-Sam Jones 6:00-8:00 pm NRS VENDOR NIGHT
15	NRS Pruning-Planting Clinic/Demonstration at Glenda Whitaker's 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	Fortuniana Roses Delivery & Public Sale 4:00 pm, Cheekwood Parking Lot <u>NRS Meeting @ Cheekwood - Massey Hall</u> 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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### MAY 2008

6	<u>NRS Meeting @ Cheekwood - Massey Hall</u> 6:00-6:45 pm Beginner Program: "Those Pesky Pests" Larry Baird 7:00 pm Answers to Your Rose Questions
24	NRS Cut Flower Rose Sale Flea Market at Tennessee State Fair Grounds Contact: Jeff Harvey (615)268-7089, <a href="mailto:dirtdawg@hughes.net">dirtdawg@hughes.net</a>
25	Nashville Rose Society - Spring Garden Tour Contact: Anne Owen (615) 794-0138, <a href="mailto:annieo1203@comcast.net">annieo1203@comcast.net</a>

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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 ORDER NOW!!

The 2008 NRS Rose Sale is in progress, and if you want to get the rose of your choice get your order in soon. Order forms with a list of available roses are available on the Nashville Rose Society website [nashvillerosesociety.com](http://nashvillerosesociety.com) or you can contact Charles Lott or Marty Reich.

There are forty-two varieties of Bare Root roses available including the 2008 AARS winner Dream Come True by Weeks Roses. and the stunning new April in Paris by Jackson & Perkins Roses.

There are more than 200 varieties of Fortuniana roses offered in the sale. Hurry and send in your order!

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Left - Denise Thorne is presented plaque as winner of the 2007 NRS Grand Prix Novice Award



Right - NRS members Jim & Starla Harding visit with Melissa Gowan, Hospitality Chair (center) during refreshment time at February meeting.

Pictured below at groundbreaking for Nashville Music Garden are (l-r) Jim Douglas, Landscape Architect, Country Music Singer Barbara Mandrell; Lifeworks Foundation Trustee Pat Bullard; Dr. Louis Mishu, Nashville Music Garden Designer and NRS Member; Randal Lantz, Metro Parks Superintendent of Horticulture. (See Article on Page 4)



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