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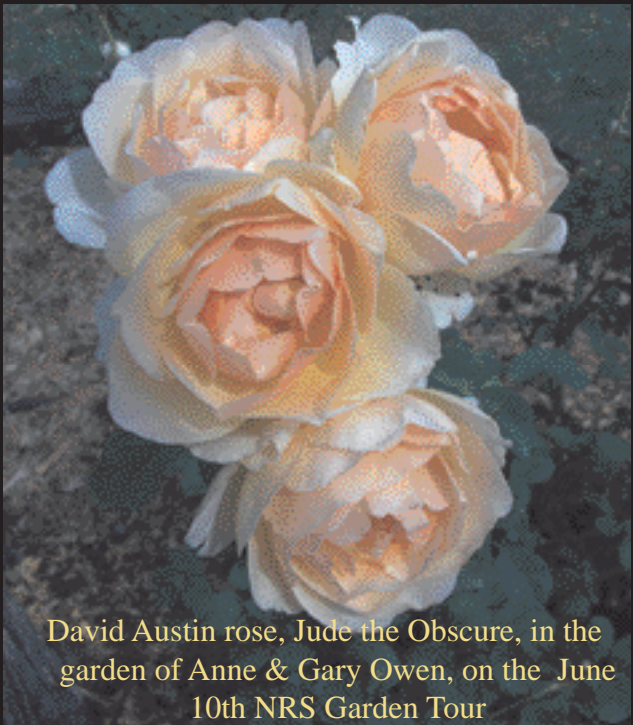
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Grand Prix I, Best Arrangement, Pop Warner by Ruby Worsham



Grand Prix I, Most Fragrant Rose, Gertrude Jekyl by Ron Daniels



David Austin rose, Jude the Obscure, in the garden of Anne & Gary Owen, on the June 10th NRS Garden Tour

Louis & Mona Mishu hosted 2007 NRS New Member Social at their home May 27. Members listen as Louis describes soil composition needed for a good rose bed.



2007 Grand Prix I, Miniature Queen, Foolish Pleasure by Larry Baird



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JULY MEETING

Tuesday, July 10, 2007



Arrangement Presentation
by Lynne Wallman

(See Article on Page 5)

Door Prizes are arrangements made by Lynne.

Evening Schedule

5:00-6:00 pm Deliver Silent Auction Items

6:00-8:00 pm Silent Auction

6:00-6:45 pm - Beginner Program - Fertilizers & Insects
By Jeff & Jennifer Harvey

7:00-7:15 pm - Announcements

7:15-8:30 pm - "Arrangements Flowers"

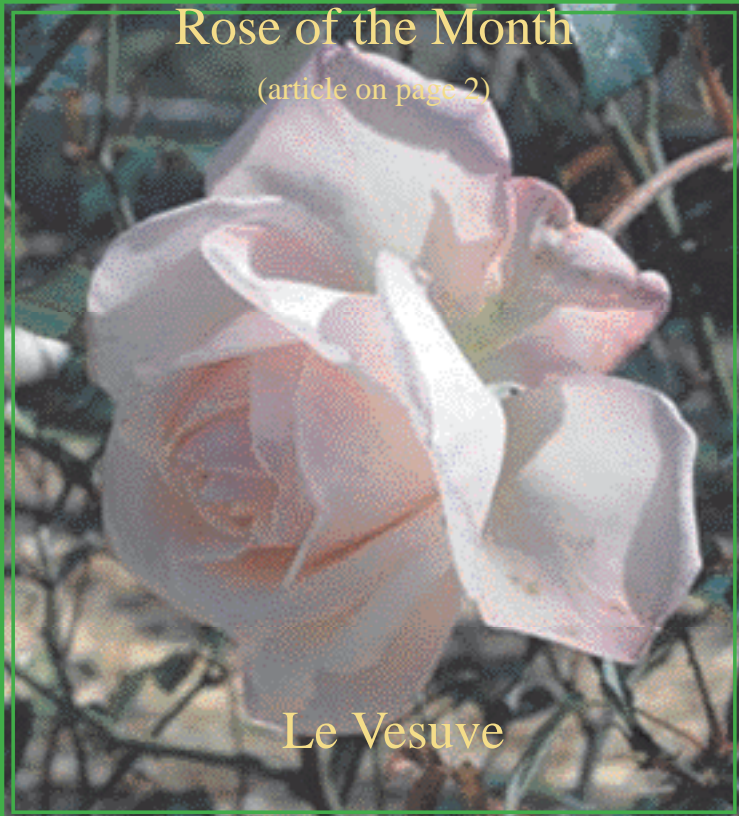
Refreshments - 6:30 PM

Botanic Hall - Cheekwood Botanic Gardens

Cheekwood admission free for meeting attendees

Rose of the Month

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Le Vesuve

Pictured Below are Roses in the Garden of Lynne Wallman and Don Reed. Lynne is the featured speaker at the July 10th Nashville Rose Society Meeting. Hybrid Tea rose on left is Lady Bird Johnson, Jeanne Lajoie is shrub rose in right photo behind a canopy of HT roses. (article on page 5)



Photo Courtesy of Charles Lott

Photo Courtesy of Don Reed

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Editor's Desk

My eighth grade teacher Mrs. Emmons, was a prophet of optimism. She had two favorite responses for students who said "I can't" when given an assignment. Her immediate retort was "can't never could and won't never will." Then she followed with a challenge "Where there is a will there is a way." Those words echoed in my ears so many times in eighth grade they became a part of my vocabulary.

Mrs Emmon's philosophies have served me well in all of life. In recent years they have been especially helpful as I struggled to learn how to grow roses. There were times when I wanted to give up, but when I saw the beautiful roses in other gardens I remembered her words, "Where there is a will there is a way," and I said to myself, "If Don Gill can do it so can I."

So to all you beginning rosarians, my counsel for you is the same that was given to me in eighth grade, "Can't never could, and won't never will," and remember "Where there is a will there is a way."

I still like the counsel that Robbie Tucker gave at a Consulting Rosarian meeting. "Go find someone who has been successful at growing roses and try to emulate what they are doing. In the process you will develop some techniques all your own and pretty soon you will have a beautiful rose garden too."

—Charles Lott

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Rose of the Month

Le Vesuve

(Picture on Front Cover)

'Le Vesuve' is a beautiful, pink blend China rose that was introduced in 1825 and was bred in France by Jean Laffay. I first heard about Le Vesuve from Jean

Harrison, a great rosarian from Nashville who wrote an article for KATnips (Tenarky District newsletter) several years ago on low maintenance roses. I spoke to her about her article and she referred to 'Le Vesuve' as "bullet proof", so I bought one from Antique Rose Emporium to try it out.

During the first two years in the ground, growth was steady, and the bush was rarely without a bud or bloom. The third year produced an amazing display that is the best example of continuous bloom on any rose I've ever grown. 'Le Vesuve' doesn't have much fragrance (a slight tea scent), but it is so disease resistant that you can forgive that shortcoming for a spectacular bloom that seems to never end. I have never sprayed this rose and it has never shown blackspot.

Another great aspect of this rose, especially considering the masses of blooms, is it's self cleaning nature. The bush naturally sheds the bloom without dead-heading.

Because of the outstanding qualities of 'Le Vesuve' and it's date of introduction, 20 plants will be included in the historic garden at Carnton Plantation in Franklin where all plants in the garden have to have an introduction date before 1864.

Historic Carnton Plantation is a private non-profit historic site located in Franklin, Tennessee. Late on the afternoon of November 30, 1869, Carnton, the home of John and Carrie McGavock, was witness to one of the bloodiest battles of the entire Civil War, and served as the main Confederate field hospital for hundreds of wounded and dying soldiers. Today the site has 48 of the original 1,400 acres and includes the restored antebellum home, a recreated one-acre 1847 garden, slave quarters, smokehouse, springhouse and the adjacent Confederate and family cemetery. Carnton garden tours are available by reservation beginning in mid March.

You can order the Le Vesuve rose from Roses Unlimited of Laurens, SC or Ashdown Roses in Landrum, SC or your local garden center might be able to obtain it for you.

President's Column...

Now that we learned all about digital photography let's go out and get pictures of our roses! Our thanks to Todd Morrison for an excellent presentation.

I'm sure glad Ann was able to attend the beginner session where Ray and Anne taught how to get rid of thrips and spider mites. I heard they did a great job and I expect to have those problems solved in our garden.

Dillard & Diane Lester did another great job with the 2007 Grand Prix I, and although we had fewer entries this year there were some beautiful roses and arrangements.

All these years I have heard what a fabulous speaker Lynne Wallman is, and at the July 10th meeting I will get to hear her. She is one of our NRS Treasures and you don't want to miss her presentation. Remember the July meeting is on the second Tuesday to avoid conflict with the 4th of July.

If you have been wondering what fertilizer to use and how to deal with various detrimental insects that attack your roses, come hear Jennifer and Jeff Harvey at the July 10th Beginner Program at 6:00 pm.

Also on tap for the July meeting is the NRS Silent Auction. We need EVERYONE to contact businesses for donation of items (don't wait to the last minute. Go do that now!) If you don't ask they won't give. Also consider a personal donation (crafts, food, or other items). Ron Daniels headed a very successful auction last year and has agreed to lead us again. [see article on page 5].

I have just learned that Louis Mishu is gravely ill with cancer, and will soon begin chemo treatments. Louis and Mona are two key people in our rose society, so let's do everything possible to support them during this time. You can send cards to their home 6224 Bridlewood Lane, Brentwood, TN 37027.

—Charles Lott

—Anne Owen

NRS, Tenarky, & ARS Coming Events

[For additional information visit nashvillerosesociety.com or tenarky.org]

JULY 2007

10	<u>NRS Meeting at Cheekwood</u> 6:00-6:45 pm Beginner Program: Fertilizers & Insects by Jeff & Jennifer Harvey 6:00-8:00 Silent Auction, Contact: Ron Daniels (615) 330-7083 7:00 pm "Arrangements & the Flowers They Have Known" by Lynne Wallman
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AUGUST 2007

7	<u>NRS Meeting at Cheekwood</u> 6:00-6:45 pm Beginner Program: Tips on Arrangements by Glenda Whitaker & Connie Baird 7:00 pm "Hybridizing & Search for Red Mini Flora" by David Clemmons of Huntsville, AL 8:30 pm Annual NRS Ice Cream Social
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4	<u>NRS Meeting at Cheekwood</u> 6:00-6:45 pm Beginner Program: Creating Own Root Roses - Anne Owen & Larry Baird 7:00 pm "No Spray Roses" Mark Windham of U. of Tenn.
13-17	ARS Fall National Convention & Rose Show, St. Louis, Mo, Contact: www.arsconventionstl.org
23	5:00-7:00 pm NRS Annual Picnic at the home of Jim & Shirley Ruppert, 6213 Harding Road, Nashville, TN
28-29	Tenarky District Convention & Show, Chattanooga, Contact: Jeff Garrett, (423) 332-6979, rjrjeff@aol.com

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Miniature Rose Hall of Fame Nominations Sought

Do you have a favorite miniature rose that you think should be in the Hall of Fame?

The American Rose Society is soliciting NOMINATIONS for the ARS MINIATURE ROSE HALL OF FAME. Nominations must be submitted before June 30. Eligible roses must be at least 20 years old. You can find guidelines and nomination forms at www.ars.org/Forms/call-minihof, or send your nominations to Dr. Jim Hering at 1050 Kingwood Drive, Marion, OH 43302.

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FILLING THE NICHE

Editor: Glenda Whitaker

Modern Arrangement Workshop

By Wilma Wrongfoot

Well, since Glenda is taking a few days off from her keyboard she asked me, a designer in the more traditional sense, to report on my experience with the Modern Arrangement Workshop in Bowling Green the first of June.

Bless your heart, Glenda. Thank you for the honor of having me share my adventure in "Modern Design" with these nice arrangers. Let me say that I have never seen such dashing gentlemen as Drs. Lewis Shupe and Gary Barlow. They were eloquent in their instruction, and taught those principals and elements of design in an easily understood modern mode of creativity.

Not only did these young men "rewrite the book" on ARS Rose arrangements, they expanded the repertory of designs one could choose to do, especially in modern.

Now, after looking at those new guidelines, I was in a state of shock! What in the devil is a Spatial Thrust Design? And should I, as a southern lady, ever do one?

We listened intently as Dr. Gary began the day reviewing design principals. It was a good refresher for us older judges and vital information for the novices in attendance. Basics are so important. And would you believe basic design also applies to the modern stuff too? It certainly surprised me to know there is actually thought behind that modern stuff. I think!

Now before class, Drs Lew & Gary had set up a show of their own. They had designed about a dozen examples of the "new" modern styles. My word, I was just coming to grips with the free form and abstract. But they took time to explain the new stuff where even a traditionalist such as myself could catch on.

Oh, Glenda wanted me to tell you about some of the designs. Now there was a Reflective Design, but you can't use a mirror (imagine that). An Angular Design where "everything" goes off in the same direction, at an angle of course.

The Construction Design was a build it

yourself kind of thing. Then one of my favorites was the Framed Spatial. That's a strange looking arrangement incased in a frame. It looks like it's moving but it's not.

Now for Sculptural Design. I just don't know, and not sure where to get some, but if I had whatever that was, I would know how to put a rose in it. Enough said.

There was a Transparency. All you have to do is put your rose behind something you can see through. And a Stretch Design, (a most unusual idea) where it looks like a piece of the design was pulled away from the whole. It was apart from everything else. Oh, I could just go on and on, I was so overwhelmed!

After a delicious box lunch (always a highlight of my day) we did our own "modern" designs to the theme Fun at the Fair. Lew & Gary (by this time we were all on a first name basis) removed their work, and we placed our creations in front of the colorful niches they had used. My, did we look good. They were either great teachers or we were really hot stuff arrangers. We all did Modern! And as they carefully critiqued our efforts, they made us feel like accomplished new world designers.

It was such a fun day. Thanks, Lew and Gary for helping us to be a lot more creative. A special thank you to Claire and Kent Campbell for organizing this workshop and their exceptional hospitality. And my dear Mary Ann Hext from Bowling Green, thank you so much for obtaining that wonderful school we worked in and helping to set things up. She was just tireless.

Do make an effort to obtain a copy of Guidelines for Judging Rose Arrangements. This book is available from American Rose Society for only \$15. You can purchase online at the ARS website www.ars.org. It's not just for judges. It's for anyone who wants to learn how to do designs for an ARS Show. Glenda and I highly recommend it.

Oh, would you believe I did a modern

Let's Meet in St. Louis

You are cordially invited to meet other rosarians from around the country, in St. Louis this September. St. Louis: the town that Judy Garland never wanted to leave, the site of the 1904 World's Fair, Forest Park Zoo, where hot dogs and ice cream cones were first introduced, the city where Lewis and Clark set out on a Voyage of Discovery.

But...St. Louis is not just about the past! This is the location for the 2007 American Rose Society Fall Convention and Rose Show, September 13-17.

Discover the restored beauty of Forest Park, with its Art Museum, Zoo, Jewel Box and Boathouse. Ride to the top of the Gateway Arch. Attend a game at the new Busch Stadium, home of the baseball Cardinals. The best part is you are near all these things when you stay at our convention headquarters, the Millennium Hotel, on the banks of the Mississippi in the shadow of the Arch. For those of you who want to venture further out, there is our new rapid transit system, Metrolink, which will get you from Lambert Airport to your downtown hotel stop in 10 minutes.

But you won't ever want to leave the hotel, not only because of its wonderful scenic location, but because we will have so much for you to do you won't need to leave.

This is a sampling of some of the outstanding personalities who will be on the St. Louis program: Stephen Scanniello, world acclaimed rosarian and author, Timothy Proll of the famous Kordes Nursery in Germany, Tom Carruth, Director of Research for Weeks Roses, and many others. For additional information and to make your reservation now, go to the convention website www.arsconventionstl.org.

design titled Rocket Ride. . My heart be still, it was so uplifting. I did a Spatial Upward Thrust. OH MY!

Wilma Wrongfoot (alias Connie Baird) is an ARS Consulting Rosarian and ARS Horticulture and Arrangements Judge. She has won awards with her arrangements at local, district and national rose shows. She and husband Larry are longtime members of Nashville Rose Society and she currently serves as Tenarky District Arrangements Chairperson.

THE BEGINNING ROSARIAN

Roses in July - by Larry Baird

After the abundant bloom cycles of May & June, gardeners new to growing roses often begin to second guess what they are doing in July. Suddenly, the blooms that have not been eaten by Japanese beetles, are smaller and fewer in number.

In the summer cycle, roses, just like people, have to contend with heat, humidity and insects. Also like people, roses need relief. They need to drink lots of water and while they can't go for a dip in the pool, you can provide them with a little overhead sprinkling of water. Don't panic. If you are doing a regular spray program with a fungicide, the overhead sprinkling will not cause your leaves to black spot and fall off. After all a good rain leaves the leaves wet. A little "rain fall" from a garden hose can be a welcome relief in July.

Since the spring rains are gone, a regular watering cycle must become part of your daily routine. Roses love water and the heat of summer pulls the water out of the rose bush as well as the ground, and it is up to you to replace it. How much you water depends on your time and love of the rose. Roses with good drainage, cannot be over watered in the summer months. Every rosarian has their own watering guideline depending on their growing conditions and time. You will find yours. But, when the summer heat reaches the 90's, water every day. The important thing to remember is to water, water, water.

Good watering habits serve to reduce stress on the bush. Stress not only caused by heat, but by insecticides often used during summer months.

Water sprayed forcefully on the underside of the leaves will also help prevent the dreaded spider mites.

Do not be discouraged by the small blooms. Rose blooms open with heat. The hotter the weather, the faster they open, the less time they have to grow and develop in size. So in the summer months you have small blooms that almost blow open on the bush. It's just the nature of the rose in summer. Fall will be here soon enough, and as the weather cools the larger blooms will return.

Now, for the dastardly Japanese beetle, those beautiful metallic green, flying insects. Japanese beetles have migrated to the Mid-Tennessee area gardens and will continue to live and breed here. They not

only eat your roses, but as you have probably already discovered, they eat lots of other tasty flowers too.

There are several things you can do, however, to help rid your world of this little green bug. We have tried them all.

1. Pick them off and put them in a jar of soapy water (very time consuming but it's fun to watch them die).
2. Very early in the day or very late, use a mister bottle to spray them with alcohol. (it kills pretty fast but does not hurt the bush).
3. Spray your entire neighborhood with Milkyspore (a little expensive)
4. How about a pet skunk or mole to eat their grubs. (Phewww, maybe that's trading a pest for a pest).
5. Several chemicals work with varying degrees of effectiveness. Seven dust works great, but washes off with rain (kind of ugly on the bush). We discovered by accident that when we used Talstar we had very few beetles. We know other rosarians who have had success with neem oil.
6. Japanese beetle traps are effective for capturing beetles, but if you do not put them a good distance away from the rose beds, you will not be happy with this eradication method. The traps are also beetle magnets, so we do not recommend using them.

Whatever method you choose in your efforts to defeat the beetle, you will not be 100% successful. They are here 6 – 8 weeks at the hottest time of the year, a time when most of us are spending less time outside in the garden due to the heat. As summer wanes and the cooler days approach, the beetles will be gone and the larger blooms of the roses will return. In the meantime, the big tip for July is **WATER, WATER, WATER.**

Larry and Connie Baird are long time members of Nashville Rose Society, and both are ARS Consulting Rosarians. They are enthusiastic exhibitors and have won numerous awards in local, district and national rose shows. Larry and Connie were awarded the ARS Bronze Medal by Nashville Rose Society in 2003. Their rose garden, which features about four hundred roses of all varieties, has been featured on Nashville Public Television's Volunteer Gardener program, and is located in Duck River, Tennessee,

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Calling All Mentors

By Jennifer Harvey

The word mentor finds its origin in Homer's poem, The Odyssey. King Odysseus of Ithaca went to lead his troops in the Trojan War, and while he was away Odysseus entrusts the care of the kingdom and his son Telemachus in the hands of his friend Mentor. The dictionary defines mentor as "a trusted counselor or guide."

NRS Consulting Rosarians have initiated a Mentor Program to facilitate learning the fine art of growing roses by beginning gardeners in Nashville Rose Society. Success of the program depends on two things: First there must be beginning gardeners who need and want a mentor, and second experienced gardeners must be willing to volunteer time and share their knowledge as a mentor. We are developing a portfolio of names for persons to fill both of these roles. At this stage of program development, the new members requesting help far outnumbers available mentors. So we need more of our experienced NRS members to "step up to the plate" and volunteer to be a mentor. If you are willing to be a mentor for someone contact Jennifer Harvey (615) 268-7032 rosethorn@hughes.net or Anne Owen (615)794-0138 annieo1203@comcast.net.

Gift Subscriptions

One of the best ways to share your enthusiasm for roses is to give a subscription to Nashville Rose Leaf to a friend or family member. Just think, for only \$20 you can introduce someone to a fascinating hobby. A membership form is available on the NRS website nashvillerosesociety.com or contact Marty Reich (615) 833-0791, marty615@bellsouth.net

Great Ideas, Great Results: Keep Them Coming! – They Keep Us Growing!

By Glenda Whitaker

Great ideas continue to spring from our members who see a need and take action, and the results speak for themselves.

This year; beginning in February, our NRS Pres. Charles Lott began a pilot program for beginning rose growers that met at 6 PM before our regular 7 PM meeting. We were pleased at the first turnout in February, but we have grown ecstatic over the increasing numbers attending these special sessions month after month. Between 25-30 folks gathered in June to hear about coping with thrips and other insect problems and the importance of safety when using chemical sprays. These special sessions apparently meet an important need. Attendees feel free to ask questions in these smaller groups dedicated to specific cultural problems, and they get to know and benefit from each other. New members continue to come from these groups.

Charles Griggs and Louis Mishu conceived and spearheaded the Knowles Senior Citizen Center Rose Garden adjacent to the State Fair Grounds, planting a beautiful rose garden of mixed roses. Louis Mishu designed and prepared the attractive beds in the winter of 2006, and he and Charles continue to follow through on caring for the developed garden. It brings pleasure for many no longer able to grow their own roses. Last spring, Louis also designed and guided the Belmont University Campus Rose Garden, which brings both faculty and students closer to the world of roses. Great ideas, great planning, and great results from great members!

Don Gill developed a terrific website for the Nashville Rose Society! This exceptionally fine educational tool reaches hundreds of internet navigators with top-notch rose information. Don keeps the site up-to-date on all aspects of rose growing, NRS programs, rose gardens to visit, scheduling, etc., and these efforts bring in new members.

The Nashville Rose Leaf won Gold for the third year in a row among competitors nationwide in the eight page and under category. Your three co-editors/writers Sam Jones, Charles Lott, and Glenda Whitaker, along with several guest writers,

are grateful to our publication advisory committee: Leann Barron, Don Reed, and Marty Reich. Marty receives the "Postal Girl of the Year" for her work to see that our members get their newsletters in a timely fashion. The attractive color bulletin is funded from our rose sale and generous sponsorship by the Houghland Foundation and SunTrust Bank. The newsletter reaches more than twice the members able to attend our meetings, and thus, as an educational tool, plays a vital role for communication.

The New Member Picnic hosted by Louis and Mona Mishu has for several years now become a stand-by, getting our new rosarians off on the right foot by observing a magnificent rose garden of close to 2000 cultivars. Rich welcome and learning sessions, combined with Louis's contagious enthusiasm, bring great results that show up in new members' gardens, confidence, and commitment to the society.

The Mentor Program designed by Annie Owen and Jennifer Harvey now makes available Consulting Rosarians and other interested mentors to assist members who wish to call upon a specific area of need, be it general rose care, exhibiting, arrangement categories, landscape design, or choosing successful roses for our area. Although this program is just getting started, it promises to form a vital bridge linking our members with the valuable experience of their peers.

Annie Owen designed the Apprentice Consulting Rosarian Program, which is open to all interested members. The purpose is to teach, train, and add qualified ARS-certified rose growers to our society who can aid fellow rose lovers, inspiring them to grow better roses for their pleasure. The Consulting Rosarians (CR's) form the bed-rock source of knowledge and experience in our society. Annie Owen (794-0138) will explain this innovative training program to interested new candidates.

Tell us your new and improved ideas! By listening and sharing, we learn and grow!

Tenarky District 2007 Convention and Rose Show Chattanooga, TN

By Jeff Garrett

The Tri-State Rose Society of Chattanooga invites you to visit the scenic city and attend the Fall Tenarky District Convention and Rose Show, September 28-29, 2007. The Convention and Show will be held at the beautiful Colonnade Events Center. Recognized as the "Jewel of the Tri-State Area", the Colonnade is located off I-75 just 15 minutes from downtown Chattanooga. It is a beautiful facility with lots of space, free parking, and easy access with no steps. We know you will enjoy it! Out of town guests are invited to stay at the new Holiday Inn Express located just 10 minutes from the Colonnade Events Center. A block of rooms are being held until August 28 at the special rate of \$79.95 plus tax. Reservations are to be made directly with the hotel at (423) 308-0111. Be sure and ask for the special Tri-State Rose Society rate. The hotel is located just two blocks off exit 1 of I-75 south. We strongly encourage you to make reservations early to ensure room availability.

Another option for out of town guests is the Hometown Inn located approximately one mile from the Colonnade at exit 350 of I-75 in Ringgold, GA. Rooms are \$59.95 plus tax. For reservations call (706) 937-7070.

Activities and Events include:

- Welcome Reception
- Rose Show
- Interesting programs (including rose photography)
- Vendors
- Saturday Night Banquet
- Local Garden Tour

We are working hard and plan to have an affordable Convention that will appeal to a broad range of rosarians. Whether you are interested in rose exhibiting, learning more about the rose growing hobby, touring local rose gardens or just meeting and visiting with rosarians from across the district, the Fall Convention will accommodate you. Please plan to be us for a great weekend!

For more information, contact Jeff and Cindy Garrett at (423) 332-6979 or by email at rirjeff@aol.com or visit our society website at www.chattanoogarose.org. Put this event on your calendar and to and make your reservations today!

Nashville Rose Society July 10, 2007 Silent Auction By Charles Lott

The NRS Silent Auction is not only one of our best fund raising events of the year, it is a fun time for everyone. There are three things that every member of Nashville Rose Society should do. First go to the place where you purchase flowers, garden supplies and plants and ask them if they would donate something for our Silent Auction. This is not difficult and I know from personal experience that most businesses will donate something. If you would like a donation-request letter to take with you to the business then contact Charles Lott at (615) 207-7266 or crlott@bellsouth.net. The second thing you can do is bring something to donate for the auction. This can be a personally made craft item, food items, or something you purchase to donate. The third thing you should do is come with a fat pocket book ready to bid up the prices.

Items for sale should be delivered by 6:00 pm. The auction will take place between 6:00 and 8:00 pm.

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

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

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

Ron Daniels did a fantastic job with the auction last year and we raised over a thousand dollars. Let's make the 2007 Silent Auction even better. If you want to help Ron with set up or have any questions, contact him at (615) 330-7083 or custrec@bellsouth.net.

July 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.

Most of the roses in our garden are on fortuniana understock, which because of a shallow root system, must be staked. In search of the best staking material, I have settled on 3/8 inch rebar (the iron rod used to reinforce concrete). I purchase in 10 ft. sections and cut into thirds, so each stake is 3 1/3 feet long. Because the rod is made of iron, unless coated it will rust and although this does not harm the rose plant it is not as attractive in the garden. I have a friend who does metal plating and he coats them green for me. Otherwise I would spray paint them green.

—Charles Lott, ARS Consulting Rosarian

This is the time of year when spider mites appear. If your foliage is turning brown at the bottom of the bush, the undersides of the leaves are dirty with little webs and some of the leaves are even falling off, you have spider mites. To get rid of them, use a strong stream of water on the underside of the leaves at three-day intervals to break the breeding cycle. Or you can use the chemical approach--you can use Avid, Floramite, Hexagon or Tetrasan. Since these products come in large quantities and are expensive, several of you might want to go in together to make a purchase.

—Jimmy Moser, ARS MR (copied from the June 2007 Dixie Rose Club News.)

When purchasing a "potted" rose (especially in the early summer months) I thoroughly saturate the plant with water the night before planting. I remove any blooms or buds so the energy of the plant will go into rooting the transplant. I keep a close eye on the rose bush every day, keeping it damp, until I see new growth (which signals the plant is out of shock). I start my spraying and fertilizer routines and allow the rose to put on buds. This is very basic but it works well for me.

—Linda Shuler, NRS Member, Greenbrier, TN

Take time to enjoy your garden every day, not only do you see something new each time but it keeps you in tune as to the condition of your plants. Jeff and I try to spend at least 15-30 minutes "touring" our garden each day. You can catch problems early on and at the same time you are enjoying all your hard work!

—Jennifer Harvey, ARS CR, ARS Horticuture and Arrangement Judge

As unbearable as the hot, dry days of summer are for us humans, they are the conditions under which spider mites thrive. These tiny pests can be devastating to rose plants. Expensive chemicals (miticides) are available to eradicate spider mite, but you can control them with plain water. The trick in using water is spraying the underside of leaves with a Water Wand that has pressure strong enough to knock the mites from the leaves. You can fabricate your own wand with parts purchased at a home improvement store or order one online from Water Wand at www.cecilstokes.com. Use the Water Wand preventively, don't wait for a major outbreak of mites.

—Doyle Clark, NRS Member Vanleer, TN

LYNNE WALLMAN PRESENTS Arrangements and the Flowers They Have Known

By now, you've learned how to plant, prune and pamper your roses. But what do you do with them once you bring them in? How do you arrange them? What other plants from the garden do they work with?

That's what our July NRS meeting is all about: how to display roses with perennials and annuals. Our own Lynne Wallman will share with us. She was judged the most popular speaker by the Horticultural Society last year and appeared before sixteen garden clubs in 2006.

What Lynne does that's so neat lies in

the stories she weaves about each plant as she creates a stunning arrangement before your eyes. It becomes a door prize for the evening.

Lynne and her husband, Don Reed, have been NRS members since 1988. She has served as a Consulting Rosarian and ARS Judge and is a former president of the Perennial Plant Society.

Be sure to join us for the July 10th meeting and become captivated by the legend and lore of your favorite garden flowers – aside from roses, of course. You might just walk away with an arrangement!