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2024 Tenarky District Winter Workshop!

Are you ready for an exciting winter workshop in February? Are you ready to see your friends from around the district and catch up on news and see what new roses they have ordered? If your answer is yes, then you will want to hurry and register for the upcoming event. The Winter Workshop will be held on February 17 at the Hampton Inn, Pleasant View, Tennessee. The venue has moved to a new location for several reasons. As you know, traffic, high hotel prices, and high rental for space have been major concerns. The hotel is about 30 miles from Nashville so traffic is not a problem. The price of the hotel is reasonable, and the hotel is new. If you have a new puppy (or other pet) you don't want to leave at home, no problem; the hotel is pet friendly! We will also have several great speakers.

Dr. Nar Bahadur Ranabhat, from the University of Tennessee Crossville, is in the Entomology and Plant Pathology Department. He will be discussing his research relating to advances in Rose Rosette Disease.

Ken Schmidt, from the Carolina District, will be judging our photo contest and will give us valuable tips on how to take quality photos of our roses.

Dr. David Zlesak, Professor of Horticulture at the University of Wisconsin, River Falls and has had many accomplishments. He has been the coordinator of the Northern Earth-Kind trial and the director of the American Rose Trials for Sustainability®. He has published numerous articles on diseases and hardiness of roses and other plants. Dr. Zlesak is also is well-known rose breeding. He has had numerous successful introductions you are familiar with including the "Oso"® series, the Pretty Polly® series, and numerous other roses. He will be discussing his sustainable roses and his goals of producing plants that are hardy and disease resistant.

Photographs must be entered by 9 a.m. with a welcome from our director. Seminars will be at 9:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Following lunch, our district business meeting will be held with the final speaker after it. We plan to conclude by 3:30-4 p.m.

Registration and the schedule of events can be found on our district website at: www.tenarky.org on the home page. This is your opportunity to hear some outstanding rosarians share their rose knowledge, enjoy lunch with rose friends from across the district, enter in our 5th annual photography contest, purchase some new roses, and have an enjoyable winter day!

MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND!!

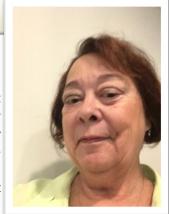
TENARKY DISTRICT WINTER WORKSHOP
February 17, 2024
Hampton Inn-Pleasant View, TN



Tenarky District Director's Message by Lori Emery

Reflections of 2023 and Looking Ahead to 2024

I think overall, 2023 was a good year. There were two rose shows (Louisville and Nashville) and one district convention in 2023 (Knoxville); and all were successful, but smaller than usual. The unfortunate weather of last year played a hand in our ability to grow and show our roses. We held an arrangement workshop in May with Gerry Mahoney, arrangement chair for the Pacific Southwest District. The attendance at the workshop was small, which was unfortunate as it was excellent. Linda Bowen and Janie Hagan attended, and both won at the NRS show in October. Janie won the Court of Etiquette Award and Linda won Novice arrangement as well as the Gold Medal!



I am anxious for 2024 to get here. I hope there will not be any late freezes or hot, dry rainless summer days! That really had a negative impact on the rose growing season across much of the country. The Winter Workshop is February 17, 2024, at the Hampton Inn in Pleasant View, Tennessee. This location is very convenient to Nashville, Bowling Green, Chattanooga, Knoxville, and Louisville. The Hampton Inn is new and pet friendly, and I hope many of you will support the district by attending. For any early birds arriving on Friday, we will have a casual wine and cheese, and Paula Williams will be demonstrating techniques to dry roses. Our speakers will be Ken Schmidt from the Carolina District. Ken's photos have been on the cover of the *American Rose* many times. Dr. Nar Bahadur Ranabhat from the University of Tennessee, Crossville, will be discussing advances in rose rosette research. We are also delighted to have Dr. David Zlesak, one of the top breeders, talk about his roses and the future of disease resistant roses. Due to personal commitments, Dr. Zlesak can only join us via zoom. We will have a business meeting, which will be important for you to attend. Included on the agenda will be developing a logo for Tenarky, the District convention in October, and what important changes we must make to continue to attract new members. We are planning on having Mr. James Mills from K & M Nursery come and bring us a lot of roses for us to buy. This is a benefit only for those who have registered for the workshop.

The Bowling Green and Louisville Rose Society are partnering and will work on the district convention, but they need the help of **ALL** the other societies in the Tenarky district. Please support the district conventions and not complain about paying a registration fee. The fee is to help offset the cost of renting the convention facility and the speaker's expenses. If you are not in the Bowling Green or Louisville rose society, please contact them, and offer to help in some way. Financial and physical help are both needed; and I encourage each society to participate in the event. Last year, the national convention, held in Shreveport, Louisiana, was a partnership of several districts that participated in the planning and implementation. I think this model will continue considering the number of exhibitors and shows has lessened.

I am looking forward to the National Convention which will be held in Warwick, Rhode Island, September 9-13, 2024. Craig Dorschel will become the next president of ARS. Rhode Island offers many attractions and wonderful local food. The first 120 registrants will receive a free 'Craig Dorschel' rose. Registration information will be coming out soon from ARS. I hope many of you will join me in Rhode Island, it should be a lot of fun!

I hope everyone has enjoyed a healthy and happy holiday season. Begin 2024 with a flexible outlook and a will-ingness to do things differently, and work together to make our district stronger.



SAVE THE DATES!!

TENARKY WINTER WORKSHOP

February 17, 2024 at Hampton Inn, Pleasant View, TN

TENARKY DISTRICT FALL CONVENTION & ROSE SHOW October 4-5, 2024, Bowling Green, KY—Hosted by BGRS & LRS

Watch for information sent by emails and on website at www.tenarky.org

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Consulting Rosarian Corner by Cindy Worch, District CR Chair

Happy New Year CR's! I hope everyone is healthy and happy. We are entering into what I call the "Gardener's Rest"—A time to sit back and enjoy a hot cup of coffee and a good rose catalog. I've already ordered 12 new roses from four different places, and I have no idea where I'm going to put all of them. My son may get a couple.

I put my roses to bed in November, but they are still going strong, not blooming though; the temperatures are too cold, but new growth is coming on most all of them. We are finally getting some rain, and they may be reacting to that even though we have had several nights in the 20's. While getting them ready for winter, I checked the pH and put a cup of lime down if needed. I also put Epsom salt and a generous scoop of worm castings and mixed in the soil. If they were in pots, I also added Mill Rose Mix. I can't put it in my roses that are in the ground because I have four little dogs who will dig it up.

Most people know that I don't spray and when I do it's organic. Oh, I am very picky about what roses I do bring in and plus I don't have a lot of space. I love Kordes roses, some do get some black spot, but not as much as some of my other roses. This year I ordered 5 more Kordes roses! 'Kordes Perfecta', 'Crazy Love,' 'Sierra Lady', 'Beverly Eleganza', and 'Sunsprite'. I love the color of 'Sunsprite' but lost my last one in last winter's freeze.

I'm also trying some of Ping Lim's roses in his True series which is supposed to be very disease resistant. I'll let you know how it turns out.

If you don't spray and have roses that are particularly black spot resistant, let me know what they are. I hope to see you at the Winter Workshop in February!

REMINDER TENARKY CRS!!!

Your 2023 CR Report is due now!!

- Click <u>here</u> for the link to the Consulting Rosarian page on the Tenarky website where you will find the 2023 CR Report Form and information on how to send it.
- All Tenarky District Consulting Rosarians should complete this report!

REMINDER TENARKY JUDGES!!!

Your 2023 Judges Report is due!!

- Click <u>here</u> for the link to the Horticulture Judges page on the Tenarky website where you will find the forms for Horticulture Arrangement Judges and instructions for sending it.
- All Tenarky Horticulture and Arrangement Judges should complete this report!

HOME GARDENS OF AMERICA

The rose garden of Janet Miller, Louisville Rose Society member, is featured on YouTube "Home Gardens of America."

Click here to watch!





2023 Tenarky District Rose Show and Convention Declared a Success!

The Tennessee Rose Society celebrated their 77th Year Anniversary by hosting the 2023 TENARKY District Convention and Rose Show held on September 16 at the University of Tennessee Agriculture Campus. Everyone worked hard to make this an enjoyable event for all TENARKY members and all those who just love roses.

TENARKY District Director and Rose Show Chairman, Lori Emery declared, "We hope everyone enjoyed this exciting rose show. There were roses from all parts of the TENARKY District, and we appreciate everyone's participation. Our Rose Show honored Dr. Mark Windham for his love of the rose and many years of dedicated service to all the TENARKY Rose societies. The entire rose industry has benefitted from Dr. Windham's rose research in the fight against rose rosette, and we all are so appreciative of Dr. Windham," concluded Lori.

2023 TENARKY District Convention Chair, Kathy Brennan, stated, "Everyone was so happy to be together to celebrate 77 years of honoring the rose thanks to Mrs. J. E. Darr, Knoxville. Tennessee, who was very active in the early beginnings of the American Rose Society and especially Knoxville. We hope everyone who attended enjoyed themselves. We were so fortunate to have our rose show at the University of Tennessee Agriculture Campus in the Biotech Building. Many thanks to James Newburn, Interim Director of the UT Gardens, for his sponsorship on the UT Agricultural Campus for this district event," Kathy stated.

"We are also appreciative of all the 2023 TENARKY District Rose Show and Convention committee members and all the members of both Tennessee Rose Society and Holston Rose Society who worked so hard to assure its success," Kathy continued.

"Paul Zimmerman was our special guest and signed his book *Everyday Roses* during the show. *(photo right)* Paul has years of experience growing roses and has a refreshing philosophy regarding growing roses. Paul stated he started Paul Zimmerman Roses Consulting and Design around one simple message that roses are nothing more than flowering shrubs and that is how you should use and treat them. His goal is to make roses less intimidating," concluded Kathy.

Friday night was an opportune time to visit the UT Gardens-The State Botanical Garden of Tennessee. The UT Gardens function as an outdoor laboratory to evaluate the performance and landscape use of every type of plant, from trees and shrubs to

annuals and perennials. Within the UT Gardens visitors found the Beall Family Rose Garden which was completed in 2009. There is a collection of over 120 roses including hybrid tea, grandiflora, floribunda, miniature, shrub and climbing roses. Kathy gave a short tour of the Beall Family Rose Garden before the catered picnic which was enjoyed by many rose show exhibitors and rose show judges from other districts. (photo right)

Saturday morning, exhibitors arrived early to start prepping their roses for exhibition. A special "thank you" to those members of the Tennessee Rose Society who helped transport the roses to the prep areas! Many came to see what roses can be grown in our



region. The logo for the Convention and Rose Show was "Smokin Hot Roses," and this event truly featured many "Smokin Hot Roses." For a complete list of Rose Show Winners with photos click on link below.

Saturday night featured a festive dinner at Calhouns on the River with Paul Zimmerman as our guest speaker. The highlight of the evening was the tribute to Dr. Mark Windham. Be sure to click on link below for Award Winners and event photos.

Sunday featured three Open Rose Gardens. Thank you to Lane Hays, Julia Debord and Michael and Mary Bates who opened their gardens. Be sure to click on the link below for Open Garden photos.

Article submitted by Mary Bates, 2023 TENARKY District Convention and Rose Show Publicity Chairman.

Click here for 2023 TENARKY District Rose Show Results on TRS website

Click <u>here</u> for 2023 TENARKY District Award Winners, Event Photos, and Open Garden Photos on TRS website. Additional photos are on page 5



Photos from 2023 Tenarky District Rose Show & Banquet

















- District Queen 'Ring of Fire' exhibited by Michael and Mary Bates
- District Miniflora Queen 'Whirlaway' exhibited by Ricky Lockhart
- District Miniature Queen 'Bees Knees' exhibited by Dr. John and Kay Rodgers
- Rose Show
- Best of Show 'All My Loving' exhibited by Ricky Lockhart
- J. Horace McFarland Award 'St. Patrick', 'Let Freedom Ring', 'Sunny Sundays', 'Touch of Class', 'Stainless Steel' exhibited by Ricky Lockhart
- District Gold Photo Award 'Cinco de Mayo' exhibited by Kathy Brennan
- Barbara Taube presented the ARS Silver Honor Medal by Tenarky District Director, Lori Emery
- ARS Royalty and Gold Arrangement Certificate 'Blueberry Hill', 'Crystal Palace', 'French Lace' exhibited by Barbara Taube
- Dr. Mark Windham honored at the banquet for his research on rose diseases







Arranger's Corner by Paula Williams, ARS Judge, LRS Vice President

Drying Roses

I did some more drying in October 2023 because when fall arrives it is a good time to dry roses with the color of blooms intensifying in cooler weather. Of course, anytime is a good time if you have nice blooms and want to preserve them for a project or design.

I prefer the fine crystal silica gel for my blooms. This is just my preference, Activia Gel is available at craft stores or Internet. Start with cutting really good roses the same as what you would exhibit, even different stages depending on what your goal for design is. If you use the stems, it is best to cut them short since longer stems mean larger container and more silica

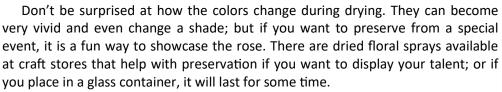




gel. So, I cut mine about an inch, put about 1-1/2 inch of gel in container, place roses face up with space between

so as not to touch, pour more gel around and on top of blooms and inside until covered and to keep petals from bending or collapsing due to weight of crystals. Shake the container gently to be sure all areas are covered. The gel in rose blooms actually shapes them better. Now seal the container to be airtight and label with your rose and date. It takes about 7-10 days. I prefer to wait the longer period to be sure my blooms are dried.

There are also directions for microwaving to speed drying if you need to use flowers sooner. Simply place in microwave uncovered along with a glass of water for 1-2 minutes depending on size of bloom. Silica becomes very hot and must cool for 15 minutes. Then check to be sure all petals are dried and if not can repeat for a minute. When removing dried roses, be careful and shake off excess crystals. I use a pointed Q-tip or toothpick to help dislodge the bits left on petals.



I like to use dried roses for rose shows and as long as the design is packed securely, you don't have to worry about transporting a cooler and hoping your roses make the trip. I have included a picture of 'Autumn Splendor' roses before drying from 10-2 and after removed from drying 10-27 and the color stayed very true. I store temporarily in a small amount of the gel and keep in an airtight container and

keep for several months. (photos above and right)

Here are photos of two of my dried miniature arrangements with 'Autumn Splendor' and a rose craft design (right) using 'Incognito' and 'City of Torrence'.













Louisville Rose Society Rose Show—September 30, 2023 (all results on Tenarky website)









- Hybrid Tea Queen—Ricky Lockhart 'Louise Estes'
- Miniature Queen—Ricky Lockhart 'Arcanum'
- Miniflora Queen—Gerald Schweitzer 'Dr. John Dickman'
- Novice—Trish Oberst 'Elle'

Nashville Rose Society Rose Show—October 14-15, 2023 (all results on Tenarky website)













- 3 Roses Challenge Class & Best in Show—Marty Reich 'Neil Diamond'
- Hybrid Tea Queen—Ricky Lockhart 'Moonstone'
- Miniature Queen—Gene Meyer 'Renegade'
- Miniflora Queen—Gene Meyer 'First Choice'
- Arrangement Novice & Gold Certificate—Linda Bowen 'Day Breaker'
- Arrangement Mini Artist & Mini Gold Certificate—Barb Taube 'Memphis King'
- Photography BOC, Queen & Gold Certificate—Rita Webb 'Angel Face'

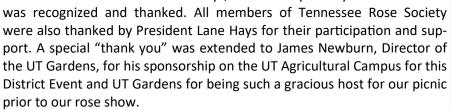


Tenarky Local Society News—Thanks to those who sent news!

Tennessee Rose Society by Mary Bates, Publicity Chair

The Tennessee Rose Society celebrated Christmas with their annual dinner at Fox Den Country Club. It was a wonderful evening of fun, food and fellowship. The 2024 TRS Officers were installed (photo right: Martha McCluen, Vice President; Julia DeBord, President; Lane Hays, Treasurer; and Susan McKeehan, Secretary.)

Special recognition was given to those members who worked diligently on the 2023 TENARKY District Rose Show and Convention in Knoxville in September: Lori Emery, TENARKY District Director and Rose Show Chair; Kathy Brennan, TENARKY District Convention Chair; Susan McKeehan, Planning Committee; Chris Thompson and Julia DeBord, Registration; Mary Bates, Publicity; Andrea Sabala, Calligraphy; and Martha McCluen and Lane Hays, show set up. Everyone



Dr. Mark Windham was so appreciative of the recognition for his dedication and research on Rose Rosette Disease during our convention and rose show. A special recognition for his service throughout the years was an honor for us to present to him.

Julia DeBord received the ARS Bronze Medal from President Hays for her many years of service to the Tennessee Rose Society. (photo right)

We are looking forward to the exciting 2024 Tennessee Rose Society meetings to be held at the UT Biotech Center on the first Sunday of each month at 2:00 p.m. The 2024 Tennessee Rose Society Yearbook will be published and distributed at our first meeting, February 4, 2024.

Thank you, Lane Hays, for all your work on the Tennessee Rose Society Yearbook and for serving as our 2023 President.

(photo right: Kathy Brennan and Lane Hays)







Memphis and Dixie Rose Society by Bill Dickerson, President No news.

Holston Rose Society by Sallie Blazer, President
No news.

Cookeville Area Rose Society by Nancy Lazer, Newsletter Editor
No news.

Tenarky Local Society News—Thanks to those who sent news!

Nashville Rose Society by Marty Reich, Master Rosarian

NRS has had a very good year. We are still getting new members for which we are very thankful. After the team of Ron Daniels and John Wendler holding us together wonderfully for the last six years, our new co-presidents are Janie Hagan and Liz Louie. Many of our new members exhibited at the fall rose show at Cheekwood in October and are volunteering to help the society in 2024.

Drought conditions in our area led to high water bills, but the spring-like weather that followed really made our roses happy. The rose show had many visitors, and Queen was won by Ricky Lockhart of Bowling Green with 'Moonstone'.

Two meetings stand out from 2023. One was by Jeff Garrett on rooting and budding roses and the other was at a cut flower farm owned by members who are growing roses and many dahlias. Our in-house rose shows called Grand Prix also were fun and prepared members for real shows. Speaking of which, several of

us attended the Tenarky District show in Knoxville and had a great time.

Our annual rose sale which is part of our Vendor Day has begun. Members can pre-order roses and supplies and pick them up in the spring.

The Christmas dinner was fun as usual and showcased what good cooks rosarians are. Gene Meyer was honored with the Bronze Honor Medal for his hard work with the Grand Prix shows, the fall rose show and many other things through the years. (photo above: NRS Co-Presidents, John Wendler and Ron Daniels, present ARS Bronze Honor to Gene Meyer)

We look forward to 2024 and wish everyone happy rose growing.



We do not meet in July; and with bushes still having damage form the winter freeze and a lack of summer rain, we were busy caring for our rose gardens. At our August meeting, we watched a virtual presentation from Proven Winners "Roses and Companions" presented by Natalie Carmoli about their history, how they grow roses, what varieties they offer, how they are tested and selected for the market, and what plants make great companions for planting with them.

In September, we toured the rose garden of our president, Osei Thomas, who grows over 800 roses and several hundred companion plants. He gave

a program "For the Love of Roses" at the October meeting and later presented it to a garden club in Leitchfield and at the Butler County Extension Office.

The annual Christmas lunch was in December at the Colorado Grill in Franklin. Howard Carman and Paula Williams from the Louisville Rose Society were guests and Howard talked about rose propagation. Ricky Lockhart was honored for winning the 2023 In-Club Competition and his successful year of rose awards. (photos right)







Tenarky Local Society News—Thanks to those who sent news!

Louisville Rose Society by Paula Williams, 1st Vice President

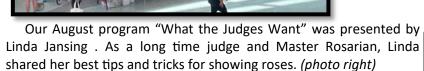
We had an outstanding State Fair presentation this August. Our location in the building was moved and it turned out really well as you can see from the view when descending an escalator (photo below). Tom Lehman swept the Hybrid Tea court with Queen 'Desperado', King 'Ring of Fire', and Princess 'Jewell Grace'. 'Whirlaway' exhibited by Howard Carman won M/MF Queen.











Our Local Rose show was back this year and a huge success! We had "out of town" guests win several top classes this event, and it was a great friendly competition. (photos page 7) Ricky Lockhart from Bowling Green won HT Queen with 'Louise Estes' and had the court with 'Moonstone', 'Randy Scott'. He won Mini Queen with 'Arcanum' and 'Bee's Knees' on court, Miniflora King, 'First Choice', Princess, 'Artistides', court 'Mango Blush' as well as many Challenge Classes. Gerald Schweitzer from Cincinnati won HT King with 'St Pat-



rick', Princess with 'Veteran's Honor' and 'Affirm' on court. He also won MF Queen with 'Dr John Dickman'. LRS member Sharon Wuorenmaa won Mini Queen with 'Memphis King', and 'Chelsea Belle' on court, Miniflora court with 'Baldo Villegas' and 'Good Ole Mountain Dew' as well as other winners in hort. Lynn Schmidt won Mini Princess with 'Lighthouse.' Howard Carman was on the mini court with 'Joy'.

Tri-State Rose Society by Jeff Garrett, President

The Tri-State Rose Society of Chattanooga (TSRS) held their annual banquet on December 5 at the Beyond the Garden Gate restaurant. As always we had a great meal followed by some trivia. We also presented the ARS Bronze Medal to Dr. Casandra Cansler. Dr. Cansler was honored for her lead role in developing the rose garden at Veteran Park in Soddy Daisy. It was also noted that she and her husband Roland always graciously volunteered to have their garden on all of our past garden tours. (photo right: Immediate past president, Jeff Garrett, Dr. Cansler, and current president, Jane Hill)

We are looking forward to 2024 and have already made plans to once again be part of the Hamilton County Master Gardeners spring garden show Camp Jordan, where we will be offering anyone who joins our club a free rose bush.





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2024 Tenarky Area & National Rose Shows

October 4-5: Tenarky District Fall Convention & Rose Show, Bowling Green, KY TBA: Nashville Rose Society Rose Show, Cheekwood

September 9-13, 2024: ARS National Convention, Warwick, RI





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