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TENARKY WINTER WORKSHOP

February 19-21, 2016 **Bowling Green, KY**

Great Speakers Judges Audit CR School First Fun Rose Photo Show

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Tenarky Fall Convention & Rose Show

theme for the 2015 Tenarky District Convention and Rose Show held in Knoxville.

September 25-27. Kathy **Brennan** from the Tennessee Rose Society and Chris Thompson from the Holston Rose Society of East Tennessee were co-chairs of the outstanding event.

Friday evening was rather rainy so the bar-b-que was held indoors rather than the Beal Family Rose

Garden; however, some toured carrying umbrellas and others visited the garden on Saturday and Sunday when the weather had improved.

The rose show on Saturday, chaired by John and Kay Rodgers included many beautiful roses in the horticulture classes and over 30 entries in the design classes. Seminars on Saturday afternoon included "Roses in Arrangements" presented by Vivian Nowading, "Who will be growing roses when you no longer can?" by Noah Wilson, and "Miniatures and Minifloras by Richard Anthony.

At the evening banquet, Ethyl Luckett was the very entertaining guest speaker. District Director, Dr. Sam Jones presented a Consulting Rosarian Emeritus certificate to Martin Skinner from the Holston Rose Society, a Master Rosarian certificate to Richard Anthony from the Mem-

Smoky Mountain Roses" was the phis & Dixie Rose Society, and Horticulture Judge Emeritus certificates to Rhonda Spruiell and the late Joe Spruiell.

> Rose show cochairs presented Sam and **Jones** Nancy certificate of appreciation for their leadership of the district during the past six years. Mary Ann Hext was introduced as the new director for the Tenarky District.



Kathy Brennan (left) and Chris Thompson (right) Convention Co-chairs, present Dr. Sam and Nancy Jones a Certificate of Appreciation



Ethyl Luckett, from Flowers by Ethyl inDuck River, TN, (aka Connie Baird) was the Saturday Evening Banquet Speaker

Tenarky District Director's Message by Mary Ann Hext

Fall has been a very busy time for me. The last two weeks in August, my husband I went on our first real vacation in almost 30 years—not a retriever event, not a school event, not an amateur radio event, not a rose event—just a two-week trip to Alaska. After just a few days at home, I left for the ARS National Convention in Syracuse where I was installed as your new Tenarky District Director. I realize that I have some big shoes to fill after the wonderful job Sam and Nancy have done for the past six years; but I know they will be walking with me on this new journey. After a few days in Adair County at my family farm, we were off to Wisconsin for a wedding and Hext family reunion which caused me do miss the Louisville Rose Show for the first time in many years.. Upon returning home, I had three days to get ready for the trip to Knoxville for our District Convention and Rose Show, and then the next weekend to my last horticulture apprentice at the Memphis & Dixie Rose Show. So now I am back home and getting to work on the 2016 Tenarky Winter Workshop with help from many Tenarky rosarians. Mark your calendars for February 19-21, 2016!! We are planning some great speakers, a Horticulture Judge's Audit on Friday afternoon, and a CR School on Sunday morning. More details are forthcoming.



Tenarky District Members at the ARS Fall Convention in September in Syracuse, NY: Dr. Sam and Nancy Jones, Rick and Carol Sharpe, Clayton Beaty, Mary Ann Hext, Richard Anthony and Brenna Bosch

If you didn't attend the Tenarky District Fall Convention and Rose Show in Knoxville at the end of September, you missed a wonderful event! The Tennessee and Holston Rose Societies, hosts of the event, had every small detail planned to make it an enjoyable rose event for the over 65 rosarians attending. Special thanks go to Kathy Brennan and Chris Thompson for co-chairing the event and to John and Kay Rodgers for chairing the beautiful rose show. We heard great speakers, ate delicious food, were entertained by Ethyl Luckett, saw outstanding roses and artistic designs, and then had the opportunity to visit three lovely rose gardens with perfect fall weather. (See photos on page 4).

The following weekend, was the Memphis & Dixie Rose Show were I was able to complete my last horticulture judging apprentice. The show was beautiful and the members worked very hard to have this

event. (See photos on page 7). All 2015 rose show photos may be viewed on the <u>Tenarky District</u> website by clicking on the Rose Show button at the left.

As your new district director, I hope to increase communications between all of our local society members through our website, our newsletter KATnips, our Facebook page, and direct emails sent to your presidents and newsletter editors. Please feel free to contact me with any ideas you might have, questions, suggestions, and/or complaints with solutions.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO:

- All who attended the fall district convention and rose show
- All who brought roses for the show
- All the Holston & Tennessee RS local society members for working together to take care of the many details
- John and Kay for chairing the rose show
- And to Kathy & Chris for co-chairing the event

Best Modern Shrub at Tenarky District Rose Show exhibited by Mary Bates

IT WAS GREAT!!!!!

Tenarky District Convention & Rose Show Photos



District Director Sam Jones presented Rhonda Spruiell and the late Joseph Spruiell with ARS Horticulture Judge Emeritus Certificates



Martin Skinner receives an ARS
Consulting Rosarian Emeritus Certificate from Dr. Sam Jones



Noah Wilson speaks to a group of rosarians at the Saturday afternoon seminars



Richard Anthony receives a certificate for achieving ARS Master Rosarian status



Visitors enjoying the beautiful exhibits at the rose show



View of roses at the Beall Garden on the UT Campus



View from one of the gardens on tour Sunday morning



Tenarky District Rose Show Photos—September 26



Queen of Show
'Signature'
Exhibited by Bill & Jill Chappell



Miniflora Queen of Show 'Tammy Clemmons' Exhibited by RJ Anthony & Brenna Bosch



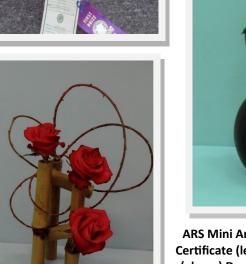
Miniature Queen of Show 'Joy' Exhibited by Howard Carman



J. Horace McFarland District Challenge Award (left) Exhibited by John & Kay Rodgers

Ralph Moore District Challenge Award (right) Exhibited by RJ Anthony & Brenna Bosch







ARS Mini Artist Award & Mini Gold Certificate (left) and ARS Duke Award (above) Designed by Paula Williams



ARS Oriental Award & Gold Certificate (above) Designed by Mary Ann Hext

Louisville Rose Show Photos—September 19



Queen of Show 'Randy Scott' Exhibited by Carolyn Phelps



Miniature Queen of Show 'Nancy Jean Exhibited by Janet Miller



Miniflora Queen of Show 'Whirlaway Exhibited by Howard Carman



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Photos from all the 2015 District Rose Shows may be seen at

www.tenarky.org.

Click Rose Show Photos button on left nav bar.

2016 Tenarky Winter Workshop CR School by Kathy Brennan, District CR Chair

Noah Wilson, Master Rosarian, asked the question "who will be taking care of your roses when we're gone" in his program during the Fall Tenarky Convention and Show.

In answer to his question, rosarians are the guardians or caretakers of roses. Meaning it is our responsibility to insure the heritage, horticultural history and culture of roses are passed on to others in our communities.

Tenarky would like to have new Consulting Rosarians to join our forces in sharing our love and knowledge of roses with their community keeping the rose alive. There is no better way to learn about roses than through the ARS Consulting Rosarian School.

To get started ask a CR in your society or ARS for advise on the steps to take to be a Consulting Rosarian, then send in you information soon to Tenarky District. The CR manual and candidate forms maybe found on the ARS website in the Members Section.



Kentucky State Fair Rose Show by Richard Hartke, President, LRS

Every August there is a rose show in Louisville thanks to the Kentucky State Fair Board. For years I have gone on the first Saturday of the annual fair for the rose show put on by the Louisville Rose Society and the Plants and Flowers Department of the Kentucky State Fair. Members of the Louisville Rose Society and others bring their roses for exhibition. I have taken roses to enter into the rose show for many years. It's always challenging because August is not the best month for roses in Louisville. As long as I have been showing roses at the Kentucky State Fair, there have been plenty of blooms being exhibited.

The State Fair Rose Show is a color class show. The roses are judged by accredited rose judges many of whom travel to Louisville from out of state.

The Kentucky State Fair is an excellent venue for showing roses. The Louisville Rose Society has the opportunity to display roses for a large population. People at the fair like to look at the roses, smell them for their fragrance and get questions answered about growing roses. The public can even participate in judging two of the classes of competition. First, they can vote on the rose they think is the most fragrant of roses in the fragrance class. There is a second class of competition where they can vote for the rose they like best among a group of roses. Besides checking out the roses, the public has the opportunity to get information about the Louisville Rose Society and the American Rose Society. Copies of the *American Rose* magazine are available. This year various rose catalogs were available from nurseries. Consulting Rosarians were on hand to answer rose questions.



Display of Rose Information Available to the Public at Kentucky State Fair (*I-r*) Richard Hartke, Pat Hammons, Janet Miller, and Sharon Wuorenmaa, LRS Members











Queen of Show 'Here's Sam' exhibited by Sharon Wuorenmaa Miniature Queen 'Icognito' exhibited by Carolyn Phelps Best Large Arrangement designed by Paula Williams Best Miniature Arrangement designed by Paula Williams



Memphis & Dixie Rose Show Photos—October 4



Queen of Show 'Crescendo Exhibited by Joanna Deck



Miniflora Queen of Show 'Unbridled' Exhibited by RJ Anthony & Brenna Bosch



ARS Mini Artist &
Mini Gold Certificate
Designed Peggy Bingham



Miniature Queen of Show
'Miss Flippins'
Exhibited by RJ Anthony & Brenna Bosch



ARS Duke Award Designed by Peggy Bingham



ARS Gold Certificate
Designed by Lavonne Glover

2016 WINTER WORKSHOP CR SCHOOL

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Kathy Brennan, Tenarky District CR Chair

WELCOME FALL! by Ted Mills, Master Rosarian and Judge

After enduring the heat of summer, the arrival of fall, with its cool breezes, is most welcome. Rosarians have perspired greatly because of the sustained heat. Their roses have struggled mightily to overcome heat stress.

Fall's arrival on the scene brings with it an abundance of ideal weather to produce beautiful blooms. No longer do we have to witness the wilting of leaves and the balling of rose blossoms. Even the colors take on added brilliance and the blooms are increased in size. Rapid opening is not a problem anymore. Then too, the rosarian is more apt to visit the rose garden to attend to the needs of the bushes. The hammock and swimming pool have been cast aside.

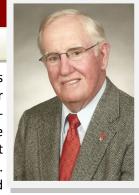
Most rosarians know that the best blooms are provided during the fall period. It behooves the rosarian to care for the roses with all diligence, especially during the fall months. The reward is too great to leave the bushes to chance. Let's look at some of the things that should be on our fall agenda.

First and foremost, sufficient irrigation must be provided the bushes. Often the rosarian will fall into the trap that believing that nature will always provide sufficient water. The feeling that rose plants have only a few more days to produce blooms seeps in. Consequently, the conception is that water is not so important. Nothing could be further from the truth. The bush must have sufficient moisture throughout the year, even though they reach the dormant stage. A thirsty bush resulting in dry roots will not survive very long without water. Keep those irrigation chores at the top of the list of important duties.

Secondly, fall is an opportune time to adjust the pH in your soil if it is found to be out of kilter. Optimum reading is 6.5 on a scale of 1 to 14. Slightly acidic is best for roses. Since soil is prone to become too acidic in many areas of the Tenarky District, corrective action is needed. But it takes time to do so. Application of lime during the fall months is wise but it is slow to reduce acidity. Fall application ensures correction by the time spring arrives. Of course, if alkalinity is the problem, application of sulfur will be the solution. When the soil's pH factor is slightly acid, the root system can readily attract the nutrients provided by the rosarian. Otherwise, these become locked in place and no amount of fertilizer will reach the plant's system. Next to watering, adjusting the pH properly is perhaps the best thing that can promote good growth.

Fall seems to slow down the activity of the rosarian. It is a time when he or she will need to ascertain which bushes provided satisfactory growth. Removal of weak and non-performing bushes is a wise action. Replace them with strong new plants. This will save time and money in the long run. Tag the plants that are to be removed and plan to order the replacements for them rather than wait until spring to place orders. This prevents a sell-out of varieties desired. Have them arrive at planting time.

If new beds are planned, fall is the best time to execute the plans. The components of the planting mix will have ample time to mellow and be ready for the spring planting. Do not wait until spring arrives as much other work is required of the rosarian at time. Plan ahead



when it comes to new bed preparation. Composted materials and organics need time to go through chemical reactions if optimum fertility is the goal.

During the lull of fall months provides a good time to evaluate the status of spray materials. Try to determine whether the shelf life of the chemicals has expired. Some rosarians find themselves using out -of-date chemicals and the result is poor performance on the part of the applied chemical. It is a good practice to order an annual supply of chemicals rather than stock up with large quantities. Fresh chemicals work much better in controlling problems. Proper storage of left-over chemicals is very important. Never expose them to excessive heat or cold. It damages the product when it is broken down. Keep the chemicals at moderate temperatures in a closed container that resists the entry of sunlight. Be sure these are kept out-of-reach of children. Proper labeling is of utmost importance.

Peruse rose catalogues and seek the advice of Consulting Rosarians in plant selection. It is a good bet they will know which varieties perform best in this area. If exhibiting is the goal, grow varieties that are proven winners. Again, ask the Consulting Rosarian for advice in this matter. The American Rose Society provides a book that will help in selecting good roses.

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WELCOME FALL! (continued from p. 8)

Fall is a good time to perform some advance pruning. Of course the major pruning is done in the spring when roses are leaving dormancy. However, minimize the pruning operation for spring by cutting away the twiggy growth that is of little value to the plant. In tall hybrid teas it is a good policy to cut about 1/3 of the plant in late fall — to about chest high. Shape the plant to produce optimum appearance in the spring. Remove the lower limbs that are close to the ground. Some rosarians remove the leaves when two or more hard freezes have occurred and the bush is dormant. This is debatable but RoseDoc does remove the leaves since they have performed their work on the plant.

Even though fall has arrived, continue the spray program until dormancy arrives and two hard freezes have occurred. Keep the beds hospital clean by removing fallen rose leaves that may harbor fungi spores that produce blackspot.

Fall is here. Enjoy it by attending to your prized roses.

Tenarky Local Society News

Bowling Green Rose Society By Mary Ann Hext, President

BGRS held June through October meetings at the home of a member each month. Everyone enjoyed the hospitality and seeing the different rose gardens and rose varieties. We have also changed our meeting time to the afternoon rather than evenings. Plans are underway for our annual Christmas dinner, the Tenarky Winter Workshop and also for our rose show next May.



Rose garden of Bob & Ann Jacobs

Louisville Rose Society By Richard Hartke, President

The Louisville Rose Society (LRS) just held their annual Fall Banquet October 23. Several members brought their favorite homemade

chili and clam chowder and others brought delicious desserts. The special speaker for the evening was Mary Hext, the new director for TENARKY.

During the meeting, the Bronze Award was given to Paula Williams for her outstanding service to the Louisville Rose Society (see photo). Paula is a member of LRS, has been the Recording Secretary for several years and has been in charge of coordinating refreshments at all LRS meetings. Paula has written articles for Rose Leaves, the LRS news bulletin. She has written the arrangement section of show schedules for LRS.

During the summer months, LRS has garden tours as a part of their monthly meetings. Everybody enjoys seeing roses in member gardens.

In August every year, the Louisville Rose Society has a rose show at the Kentucky State Fair. The rose show is a color class show and is enjoyed by many fair goers besides LRS members.

On September 19, LRS hosted their annual fall rose show. There are always lots of roses to see. This year's show was held at Sutherland's Hardware and Mercantile Store.



LRS president Richard Hartke presented Paula Williams with ARS Bronze Medal at fall banquet

Tennessee Rose Society By Mary Frances Carlson, Pres.

These past few months have been busy ones for the Tennessee Rose Society as we were privileged to host the Tenarky District Convention and Rose Show at UT here in Knoxville, and we are grateful for the support of our local society members and especially thankful for rosarians who joined us from several states including neighbors from Alabama, Georgia, and Ohio.

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Tenarky Local Society News

Registration was excellent, and show tables were fully covered with beautiful roses including some very impressive arrangements. Thanks to all who helped in any way to make this event successful!

As we prepared to host the convention and rose show, we discovered you don't just wake up one day and decide to have this type of program centered around roses. It does take months of preparation, and in this day and age, probably several hundred emails! That was noticeable change from the last time we were involved in planning the convention/rose show.

Also, you have to have good people in charge; and we had Kathy Brennan and Chris Thompson, who led the convention planning and Dr. John and Kay Rodgers, who spent countless hours developing the rose show schedule. Many others—too numerous to mention—carried their weight throughout all of these past months.

Monthly programs and workshops preceding these activities focused on getting ready to exhibit your roses; and if you weren't ex-

hibiting, there was much to be learned from attending anyway to be more knowledgeable about growing and caring for your roses once cut. There were numerous benefits for all regardless of one's time and focus at this time in their lives.

As we wind down the year of 2015 and plan for another, we want others to join with us and expect to derive great benefits from the hobby of growing roses! Activities can be found locally, at the district level, and beyond. Regardless of level of interest, remember to CELEBRATE ROSES!

Nashville Rose Society By Cindy Worch, President

Our new rose garden at Cheekwood is coming along beautifully! We will be winterizing in November. Had some beautiful blooms last Sunday when we were there for an executive committee meeting. We will be doing some more planting next spring!

It's been very rainy here so the ones who spray their roses, keep spraying. And for us that do not spray, keep those bushes clean from any diseased leaves.

Don't know about you, but I'm enjoying this cooler weather. I'm not a fan of cold weather though and I hear that we are going to have a very cold winter. So make sure to add more mulch and other protection to your roses. Last winter many of our society members lost quite a few roses. We have been pretty spoiled to the mild winters we have had.

May your roses rest easy over the winter. Everyone have a very blessed Thanksgiving.



NRS member, Ron Daniels, helping NRS members plant roses at the new Cheekwood rose garden

Links for Rose Lovers

- Garden Web
- RoseShow.com
- Rose Gardening World
- The Garden Diary
- Integrated Pest Management of Roses
- Rose Chat Radio
- Integrated Pest Management
- Rose Hybridizers Association
- World Federation of Rose Societies
- Heritage Rose Foundation
- The Heritage Roses Group
- Help Me Find-Roses

Blogs for Rose Lovers

- Redneck Rosarian
- A Rose is a Rose
- HedgerowRose
- If Only Sweat Were Irrigation
- The Graceful Gardner
- Organic Garden Dreams
- Dirt Diaries
- Gaga's Garden
- The Minnesota Rose Gardener
- Inside the Rosarians Garden
- Planters Place
- Fine Gardening
- The Rose Journal



Floribunda
Challenge
Winner at
Tenarky District
Rose Show
exhibited by
Keith & Martha
Garman

UPCOMING TENARKY EVENTS SAVE THE DATES!

Tenarky District Winter Workshop February 19-21, 2016

Holiday Inn Convention Center Bowling Green, KY Hosted by Bowling Green Rose Society

Educational Speakers
Horticulture Judge Audit
Consulting Rosarian School
Rose Photography Show

Registration Information Coming Soon!!

Join the ARS for just \$10 for a 4-Month Trial Membership

The American Rose Society is offering a fourmonth trial membership for only \$10 to anyone who is interested in becoming a member of our organization. Most ARS members are home gardeners who enjoy growing roses and want to expand their knowledge of rose culture.

Four-Month Trial Members receive:

- Free advice from Consulting Rosarians.
- Free or reduced garden admissions, a \$25 value after just three uses.
- Free online access to five quarterly bulletins, a \$45 value.
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- Discounts of up to 30% at merchant partners.

A 4-month trial membership is valued at \$86 for only \$10!

Join Now!

You may <u>complete the online form</u> or call us at 1-800-637-6534.

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If you missed any of these informative podcasts, click <u>here</u> to listen!

- Cancer Survivors Garden Companion
- Kordes Family of Roses Part I
- Kordes Family of Roses Part II
- Fall Rose Care
- Beautiful Roses in Zone 4
- Peggy Martin and the Heritage Rose Foundation
- Ross for Youth Funshop
- A Lifetime of Roses with Will Radler
- A Conservation with Tom Carruth

Host Chris VanCleave will be a speaker at the 2016 Tenarky Winter Workshop!

1st Annual Fun Rose Photo Show Tenarky Winter Workshop

Details will be sent in early November to all Tenarky Presidents and Newsletter Editors to distribute to members. Take lots of fall rose photos!!

Tenarky Member Websites for Rose Supplies

- Rosemania Chemicals, safety equipment, garden tools, fertilizers, and plants
- Beaty Fertilizer Fertilizer, mulch, and muck more
- OliveArt—containers for floral designs

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	David Hammons & Sam Jones
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