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Upcoming Events

Tenarky District
Winter Workshop
February 22-23

CR School
February 24
2008

Bowling Green, KY

A Treasure Trove of Knowledge

Join us for the annual Tenarky Winter Workshop, to be held in Bowling Green, Kentucky, February 22 and 23, 2008.

With an outstanding slate of speakers, consulting rosarian credit for attending all presentations, fellowship with rose friends, and a top-notch meeting facility, this workshop promises to be an educational, fun, and worthwhile weekend. In addition, there will be a rose auction after the banquet on Saturday evening to help you expand or replenish your rose garden.

An entirely new group of speakers will be educating us this year, traveling from all over the country and educating

beautiful gardens full of roses? Additional programs will be given by Dr. and Mrs. Keith Zary of Medford, Oregon; Paul Zimmerman of Campobello, South Carolina; Kreg Hill of Albuquerque, New Mexico; and Dr. Martin Stone of Bowling Green.

See page 14 for registration and hotel information.

Act Now!
Hotel reservations must be made by February 8 to receive the special rate of \$88 per night.

us on a wide variety of topics.

The programs will begin with a virtual tour of Tenarky gardens. What better way to chase your winter doldrums than

Because of the late publication date of this issue of KATnips, please mail in your registration and make hotel reservations right away.

Wonderful Speakers to Present

Dr. Keith Zary

VP of Research

Jackson & Perkins

Keith Zary has spent almost all of his adult life involved in various aspects of plant research and breeding. Zary received a Doctor of Philosophy - Horticulture,

from Texas A&M University in 1980 and then worked as a plant breeder for Sun Seeds in Minnesota, before joining Jackson & Perkins, the world's largest rose producer, in 1985 as the Assistant Director of Research. Since 1995, he has served as Vice

President of Research for Jackson & Perkins. Based in Somis, California, at the company's rose research facility, he oversees the company's efforts in this area, winning numerous major awards for roses from trials in England, Spain,

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Bugging Your Garden

One of my most memorable moments in gardening was the first time a green lace wing fluttered out from a rosebush. This sight seemed to be one of those times when what you are doing is validated. I had been working on returning my yard to as natural a process as I could. I had thrown out or given away all the “chemical” products that had accumulated over a three- to four-year period. I was even beginning to doubt the methods I was presently using because my results were not exactly what I wanted.

My roses had been looking good for a while, free of the major diseases like mildew and rust, but my insect population seemed very one sided. I was water blasting as often as I could while working swing shift or graveyard, whichever it was at that time. But it seemed that the aphids were back as fast as I knocked them off. So it was a thrill to see the luminous green wings fluttering through the garden, bringing me one step closer.

Since then I have enjoyed watching a procession of insects come and go throughout the seasons. I soon learned that buying a cup of ladybugs from the nursery and expecting them to stick around to take up residence is wishful thinking. But I did feel good about setting them free, and I am sure that someone’s garden benefitted. And sometimes a few did hang out for a while.

But from my experiences came the knowledge that beneficial insects will not take up housekeeping where

there is not a ready food supply. That is part of the paradox of Mother Nature. The ladybugs are not waiting in hiding for an unsuspecting aphid to appear. They are out searching for them. The aphids upon reaching your garden somehow, as if by magic, set up base on the new growth and start doing what they do best.

When you first notice the aphids, they may already have more than a generation in the area. The reproduction of aphids is a remarkable example of how one female can produce thousands of offspring in early spring. The rate, if not kept under control, can really damage a plant. (This procreative process is characteristic of many insects that attack roses.)

By now you are asking yourself, “Where are the beneficial insects to control these damaging insects?” They are checking out the neighborhood and as soon as they find a food source they will settle in. By the time the “good bugs” arrive, you may already have what you might consider an infestation, and, realistically, damage could be done before your garden environment can balance itself. The new “good bugs” arrive, but will need time to have young to help get the large number of pests under control. Spraying with chemicals will not help, as you are killing the good as well as the bad, and when the next batch hatches out, the pattern starts all over again.

So what can you, as an organic gardener, do to help? The first method of defense I use is water blasting. This is the sim-

plest and least offensive control there is. There are many good tools to use, but I made my own blaster and it fits my needs. I don’t like bending over to get on the under side of the leaves at the bottom of the bush, which is usually where a lot of the bugs are hiding or laying their eggs. So, I took a 3- to 4-foot length of 1/2-inch PVC pipe (depending on how tall you are), attached a connector for a garden hose to one end with plumbers glue. On the other end, I attach a fitting for an irrigation nozzle. I use a 90o nozzle. That way I can focus the spray where I need it, and it gives a strong enough blast to do the job. (E-mail me if you need better details, but this one should cost about \$10 to make.)

This method of knocking off the bad bugs will help keep them under control until the good bugs can catch up. Becoming familiar with all the bugs in your garden — good and bad — will help you know what plan of action will best help. (I only had to water blast once this spring before my garden reached balance.)

Most of us know what ladybugs, green lace wings and aphids look like, but can you identify the green worms that are eating your buds or lacing the leaves? A ladybug lays about 20 yellow, oval-shaped eggs in clusters, usually on the underside of leaves. When it hatches, the “alligator-shaped” larva is black with orange spots. Its size grows from a few centimeters at birth, eating itself up to 1/8 inch. At this stage, the larvae

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By Dr. Kent Campbell, District Director Bowling Green, KY ClaireLC@aol.com

Director's Column: Memories

There have been another two deaths in the Tenarky District. The term death is a harsh way to describe the passing of two of our societies, I know. But isn't a rose society a living, breathing collection of associated parts that come together to function with a certain purpose within its environment much like any organism? And, as in the passing of any dear friend, we who remain are prone not only to mourn, but also to treasure our memories of the days we had with them when they were alive and a part of us.

The Lexington Rose Society was founded in 1996 through the work of Monty Justice and John Brevard along with a small, interested group from Lexington. It was "the second time around" for Lexington, as there had been a rose society there at one time. The early years seemed very promising.

Yours truly has been to several of their rose shows and actually won the Queen at their first show with a magnificent **Dublin**. I also made some very special friends

there, Jim Zimmerman of Ohio, another exhibitor and now Buckeye District Director, and several locals including Robert Sutherland. One of the frequent judges of the Lexington shows has been Gladys Johnson from Zenia, Ohio, a wonderful judge and very special lady. As a novice judge I served my first apprenticeship judging with Gladys in Lexington.

The Golden Circle Society of Jackson, Tennessee, has a spectacular and memorable history. When I first became a member in Bowling Green, a good number of our group looked forward to going to Jackson each year in February or March to the Tenarky District Midwinter Workshop. It was looked on as a time to renew friendships from all over Tenarky, probably build some new acquaintances, hear some terrific programs, buy some new roses, and simply have a lot of fun!

When I finally was able to attend this well-established meeting, I found it to be everything our older members talked about. Speakers like Bob Martin, Tommy Cairns,

and Dr. Jim Hering from afar, along with several of our own Tenarky members, left me in awe and harboring a desire to learn more. Who can forget those Hoot-owl auctions, and the successful pleas for more money by the auctioneer, Jeanie Toeves? There are still several bushes in my gardens from the large Cecil Godman collection auctioned each year. One of the final high-lights of the meeting was when the President of Golden Circle handed a check, usually for over a thousand dollars, to the then District Director. It came as a shock when they announced in 1999 that they would not host another midwinter. After all, they had been doing it for twenty years!

I'm sure that many rosarians in Tenarky feel as I do about Lexington and Golden Circle. We hope that all our friends from there migrate to other near-by societies. We know that some have already done that and are continuing to participate in the special world of roses we all love!

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Speakers

Holland, Belgium, France, Italy, Germany and Japan. Among these awards, Zary has won the Presidents International Trophy of the Royal National Rose Society. He is only the second breeder from the United States to ever win this prestigious award. Zary is also the first U.S. breeder since 1955

to be awarded the coveted Golden Rose of The Hague, The Netherlands. Other awards include American Rose Society Award of Excellence for 'Hot Tamale', 1994; 'Jingle Bells', 1995; and 'Baby Bloomers' in 2006. All-America Rose Selections, Inc., awards include 'Artistry' and 'Timeless', in 1997, 'Famel' and 'Opening Night' in 1998, 'Candelabra' in 1999, 'Gemini' in 2000, 'Honey Perfume' in 2004,

'Tahitian Sunset' in 2006, 'Moondance' in 2007 and most recently 'Mardi Gras' for 2008.

Debbie Zary Marketing Manager Jackson & Perkins

Debbie Zary leads the marketing efforts for Jackson & Perkins Roses. She started with the company in the research department in

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2007 ARRANGEMENT JUDGES ACTIVITY UPDATE

TENARKY DISTRICT

Return by March 1, 2008 to Connie Baird

2571 Totty's Bend Road

Duck River, TN 38454

(931) 729-5259

cbaird@peoplepc.com

Name _____

Address _____

ARS Shows I have Judged 2007:

ARS Shows in which I have exhibited 2007:

Schools & Seminar/Workshops attended 2006:

HORTICULTURE JUDGE'S ANNUAL REPORTING FORM

Report of Judging Activities during the year 2007

Send to the Tenarky District Horticulture Judges' Chair by March 1, 2008

Barbara Olive

7870 Stephanie Cove Bartlett, TN 38133

(901) 493-3200 Barbara.Olive@memphistn.gov

Name _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

E-Mail Address _____

Date and location of last Horticulture audit or seminar _____

Number of shows exhibited in the year 2007 (not including shows at which you judged) _____

How many roses do you grow? _____

What areas do you feel most competent judging? _____

Least competent? _____

List date and location of judging assignments for 2007. _____

List other judging activities, such as participation in schools or seminars, special programs regarding judging, etc. _____

What would you do to encourage more people to become judges? _____

May use additional sheet for additional comments:

CONSULTING ROSARIANS ANNUAL REPORT

Please return by March 1, 2008 to:

Robert Jacobs Tenarky Consulting Rosarian Chair
1609 Seminole Way Bowling Green, KY 42103
r.jacobsa@insightbb.com

Note: all CR's are required to fill out and submit this form to remain on the active list as per American Rose Society. Electronic submissions are acceptable and encouraged.

Name _____

Address _____

City, state and zip _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____

Local society _____ Date Appointed as CR _____

Report of CR Activities during the year 2007

1. Last seminar attended – date and location _____

2. ARS members recruited (number) _____

3. Programs presented: Date, Place, Subject _____

4. Articles written: Date, Publication _____

5. Consultations: Where? When? _____

6. Did you make specific recommendations about using pesticides on roses? Please list.

If a person did not want to use a chemical, what recommendations did you make?

Completed RIR YES NO If "No" please explain. _____

9. Helped in community rose garden and or programs? Explain. _____

10. Offices or committee memberships _____

11. Attendance at: National Meetings _____

 District Meetings _____

 Local Meetings _____

12. Roses Grown _____

13. Awards Received _____

14. Other Contributions: _____

Suggestion! Keep an on-going calendar of your CR activities through the year to insure completeness and accuracy on the report form!)

Thank you for your cooperation. This information is helpful in determining the activities of the Consulting Rosarians in the Tenarky District.

Roses Available at the Winter Workshop

2008 Winter Workshop Roses –

Jackson and Perkins

Class	Type	Variety	Note	Color	Fragrance
2 YR B&C	FL	'CINNAMON TWIST'		CORAL-ORANGE	LIGHT SPICE AND FRUIT
NEW GEN	FL	'FRANKLY SCARLET'	New	RED	SPICY
2 YR B&C	FL	'LAURA BUSH'	New	ORANGE W/YELLOW REVERSE	FRUITY
NEW GEN	FL	'LOVESTRUCK'	New	HAND PAINTED PINK W/WHITE REV.	LIGHT SPICY
NEW GEN	FL	'MARDI GRAS'	Aars	YELLOW, ORANGE & PINK BLEND	LIGHT
2 YR B&C	FL	'MOONDANCE'		CREAMY WHITE	RASPBERRY
NEW GEN	FL	'TUSCAN SUN'		DEEP APRICOT-ORANGE	LIGHT SPICY
NEW GEN	HT	'APRIL IN PARIS'	New	CREAM W/PINK BLUSH	STRONG TEA ROSE
NEW GEN	GR	'CATALINA'	New	APRICOT-PINK	LIGHT TEA ROSE
2 YR B&C	HT	'CHANGE OF HEART'		P W/LIGHT REVERSE	MODERATE
NEW GEN	HT	'POPE JOHN PAUL II'	New	WHITE	STRONG CITRUS
2 YR B&C	HT	'SHEER MAGIC'		CREAM EDGED W/CORAL	LIGHT SPICY
2 YR B&C	HT	'VETERANS' HONOR'		BRIGHT RED	LIGHT RASPBERRY

Weeks –

'Crystalline'

'Dream Come True' New 2008 AARS

'Falling in Love' New

'Let Freedom Ring'

'Gemini'

'Marilyn Monroe'

'Moonstone'

'Touch of Class'

See <http://www.tenarky.org> for photos of auction roses.

Bugging

are consuming aphids, scale and other soft-bodied insects for 12 to 14 days. They then pupate to the adult and continue eating.

I recently saw a green worm on a rose bud, but on closer inspection saw no damage, and it was not eating the bud. I took a digital photo, went home, downloaded the image, did a Google search and found that what I had observed was the larvae of a hover fly (Syrphidae). On looking at the image on my computer, I realized that this “green worm” had a yellow stripe on its back. Although the fly feeds mainly on pollen and nectar, the larvae can consume hundreds of aphids in a month. I confess that in the past, I had squashed some of these, mistakenly thinking they were another “bad” green worm. So not all is as it seems in nature. To assume, that just because it is a little green worm it is bad, is not necessarily true. I learned a very important lesson from this and am now taking more pictures and doing more searching. I don’t judge a bug by its outward appearance. In fact, I have a picture of a little red worm that I am searching out now (see photo page 30). There actually is another fly that is a predator, and that is the tachnid fly, and there are probably a lot more than I am aware of.

But, there are those other green worms such as the “rose slug.” This pest is the larvae of the sawfly and damages your rose leaves, leaving them looking lacy with a cellophane texture. Because it looks like a worm, many people spray chemical sprays they

use for caterpillars, only to realize that it doesn’t work. The fairly recent discovery of Spinosad has been a great boost for anyone needing help in combatting this green worm. Spinosad is man-made and a bacteria and is deemed a good product by organic standards. Spinosad works on all chewing insects, but make sure to spray the underside of the leaves. One caveat is that it will stun honey bees if sprayed directly on them, so the best thing to do is avoid spraying when the bees are most active (early morning and early evening). I know of two products utilizing Spinosad. Green Light has one in most nurseries. Rosemania has Spinosad under the name *Conserve*. I have used them and find that both work. (There may be more sources in your area.) Since it only affects chewing insects, there is no damage to the beneficial insects. (If any of you have tried this product against the Japanese beetle, please let me know your results. The bad part about this is that they still have to ingest it to be effective, so there will be some damage. If it can slow the population, it may be of benefit.)

In my garden, I grow many types of butterfly- and bird-attracting plants. When the small finches make a pass through my garden a twittering, fluttering and generally raising a ruckus, I watch them go up and down the roses just eating away. When they are done and moved on, the silence means there are less bugs than before. Birds do not make a noticeable impact in any war on bugs, but anytime I see one with a grasshopper in their beak, they get a thumbs up from me. Just enjoy-

ing the music they make, the grace of their flight, the fights at the bird feeder, and watching them raise their young make me appreciate more my methods of gardening. Many butterfly larvae have voracious appetites, but generally don’t bother roses. Instead, they will choose their host plant. Spraying your roses would not really affect them as long as “they” follow the “rules.” Of course, there are exceptions, as in the cabbage looper or moth. This small white moth, with a black spot on its wings can be seen cavorting in many gardens now. They flutter around and lay an egg here and there to allow the larvae their own leaves to destroy and generally mess up any plant they hatch out on. They can be controlled with general applications of Spinosad, about every two weeks. Or, as soon as you see the start of damage, you can apply Spinosad or try picking them off or squashing them. The method and regularity depends on the level of damage you will accept. Which is basically what organic gardening is all about. With the new earth-friendly products we have, it is a choice as to how much you want to do to achieve your acceptable results. One result, I couldn’t accept was being stung by a wasp or yellow jacket. I normally don’t bother them as they are good for the garden. Well, this day my wife was washing off the front of the house and, without knowing it, hit one of those paper wasp nests and they took out after her. I came around to see what was going on, and they came after me. One got under my glasses and stung me about 1/2 inch below my eye.

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Speakers

1998. Working with Dr. Keith Zary in the research department in 1998, Debbie initially studied parental lines, assisted in the selection of roses, and helped write the rose breeding program. Upon the completion of her business degree from Pepperdine University, Debbie has transitioned to the marketing department where she now directs the creation of the award-winning Jackson & Perkins rose catalog and other selling materials. Debbie also regularly serves as a contributing writer to the *American Rose*, *Garden Compass*, *California Nurseryscape*, and other rose-related publications. In her capacity as the official Jackson & Perkins spokesperson, she is featured in many presentations at tradeshows, seminars, and rose organizations. In addition Debbie also lends her expertise to *Garden Compass*, a weekly syndicated gardening show as the “Roving Rose Reporter”.

Paul Zimmerman

CEO/Owner Ashdown Roses

Paul was introduced to, and taught about roses and rose horticulture by among others, Dr. Thomas Cairns the past President of the American Rose Society and current President of the World Federation of Rose Societies. He was introduced to Old Garden Roses by Steve Jones current President of The American Rose Society, and then developed a love for them through a continuing deep friendship with Bob Edberg of Limberlost Roses and Rose Books in California. Along the way he met Mike Lowe of

there Ashdown Roses was born.

Paul is one of the original founders of the Tinseltown Rose Society, served as Vice President under Tommy Cairns, then President for two years thereafter. He has written numerous award-winning articles for Tinseltown’s own magazine, *American Rose*, the *American Rose Annual* and other gardening magazines. He is an active Consulting Rosarian and “Cyber CR” as well. He lectures internationally and has also served as an International juror for numerous Rose Trials.

While living in Los Angeles, California, Paul founded and ran “Hundred Acre Woods Rosescapeing”, a company specializing in the care, design and installation of rose gardens; particularly antique, shrub and David Austin Roses. It is this hands on experience with roses in a general garden setting that Paul draws on when making selections for the Ashdown Roses catalogue.

A first generation American, Paul’s family comes from The Netherlands, a country rich in nursery traditions. After spending his childhood in Miami, Florida, Paul left after high school to attend the University of Texas at Austin, where he majored in Aerospace Engineering. Quickly realizing he did not want to be a rocket scientist, Paul did the next logical thing and enrolled in Clown School—The Dell Arte School of Mime & Comedy in northern California to be precise.

After several years touring the country in a 1968 VW camper, Paul settled in Los Angeles, California and turned his career towards stand-up comedy. He toured the country for some fif-

teen years, with appearances on many of the popular TV shows featuring stand-up comedy.

After two years as head writer on an ABC television show, Paul decided to return to his first love, gardening and roses.

Kreg Hill

Director PSWD of the American Rose Society

A member of three local societies in the Pacific Southwest District of the ARS, Kreg is active in many aspects of the society. As a writer, officer, and arranger, Kreg has many years of experience winning trophies and teaching others.

He has presented programs and written articles on all aspects of rose culture, including growing, diseases, propagation, OGRs and arrangements. His articles have been published in the *American Rose*, *OGR Gazette*, *Rose Arranger’s Bulletin*, district and local bulletins. Kreg has presented programs at local meetings, as well as district and national conventions.

Kreg has been awarded the ARS Bronze Medal, ARS PSWD Outstanding Consulting Rosarian Award, ARS PSWD Outstanding Arrangement Judges Award and ARS Silver Medal. In addition, I he has won National and District Horticultural and Arrangement Trophies.

Kreg is a fourth generation New Mexican and has been a Real Estate Broker for over thirty years. Kreg divides his time between residences in Albuquerque, New Mexico and Palm Springs & Morongo Valley, California with over 250 roses across the locations.

Consulting Rosarian Application

CONSULTING ROSARIAN INFORMATION

What qualifications must I have to become a Consulting Rosarian?

- Must be a member of the American Rose Society for three consecutive years.
- Must be an active member of a local rose society.
- Must have grown roses of various types for at least five years and should be knowledgeable in all equipment and materials related to rose culture.

How do I go about becoming a Consulting Rosarian?

Fill out and submit a **Consulting Rosarian School Application** and mail to the District Consulting Rosarian Chair, Robert Jacobs, 1609 Seminole Way, Bowling Green, KY 42103 or e-mail to R.JacobsA@insightbb.com

You will then be sent a **New Consulting Rosarian Candidate Form** and three copies of the **Consulting Rosarian Candidate Letter of Recommendation Form**. (see pages 12-13 or www.tenarky.org)

The resume and the three letters of recommendation along with a check for \$10.00 (to cover the cost of the certificate) **must be submitted to the Tenarky District Director** at least **30 days before the school**. *All of the above forms are also available on the Tenarky Website.*

Purchase a Manual for \$20.00 (includes binder and shipping fee) from ARS headquarters.

Attend the approved ARS school for Consulting Rosarians and complete an open book examination based on the material contained in the CR manual. Once you pass the exam, you do not have to take it again.

Once I have become a certified Consulting Rosarian, what do I need to do to maintain this status?

Must be recertified every four years. A CR must accumulate 4 credits before December 31, 2012 if he/she becomes a CR in 2008. Attendance at a CR school for new CRs earns 4 credits for recertification. A CR seminar at a district or national ARS event earns 1-4 credits. One hour of training is approximately equivalent to 1 credit.

Must submit a Roses in Review Report to the RIR District Coordinator each year. If no report is submitted for two consecutive years, the CR will be removed from the program.

Must submit a District CR report each year. The form of this report may vary with each district and the needs of that district. It is possible to have a different form each year.

**AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY
NEW CONSULTING ROSARIAN CANDIDATE FORM**

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip+4: _____

Are you a member of the American Rose Society in good standing? _____

When did your membership begin? (3 years required) _____

How many years have you grown roses? (5 years required) _____

Local society(s) you belong to plus city and state: _____

Date joined the local society: _____ I have participated in or assisted the following society activities:

I have chaired the following local society and/or district committees:

I have held or am holding the following local society and/or district offices:

I have given the following programs:

I have written the following articles (and where published):

I have attended _____ District Conventions and _____ National Conventions.

I hereby affirm that the above information is correct and that I understand the responsibilities and duties of being a Consulting Rosarian are to inspire a love and appreciation of roses and their culture.

Signed: _____

AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY
CONSULTING ROSARIAN CANDIDATE
LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION TO THE TENARKY DISTRICT

I recommend (Name) _____

(Address) _____

(Phone) _____ who is personally known to me, as a candidate for Consulting Rosarian school. This person has been a continuous member of the American Rose Society since _____ (3 years required).

2) Has grown roses since _____ (5 years required) and has demonstrated a thorough knowledge of rose culture.

3) Currently grows approximately _____ (number) rosebushes and grows the following types (circle all that apply):
HT GR F Min LCl OGR Shrubs

4) Has been a member of the _____ local rose society since _____ and is active in the following ways:

5) Has been working to increase membership in the local society and ARS.

6) Is willing to assist and advise others on rose culture and share his/her knowledge with others in many ways.

7) Knows and is willing to live up to the Consulting Rosarian Guide.

8) Additional remarks:

Signed: _____

(Signature of active Consulting Rosarian making recommendation)

Address: _____

Three letters of recommendation must be submitted with candidate's resume and sent to the District Consulting Rosarian Chair at least 30 days before the school.

Membership will be verified at ARS headquarters.

Tenarky District
Winter Meeting, February 22-23, 2008

Holiday Inn University Plaza and Sloan Convention Center
Bowling Green, Kentucky

Registration fees are mandatory for all who attend. This covers the Friday night social, the Saturday Workshop, and the Saturday night banquet. Make checks payable to the TENARKY District Winter Workshop and mail with this form to:

Peggy Utz
1328 Mill Lane
New Albany, IN 47150

PLEASE LIST ALL REGISTERING:

Name _____ Name _____

Address _____ Address _____

City _____ City _____

State/Zip _____ State/Zip _____

Society _____ Society _____

No. of People

Cost

Total

\$79.00

No money will be refunded if registrations are canceled on or after February 15th.

Make your own hotel reservation with Holiday Inn, University Plaza, 1021 Wilkinson Trace, Bowling Green, KY 42103. Phone (270) 745-0088. IT IS BEST TO CONTACT THE HOTEL DIRECTLY (during the day.) Indicate that you are requesting the member's special rate for the TENARKY Rose Society. (The key word is "rose.") You must make your reservation by Thursday, February 7, 2008, to be guaranteed the special rate of \$88.00 per room (single, triple, or quad) plus 11.3% state and local taxes.

Join the American Rose Society

Annual Membership

Individual.....	\$49
Senior (65+)	\$46
Joint	\$62
Senior Joint	\$59
Youth	\$10

Two Year Membership

Individual.....	\$95
Senior (65+)	\$89
Joint	\$117
Senior Joint	\$111

Three Year Membership

Individual.....	\$140
Senior (65+)	\$132
Joint	\$170
Senior Joint	\$162

Call
1-800-637-6534
or visit
www.ars.org

Speakers

Dr. Martin Stone

Assistant Professor of Horticulture

Western Kentucky University

Born and raised in Oklahoma, Martin was guided away from biology and into horticulture at Oklahoma State University by a suggestion from his father. He loved the subject and became a plant nerd. After a B.S. in Horticulture, he managed a large rose and crepe myrtle nursery in east Texas then decided to return to OSU to pursue a graduate degree in botany.

He took a Ph.D. at Texas A&M in Soil and Crop Science. He accepted a position as Senior Scientist Plant Biology at Sandoz Corporation in the Bay Area of California. After a few years, he left

to manage his own nursery in Oklahoma during which time it grew to include landscape design and construction and maintenance. The nursery also grew thousands of bareroot roses each spring. He served as city councilman for two terms during this time and won awards for his landscape design and service to local schools. He has been assistant professor at Western Kentucky University for the past five years teaching ornamental horticulture and plant propagation. He writes regularly and is a contributing editor for *Kentucky Gardener*, including an article the history of roses in society. His family's small farm nearby grows over fifty cultivars of roses mixed into the landscape. They also grow cut flowers and unusual perennials and herbs for sale at the Southern Kentucky Farmer's Market, the only 'producer only' market in south central Kentucky.

Bugging

Needless, to say, that nest is gone. I discourage their nest building if they are in an undesirable area, but I still have respect for wasps and bees and what they do. There is a family of wasps called parasitic wasps. They search for a host insect — such as aphids, whiteflies, scales, leafminers and caterpillars — and lay their eggs in or on the body. When the egg hatches, it kills the host, as it is their food source. These wasps are of various sizes, but are rarely seen.

Any discussion on life in your rose garden wouldn't be complete

without mentioning spiders. I think everyone knows that spiders do a lot in the ecosystem of balancing out nature. I'm not crazy about walking out in the morning and running into a web full face, but their value far outweighs the down side.

There are more living parts to a garden, but realizing what are good and how they help makes letting them exist an integral component of your reaching that balance. This can be achieved by a little patience, ingenuity and knowledge. I hope that sharing my experiences with you will bring about more interest in finding out what good guys you have in your garden.

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c/o Robert Sutherland
3741 Dicksonia Drive
Lexington, KY 40517-1906

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Visit Tenarky's website at
www.tenarky.org

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'Unbridled', a new miniflora from David Clemons, is available from Rosemania.

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