

2016 TENARKY WINTER WORKSHOP SPEAKERS



Dr. Mark Windham

Mark is a Professor and Distinguished Chair in Ornamental Pathology at the University of Tennessee. Mark is a past president of the Holston Rose Society and had been conducting research on roses for more than 25 years. Recently Mark is part of a team of scientists that has received funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Specialty Crops Initiative to combat Rose Rosette Disease. Mark's rose rosette field site encompasses nearly 4 acres and includes more than 1500 rose bushes. In addition, Mark has rose research sites throughout Tennessee and several neighboring states.



Curtis Aumiller

Curtis is from Camp Hill, PA, and has been judging rose photography for over eight years. He is both a horticulturist and arrangement judge for the American Rose Society and has given presentations around the country about judging and taking rose photos. Curtis current serves as the ARS National Chair of Photography and the ARS Penn-Jersey District Chair of Arrangement Judges. He has been awarded the Penn-Jersey District 2012 Outstanding Consulting Rosarian and the ARS Silver Honor Medal from the Penn-Jersey District in 2013.



Carol Shockley

After bad weather prevented Carol from coming to the 2015 Winter workshop, she returns for her fifth invitation to share her photos and passion for exciting new roses. Carol is a member of the Central Arkansas Rose Society and the ARS. She enjoys gardening and landscaping with roses being her true love in the plant world. Carol is past president and former editor of the Central Arkansas Rose Society, a Master Consulting Rosarian and was honored with the Bronze Medal. She also received the Outstanding Consulting Rosarian and Silver Honor Medals from the Tenarky District. Carol could be called a "serious rose grower" and enjoys exhibiting. Carol's garden includes a variety of plants and 250+ rose with her favorites being miniatures and minifloras. Her garden is patrolled by her three basset hounds.



Chris VanCleave

Nicknamed "The Redneck Rosarian", Chris VanCleave is passionate about gardening and growing roses. An active member of the Birmingham Alabama Rose Society, with two terms as president, he was the 2013 recipient of the Bronze Honor Medal. He is also an ARS Consulting Rosarian and serves on their Marketing and Membership committees. In 2007, he created the Rose Chat Podcast which has reached over a half a million listeners with new and information on growing roses. He was an assistant editor of the roses section in the recently published Southern Living Gardening Book, has appeared on P. Allen Smith's Garden Home television show and was featured in the June issue of Southern Living Magazine. His writing is seen not only at [About.com](#) but on his popular blog, [RedneckRosarian.com](#), where he chronicles his gardening adventures and explores an intrinsic mix of life, faith and gardening.

Steve Hutton



Steve Hutton, currently president of [Star Roses and Plants/Conard-Pyle](#), is a third generation nurseryman. At age 12 he had his first paying job in the industry—following a number of non-paying jobs—selling pansies he and his brothers grew to the garden center Star Roses had at the time. He worked after school and many summers at the nursery during high school and college. Since returning to the nursery full-time in 1978, he has held positions as head of the License Department, Vice President of Production, and President and CEO of the Company, his current position. Hutton currently serves as a director on a number of boards. He lives, works and gardens in the beautiful countryside of Chester County, Pennsylvania.