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Rosebuds

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Meeting: February 3
Greenwood High School
6:30 p.m. (come early)
Host: Kathy Dodson
Program:
Buying Roses

TENARKY District Winter Workshop

The annual Tenarky District Winter Workshop will be held in February 17-19, 2012, in Franklin, Tennessee. Speakers include:

- Richard Anthony and Kristine Vance, exhibitors from Ohio who grow over 1,000 roses. They have won numerous awards, given many district and national presentations, and also have written many articles on growing and exhibiting roses.
- Carol Shockley has been growing roses for 27 years. She is a Silver Medal Recipient and Outstanding Consulting Rosarian.
- Robbie Tucker is a nationally recognized amateur hybridizer of miniflora and miniature roses and the owner of Rosmania.com,

an online source for many rose products.

- Whit Wells, of Wells Mid-South Roses, is well known for the many roses he has hybridized. Many of us grow his roses and we have a category for his roses at our rose show.

In addition to the lectures and a panel discussion on Saturday, there is a Friday night welcome supper with speaker, Cindy Shapton, "A Rose Isn't Just a Rose", and a banquet on Saturday night with Keith Zary, Hybridizer, as guest speaker.

During the workshop, 200 rose bushes of 20 varieties will be auctioned for the annual fundraiser sale. These roses are being donated by Certified Roses of Tyler, Texas,

known for their distribution of classic varieties grown in the United States.

On Sunday morning, there is the Consulting Rosarian School which is open for those who need the credit as well as anyone who wants to learn more about growing roses.

The schedule, registration information, and roses to be auctioned can be found at the Tenarky website: www.tenarky.org

So mark your calendars today and get registered to attend the 2012 Tenarky Winter Workshop in Franklin February 19-21.



President's Corner by Kathy Dodson, CR

WHERE IS WINTER?

Are you enjoying this mild winter we're having? The roses still have lots of leaves on them. The warm weather is nice, but I am secretly longing for a little snow this month. I love the quietness of the falling snow, and then the brightness of the snow on a sunny day.

I hope you can come to our February meeting and bring a friend or two. Our officers have made plans for an exciting year. We need your input on something we'd like to do in March. The February meeting will be in the Greenwood High School

Library. Try to get there at least by 6 o'clock since there is a boys and girls basketball game with Bowling Green High. There should be a big crowd and parking may be tight. I'm bringing chili and sandwiches to celebrate beginning our new year. Roses are getting harder to find and our program will be on sources for "Buying Roses for Spring."

Don't forget to make plans to attend the Tenarky District Winter Workshop in Nashville on Feb. 17 -19. They have lined up some great guest speakers and there will be a rose auction. A consulting rosarian workshop will be held on Sunday. You can find all of the information at www.tenarky.org.

REMINDER



Please plan to pay your 2012 dues at the February meeting or send to our treasurer, Ann Jacobs, by February 15 in order to be included in the 2012 BGRS Yearbook which will be distributed at the March meeting. Ask a friend to join with you!!!

Hope to see you at our meeting on Friday, February 3.



Winter in My Rose Garden or Checking the Campaign Signs *by Mary Ann Hext, CR*

The Bowling Green area has been experiencing a rather strange weather pattern this winter. We have had an abundance of rainy days, only one minor snow, and many days of unusually warm temperatures for January with a few days in the 60s.

I have noticed that many of my rose bushes are already starting to get new growth in spite of a few nights of temperatures in the teens. My daffodils are sprouting and my lilac bushes are starting to bud. I am somewhat concerned about what February is going to bring. Last year we missed 15 days of school due to snow; and it was only five years ago that we had an early spring, our roses were looking fantastic, and we had an April freeze that killed many of my roses, several shrubs, and a Japanese maple tree. The severe damage to roses in our area caused us to cancel our 2007 spring rose show.

Yesterday (January 24), I got home from school early, the temperature was in the 50s, and I had a couple of hours to spend outdoors with my dogs, filling my bird feeders, and checking my roses to see how they were responding to our strange weather patterns and my new methods of winterization.

This year I was fortunate to be the recipient of some styrofoam cones and sheets of plastic from a member of the Nashville Rose Society who was downsizing his rose garden. So the second weekend in December, I spent a few hours figuring out how to use them to protect my favorite roses. I had also acquired several new campaign signs the day after our November election to add to my stash from last year.

Most of them come complete with their own stakes. This year's signs were much larger as Kentucky had a gubernatorial election. In fact, they were so large that I was able to move my 15 large pots of miniature and tree roses to the south side of my house and protect them with only three of the large campaign signs. First I put small campaign signs around the roses in the pots and stuffed in alfalfa hay. Then I staked the large signs using the posts that came with them or some of our fence posts. Then I added more hay around the pots, and covered the roses. They are completely protected from the strong winds we get at our location and yet still get sunshine and rain. This was much less labor intensive than moving them to the barn where they did not get sun nor rain and several of them did not make it through last winter. My fortuniana roses got priority with the rest of the campaign signs along with my hybrid tea exhibition bed. I also used a combination of campaign signs and the plastic sheets with my tree roses.

Campaign signs provide great winter protection, are light weight, easy to store, have flexibility to curve

around the rose bushes. By collecting them after an election, one is helping to improve the appearance of the street corners and highways and recycling what would otherwise be discarded in the landfills. One local candidate was so appreciative of me collecting her campaign signs in my area that she gave me 5 more unused ones. I do try to be politically correct and have signs from both political parties in my beds. The cones worked great on my smaller roses although I have had to put rocks on the tops to keep the strong winds from blowing them around the yard. Last week when nearby areas were having tornados, we had even stronger winds and some of the plastic ties holding the protective sheets and campaign signs snapped, but it only took a short time to retie them; and the wet hay did not blow off the roses.

As a 6-year rosarian, this is the first winter that I have felt really good about my rose protection and have hopes of not losing any plants. I will report in a future newsletter on how my roses fared this winter with their campaign sign protection and if party affiliation makes a difference to the roses. If the roses do well, then I will be out recycling campaign signs after the November election; I should have an abundance of choices then!



Rose Auction at Tenarky District Workshop



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Every year at the Tenarky Winter Workshop, rosarians have the opportunity to purchase roses for their gardens with the proceeds being a fundraiser for the district. This year is no exception!

Certified Roses, Inc., of Tyler, Texas, has donated 200 classic and time-honored rose bushes (20 varieties of 10 plants each) for the auction. I was excited to see on the list, that many are must-haves for every rose grower.

Nearly all of them are grown by at least one of our members. This will be a great opportunity for new rose members to buy roses that grow well in our area, are shown at many of our rose shows, and have a good ARS rating.

While you are attending the winter workshop, take time to bid on these roses and support the district as well as purchase a wonderful rose addition to your garden

List scheduled to be auctioned: (Name, Description, Date, and ARS Rating)

1. Sally Holmes (S-White 1976/8.9)
2. Touch of Class (HT-Coral Pink 1985/8.7)
3. Double Delight (HT-Red/Cream 1976/8.3)
4. Dolly Parton (HT-Orange Red/Fragrant 1985/7.5)
5. Gold Medal (GR-Golden Yellow 1981/8.3)
6. Cl. Iceberg (CL F-White 1968/8.4)
7. Sunsprite (F-Deep Yellow 1973/8.4)
8. Nicole (Hannah Gordon-F-White with Pink Edge 1984/8.7)
9. The Fairy (S-Pastel Pink 1932/8.7)
10. Europeana (F-Dark Red 1964/8.4)
11. Belinda's Dream (S-Med Pink 1992/8.4)
12. Graham Thomas (S-Deep Yellow 1983/8.2)
13. Rose-de-Rescht (P-Fuchsia Red c.1880/8.7)
14. Carefree Beauty (S-Clear Pink 1979/8.6)
15. Olympiad (HT-Bright Red 1983/8.5)
16. Playboy (F-Fame Orange/Yellow 1976/8.5)
17. Heritage (S-Light Pink/Fragrant 1985/8.4)
18. Zephirine Drouhin (Bourbon-Dark Pink 1968/8.0)
19. Pristine (HT-W Pearl Blend 1977/8.4)
20. Mister Lincoln (HT-Rich Velvety Red 1965/8.3)



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Beatty Fertilizer Order

Order forms will be available at
our February meeting for pickup
at the Tenarky District Work-
shop on February 19.

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Winter Workshop

Hosted by Nashville Rose Society

Franklin, Tennessee

February 17-19, 2012

registration and information at www.tenarky.org

IMPORTANT DATES - 2012

- February 17-19: Tenarky Winter Workshop & CR School - Franklin, TN
- March 1-4: Nashville Lawn & Garden Show
- March 2-4: Louisville Home, Gardening and Remodeling Show
- May 19: BGRS Rose Show
- June 1-2: Regional ARS Arrangement Rose Show including Arrangement Workshop and Judges School—Franklin, TN
- July 27-29: ARS Miniature Conference—Columbus, OH
- September 27-30: ARS Fall National Convention and Rose Show - San Ramon CA

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