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Rosebuds

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Meeting: Nov. 2
WC Extension Office
6:30 p.m.
Host: Ann Jacobs
Program: G. Snyder
Winterizing Roses

It's "Planning" Time by Patsy Williams, Houston Rose Society

November, December and January are slowdown months for rosarians in the Gulf Coast area. You now have more "free" time to channel into more diverse activities, because there is less activity for the roses. We would like to give you a few channels of thought into which to travel during the winter months.

Into every rosarian's life, a little versatility must fall. Rosarians can be a little *narrow-minded* when it comes to a sunny space available in their yard. Wherever there is sunshine, is a good place to put a new rose bed! But look at alternatives for the garden; every square inch does **not** have to be filled with roses.

Diversity - There is a difference between a beautifully landscaped garden and a "rose garden". A landscaped garden will have other features in it besides roses. There should be some areas where there are landscape plants that remain green all year. Other areas might have perennials and/or annuals.

Respite - Don't forget to incorporate a spot where you can sit and enjoy your handiwork. As we work in the garden there comes a time when we have to rest a moment. This place should be where you get a good view of your garden, and preferably where you get a little shade so you can cool off as you rest. Maybe it could be a bench, a swing, a glider or just a comfortable chair, a place of respite. Include wind-chimes in this area, enjoying their melodious sounds as the wind blows.

Butterfly garden - Reserve a spot to

plant a butterfly garden. This will also encourage beneficial insects to inhabit your garden. When the beneficial insects have a source of food, they will stay around for a while and feast on the "bad insects", those for which you often spray.

Water attraction - Incorporate a "water hazard" into your garden (you know, some-thing you have to clean every so often). There is nothing quite as soothing as the sound of running water. Do you have a spot where you could add a water feature such as a fountain (notice I did not call it a bird bath, but you can add that, also)?

You might wish to incorporate a water garden into your landscape, with water plants, fish, etc.

Succulents, etc. - Let's not forget the "sand trap". A place where you plant succulents such as cactus, etc. This can be very beautiful and require little care during the hot summer months, because those plants thrive in the heat.

Add color to your garden - Add plants that will give you enjoyment when the roses are dormant. This will brighten the sometimes dreary days of winter.

Build new rose beds now - Now that we have considered a number of other things which we could do to, for, or in, our garden, are you planning on adding a new rose bed for 2012? If you are, now is the ideal time to begin the project. By starting now, there will be time for the soil to

"mellow". A good rose bed soil mix needs this time, so that it can be ready to spur healthy root growth on the plants you plant in the spring.

Catalogs and more - On those cold, dreary days, do a little "catalog surfing" (most catalogs are on the Internet these days). Always read catalogs knowing that they have used the very best picture that they could take to entice you to buy their roses. Many of the pictures are taken much farther north and west than Houston. Blooms get much larger there, and the colors are more vibrant. After you have made your list of potential "must haves", whether you are ordering them through the mail or buying them from local nurseries, check with a Consulting Rosarian who may have already grown your selections, and inquire as to their strengths and weaknesses in the Houston area. It could save you a lot of heartache later on.

Enjoyment - Gardens are to be enjoyed.

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From the President—*Kathy Dodson, CR*

Thanks to everyone for a great meeting in October. Mary Ann presented a terrific program on rose classifications and varieties. Mary Ann has also taken on the duties of editor of the ARS and You.

We had a great time looking at the beautiful roses and arrangements that were brought for the in-club competition. Vi and Richard's refreshments were "spooktakular."

Ann suggested that we consider meeting at a restaurant called Mr. B's for next year's meetings. It is located

across from Rafferty's on the other side of the parking lot. If you get a chance, go by and check it out before our November meeting.

At our next meeting, we will be making plans for our Christmas Dinner to be held at Ben and Pauline Matus' house. Georgia will present a program on "Putting Your Roses to Bed."

I hope to see all of you at 6:30 p.m., November 2, at the Warren County Extension Office.

**Mark Your Calendar
now!**

**Nashville Lawn
&
Garden Show
February 28 - March 3,
2013
Tennessee
State Fairgrounds**

**Sam
&
Brenda
Coffey's
Roses**



November Rose Tips:

- Keep up spraying program. Water your roses even though it is cooler, they need water. I have stopped dead heading as that will promote new growth.
- I have been just pulling off the dead blooms. And I have started pulling leaves off my bushes. Once we have had 2 nights down in mid-twenties, I will start winterizing.
- Important thing to remember is you want your roses healthy as we go into winter. Clean the rose beds of any leaves. Then spray with a dormant spray and lime sulfur.
- So winterizing will not begin until first or second week of December.

—Bob Jacobs, CR

Tenarky District Rose Show—October 6-7 (photos on page 3)

Kent Campbell Memorial Award—Louise Estes, Veteran's Honor, Hot Princess, Randy Scott—Dan & Barb Brickman

Mini Spray (Mini Duchess) - Green Ice—Bob Jacobs

Polyantha Spray—Verdun—Mary Ann Hext

Earthkind Roses (No spray)- Pink Home Run—Mary Ann Hext

ARS Mini Silver Certificate & Mini Artist Award—Sorooptimist International—Mary Ann Hext

Duke Award— Brass Band—Ann Jacobs

ARS Mini Bronze Certificate & Mini Princess Award—Irresistible—Mary Ann Hext

ARS Oriental Award—Joy—Ann Jacobs

ARS Bronze Certificate & Court of Etiquette Award—Gemini, Pope John Paul II, & Randy Scott—Mary Ann Hext

Winners at Tenarky District Rose Show



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MONTHLY IN-CLUB COMPETITION JUNE - NOVEMBER

The competition shall consist of **ONE entry in each** of the following classes: One bloom per stem, except for sprays. Groom and fill in tags as if entering a regular rose show. Judges will comment on 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice. The top scorer in horticulture and arrangements will be recognized at the December meeting.

- Class 1—1 Single Bloom Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora
- Class 2—1 Single Bloom Miniature
- Class 3—1 Single Bloom Floribunda
- Class 4—1 Floribunda or Miniature Spray
- Class 5—1 Specimen, Any Other Type
- Class 6—1 Arrangement for November: arranger's choice

IMPORTANT DATES

- * Dec. 7: BGRS Christmas Dinner
- * May 18, 2013: BGRS Rose Show

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