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# Rosebuds

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June 6 Meeting

WCEO 6:30 pm

Program:  
Starting Roses from Cuttings  
by  
Howard Carman

Host: Kathy Dodson

## Rose Lessons Learned by Ben Matus

Being somewhat superstitious, I'm concerned I may jinx myself by writing this little piece. But, I'm so pleased with the condition of our roses that I really want to share what I've learned.

You may remember that we didn't prune last spring and I vowed to never do that again. We had Blackspot that never was completely eradicated. So, this year we pruned in late March and sprayed with Mancozeb and a wetting agent. We also fertilized with Mills' Magic Mix according to directions. We, being my yard man and friend, Bobby Frey. We sprayed the plants and drenched the soil. That spray process, including the soil drench was repeated two more times over a period of about two weeks. (Three sprays in two weeks.)

Then we switched to a mixture of either Cleary's 3336f, Rose Pride (Funginex) or Spectracide's multi-purpose fungicide. Rotating from one to next with the Cleary's always between the others. That was done to avoid having a pathogen become tolerant to a specific chemical. Added to each gallon of spray was a tbs. of wetting agent, 2 tbs. of liquid iron and ¼ tsp. of Monty's "Joy Juice". We sprayed religiously every Monday or the first day thereafter that the weather allowed. Last week we fertilized with Mills' liquid "Easy Feed".

Trying to play it by the book, I made the mistake of not including an insecticide in the mix. Following the rule "don't use insecticide until signs of damage occur". Baloney!! Pauline and I were sitting on the back

porch Wednesday evening and all was right with the roses. The next night when we sat down and looked out on the garden we had wilted top growth on several plants. One plant was killed and the rest had to be topped from an infestation less than 36 hours old. Like last year, "never again". When we start our spray program in the spring an insecticide will be included from the very beginning.

Nonetheless, our roses are the healthiest Pauline and I have ever grown. I've found two leaves with signs of Blackspot. We're now seeing beautiful blooms on gorgeous plants. They look like exhibition roses! Yea!

## June is Library Month! June is Rose Month! by M. Hext

The Bowling Green Rose Society has joined other local rose societies across the country to celebrate and honor the rose—America's Floral Emblem. We have "adopted" the downtown public library and given them a library membership to the American Rose Society. The library will receive the *American Rose* magazine for a year and will also receive the *ARS Modern Roses 12*.

On June 26, Mary Ann Hext and Kathy Dodson will present a program at the library as part of their 2013 summer reading program. As part of the brown bag luncheon, the topic will be "The Dirt on Rose Gardening: How to Maintain America's Floral Emblem".

Mary Ann and Kathy are preparing an exhibit with information about our local society, the ARS, and growing roses. Members of BGRS are asked to sign up to bring fresh roses (bouquets and/or arrangements during the month to display with the exhibit. Brenda will have a calendar at the June meeting. If you have any old *American Rose* magazines or other interesting rose literature, bring these to the meeting, also.



## From the President *by Brenda Coffey*

Unfortunately the BGRS Rose Show had to be cancelled. Mother Nature and Father Time couldn't seem to get together for the benefit of creating roses by May 18. But there is a new plan that will allow us to enjoy each other's roses. Since June is traditionally when we start our in-club competition for the year, this year BGRS is going to kick off our in-club competition with a small rose show at our June meeting. All members are to bring their roses, label them and place them at the appropriate table(s). For our Rose Show you may enter as many different roses in each class as you wish, but

there cannot be duplicates of the same rose in the same class. There will be a separate table for arrangements. Arrangements may be from any of the classes listed in our 2013 rose program. Judging will occur, and a prize will be given to the Best of Show. In-club competition points will be awarded to the top 3 entries in each class. For our new members the points are kept each month and an award for the highest total is given at the December social.

(The in-club classes are listed within the Rosebuds.)

Hopefully everyone's roses are now blooming. Since the roses from

our show were to be taken to the veterans in local nursing facilities, we would like to follow through with that activity. The details will be discussed at our regular June meeting. Remember to bring any vases that you would like to donate. Magazines and other items that you want to donate for use at the library need to also be brought to this meeting. We also will need volunteers to take roses to the library throughout the month of June, so check your roses and sign up for their (and your) best time. Our rose society offers lots of opportunities for you to serve. See you on the 7th.

## Member News

- Norma Stevenson has a new phone number—270.791.6592. Please change on your list.
- Bob and Ann Jacobs invite you to stop by to see their roses.

### REMINDER OUR IN-CLUB COMPETITION BEGINS THIS MONTH

#### 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/Grandiflora**

**Class 2—Single Bloom Miniature**

**Class 3—1 Single Bloom Floribunda**

**Class 4—1 Floribunda or Miniature Spray**

**Class 5—Specimen, Any Other Type**

**Class 6—Arrangements—See Rose Show Schedule**

## Summer Rose Tips *(collected by the editor)*

- Bob Jacobs strongly suggests checking the soil in your rose gardens in different places. Over the years, the soil does wear out even if you are using fertilizer. He has been adding new "Royal Soil" around their rose bushes the past two years. He had bushes he was going to dig up and throw away. This year they are growing twice the size and have a dark green, health look.—*Bob & Ann Jacobs*
- Kent always said, "Water, water, water!" - *Claire Campbell*
- Hot, dry weather brought spider mites. Watch for a dull or mottled appearance on the leaves. Turn them over and they will feel somewhat gritty. When the mites are really bad, you will see webbing between the leaves. Kent told me to take a leaf and shake it on a sheet of white paper, then the mites would be visible. Use a water wand or spray with pressure the entire bush making sure to get the underside of all leaves. Do this every two to three days and repeat at least three times. I also purchased Avid and spray with it when I see them every three days for about two weeks as it only kills the adults. There are other chemicals available that will kill both adults and eggs but they are expensive. The water wand works great if you keep a watchful eye.—*Mary Hext*
- During the summer, roses are still hungry. Feed them your regular fertilizer, but use a little less. They will not require as much as they do in the spring and fall. Don't fertilize if you are not able to water at least by the next day. Organics are also a good choice of fertilizer.—*The Houston RS Rosette*
- Water, Water, Water. Keep those roses hydrated. That is, do not spray every day, but when you water, allow water to soak deep into the ground around your bushes. Roses need the equivalent of an inch of water a week.—*Bob Jacobs*
- Remember to give your roses lots of water. They need at least an inch of water a week. I have spotted a couple of Japanese beetles on my roses this year. I'm going to just knock them off in a bucket of soapy water. Spraying will only kill the ones that are on the bush at the time you spray. Just cut the blooms and bring them in the house for your enjoyment instead of the beetles.—*Kathy Dodson*
- An organic method of controlling Japanese beetles is to plant red geraniums in with your roses. The beetles love the flowers on these plants and it is toxic to their system. The beetle will take a tasty bite of the geranium and fall to the ground paralyzed. After being comatose for about 8 hours, the toxins wear off and the beetle, not realizing the error of his ways, will climb up and take another bite and start the cycle all over again. You can kill the beetles by dropping them in a bucket of soapy water. Do not squish the beetle, especially around your garden, as this causes them to release an odor which attracts more beetles. Use needle nose pliers to nab them and drop them in the soapy water. —*The Pikes Peak RS Rose Companion*
- Deadhead spent roses. When deadheaded, the bushes will direct energy into growth instead of maintaining the spent bloom.—*St. Louis Voice of the Rose.*
- Continue a fungicide spray schedule. Do not apply fungicide to dry plants. Roots should be well watered before spraying with any fungicide or insecticide. If blackspot is under control spray with a preventive fungicide such as Ortho/Rose Pride, Bayer/Disease Control, ferti-lome/Rose Spray, Funginex, Banner Maxx, Compass or Honor Guard. If blackspot is visible spray with a contact fungicide such as Mancozeb, Manzate, or Dithane M-45. Follow label directions. The less expensive, less concentrated fungicides work just as well, but require using more and must be applied more often.—*The CenLa RS Rosebud*
- Too much water and too little water produce many of the same symptoms. Just stick your finger in the ground to tell which.—*Bradenton-Sarasota RS The Bulletin*
- Roses are heavy feeders. Watering leaches the nutrients from the soil, more so in potted plants. Now is a good time to replenish nutrients with organics such as alfalfa meal, alfalfa tea, fish emulsion, cottonseed meal, compost, cured manure, etc. Water soluble fertilizers, Miracle Grow, Mills Magic, can usually be applied every two weeks. Read and follow label directions. Fertilizer, even water soluble fertilizers, should not be applied to dry roots. It will burn the roots and damage the leaves. —*The CenLa RS Rosebud*
- Kathy Dodson is mixing up a batch of Alfalfa Tea. There are several different recipes' but the one she uses is on our website at this link: [Perk Up Your Roses](#). This is a fairly expensive way to fertilize your roses and you will see darker leaves, deeper blooms, and new growth within two weeks.
- Watch for rose rosette disease. I have already had it on five different roses in different areas. I have just cut it back to the base of the rose and disposed of these canes. Three bushes have not shown any more signs of it; but it came back on two of them. I am monitoring them closely to see if these bushes will need to be replaced as the disease may have spread to all the canes. Hopefully, the research that is going on at UT will help us find a way to prevent this disease. —*M. Hext*

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### IMPORTANT DATES - 2013

- Sept. 20-22: ARS Miniature Conference, Winston-Salem, NC
- October 4-6: Tenarky District Rose Show, Louisville, KY
- Oct. 5: Memphis & Dixie Rose Society Rose Show
- Oct. 12-13: Nashville Rose Society Rose Show

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