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Rosebuds

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Meeting: May 2
WC Ext. Office
6:30 p.m.

Host: Ricky Lockhart
Program:
BG Rose Show
Bring your schedule!

BGRS 51st Rose Show—Why You Should Participate *by Mary Ann Hext, CR*

Our annual rose show is only a few weeks away, so hopefully you have finished your spring pruning, fertilized your roses and started thinking about possibly entering something in the show. Exhibiting roses is an important way for rosarians to share the love for roses and rose growing with others. It also gives the public a first-hand look at roses that grow well in our area and an opportunity to meet our members and ask questions about roses.

At the May meeting, the program will be about our rose show and will give new and old members information

about the rose show, categories to enter and a chance to ask questions and discuss the different items in the schedule. Members should bring a copy of the rose show schedule in order to take notes.

The theme for the Artistic Rose Designs is *Rivers and Roses*. Each section has several choices for the designers and we have including a fun table design class this year. A complete rose show schedule is on the [BGRS website](http://www.bgrs.org).

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Photo: M. Hext

Our rose show is a way to share what we have worked so hard to produce, to learn about unfamiliar varieties of roses, to meet other rosarians and share experiences. It is nice to get a ribbon or to get something on the trophy table; but the rose show is a culminating event for us to display our efforts. It is not so

Included in this newsletter is an article from the Houston Rose Society newsletter two years ago about rose show exhibiting; and even though it was written for the novice exhibitor, it contains excellent information for even the experienced ex-

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BGRS Rose Show—May 31



- Our rose show schedule is available on our website: www.bowlinggreenrosesociety.org
- Ads have been sold but if you sell another one, please send to Mary Ann by May 15.
- Mark your calendars to help with the rose show set up on Friday afternoon, May 30 at 1:30 pm.
- Volunteers are needed to help with the many rose show jobs. Contact Bob or Kathy to help.
- A volunteer(s) is needed to share information about the rose show on AM Kentucky or Midday at WBKO. Let Mary Ann know if you are willing to do this.
- Mark you calendars for the rose show potluck June 3, 6 pm, at the Hext home.

Photos: M. Hext—2012 BGRS Winners



From the President *by Mary Ann Hext*

Finally spring has arrived and I am sure you have been busy, like me, "waking up" your roses. Three of the bushes I thought were dead are now showing small green canes coming up from the graft. I have replaced 15 bushes the did die and will have to wait until next spring to replace the rest as they are no longer available..

The May meeting will focus on the Rose Show. I will present a program on

"What is a Rose Show" and we will go over the schedule so everyone will know what classes can be entered.

We will be finalizing all facets of the show, making plans for setting up on Friday, our duties at the rose show, etc. Traditionally our shows have been successful because of the dedication and work of our members, so the continued success depends on each of us doing our part.

On Tuesday, June 3 at 6 pm, we will have our after the rose show dinner which will be a potluck at my house. We will furnish meat and drinks, so please bring a salad, vegetable, or dessert. Our address is 1997 Browning Road in Rockfield; and I will email directions later this month.

BGRS member Pauline Matus is currently a patient at Greenview. Drop by to visit if you have a chance.

See you on May 2 at the Extension Office.

BGRS Public Garden Report *by Mary Ann Hext, Consulting Rosarian*

The Public Rose Garden was started in the spring of 2006. On Thursday, April 10, I went to the garden and pruned all the dead canes back. Most roses were in very good condition with new growth. However, two roses appeared to have strange growth possibly rose rosette. I cut the cane back to the ground and we will watch to see what happens to it and the other one to see if they will need to be removed.

We still need to pull back the mulch, and apply fertilizer. If you can help do this, please let me know.



Photo: M. Hext

May Rose Tips *by Noah Wilson, CR, Holston Rose Society*

Things I will be doing to my roses in May:

1. We witnessed a very cold and unusual winter on our roses, and many suffered. I will keep an eye on my roses. I have pruned all dead out and have hopes all the remaining will come out with basal breaks and give me a good bush by summer.
2. I will diligently spray with my favorite fungicide to prevent black spot.
3. I will water weekly with an inch of water, unless God delivers for me.
4. I will check my lower leaves for signs of spider mites and either water wand them off or spray lower leaves with a miticide.
5. I will keep my roses deadheaded as needed to keep fresh flowering in my garden.
6. I will maintain a good mulch of 2 to 4 inches in my rose bed as summer heat comes in to keep the moisture in and the root area cool.
7. If I see signs of rose midge in my light colored rose blooms I will mist the blooms with Orthene (1 tsp. per gallon of water), spraying only in the blooms.
8. I will use a supplemental feeding of Easy Feed, Miracle-Gro, or fish emulsion.
9. I will look for the first blooms and cut to bring inside and also cut to take to shut-ins and friends.
10. Finally, I will keep a sharp eye on my rose bed's performance to see if they need any additional care.

From the April 2014 issue of The Holston Rose, newsletter of the Holston Rose Society of East Tennessee, Sallie Blazer, Editor..

May 2014

Tips for May in the Rose Garden *compiled by Mary Hext*

Spray for Thrips

As soon as your roses bloom, the thrips will come. They will spoil a beautiful prize winning blossom in one hour. Keep a hand spray bottle near with Tal-Star mixed either in it or available for it. Walk through your garden as often as you can. I go for twice a day (morning and evening) and simply squeeze one mist of spray on each bud and each blossom. The thrips will leave! Keep doing this until you cut for the show!

*Dr. Kent Campbell,
(from archives)*

A Final Word

We are a small society, but many people have worked very hard for many years to develop and maintain our reputation as a great place to come to workshops and shows. We are in a transition period right now and need maximum participation from everyone.

If you have been doing something for the show for a while and felt like it was more than others were doing, it probably was. That's the way it is with volunteer organizations. If you love the hobby, the society, and going to other locals for shows, etc., please consider continuing to give of the expertise you have reaped over your years of service. Kathy and Mary Ann are doing a fantastic job, but they can't do it all alone. We are hosts here; we get our pay-back as guests at Louisville, Nashville, Evansville, Knoxville, Memphis, and more!

Dr. Kent Campbell, (from archives)

Finger Pruning

A simple procedure that is guaranteed to improve the look of your bushes and increase the size of the blooms is finger pruning. As buds appear on stems, you will notice

which direction they are going to send out the new growth. If it's going to be a new stem that cuts horizontally across the center of the bush, rub it off with your thumb. This keeps the open, vase shape of the bush. Keep the outward growing and remove the inward. The other thing to do is remove unwanted baby buds. This is particularly true with Tea roses or Floribundas. Often the early baby buds are overcrowded and growing into each other. Remove a few and let those that remain grow even bigger...and always remove the center one, as it matures first and you end up with a dead bloom in the center of four or five half opened ones. Do this when the buds are new, green and soft enough to pinch out. *HRS Newsletter*

Stake Tall Canes

Our location receives very strong winds all year. As I have several roses growing on fortuniana, it is necessary to stake these, even the minis growing in pots. I have used everything from metal fence posts to canes cut from the creek bank tied with old socks cut in strips and/or green plastic ties made for this purpose. Even with staking, I have already had sev-

er have had high winds. It is so sad to find a large cane with buds or blooms lying on the ground, so be sure to use stakes.

Mary Ann Hext

Remove Dead Canes

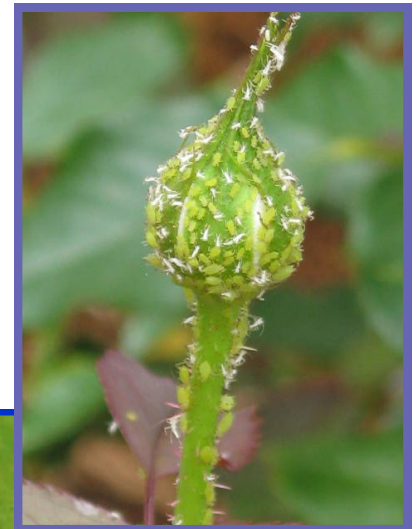
Continue to remove dead or damaged canes and blind growth as needed, and weed. Weeds will rob your roses of nutrients, and grow like mad if you don't keep up with them.

WV Newsletter

Watch for Aphids

You will see these critters on the tender growth of your plant, canes, buds, and leaves. Wash them off the plants with a water wand or spray with an insecticide if necessary.

Mary Ann Hext



www.honolulurosesociety.org/pests



www.entomology.umn.edu/cues/inter/inmine/Thripa.html

Rose Feeding Guidelines *by Doug Craver CR, Winston Salem RS*

Roses, in some respects are like people - they like to be fed regularly, but not too much or too little at one time, with a balanced diet, so lets explore their needs and how to best fill them.

NITROGEN is the first number listed on the bag. Nitrogen is a part of all living cells and all proteins, it is a major part of chlorophyll, the green pigment that is responsible for photosynthesis (conversion of sunlight to matter). It helps plants with rapid growth, increased bloom and fruit production and improves the quality of leaf and stem. Nitrogen, in most forms, is highly soluble and easily leached away by excessive water, as in winter rains, so the vigorous growth in early spring needs a type of nitrogen that is quickly available, and the label on the bag will list TOTAL nitrogen, then WATER SOLUBLE nitrogen, (quick release) then WATER INSOLUBLE nitrogen, which is slow release and further down the label it will list the kind such as "polymer coated urea, or sulfur coated urea" and give the percent of the total. In early spring we need a fast acting nitrogen such as 16-8-8 or 18-9-9, but at this high nitrogen content

it should be used sparingly with later feeding having more or the slower release. Here are some of the nitrogen types and their timing. NITRATE of SODA -16% fast, CALCIUM NITRATE -15.5% fast and one of the best, AMMONIUM NITRATE - 34% medium, UREA - 46% fast, UREAFORM (BLUE CHIP) 38% slow, and the SULFUR OR POLYMER COATED NITROGEN - slow. Organic types are slow release.

PHOSPHORUS is the second number listed is also important for photosynthesis, plant maturation and withstanding stress. It also effects rapid growth and encourages bloom and root growth.

POTASSIUM is the third number and it is absorbed by plants in larger amounts than any other element except nitrogen. It helps in the building of protein, photosynthesis fruit (bloom) quality and reduction of diseases.

CALCIUM is an essential part of cell wall structure, provides for normal transport and retention of other elements as well as strength in the plant.

MAGNESIUM (Epsom salt) is important in the chlorophyll in all green

plants and essential for photosynthesis. It also activates many plant enzymes needed for growth.

SULFUR essential for production of protein and development of enzymes and vitamins.

The above are the most important elements in fertilizers, others are Boron, Copper, Chloride, Iron, Manganese, Molybdenum and Zinc, but these are needed in such small amounts that too much of most of these can be toxic to the plants.

MANURES have an important place in rose culture so I will list some of their nutrient contents in pounds per ton for comparison.

HORSE: N-14.2 P-4.8 K-12.4

COW: N-9.7 P-2.8 K-9.5

SHEEP: N-20.6 P-7.0 K-19.8

POULTRY: N-20.0 P-16 K-8.0

My idea of the best way to feed roses is to use a combination of mineral and organics and be alert to their needs.

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ARS Trial Membership Available



The ARS is offering a four-month trial membership for existing local society, non-ARS members. The \$10 fee offsets processing and mailing costs. ARS does not make money on this offer. Four-Month Trial Members receive:

- Free advice from Consulting Rosarians.
- Free or reduced garden admissions, a \$25 value after just 3 uses.
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Preparation Timeline For The Rose Show *By John Mueller, Tampa RS*

As you may have heard, our Tampa Rose Society's annual Rose Show is only one month away! For our novice exhibitors, the following preparation timeline will be very helpful in your quest to garner your first blue ribbon or maybe even the Queen Of Show! It has been done before!

3 Weeks Before The Rose Show

1. Walk through your garden to find "contenders" with long, straight stems and fully closed buds that may be ready in time for the show.
2. Prep the contenders by removing all the side growth at the various leaf axils.
3. Make sure the best canes have an unobstructed opening to be able to grow upright by moving or removing any "blocking" growth.
4. If any important canes are growing at an angle, stake them upright using bamboo stakes and twist ties.
5. Apply Epsom salts and fish emulsion at the rate of 2 Tbs. per gallon and one-half gallon per bush.
6. Remove the center bud from floribunda sprays in order to make the spray more symmetrical.

2 Weeks Before The Rose Show

1. Apply chelated iron such as Sequestrene at the rate described on the label. Stop applying fertilizers that contain nitrogen or use low nitrogen, high phosphorus fertilizer.
2. Begin a conscientious effort to remove all side growth. This should be done each day but no less frequently than every other day.
3. Water your rose bushes every day or every other day from now until the rose show.
4. Recheck your staked canes as the twist ties may have to be adjusted because of the cane's growth.
5. Straighten the necks of the blooms as necessary using either bamboo

sticks or skewers and twist ties as a splint.

7-10 Days Before the Rose Show

1. Spray your bushes early in the week. Do not use powders in your spray, as that will have to be removed from the leaves before the bloom is entered into the show.
2. Just before dark each evening, mist the buds that are about to "show color" as well as opening blooms, with Orthene and Conserve to reduce the damage caused by thrips. The rate of application should be 1/4 tsp. of Orthene and 1/4 tsp. of Conserve SC per quart of water.
3. Make sure your grooming kit is complete.
4. Study the show schedule to determine the classifications you may wish to enter.
5. Attach your name and address stickers, as well as rubber bands to the entry tags that you have obtained in advance.
6. Check your garden for blooms at the proper stage to cut. After you have cut your blooms, re-cut them underwater in order to prevent the intrusion of air bubbles into the stem. If you cut some blooms a few days before the show, you may need to refrigerate them, inside a plastic bag, to slow down or preserve their exhibition stage quality.
7. Make a list of the blooms you have cut and be certain that you have the correct spelling of their names.
8. Clean and trim the foliage on your cut specimens. Do all of your grooming, except for the bloom, at home, as you will not have as much space and time at the rose show.

The Day Of The Show

1. Arrive at the show early in order to obtain sufficient space.
2. Make sure that the vases are full of water.

3. Place your roses in vases together with an entry tag containing the correct name.
4. Position the stem to the proper height. (HT's about 27 to 29 inches overall height from the top of the table).
5. Enter your sprays and fully open blooms early to free up table space.
6. Select the blooms that are not yet at "exhibition stage" or too "tight" and start the procedures early to open them.
7. Select your best 4 to 6 blooms and set them aside to enter at the last minute for Queen. Take the remainder of your blooms and enter them in the "Challenge" classes and "Collections".
8. Don't forget to enter classes for fully open, floating bowl, artist's palette, picture frame, etc.
9. Save your Miniatures for entry last as they usually open faster.
10. Ten to fifteen minutes before the entry deadline, stop working on your roses! Carry your remaining entries to the classification table.
11. Put your "un-entered" roses into a bucket of water and give them to the Society to sell during the show.
12. Clean up your work area and carry your grooming materials to your car.
13. Come back and help clean up the preparation area.
14. Now is the time to relax and enjoy talking to your fellow exhibitors or help by being a judge's clerk.

This article appeared in the April 2012 Newsletter of the Tampa Rose Society, John Mueller, Editor, and is used with permission from the editor and author. This article was adapted from an article written by Jean and Harold Baker.

Biltmore International Rose Trials—May 23-25, 2014

The judging and awards ceremony for the second annual Biltmore International Rose Trials competition is scheduled for Saturday, May 24, 2014 in Biltmore's historic Walled Garden. An international jury will select the winning roses in 12 categories. Tenarky District Director Sam Jones will be one of the judges.

Since 2011, Biltmore's Rose Garden has been home to the trials in which more than 90 varieties from growers and breeders worldwide have been planted and cared for by Biltmore's expert horticulturalists. Each trial lasts two years and a permanent jury judges the roses four times per year. During this year's competition, the international and permanent juries will conduct the final round of judging for the trial group of 29 roses planted in 2012.

"Biltmore's historic Rose Garden is the perfect setting for trials," said Lucas Jack, Biltmore's rosarian and trials manager. "We've enjoyed introducing these new varieties to our guests as they stroll through the gardens. It has been an educational experience, and it complements the work we do to care for Biltmore's collection of old garden and modern roses."

Before entering their roses into trials and competition, breeders work on their creations for four or five years prior. Roses to be judged this year are from Canada, France, Ireland, Germany, the UK and the U.S.

The trials are a valuable way for the home gardener to learn what roses do well and what may be potential candidates for their own gardens. Trials of this type are open to rose breeders around the world – from professional to beginner. New rose varieties will be planted for trial each May. They are evaluated for overall health and vigor; fragrance; disease resistance; and ability to repeat bloom.

Guests visiting Biltmore's gardens may view the roses currently on trial in borders in the Walled Garden and areas near the Rose Garden. Peak blooming time in Biltmore's rose garden occurs typically in mid-May and September.

A special ticket package is available for guests interested in attending competition events. The \$200 ticket covers attendance at a wine and hors d'oeuvres reception in the Rose Garden at 6:30 p.m. on May 23; competition day on May 24 with 9 a.m. judging and 11 a.m. tour of the gardens; a self-guided tour of Biltmore House; access to the grounds and the awards presentation and lunch at 12:30 p.m. at the estate's Lioncrest. Guests may also enjoy Biltmore's Winery and the "Vanderbilts at Home and Abroad" exhibition in Antler Hill Village. Select area hotels are offering special International Biltmore Rose Trials rates. For ticket and hotel information, please call 866-851-4661. *Source: www.biltmore.com*



WKU Scholarship Celebration Dinner

On April 17, WKU held their annual dinner where endowed scholarship donors and student recipients meet one another. GRS president, Mary Ann Hext, attended on behalf of our society and met Andrew Wurth, our scholarship recipient.

Andrew is a graduate of Bowling Green High School and is currently a junior at WKU majoring in horticulture. He now lives in Barren County on a farm with his family.

He is interested in the area of viticulture and works through one of his classes at the vineyards on the Western Kentucky University Farm. He receives training in dormant pruning, canopy management techniques, fertility applications, and trellising systems in these classes. Grapes harvested from this vineyard are marketed to local school systems and sold at Farmer's Markets.

Andrew is very appreciative of the scholarship and plans to re-apply for it next



Source:
<https://www.wku.edu/farm/vineyard.php>



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IMPORTANT DATES - 2014

- May 9-12: ARS National Convention & Rose Show, San Diego, CA
- May 31: BGRS Rose Show
- May 14-15: Nashville Rose Show
- July 25-27: ARS M/MF National Rose Show, Mt. Laurel, NJ
- Sept. 20: Louisville Rose Show
- October 3-5: Tenarky District Conv. & Rose Show
- Oct. 15-19: ARS National Convention & Rose Show, Tyler TX