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# Rosebuds

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**Meetings:**  
**None in October**  
**November 7**  
**WC Extension Office**  
**6 p.m.**  
**Hosts: Snyder's**  
**Pizza & Dessert**  
**Program:**  
**Arrangements by**  
**Ethyl Lockett**

## Tenarky District Convention and Rose Show

"It's All About Roses" was the theme for the 2014 Tenarky District Convention and Rose Show held in Millington, TN, October 10-11. Vernon Pairemore, President of the Memphis & Dixie Rose Society, and members, along with Richard Anthony and Brenna Bosch, Rose Show Chairs, were there to welcome attendees and exhibitors on Friday evening during the rose show setup and prep time.



The rose show on Saturday included many beautiful roses along with 32 entries in the

design classes and several entries in the photography class.

BGRS members Bob & Ann Jacobs won several awards in the Horticul-

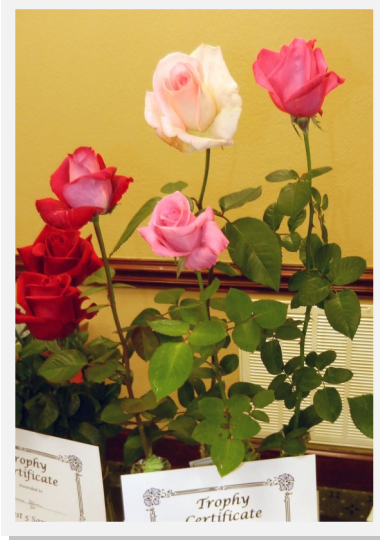
ture and Photography classes and Mary Ann Hext won several awards in Horticulture and Artistic Designs. Photographs are on page 5.

Seminars on Saturday afternoon included "Creative Containers for Arrangements" presented by Paula Williams and Mary Ann Hext, "It's All About Roses" by Dr. Sam Jones, District Director, and "Name That Rose" by Brenna Bosch.

At the evening banquet, District Director, Dr. Sam Jones presented the Outstand-

ing Consulting Rosarian Award to Martin Skinner from the Holston Rose Society. Bob Jacobs of the Bowling Green Rose Society was

recognized for achieving Master Rosarian status. Sharon Wuorenmaa, district treasurer and member of the Louisville Rose Society was awarded the Tenarky District Silver Honor Medal. Photos and results of the rose show are on the [Tenarky](http://Tenarky) website.



The Kent Campbell Challenge was won by Sharon Wuorenmaa .

## From the President by Mary Ann Hext



With such a variety of weather conditions the past two weeks, it was hard to tell if it was spring, summer, or fall; but this weekend has brought cooler weather. Too bad there is no rose show this week as I have more roses blooming with larger blooms than in the past months. So I have been sharing them with the residents in the nursing home at Auburn.

Bob and Ann Jacobs and I attended the Louisville Rose Show in September and the Tenarky District Convention and Rose Show in Millington, TN. Some of our winners are shown on pages 4 and 5. Be sure to congratulate Bob for earning the ARS Master Rosarian status.

Our next meeting is November 7 at the Warren County Extension Office. We are having a special program with guest speaker, Ethyl Lockett, who will be traveling with Larry and Connie Baird from Duck River, TN. We will be have pizza furnished by the rose society and drinks and dessert provided by the Snyder's. Spouses are invited; but please RSVP to me so that I can plan how much pizza is needed. We would like to eat between 6-6:30 p.m., have our business meeting including election of 2015 officers beginning at 6:30 p.m., then our program.

Our Christmas dinner is December 5 at Federal Grove. The cost is \$30 with dessert and \$25 without which includes three meats, vegetables, salads, tax, and tip. We need to have paid reservations by November 20. Please plan to make your reservations at the November meeting.

Don't forget our last in-club competition this month. Due to our garden tours, we have only had two members bring roses to share so plan to bring your blooms to this meeting. We hope to see everyone on November 7..

## Rose Advice by Rich Baer, Master Rosarian, Portland Rose Society

It is that time of year when people begin to think about the winter season. It will come no matter if we think about it or not. Garden writers will begin to write about what you should be doing with your roses and not too many of them are experts in the realm of roses, so here is some advice you will probably hear and what I believe is what you really should do.

When cooler weather begins settling over the rose garden, the rose gardener begins seeking advice on how to insure the future health of the roses. Unfortunately, the gardener may turn to sources which he or she has come to trust. Often these sources will completely lead him or her astray. Your editor, with 38 plus years of intensive rose training and three higher education degrees in botany, hopefully will lead you in the correct direction. It is not that the advice from the usual sources will cause irreparable harm, although in some cases it may. So let's look at some of the advice you may see that is, well shall we say, questionable.

One fact that seems to be missed by many rose experts is one that leads to incorrect advice about roses. This one fact that many experts seem unwilling to accept is that modern roses **do not have the ability to become dormant**. This is true of all repeat blooming roses. One time blooming Old Garden Roses have the ability to become dormant for the winter season and do so just like maple trees etc. Modern and repeat blooming roses sacrificed the ability to become dormant when they went through the genetic change that allows them to re-bloom. The Devil gave roses the choice, of being able to reproduce every month of the year with the chance that they would be killed by cold weather, or only being able to reproduce once a year with the ability to withstand the cold. Guess what they took? So when the advice from any source tells you that you must do something to help the rose into dormancy, you know you are about to get some unsound advice.

- **Bad Advice:** Cut few flowers from your bushes at this time of year and if you do cut them, only cut short stems. The reason for doing this is that any cutting done on the rose bush will cause it to produce new growth, and that new growth may be killed by the winter.
- **Good Advice:** Enjoy your roses to the fullest extent possible. If you want to cut roses for the house, take as many as you want and cut stems as long as you like. Yes, it is likely that if warm sunny weather continues the rose will begin to produce new growth right below the cut where you removed the rose just like it always does. Whether this new growth lives or dies during the winter is completely irrelevant because it will be removed when you reduce the size of the bush during spring pruning since it will still be at the top of the bush.
- **Bad Advice:** Do not prune away the dead flowers in the fall. Just remove the petals when they fade. This action allows the roses to produce rose hips (seeds) which is important if you want to help the roses go into dormancy. **Good Advice:** Many gardeners take great pride in the way their gardens look, even in the fall. Many roses have grown quite tall during the summer season and will eventually need to be cut back to protect them from the winter winds. So, to keep your garden looking beautiful, continue to remove those spent blooms. You may even want to cut longer stems than you did in the summer which will give you a little head start on cutting back the bushes, which you will probably do later in the season. On the other hand, if you do not want to prune away the dead flowers, removing the dead petals from the plants will keep your garden looking better. You will find that very few hips will develop because most modern roses tend to produce few hips.
- **Bad Advice:** Roses need a rest period so that they will be rejuvenated for the next growing season, so remove the leaves which will signal the rose that it is time to become dormant.
- **Good Advice:** Modern roses that are grown for the floral industry grow and bloom twelve months of the year, and often do this for many years and never get "a rest". Your roses are the same. However, the cold weather that will come with our winters will cause most of the leaves to fall off our roses. Leaves that remain on the plant through the winter should be removed with spring pruning. Overwintered leaves are basically nonfunctional and are not very pretty, which is the one reason for removing them during spring pruning. There is no reason that leaves should be removed from the plants in the fall. Even while the cold causes leaf loss, the rose plant is not dormant. However, the roses overall growth is slowed to a crawl by the cold weather and short days of winter.
- **Semi Bad Advice:** Make sure that you remove all of the leaves from the rose bed because they will reinfect your roses with disease in the spring.



## Rose Advice (continued from p. 2)

- **Good Advice:** Picking up the dead leaves from the rose garden may indeed make the garden look better but it will not reduce the incidence of disease in your garden next year and it is a lot of work. Most rose diseases overwinter on the rose canes (stems) either as active fungal lesions or as spores under the bud scales which are found up and down the rose canes. The reduction of disease in next year's garden can be accomplished by intervening with fungicides as the rose begins to grow next spring. The spores that have been residing on the stems through the winter move to the new foliage and begin the disease cycle early in the year. Fungicides can stop that process while picking up leaves this fall will not. This is also why a cold winter will often be followed by a year of lighter than usual fungal activity. The canes are killed by the winter and are removed in spring pruning which removes much of the source of fungal infection as well.
- **Bad Advice:** Do not apply any fertilizer with nitrogen in it because this will stimulate the rose to produce new growth. Instead apply a fertilizer with no nitrogen such as a 0-0-10 or 0-10-10, (the first is a potassium only fertilizer, the second is a potassium and phosphorous fertilizer), because these will help the plant into dormancy.
- **Good Advice:** Apply no fertilizer for the rest of the year. The cooler weather and the shorter days are causing the growth of the rose to slow and the colder weather to come will reduce it to almost a standstill. Under these conditions the rose will not be taking any nutrients up from the soil. Any product that you add late in the fall will probably be leached through the root zone into our groundwater, which is not really what we want to do. If you were to apply nitrogen fertilizer at this time of year it would not stimulate new growth in the rose, but longer days and warmer temperatures next spring will be the stimulus for the rose to produce new growth.

We will get around to talking about winter next month. Hopefully we will have an uneventful October of wonderful days to fully enjoy some fall weather. It would be even better if good weather continued through November and into December and we will continue to have rose blooms until Christmas.

*Excerpt from an article called Rose Rhetoric appearing in the October 2014 issue of Portland Rose Chatter, Rich Baer, author and editor.*

## Fall in the Rose Garden *compiled from various sources*



- Enjoy all the great, late blooming roses in your garden.
- Keep up with routine tasks. Watering is especially important. Autumn is really deceptive – dew and light rain can make soil look damp but it may be (and is) very dry. Never let a plant go into winter with dry soil – moisture protects and hydrates the plant.
- Keep beds free of debris as best you can. Falling leaves can make this an never-ending task but do your best.
- Keep spraying for blackspot and powdery mildew.
- Discontinue with the dry fertilizer and have gone to liquid fertilizer such as Monty's or Miracle Grow. Continue to water the roses and I use a gauge to measure the moisture of the soil. Keep beds weed free. Weeds delight in our lovely soil under the protective mulch during the winter.
- Cut roses for personal enjoyment but leave the others on the bushes now. It's time for growth to slow down. Cutting (pruning) stimulates growth. Just pull off the petals if they don't fall off to keep the bushes clean.
- Roses don't look good above the ground if all is not well below the ground. Have the extension office check the soil components every two years. If you need to amend your soil, fall is the best time to do it.
- October/November is a good time to transplant bushes. Growth is slowing but the bush can still establish root structure. When transplanting make sure the bush is hydrated by watering it thoroughly the day before moving. Have the hole prepared before moving the bush, making it larger than you think it should be. It never fails that you have a bush dug up and it is too big for the hole. Next, cut back the bush about half to two-thirds. Dig it out starting at the drip-line, cutting the roots-not tearing them. Lift out the plant with as much soil as you can and take it to the new site. Place it in the new hole and fill with soil. Don't tamp the soil down with your foot. Just water the soil down around the rose, pushing in more as it settles. Cover with mulch and water again. Make sure the bush doesn't dry out in the coming weeks.
- Make plans to winterize after two or three hard frosts

## Pickering Nurseries will not be open for the 2015 season

The rose growing industry has seen many changes in the last 10 years. Unfortunately, the majority of these changes were negative for both the companies involved and their bottom lines.

The pesticide ban enacted by Ontario in the mid 2000's, an increase in hybridizer royalty rates and how they are calculated, a glut of cheap US grown roses coupled with the Canadian government changing both import and export regulations (unable to ship to the US 2013 and additional ongoing issues with our root stock) have left us with no choice but to stop shipping roses for this season.

Pickering Nurseries has been exploring alternative propagation techniques and changes to our business model. Both of these things are still a work in progress. We hope to have a small, core selection of rooted cuttings available in the spring of 2016.

*(from the [Pickering Web Site](#))*

## Rose Show Photos

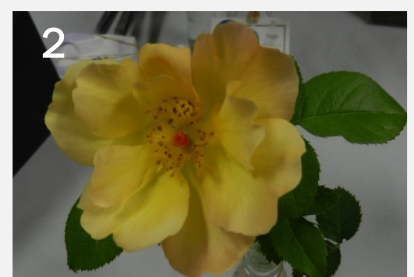
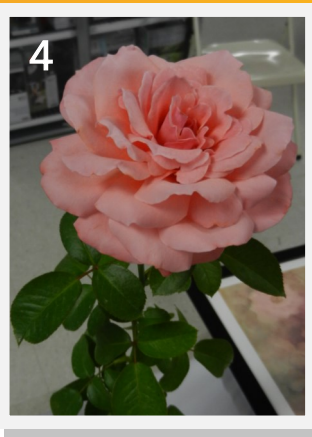
### Louisville Rose Show October 20, 2014

#### Horticulture

1. Best Miniflora in Bowl: 'Whirlaway'—Bob Jacobs
2. Best Miniflora Single: 'Sunglow'—Bob Jacobs
3. HT Court: 'Uncle Joe'—Bob Jacobs
4. Floribunda Bloom: 'Sexy Rexy'—Bob Jacobs

#### Arrangements

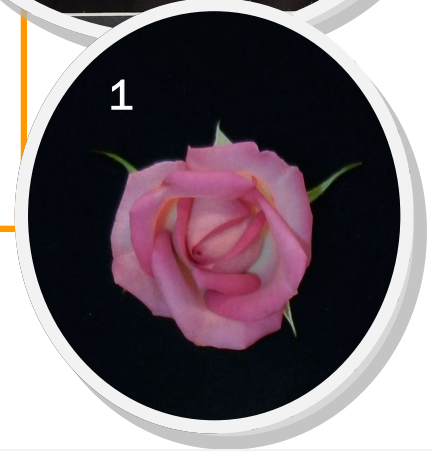
1. Oriental Award & Gold Certificate: "Moonstone" — Mary Ann Hext
2. Mini Artist Award & Mini Gold Certificate: 'Joy'— Mary Ann Hext
3. Artist Award & Silver Certificate: 'St. Patrick'— Mary Ann Hext



# Rose Show Photos

## Tenarky District Rose Show October 11, 2014

- 1. Best Mini in Frame: 'Joy'—Bob Jacobs
- 2. Dowager Queen : 'Green Rose'—Mary Ann Hext
- 3. Three OGR Challenge: 'Rose de Rescht'—Mary Ann Hext
- 4. Mini Artist Award & Mini Silver Certificate: 'Marriotta'—Mary Ann Hext
- 5. Mini Oriental Award: 'Shameless'—Mary Ann Hext
- 6. Mini Duchess & Mini Bronze Certificate: 'Soroptimist International—Mary Ann Hext
- 7. Best Rose Photograph Spray & Best Photograph of Show: 'Sunglow'—Bob Jacobs



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- Free or reduced garden admissions, a \$25 value after just 3 uses.
- Free online access to four quarterly bulletins, a \$45 value.
- 2 issues of American Rose magazine, \$16 value.
- Discounts of up to 30% at merchant partners.
- A four-month trial membership is valued at \$86 for only \$10!

Visit [www.ars.org](http://www.ars.org) for more information and to take advantage of this offer.

### 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: Rose in a Bowl—any type of rose at ex/open
- Class 7: Arrangements—*Traditional (choice of style, large or small roses)*

### IMPORTANT DATES

- December 6: BGRS Christmas Dinner
- May 30, 2015: BGRS Rose Show



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