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# Rosebuds

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**Garden Meeting**  
August 14 -2:30 p.m.  
Matus Home

**September TBA**  
Jacobs Home

## Tenarky Fall Convention and Rose Show—September 25-27

The Holston Rose Society of East Tennessee and the Tennessee Rose Society extend to you a cordial invitation to participate in the 2015 Tenarky District Convention and Rose Show to be held in Knoxville, Tennessee on September 25-27.

Set in the foothills of the beautiful Smoky Mountains, the theme of the convention is "Smoky Mountain Roses". The location will be the UT Agricultural Campus and the UT Gardens which is the official Botanical Garden of the State of Tennessee. It is the largest public rose garden in East Tennessee and provides education, student training and horticultural research.

Knoxville presents an ever-growing list of things to do that includes everything from historical tours to outdoor adventure, fine food and festivals to award winning theatre and music for every ear.

### Event Highlights:

- **Convention lectures** (Saturday, September 26, 1-4 pm)



site at [www.Tenarky.org](http://www.Tenarky.org).

Hotel Arrangements – Marriott, 250 Brookview Centre Way, 1-800-627-7468 (Rate is \$119)

We know you will have a wonderful experience and look forward to welcoming you to East Tennessee in September.

- Who Will Be Growing Roses When You No Longer Can? – Noah Wilson
- Roses in Arrangements - Vivian Nowading
- Growing Miniature Roses – Richard Anthony
- Planting and Transplanting Roses – Ron Daniels (Dinner speaker)
- **Rose Show** (Saturday, September 26, 12:45-4:30 - free to the public!)
- **Garden tours** (Sunday, September 27, 10:00 - three gardens available)
- **Delicious meals** (including a bar-b-que in the UT Gardens on Friday evening)

To register and for a schedule of events go to the district web-

## President's Corner by Mary Ann Hext, CR

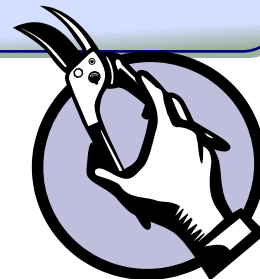


The hot humid days of summer are upon us but at least we are still having rain. I have only had to water my pots a few times in July and the beds only once. It is so nice to see green pasture, lawns, and tall corn fields around us. Of course, that has created lots of green weeds to pull and required a regular spraying for blackspot prevention.

Bob and Ann Jacobs and Norma Stevenson have done work at the public rose garden. Please help when you have time as we hope to keep it for awhile longer. The Jacobs also have been busy delivering bouquets of roses to all of our rose show sponsors. They have taken about 10 dozen roses in vases this summer with a card that has a rose picture and says "Compliments of the Bowling Green Roses Society". This is such a wonderful way to say thank you to those who helped us with contributions for our show and we certainly owe them a huge thanks for doing this each year.

Our August garden meeting is at the Matus home at our regular meeting time, 2:30 pm. The September garden meeting will be at the Jacobs home. Bob may have a hip replacement in September so the date and time will be announced later.

### Pruning for Fall Rose Shows *by Mary Ann Hext, CR*



If you are planning to attend any of the fall rose shows or just want to have gorgeous fall roses for special events, August is the time to start thinking about when to prune. Even if you don't plan to attend the ARS National Convention in Syracuse, NY, we have several rose shows then that are within driving distance starting the first weekend in September: IL-IN District Rose Show in Indianapolis, Louisville Rose Show, Kentucky State Fair Rose Show and Tenarky District Convention and Rose Show in Knoxville. Dates for these shows are on page 4.

Pruning roses is not an exact science as there are too many variables such as temperature, rainfall, amount of sun, the variety of rose, and where to cut. But with all these rose shows, you are bound to have roses for at least one or two of them. Even though we have had sufficient rainfall this summer and much cooler temperatures than last year, some of my roses are still having issues with blackspot and downy mildew and I am spraying those bushes at least once or twice per week. In early June, I was gone for a week and a few plants were severely damaged by spider mites when I returned. Those had to be pruned back to just a few inches from the ground and are just now starting to get new buds. So trying to time blooms for a specific date is partly just luck.

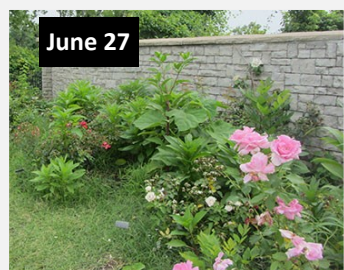
Some exhibitors suggest pruning half of the bush one week and then the rest the next week, but this has not seemed to work well for me. Some exhibitors have more than one bush of their favorite exhibition roses and are able to prune the bushes a week apart so they will have roses for each show. I have two or three of some of my favorite roses, so I normally use this method. The experts tell us that the average bloom cycle for our hybrid teas, grandifloras, and floribundas is 42-54 days. Some can even tell you which roses are at the high or low end of this range of days. Our minis and minifloras have a shorter cycle which is normally 35 to 42 days. I have a few roses with single petals and they repeat a little quicker than this. It seems the more petals the rose has, the more days it takes to repeat bloom. Also, the further down the cut on the stem, the longer it will take to re-bloom. OGR's just need to have their tips pruned as they don't require severe pruning to promote blooms.

So plan now as we are approaching the time when you should determine which fall rose shows you will attend and exhibit and mark your calendars for the best prune dates.

### BGRS Public Rose Garden Report *by M. Hext, CR*

What a difference some TLC and manual labor have made at our rose garden. At the July meeting, we decided to continue maintain the rose garden at Riverwalk Park for the remainder of the year. Since then Bob and Ann Jacobs and Norma Stevenson spent about an hour there. Bob dead headed (which was really needed). Norma and Ann pulled out the Bermuda grass with a claw that Mary Ann (lacking proper tools) had not been able to do in June

If you can help with the maintenance, please drop by and do what you can when you are in town. Just keep a pair of pruners and gloves in your car so you can dead-head if you are nearby.



## Help Wanted: Rose Evaluators Needed Now!

### It's Roses in Review Time!

This Roses in Review (RIR) marks the 90<sup>th</sup> time that the members of the American Rose Society have evaluated new rose introductions. The ultimate value of this procedure is realized only when we have a broad base of participation. We need your contribution, whether you grow only one plant of one variety on the list or many of them. We need input from "garden" rosarians as well as exhibitors, and from **new** rosarians as well as seasoned veterans. We also welcome reports from those who are not yet ARS members, so please pass along this

website address to your rose-growing friends. The complete results of this survey will be included in the January/February, 2016, issue of *American Rose*, and will help determine the ratings in the *ARS Handbook for Selecting Roses*. For these results to be meaningful, **we need everyone to participate** So, please - take a few minutes of your time to evaluate your new roses. **Only evaluate roses you grow from the cultivar list.**

Instructions are on the ARS website and the survey may be printed out and mailed to Jeff Garrett, our district RIR Coordinator; or you may submit your evaluations online at [this](#)

[link](#). The deadline for participating is September 26, 2015.

Please note that while participation in RIR is a voluntary activity for many rosarians, Consulting Rosarians are now required to participate as one of their CR activities.

Our district evaluation report is compiled by Jeff Garrett and the results are posted on the Tenarky website for review of rosarians in our area of the country.

Please take time to participate in the survey as your input benefits all roses growers! [Click here to visit the official RIR website.](#)

## August Rose Tips from Noah Wilson, Holston Rose Society

Things I will be doing to my roses in August:

1. I will check my rain gauge regularly and, if God does not send an inch of rain per week, I will water to make the inch they need.
2. I will spray regularly with my regular fungicide to keep black spot under control. I spray either early A.M. as soon as the dew dries or late P.M. in time for it to dry before evening.
3. Roses are a lot like small children, they like to be fed regularly and prefer a small amount regularly than a lot every several weeks. I like Easy Feed once a month plus my regular feeding with BloomKote every 3 months.
4. I will deadhead all old blooms, and keep any dead or bad canes pruned out.
5. If I see evidence of spider mites I will use a miticide like Floramite®SC or Avid®0.15EC. If I had only a few roses, (a dozen or so) I would just water wand them off with a strong spray of water under the lower leaves. I will not spray the entire bush under the leaves to control spider mites, only the bottom foot or so as the mites start at the bottom of the bush and move upwards as they eat.
6. It is always good to keep the old leaves removed from the bottom of the plant to allow better air circulation and sunlight. This helps with getting those new canes to come on for the future life of our plant.
7. As always, I will gladly share my roses with others to help brighten their day, and hopefully they will get hooked on growing roses as a hobby as I did.

### 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—Rose in a Bowl—any type of rose at any state**
- **Class 7—Arrangements—Modern (choice of style—large or small roses)**



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### **Directions to the Matus Home**

Drive south on Scottsville Rd. 5.3 miles from where the new Natcher Parkway extension meets Scottsville Road. (It's marked #20 next to the signal lights.) Make a left at Boyce-Fairview. At the stop sign you'll see a little church to your right. Keep it on your right. At that point the street name will have changed to Claypool-Boyce. Go 2.1 miles from Scottsville Road to W.G. Talley, then make a right turn. We are down the hill 0.3 miles. We are on the right across from the black horse fence. There is a street light and a sign reading "2552" in the flower bed beside the driveway. Three cars can park in front of the garage doors, nose in. The rest may park in the lawn on the right side of the driveway. PH: 745-9935.

### **IMPORTANT DATES - 2015**

- **Sept. 10-13: ARS National Convention & Rose Show, Syracuse, NY**
- **Sept. 19: Louisville Rose Show**
- **Sept. 25-27: Tenarky District Convention and Rose Show, Knoxville, TN**
- **Oct. 4: Memphis/Dixie Rose Show**

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