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# Rosebuds

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We

Meeting:  
October 2  
10 am

Home/Garden of  
Bob & Ann Jacobs  
1609 Seminole Way  
Bowling Green, KY

Business Meeting  
Refreshments  
Garden Tour

## Tenarky District Convention and Rose Show

"Smoky Mountain Roses" was the theme for the 2015 Tenarky District Convention and Rose Show held in Knoxville TN, September 25-27. Kathy Brennan from the Tennessee Rose Society and Chris Thompson from the Holston Rose Society of East Tennessee were co-chairs of the outstanding event. BGRS members Bob & Ann Jacobs and Mary Ann Hext, attended the convention.

Friday evening was rather rainy so the bar-b-que was held indoors on the UT campus but several rosarians who had umbrellas toured the rose garden.

The rose show on Saturday, chaired by John and Kay Rodgers included many beautiful roses in the horticultural

class along with 33 entries in the design classes. Rose show results will be posted on the Tenarky website in a few days.

Seminars on Saturday afternoon included "Roses in Arrangements" presented by Vivian Nowading, "Who will be growing roses when you no longer can?" and "Miniatures and Minifloras by Richard Anthony.

At the evening banquet, Ethyl Lockett was the guest speaker. District Director, Dr. Sam Jones presented a Consulting Rosarian Emeritus certificate to Martin Skinner from the Holston Rose Society, a Master Rosarian certificate to Richard Anthony from the Mem-

phis & Dixie Rose Society, and Horticulture Judge Emeritus certificates to Rhonda Spruiell and the late Joe Spruiell. Rose show co-chairs presented Sam and Nancy Jones certificate of appreciation for their leadership of the district during the past six years (see photo at left). Mary Ann Hext was introduced as the new Tenarky District Director.



The Kent Campbell Challenge was won by Mary Bates

### From the President by Mary Ann Hext



We finally got some much needed rain so I didn't have to water my garden or roses this week. I have been away from home for about 31 of the last 44 days so my roses have really been neglected. One more rose show this weekend and then we will be home for awhile, so I hope to get them sprayed, beds cleaned, cut a few more bouquets to take to the nursing home, and then start thinking about getting ready for winter.

Our last garden meeting for the year will be at the Jacobs' home on Friday. Please plan to attend as they have been busy working so that we will see their lovely rose garden and enjoy some fall refreshments and rose fellowship.

Bob Jacobs and Kathy Dodson are serving on the nominating committee for 2016 as we will be electing officers in November. We will need a president, secretary, and treasurer. Please think about becoming an officer and let them know if you will. Nominations can also be made at the November meeting.

We will be hosting the 2016 Tenarky Winter Workshop on February 19-21 here in Bowling Green so we will also be discussing plans for that. See you Friday morning!



## **Fall Cuttings by Marty Reich, Master Rosarian, Nashville Rose Society**

My rose addiction started in about 1975 when a lovely rose grower and exhibitor, Mrs. Baker from Duck River, TN, gave my mother and I twelve cuttings each with directions for rooting these fall cuttings. As fate would have it, all of my mother's cuttings died and all of mine survived and flourished. Thus began my real love affair with roses, though my first purchased rose was Peace, bought with one dollar and an All detergent box top. (It was a great bush despite my rose ignorance!)

Now I cannot tell you why my mother's cuttings failed, but I do know that Mrs. Baker's method has worked very well for me many other times thru the years so I want to pass it on to you:

First you need to take your cuttings: Wait until late fall when the nights are really cool. Cut in the middle of a nice cane where it is not too hardened off and not too soft. Try to have about 8 nodes where the leaves are coming out of the cane. It is a good idea to have sprayed the canes with fungicide before cutting them since blackspot can cause trouble later.

Find a place where the young plants will receive sunshine at least 6 hrs. daily, longer is alright. Dig a hole big enough to accommodate the cutting. Fill the hole with good potting mix or soil you use in your rose bed. The original instructions are to put sand in the bottom of the hole. That is fine but I started doing a variation of this which is a bit more trouble using two sticks. To be honest, I have no idea why I started doing this, but results have been good:

Using a stick about an inch in diameter and long enough for your cutting, make a hole in the soil and fill it with sand. Dampen the sand so that you can make a hole in it with a stick slightly thicker than your cutting. Take the leaves off the bottom 4 nodes (at least) of the cutting, leave the leaves on the top part, dip the bottom part into Rootone, shake off the excess and gently place it in the hole in the sand. Pat the sand and soil down around the cutting until it is well settled in. Water the cutting, keeping the leaves dry. Cover the plant with a gallon plastic milk jug which has had the bottom removed. Push the jug firmly into the ground and tie the handle to a stick in the ground beside it to keep it safely in place. Now you still have the top on the jug so that you can inspect the cutting later or leave the top off on warm spring days. Leave the jugs on until the cuttings outgrow them---leave the tops off all the time once the weather is warm enough that frost is not a danger. Then begin feeding with Rapid Gro or other liquid fertilizer every 2 weeks.

I usually have started the cuttings in the rose bed where they will live permanently, but if started elsewhere, I suspect they would fare better being put in pots for a while after their jugs are outgrown before they go in the rose bed.

I do so wish that Mrs. Baker was still around to know what a wonderful hobby she started me on. Give someone some cuttings and these directions and maybe you can create a rose nut as well.

## **Labeling for Roses by Marty Reich, Master Rosarian, Nashville Rose Society**

Thanks to the owner of Iris City Gardens, I have found a good labeling system for roses in my garden. He said he had tried many things for the iris and this worked the best and lasted longer. The secret is the tape which is Brother P-touch TZe. This tape is laminated and for use both indoor and outdoor to withstand heat and cold. Number TZe-151 signifies 1" wide tape which my machine can print on and I am using it on the standard metal label with the wire legs from Paw Paw Everlast Label Company ([www.everlastlabel.com](http://www.everlastlabel.com)). A label made at least a year ago looked just as good today as it did when it was made. It was a bit of a challenge to get off, but a razor blade did the trick and a new label went on nicely.

Now, as to the machine to print the labels. Mine is PT2430pc which attaches to the computer, but needs no installation. It was a gift so is fancier than I needed, but will do many neat things if you have a use for them. Staples has the tape and the machines so you should check out their website to see which machine suits your price and skill levels. It appears that all of the machines cannot use the 1" tape so that is the main thing to watch out for. My tape is Black Print on Clear Tape. You may prefer something else—just be sure it is the indoor/outdoor tape.

My labels have not only the rose name but the variety such as HT, etc. Also included is whether it is own root, Fortuniana root stock, or any other useful information since I have room to make two lines and change font type and size.

## Rose Tips from Noah Wilson, Holston Rose Society

Things I will be doing to my roses in October:

1. Spray regularly with my favorite fungicide to keep black spot or cercospora leaf spot minimized. I will be on the lookout for powdery mildew which is most prominent when dew point and humidity are within 5 points of each other.
2. will dead head and pull any unwanted leaves off the bottom foot of the bushes. I will seal all cuts with exterior waterproof glue. Late October I will start to bottom prune all weak canes off and remove any unwanted canes and leaves about a foot up.
3. I will not spray for spider mites as the season is over for them. If there was a heavy infestation of spider mites this year, then I will spray the ground around the bushes with Volick Oil which covers the eggs lingering over and smothers and kills them.
4. will most certainly WATER if God does not send an inch of rain a week. This year here in East Tennessee we have been blessed with pretty good rainfall. Never the less, I will keep watch on my rain gauge and water an inch a week if it does not rain. I am convinced this is where most of us make our biggest mistake on our roses, putting off watering hoping maybe "tomorrow" it will rain.
5. No more fertilizing. I want my roses to go dormant and not go into winter with new growth trying to come out and winter killing the bush
6. I will not winter mulch yet, but wait for the temperature to drop to mid-20's and the mice and chipmunks find a winter home outside my rose bed before I mulch and they build that winter home under my favorite bush.
7. In general, October is the time of year I sit back and enjoy the last roses of the year. I will make a mental reminder to recall any mistakes I made this past year and work to correct it. I will share my last blooms of the year with my friends and hope they get the rose fever as I did years ago.



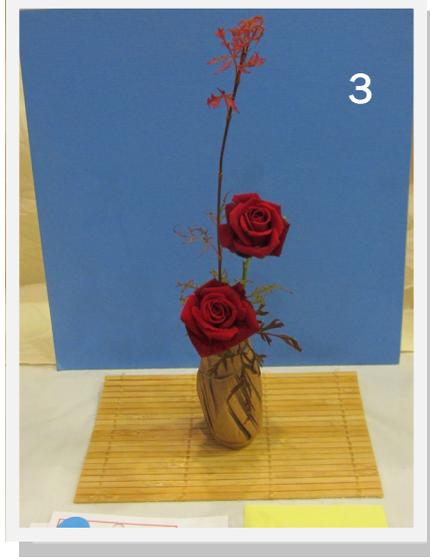
## Fall in the Rose Garden *compiled from various sources*

- Roses, like everything else in the garden, have noticed our shortened days and cooler, longer nights. That's their first clue that winter is coming. It's time to shut down for the season. You should make your very last cuts about the first of October. No pruning beyond then at all. Not even deadheading. Remember that every cut you make encourages new growth and that's the last thing you want right now. Any new, tender growth will be nipped by the first frost.
- Cut your last, perfect roses for drying or the dining room table, then put the pruners in a safe place, where you won't be tempted to use them for a while.
- Keep watering and spraying. Watch for powdery mildew now that nights are cooler. Some fungicides work for it as for blackspot. It looks like someone sprinkled white powder on the upper new growth on canes. Stop feeding now. Start thinking about roses you may want for next year even if not Fortuniana. Most rose growers order in the fall since companies quickly sell out of the popular varieties. There are generally good roses at the Winter Workshop if you do not have your heart set on a certain rose.
- The fall is also a good time to mulch. This will also give some limited winter protection to the roses. You might consider applying mushroom compost in the fall as winter protection and a very good soil amendment the following spring.
- Check your pH. Fall is a good time to make any necessary adjustments so that your roses will be ready to absorb the spring fertilizers.
- The less disease in the garden now should mean less in the spring so keep up your spray program.
- October is a good time to make a garden map. When you forget what is where or lose the tags, the map will still know. It doesn't need to be fancy or neat; it's just a record of what is where. Do it now before winter comes and the wind, snow, and critters remove our tags or markers.

## Rose Show Photos

### ARS National Convention & Rose Show September 10-13, 2015—Syracuse, NY Arrangement Winners by Mary Ann Hext

1. ARS Mini Artist & Gold Certificate: 'Shameless'
2. ARS Duchess Award & Silver Certificate: 'Let Freedom Ring'
3. Blue Ribbon—Mini Oriental: 'Memphis King'



### Tenarky District Convention & Rose Show September 25-27, 2015—Knoxville, TN Arrangement Winners by Mary Ann Hext

1. ARS Oriental & Gold Certificate: 'Randy Scott & Pope John Paul II'
2. ARS Artist Award & Silver Certificate: 'Let Freedom Ring & Veterans' Honor'
3. ARS Mini Oriental Award & Mini Silver Certificate: 'Bees Knees'



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The ARS is offering a four-month trial membership for existing local society, non-ARS members. The \$5 fee offsets processing and mailing costs. ARS does not make money on this offer. Four-Month Trial Members receive:

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- 2 issues of American Rose magazine, \$16 value.
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- A four-month trial membership is valued at \$86 for only \$10!

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

### IMPORTANT DATES

- Oct. 4: Memphis/Dixie Rose Show
- Dec. 4: BGRS Christmas Dinner
- Feb. 19-21, 2016: Tenarky Winter Workshop



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