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# Rosebuds

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Meeting  
April 9

WCEO—2 pm  
Program:  
Logan Shillinglaw  
[Rosemania.com](http://Rosemania.com)

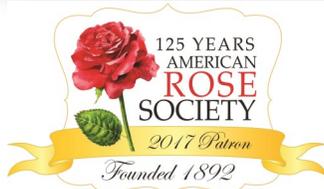
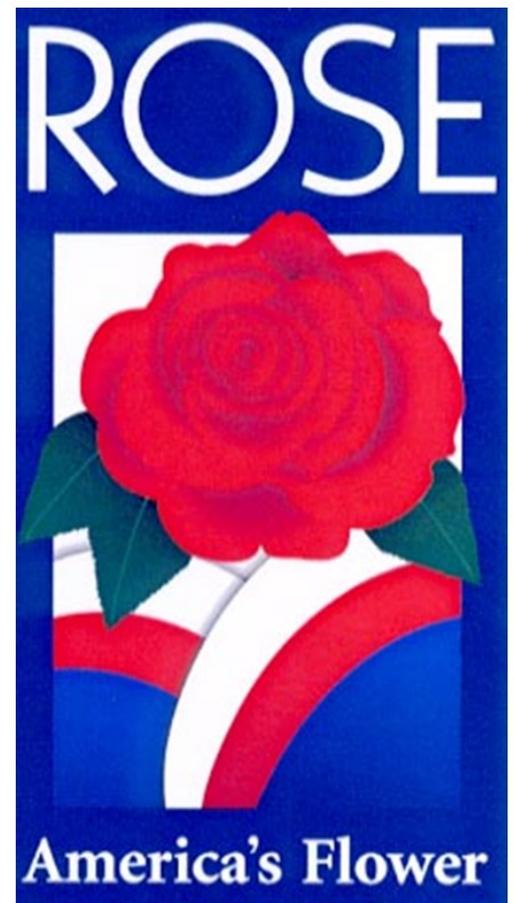
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## 2017 is the 125th Anniversary of the ARS!

The American Rose Society turns 125 years old this year. It is the oldest single plant horticultural society in the United States and a founding member of the World Federation of Rose Societies. ARS is the International Cultivar Registration Authority Rosa (ICRAR), appointed by the International Society of Horticultural Science in 1955. The mission of the ARS is education and research and they work to ensure the future of the rose. Visit us at [www.rose.org](http://www.rose.org).

This follows the 40th anniversary of President Ronald Regan signing Proclamation 5574 on November 20, 1986, declaring the Rose to be The National Floral Emblem of the United States of America.

There are several events scheduled to commemorate the anniversary celebration throughout the year. These can be found on the ARS Facebook page, the *Rose* magazine, and on the ARS website.



A special pin is available for patron donors to celebrate the event.



## President's Corner by Bob Jacobs, Master Rosarian

I think Spring is here at last. The temperature has settled down. I have started to cut back my roses and will give them a good shot of granular fertilizer. The new roses I have purchased at Tenarky are now planted into the ground.

We made a trip up to Mammoth Cave Transplants (one of our sponsors) and found several nice rose bushes in their greenhouse. Also, Jackson's Orchard (a sponsor for several years) opens April 13 and will have rose bushes. I will be receiving a list from them soon.

Tuesday evening, Ann and I had the privilege to be invited to the Knicely Center for the WKU Scholarship Celebration. We met and visited with our Rose Society Scholarship recipient Thomas Murphy. He moved to Bowling Green from Louisville and is a senior at WKU. He is a fine young man and plans to attend our April meeting (see photo at right).



I am looking forward to having Logan Shillinglaw III from Rosemania. He and his wife live in Franklin, TN. They started growing roses in 1984 with 10 bushes. After joining the Nashville Rose Society in 1994, they increased their rose garden to 125 bushes which includes a variety of hybrid teas, floribundas, climbers and miniatures. Both learned to exhibit their roses for years and are Consulting Rosarians. Logan was asked to handle the tasks of Program Chair and Publicity for the National Convention held in Nashville in 1999. It was through working this program planning with Robbie Tucker that produced "Growing Miniature Roses" and a few months later Rosemania was formed. Today Rosemania offers several hundred products for rose growers and gardeners. They recently began their 18<sup>th</sup> year on the Internet and have opened a distribution operation in Salt Lake City to better serve their growing West Coast customers. Despite this growth, they still answer their own phones and are happy to discuss roses and how to get the most from your garden.

I hope you plan on attending our meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup> and bring friends and neighbors that are interested in growing roses, our National Flower.



## Rose Tips by Noah Wilson. MR, Holston Rose Society

Things I am doing to my roses in April:

1. With the unseasonably warm weather we have had in February and March, I will complete my spring pruning now and check all bushes carefully to see if I need to re-prune. I will seal all canes I cut with exterior carpenters glue. I will not remove my mulch from the base of my roses as this will protect from any freezes that may come in early April.
2. Spray all bushes with Daconil and Banner Maxx.
3. Clean up any remaining leaves left over from last year's growth.
4. I will pull my mulch back from around the bushes and apply Mills Magic Rose Mix along with my regular fertilizer and apply Epsom salt (magnesium sulfate) which encourages new basal growth. Also, I will add gypsum (calcium sulfate) to my soil.
5. I will reapply mulch to a 4 inch depth over my bed area.
6. If God does not send rain of one inch this week, I will water to get all this added fertilizer into my soil so it can go to work.
7. I will keep a sharp eye on all my bushes and if I hear the weather forecasters calling for freezing cold I will act to protect my bushes accordingly.
8. I will help other rose growers I have gotten into this great hobby I enjoy and encourage them to call me for advice to help them be better rose growers.
9. I will begin my regular rose spraying program and stay ahead of any troubles that may face my roses.
10. April is exciting time for us rose growers as we can learn from last year's mistakes and move on to more beautiful roses this year.

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## SnapShot on Spring Rose Pruning *by Diana Klassy, ARF Master Rosarian*

### Why Prune Roses?

- Essential to good growth and flowering
- Stimulates new growth
- Keeps plant healthy, more productive, controls size
- Encourages growth in a particular shape or direction

### Pruning Tools:

- By-pass type hand shears (anvil type crushes the cane)
  - Lopping shears for bigger canes
  - Pruning saw
  - Sturdy gloves and arm protection
  - Cane sealant (wood glue, nail polish, etc.)
  - Ladders & ties for climbers
- Basic Steps:

### Basic Steps:

- Prune in late March or when the forsythia bloom
- Remove dead, damaged, diseased canes (the three D's)
- Remove all weak and twiggy growth
- Open center of plant to improve air circulation and let in light
- Shape the bush
- Cut to reveal creamy white pith in center of cane
- Final cut at a 45° angle ¼ inch above a bud eye

### Pruning Hybrid Teas, Floribundas, & Grandifloras Roses:

- Reduce to 5-7 good, healthy canes
- Each cane about 12-18 inches tall

### Miniature Roses:

- Reduce to 5-7 good, healthy canes
- Each cane about 8-10 inches tall

### Shrubs and Old Garden Roses (repeat bloomers):

- Reduce height by 1/3
- Reduce number of canes by 1/3 (remove older, non-producing and thinner canes)

### Climbing Roses (repeat bloomers):

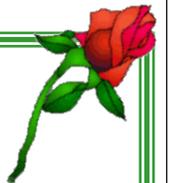
- Most climbers bloom on old canes, so leave lateral canes about 6 inches long
- Remove the oldest canes to the bud union
- Remove twiggy growth to open, thin

### Clean- up after pruning:

- Clean up 'prunings' and take to dump or burn
- Do not compost as the leaves and canes harbor fungi
- Disinfect tools with rubbing alcohol or a solution of 1 part bleach to 9 parts water

*From "The Capital Rose," newsletter of the  
Arlington Rose Foundation and the  
Potomac Rose Society*

## BGRS Rose Show—May 20



- Our rose show schedule is available on our website: [www.bowlinggreenrosesociety.org](http://www.bowlinggreenrosesociety.org) and on the Tenarky site: [www.tenarky.org](http://www.tenarky.org)
- Make plans now to enter. There are categories for novice exhibitors in horticulture and arrangements.
- For the first time, we will have a rose photography section. Look at the schedule, then go through your rose photos and find ones that you can enter.
- Please purchase or sell an ad to help with expenses. Contact Ann or Ben for information.
- Mark your calendars to help with the rose show set up on Friday afternoon, May 19 at 1 pm.
- Volunteers are needed to help with the many rose show jobs. Contact Bob, Ann, Kathy, or Mary Ann to help. Please let us know at the April meeting if you will volunteer to help with the jobs below.
  - Sell ads
  - Rose show set up on Friday
  - Organizing food Saturday morning for rose show participants and judges
  - Organizing and collecting for box lunches on Saturday
  - Rose show tear down on Saturday afternoon
  - Selling roses
  - Putting roses in containers to take to veterans in nursing homes
  - Helping with ribbons, certificates, and prize distribution
  - Clerking at the show
  - Welcome table

Be sure to save cans and plastic containers to put roses in to take to the nursing homes. Please rinse out the containers and remove the labels. Bring these to the next meeting to be stored in Mary Ann's barn.

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The US National Garden Bureau each year chooses one annual, one bulb crop, one perennial and one edible as their year of the "crops". This year, our National flower, the rose, was chosen to be honored. Each selection is made because the crop is popular, easy to grow, widely adapt-able, genetically diverse and versatile. For more information about this honor and the National Garden Bureau's article which covers the history of the rose, and much much more, go to [ngb.org](http://ngb.org).



Claire Campbell	April 4
Connie Baird	April 18
Georgia Snyder	April 30

### IMPORTANT DATES - 2017

- April 20-23: ARS National Miniature Rose Conference in Arcadia, CA
- May 20, 2017: BGRS Rose Show
- May 27: Huntsville-Twickenham Rose Show
- September 8-10: ARS National Rose Show & Convention in Gettysburg, PA
- September 29-30: Tenarky Fall Convention

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