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Rosebuds

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Meeting
April 14

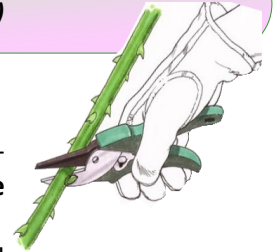
WCEO—2 pm
Program: Rose
Rosette & Rose Show
Refreshments
Kathy Dodson

Pruning by Billie Flynn, Editor of "Rosebud" CenLa Rose Society (edited for BGRS)

THE PURPOSE OF PRUNING

Warmer temperatures and the yellow blooms on the forsythia signals it is time to start pruning our roses. Pruning roses prevents a spindly, overgrown tangle of unproductive branches. **The worst thing that can be done to a rose is not to prune.**

The confusion about pruning is caused by the fact there are many varieties of roses, hybrid teas, old garden roses, shrubs, once-blooming varieties, miniatures, etc. and each must be pruned differently. However, the goal for pruning all varieties is the same: control the size, form a healthy plant with a pleasing shape with lots of beautiful blooms.

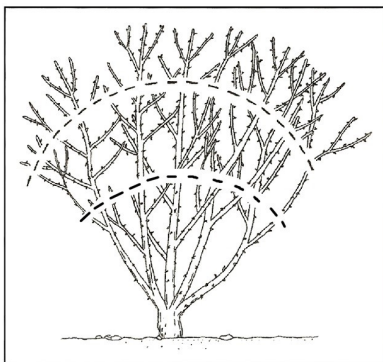


CONTROL THE SIZE

What you cut will grow back. What you leave will grow taller. Prune according to the desired blooming height.

The amount that can **usually** be removed:

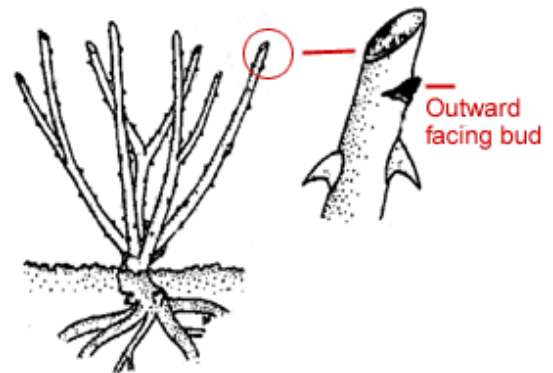
- Old Garden Roses - 1/4 - 1/3
- Hybrid Teas - 2/3
- Miniatures - 2/3
- Modern Shrubs - 1/2
- Floribundas - 1/4 - 1/3
- Polyanthas - 1/3 - 1/2
- Noisettes - 1/3



CONTROL THE SHAPE

Creating an empty space in the center of the plant will allow for sunlight and air circulation inside the bush for a healthier plant. Create a vase shape.

Pruning stems to outward facing bud eyes will insure new growth is directed to sunlight instead of inside the plant.



From "Rosebud" newsletter of the CenLa Rose Society, February 2017.

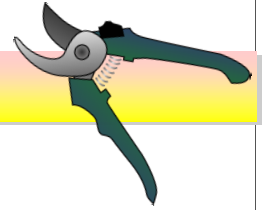
ATTENTION BGRS MEMBERS: Please print and bring a copy of the rose show schedule to the meeting as part of our program will be about the rose show with emphasis on the new classes. We will be able to answer any questions you have about the rose show and suggest classes that you might consider entering. We will also talk about where help is needed at the show. The rose show is our opportunity share our love for roses with the public and help to educate them about growing roses successfully in our area.



President's Corner *by Ricky Lockhart*

It's that time of year, time to fertilize, prune, and uncover your roses! We need to prune around the 5th or 6th of April to get the roses up in time for the rose show. Watch the forecast and make sure we don't get a late freeze on the new growth.

We have some good programs coming this year. I hope to see a lot of good roses for our show.



Pruning for our Rose Show *by M. Hext, CR*

As the forsythia has been blooming for several weeks, we know it is time to start our spring pruning and fertilizing. However, our weather has not been very cooperative for this task. Since our rose show is less than 50 days from now, as soon as the weather breaks, we should start pruning beginning with the hybrid teas. I have many black canes but believe I have only lost a few bushes and two of them are St. Patrick, a hybrid tea which is known to be very winter tender.

Remove all of these dead canes and small spindly canes and any crossing branches. Shape the bush the way you want it to look. Cut the canes back to a healthy white pith. Remove canes smaller than a pencil. Keep the center open to allow air to circulate which will help to reduce the chances of disease and mites. Hard pruning (6-12) inches will produce fewer but larger flowers on thicker, longer canes. Little pruning or just shaping the bush will produce smaller but more blooms. We may have to prune more severely this spring due to our winter temperatures being much colder than the past few years. Don't cut back fortuniana bushes as much.



Rose Tips *by Noah Wilson, Master Rosarian, 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.

REMINDER—2019 Dues are Past Due!

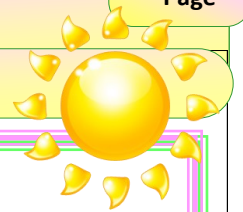
If you have not paid, please send your 2019 dues to our treasurer or pay at the April meeting:

Linda McBride, 1133 Lois Lane, Bowling Green, KY 42104

Ask a friend to join!!

April 2018

Roses—Q &A By Mary Ann Hext, CR

**Q: “What is a basal break and is it a good or bad thing?”**

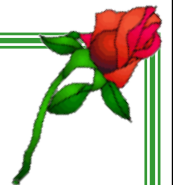
A: Basal breaks are fresh new growth that emerges from the bud union (the site on the rootstock cane where the rose variety is grafted) on our rose bushes. This emergence of this new growth is highly desirable and should be encouraged and protected, especially while it is tender, as it will become a strong, new stem or cane of the grafted plant.

Use caution when removing the winter protection, pruning, and fertilizing in the next few weeks so you don't inadvertently break off this valuable new growth. It is best to not expose the new growth to full direct sun when removing the mulch as they are very tender and could burn.

Don't confuse basal breaks with rose rosette which definitely should be removed. They both are usually red but the basal break will have few prickles, whereas rose rosette usually has an abnormal amount of prickles.

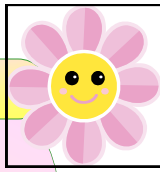
Also, don't confuse basal breaks with “suckers,” shoots that grow directly from the rootstock below the bud union. Suckers will look different from other canes on your rose bush and should always be removed.

Many rosarians add of Epsom salts (aka magnesium sulfate) to their bushes during spring pruning which they say promotes basal breaks. Others feel this is a myth as there is no document research that an excess of magnesium produces more basal breaks. Some of us like me toss a handful around each bush as even though there is no proof that it helps, it doesn't hurt to try to promote them!

**BGRS Rose Show—May 18**

- Our rose show schedule is available on our website: www.bowlinggreenrosesociety.org and on the Tenarky site: 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 for information.
- Mark your calendars to help with the rose show set up on Friday afternoon, May 17 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—Ann
 - Organizing and collecting for box lunches on Saturday—Kathy
 - Rose show tear down on Saturday afternoon
 - Putting roses in containers to take to veterans in nursing homes
 - Helping with ribbons, certificates, and prize distribution
 - Clerking at the show
 - Welcome table
 - Get properties to and from the American Legion Building—Dan, Ricky, Mary Ann

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2019 IMPORTANT DATES

- **May 18: BGRS Rose Show at American Legion Hall**
- **September 21: Louisville RS Rose Show at Sutherlands Hardware Store**
- **September 28-29: Nashville RS Rose Show at Belmont University**
- **October 4-6: ARS Mini National and Tenarky District Conventions and Rose Shows hosted by Tipton County RF in Franklin, TN**



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