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Bowling Green, Kentucky

# Rosebuds

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Meeting: February 10  
WCEO at 2 pm

Program: Bare Root Roses

Refreshments:

Ricky Lockhart

## TENARKY District Mid-Winter Meeting by Mary A. Hext, CR

Our Tenarky Winter Workshop has a new name—Tenarky Mid-Winter Meeting! I hope we will have several of our members attending this year. It is a great opportunity to learn more about our rose hobby from experience and well-known rose growers from across the country. It is also an opportunity for you to meet rose growers from across the district and make many new rose friends!

The meeting is February 15-17 at the Marriott Hotel Cool Springs, Franklin, TN. On Friday afternoon, there is a judges audit for horticulture judges to attend; however, it is open to anyone who wants to attend and is included in your registration fee. If you want to learn what the judges learn as we audit the presentations, then mark that on your registration form and come! Friday night includes a meal, program, and speaker.

This year is our 4th Annual Photography Contest, so you will want to read

the schedule and bring photos to enter on Saturday morning.

Saturday events feature an excellent group of speakers on topics including: "New Roses", "Rose Rosette Update", "Photography", "Traveling with Roses", "Arrangements", "Hybridizing", and "Fertilizers and Amendments". Evening events include a dinner buffet and another excellent speaker on "The Pleasure and Pain of Growing Exhibition Roses".

On Sunday morning following the devotional, our district business meeting will be held followed by the Consulting Rosarian School/Audit. This is also included in your registration and is for those who plan to take the CR test, current CRs who are auditing for CR credit, and anyone else who wants to learn more about growing roses. The schedule and speaker list was included in the Tenarky District newsletter, Katnips, which was sent to you last week.

On our district website, [www.tenarky.org](http://www.tenarky.org), you can find all the documents for this rose education weekend. This is a wonderful rose event to attend, it is about a 1.5 hour drive from Bowling Green, you will meet many rose growers and be able to learn from them, and you will hear speakers in person that you most likely have read about in the *American Rose* magazine or heard about from other rosarians.

If you have any questions about attending, just ask any BGRS member who has attended a previous winter workshop, and we will be glad to help you and will encourage you to attend!!! It will be well-worth your time and expense to learn so much in a really fun and educational weekend!

**Register soon to save \$\$\$\$**

## Beaty Fertilizer Orders

For the past few years, we have been able to order fertilizer for our roses from Beaty Fertilizer at a special rate given to rose society members; and we can do this again this year.

As the Tenarky Winter Workshop is being held in Franklin, TN, this year, Clayton will bring our orders to the hotel for pickup which will save us shipping costs.

An order form was sent to you a few days ago. This year you will need

to send your order directly to Cathy or email it to her or call. Instructions are on the order form. She needs to receive your order by February 8. The orders may be picked up on Saturday at the workshop, and you will pay for your products at that time.

Several of our members use these products and can advise you on them or you can go to their website and read about each product and how much you will need.

## REMINDER

Please plan to pay your 2019 BGRS dues at the February meeting (\$15) or send to our treasurer, Linda McBride, by February 28 in order to be included on the 2019 membership list which will be distributed by email and at the March meeting. Bring a friend with you!!!



## From the President *by Ricky Lockhart*

Happy New Year to all members of the Bowling Green Rose Society. First I want to express my condolences to our member, Ben Matus, in the passing of his wife, Pauline. She will be greatly missed in our Rose Society.

As I sit here looking out at the snow, I am thinking what needs to be done to our roses this year to improve their beauty and quality. I have some ideas for improvements that maybe we all can use:

1. Improve the water system such as using drip lines, soaker hoses, etc.
2. Establish a good spray program and FOLLOW it.
3. Replace lost roses with better varieties that are more hardy and winter and pest resistant.
4. Make improvements to the existing beds using good fertilizers, etc.

We are so thankful for all our new members and I believe with their help we can greatly improve our rose show and have more exhibitors. I would love to see more roses on the tables with many more people winning awards.

As we enter this new year, I would ask for our members help in making our society stronger, acquiring more new members, and making this year as great as we can. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to call me. My number is 270-999-1977.



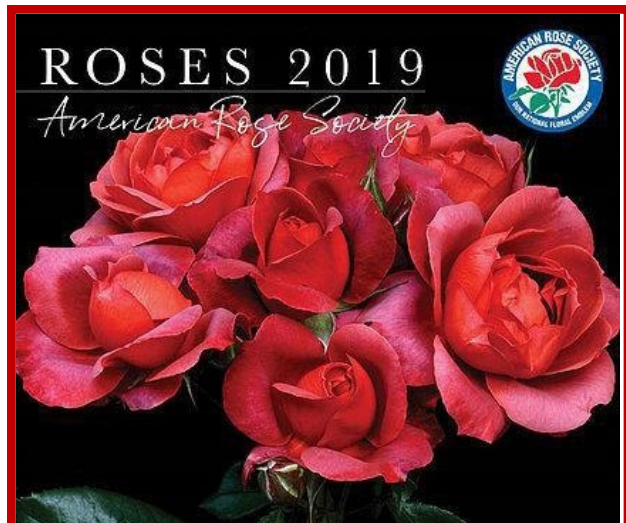
"Presently, the roses are quiet and most obedient. Truth be told, they almost look angelic, sleeping peacefully in their little snow blankets. How ever did I become so embittered and frustrated with them? Why, the flood was but a nuisance and as for the drought? It was little bother, if any at all. Most fortunate, indeed, is the year-round rose grower! In truth, I miss my roses and now find myself ready to make nice. Yes, it appears the winter respite has served a great purpose. But must it last so long? How now can I hasten the emergence of spring? I vow never to feel rage for my roses again! But, just in case, anyone who contemplates clipping this column and sending it to me this August is no friend of mine!"

*From an article written by Jim Harding in February 2011 NRS Rose Leaves.*

### In Memory



**Pauline Matus**  
**July 28, 1942 - January 15, 2019**



The 2019 ARS calendar is available now for \$15 at the ARS web site. Click here to order now from our online store:

<https://www.rose.org/product-page/2019-roses-calendar>



## BGRS Christmas Luncheon—December 8, 2018



## Rose Tips by Noah Wilson, Master Rosarian, Holston Rose Society

Things I am doing to my roses in February:

This year has been unusually cold with so many days where the temperature never gets above freezing. Extra care and caution must be given to our rose bushes when temperatures stay below freezing for several days. I have my canes cut back to about 5 feet and all of the leaves are removed from the bushes, and winter mulch is in place, up and around the bushes.

1. I will spray with lime sulfur several times in the next few weeks in effort to kill any leftover blackspot.
2. I will remove any bushes I do not want to keep and find them a home with a future rose grower and help that person take up the hobby of growing roses as I have enjoyed for many years.
3. Now is a good time to get my pruning shears out and sterilize them and sharpen for next season's roses.
4. I will make a list of new roses I would like to add to my rose bed and order them or make arrangements to get them locally.
5. I will check my rose bed mulch often and see if I need to add additional mulch.
6. I will encourage others to take up this great hobby and enjoy all the benefits of rose growing .

### Most Fragrant Roses

source: [www.roseshow.com](http://www.roseshow.com)

#### Most Fragrant Trophies 2009-2018

Rk		Class	Col	Intro	Wins
1	Fragrant Cloud	HT	or	1963	74
2	Mister Lincoln	HT	dr	1965	54
3	Firefighter	HT	dr	2004	44
4	Double Delight	HT	rb	1977	32
5	Chrysler Imperial	HT	dr	1952	16
6	Dolly Parton	HT	or	1985	16
7	Gertrude Jekyll	S	mp	1986	16
8	Melody Parfume	Gr	m	1995	14
9	Francis Dubreuil	T	dr	1894	12
10	Pope John Paul II	HT	w	2007	12
11	Sugar Moon	HT	w	2012	12
12	Evelyn	S	ab	1992	10
13	Sharifa Asma	S	lp	1995	10
14	Neptune	HT	m	2004	9
15	Papa Meilland	HT	dr	1963	9

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*Editors note: These roses were the winners for the Most Fragrant Trophy at rose shows from 2009-2018. If you want to add fragrance to your rose garden and your bouquets, try growing a few of these!*

## Discussion of Dormancy *(by Rich Baer editor of Portland Rose Chatter)*

When cooler weather begins settling over the rose garden, and it has recently, with the potential for a light frost by the end of the week, rose gardeners begin seeking advice on how to insure that their roses will continue to thrive. Unfortunately, the gardener may turn to sources which he or she has come to trust, which quite often may lead him or her astray. Your editor, with almost 40 years of intensive rose training and two+ 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, but often will cause some concern to you if you do not follow all of the suggestions completely. 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 modern 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 become re-bloomers. 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 go 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.

**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

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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.

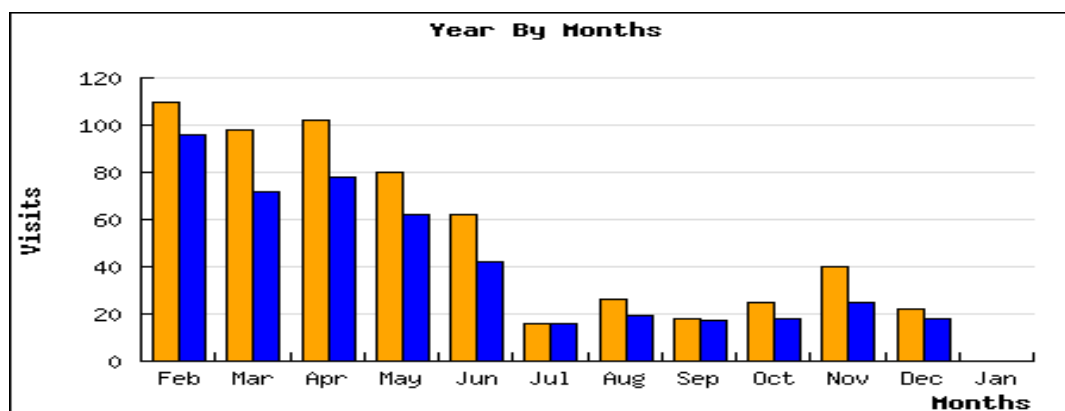
**Bad Advice:** Do not apply any fertilizer with nitrogen in it because this will stimulate the rose to produce new growth. Instead apply a fertilizer with no nitrogen such as a 0-0-10 or 0-10-10, (the first is a potassium only fertilizer, the second is a potassium and phosphorous fertilizer), because 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, instead longer days and warmer temperatures next spring will be the stimulus for the rose to produce new growth.

*Editors Note: This article appeared in the November 2018 issue of the "Portland Rose Chatter" which is the newsletter for The Portland Rose Society. It was written for his monthly column "Rose Rhetoric" by Rich Baer, editor and contains some interesting information about the dormancy of roses. It is reprinted with permission. Rich is also a well-known and award-winning photographer of roses. Below are two of his photos ('Cherry Parfait' and 'Scentimental' as well as 'Valentine's Day' on the last page of this newsletter. You may have seen his photo winners in the ARS magazine and calendar.*



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## 'Valentine's Day'

a climbing miniflora

Hybridized by Tom Carruth



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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Kathy Dodson—January 26  
Linda Ford—February 27



## 2019 IMPORTANT DATES

- February 15-17: Tenarky Winter Workshop in Franklin, TN
- May 18: BGRS Rose Show
- September 20-22: ARS Mini National, Tenarky & Carolina District Conventions hosted by Tipton County RF in Nashville, TN
- September 28-29: Nashville RS Rose Show
- October 5: Louisville RS Rose Show

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