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Rosebuds

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Next Meeting

April 11 at 2 pm
Clear Fork Baptist
Church
Rockfield, KY

Virtual Program:
Rose Diseases
Dr. Mark Windham
UT Knoxville



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After Pruning: Mulching from www.rose.org

Mulching is one the best things you can do for your rose garden. By definition, mulching is simply the spreading of a protective covering around the rosebushes and on top of the surrounding soil. The benefits are tremendous. It prevents moisture from evaporating, stunts weed growth, improves soil structure, maintains an even soil temperature during the summer months and gives the landscape a handsome well groomed look.

APPLICATION

It is best to apply the mulch after pruning, although it can be used at any time during the year. One of reasons for applying mulch after pruning is the ability to protect the bud union from dehydration after planting. Using finer grade mulch, the layer should be thinner than that applied for coarser materials such as redwood bark (2- to 3-inches deep.)

Organic mulches require replenishment on an annual basis since the previous year's application will have decomposed and reduced in thickness as the humus is worked into the soil. It is this decomposition that is most beneficial to soil fertility, increasing the Cation Exchange

Capacity (CEC), a common soil test criterion.

TYPES OF MULCH

The available mulch materials can be divided into two categories: Organic and Inorganic. Organic types include grass clippings, wood chips (particularly redwood based), and cocoa hulls. They act as a thermal barrier to temperature drops or increases. But best of all they decompose to humus providing nutrients to the soil as well improve the fertility with time. Earthworms are great movers of this organic compost into the soil around the roots. Inorganic includes stones, gravel, shredded rubber. These materials have opposite properties keeping the soil warmer in summer and cooler in winter. While they can reduce weeds they do not improve soil fertility and are often used for aesthetic appeal.

THE ORGANIC MULCHES

•Cocoa Bean Hulls are the products of making chocolate so if you lived near Hershey, PA you would be in mulch heaven!

They provide a very neat looking dressing when

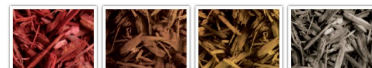
laid down about 1 inch thick. (For dog owners do not let them eat the hulls as they toxic to them.)

•Grass Clippings are the least expensive of the mulches available especially if you have large lawns. Do not use clippings treated with a herbicide. Let the clippings mature for over several months before use. It is recommended that you dig in last year's application before applying the new layers.

•Pine Needles are abundantly available in the South where they are harvested, baled and sold commercially through the USA. The all evergreen needles provide an excellent mulch 1-2 inch layer for your rose beds.



•Environmulch is a term used to describe recycled wood products such as pallets, etc. The material is first shredded and then usually dyed to make a colorful mulch. Their distinct advantage is that they last a lot longer than the wood chip varieties. (cont. p. 3)





"Grow 'Em, Show 'Em, Share' Em."

—Howard Walters
from his July 1971 column
in the "American Rose" magazine
found in his book, "Rosarian Ramblings"

Well, I think we had a good meeting in February. I appreciate all who came to the meeting; and I hope we can have another good meeting March 14 at Clear Fork since we can't meet at the extension office yet.

If anybody has any suggestions, I would appreciate your input.

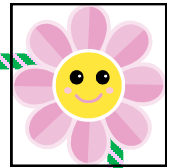
See you there.

Dan

Note: The Gibsons will provide light refreshments.

BGRS ARRANGEMENT WORKSHOP

The arrangement workshop is scheduled for Saturday, April 10, at 9:30 am. to be held in the fellowship hall of Clear Fork Baptist church. We are very excited to have Connie Baird, ARS CR and Arrangement Judge, come to conduct this class. Not only does she have natural talent, but is the winner of many ARS bronze, silver and gold awards for her arrangements in local, district and national shows. Connie has received the ARS Outstanding Arrangement Judge Award **from the Tenarky District**. Please bring a notebook, pen and camera.



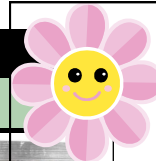
April in My Rose Garden *by Mary Ann Hext, MR*

With the warmer weather after the week of snow, ice, and freezing temperatures in February, I was starting to see signs of spring at our little farm. Then came the rains! We had huge ponds in our pastures, and the underground creek flooded the highest it has in the 20 years we have lived here. I removed a few of the insulation boards from around my raised hybrid tea bed so the mulch can dry out. Last year, I didn't do that when we had the heavy rains and some of their canes rotted to the graft. So far I have observed no major winter damage; and I have continued to check diligently for aphids and spider mites on the pots in the garage which I have sprayed monthly since November. I sprayed lime sulfur on the bushes and ground February 25 hoping it will help kill any remaining black-spot on the leaves on the bushes and those on top of the mulch. Very few leaves have fallen from my hybrid teas and this may be due to the heavier mulching and insulation around the bed that I did this year. However, the shrubs, which had no mulch around them are also putting out new growth.

Some of the things I am doing now and planning to do in April are:

1. Pray that my bushes don't have severe damage from the freezes this week.
2. Prune my roses on the correct dates in hopes of having roses blooming the week of our rose show.
3. Apply Mills Mix and other nutrients to all bushes.
4. Continue my spray program with fungicides that I started in mid-March when the bushes started leafing out.
5. Study the schedule and start making plans to exhibit at the BGRS rose show on May 22.





After Pruning: Mulching (*continued from p. 1*)

•Eucalyprus has gained popularity in the West where tress are abundant. This wood mulch holds its attractive color and can last over several years.

•Shredded leaves from oak and maple tress can make a suitable mulch when passed through a mower. Wood chips derived from redwood as a by-product are the top choice for they also provide a weed barrier at the same time. The thickness of the applied layer should be 3-inches deep. The attractive look of beds mulched with wood chips is by far the best looking appearance.



THE INORGANIC MULCHES



Various small stones & gravel are often chosen mainly for their aesthetic appeal based on color and uniformity. Their most attractive asset is that they do not degrade and one application can last for years. They are often used in combination with a weed barrier underneath. The spun fabric permits air and water to pass freely while providing the best weed protection of all materials.

This article appeared in the March 2018 issue of Roses and You, author not given. Photos from various sources.

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

Editor's Note: Since we had an in-depth program on pruning at our March meeting, this is provided as a review for those of us who are pruning in early April to hopefully have an abundance of blooms the week of our rose show in May.

THE PURPOSE OF PRUNING

Warmer temperatures and the yellow blooms on the forsythia signal 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.**



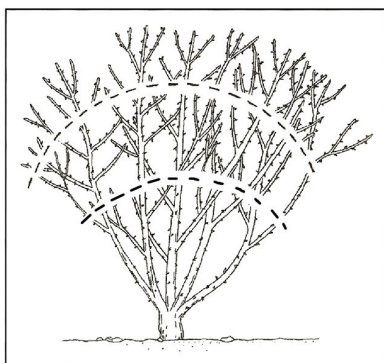
The confusion about pruning is caused by the fact there are many varieties of roses, hybrid teas, old garden roses, shrubs, once-blooming varieties, miniatures, etc. and each much be pruned differently. However, the goal for pruning all varieties is the same: control the size, form a healthy plant with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

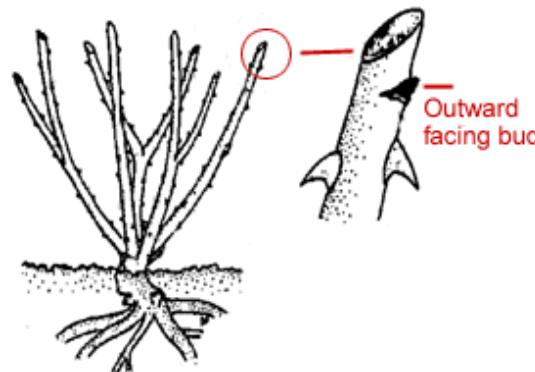
- Old Garden Roses - 1/4 - 1/3
- Hybrid Teas - 2/3
- Miniatures - 2/3
- Modern Shrubs - 1/2
- Floribundas - 1/4 - 1/3
- Polyanthas - 1/3 - 1/2
- Noisettes - 1/3



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.

2020 BGRS Awards Presented at February 2021 Meeting



On behalf of American Rose Society President Bob Martin, Mary Ann Hext, Tenarky District Vice Director, presented BGRS President Dan Wernigk with an ARS Presidential Citation commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the Bowling Green Rose Society. (see image on page 5)



2020 In-Club Competition Winners
1st: Bob Jacobs & 2nd: Cynthia Dickinson



Ricky Lockhart, BGRS president from 2018-2020, was awarded the ARS Bronze Honor Medal by BGRS past president, Bob Jacobs

American Rose Society



Presidential Citation

Is hereby awarded to the

Bowling Green Rose Society

In recognition of their outstanding service to the community,
to the American Rose Society and the Rose.

Presented in commemoration of the
Bowling Green Rose Society's
60th Anniversary.
On this 9th day of January,
The year Two Thousand and Twenty One.



Robert B. Martin Jr.
Robert B. Martin Jr., President



ARS National Convention & Rose Show
September 10-14, 2021 - Milwaukee, WI

Set aside September 10-14, 2021, to attend the American Rose Society's National Convention and Rose Show in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

For more information and show schedules, visit www.creamcityroses.org, or the [Facebook page](#). Come to enjoy good rose fellowship, to learn from the best, and to enjoy this wonderful city.

Editor's Note: Make plans to attend this convention as our new district director, Lori Emery, will be installed at the banquet on Monday night. They are also planning rose garden tours that you will not want to miss!



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Linda McBride April 2
Claire Campbell April 4
Connie Baird April 18

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- ♦ May 22: BGRS Rose Show
- ♦ September TBA: Tenarky Fall District Convention & Rose Show (hosted by NRS at Belmont University)
- ♦ September 10-14: ARS 2021 National Convention and Rose Show, Milwaukee, WI



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