

# Rosebuds

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## Next Meeting

May 15, 2022  
2 p.m. WCEO

Program:  
Rose Show Prep

Refreshments:  
Ricky Lockhart



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## It's time for the BGRS Rose Show! by Mary Ann Hext, MR

Our annual rose show is only a few weeks away, so hopefully you have finished your spring pruning, fertilized your roses and started thinking about possibly entering something in the show. Exhibiting roses is an important way for rosarians to share the love for roses and rose growing with others. It also gives the public a first-hand look at roses that grow well in our area and an opportunity to meet our members and ask questions about roses.

At the April meeting, we watched an informative presentation about growing and showing roses and some of the things judges are looking for. Ricky and Ann will give information on preparing for the rose show, when to cut roses, and how to groom them at the May meeting,

The theme for the show and the artistic rose designs is "Mama Liked the Roses" - Remembering Elvis Movies" which was the theme we had planned to use in 2020 when we had to cancel our show due to Covid-19. Each section has several choices for the arrangers and will be fun to enter. We also have a photography division. A complete rose show schedule is on the [BGRS website](#) and the [Tenarky website](#).

The BGRS rose show is a way for our members and others to share what we have worked so hard to produce, to learn about unfamiliar varieties of roses, to meet other rosarians and share experiences. It is nice to get a ribbon or to get something on the trophy table; but the rose show is a culminating event for us to display our efforts. It is not so much a competition against each other, but a competition against ourselves to work harder to produce better quality roses and improve our own skills. It is also an educational opportunity for those interested in learning more about growing roses. So join in the fun and enter something in the 2022 BGRS Rose Show!





Well, we had a tragic loss in our rose society with the unexpected passing of Cynthia Dickinson—may she Rest in Peace, and her family find strength in this time of sorrow.

I hope everyone is enjoying working on your roses. I keep getting light frost so it is a little slow, been finding green worms and aphids on my roses. I am watering and trying to stay ahead of the blackspot with a spray program.

See you on May 15 at our meeting.

Dan



**Happy Mother's Day !**

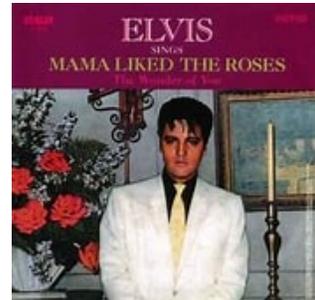
**“Roses do for living what sunshine does for stained glass.”**

—Rosarian Ramblings,  
Howard Walters: *Through the Years*  
August 1976

Submitted by Cynthia

**BGRS Rose Show—May 21—American Legion Building  
Setup—May 20—9 a.m.  
Please Volunteer to Help!**

- Sell ads
- Contribute for In Memory photograph
- Load/unload show properties
- Setup/Tear-down the show
- Clerk
- Help with recording winners and certificates
- Bring items for judges/exhibitors breakfast
- Monitor welcome table



It takes all members working as a team to have a beautiful and successful rose show!!!



*In Memory of  
Cynthia Dickinson*

*October 20, 1954*

*to*

*April 20, 2022*

Winning Photos at Tenarky Winter  
Workshop February 2022 (left),  
BGRS In-Club Competition Winner  
December 2021 (right)





## Growing Roses 101 by Bob and Ann Jacobs, MR

A Community Education Class, "Growing Roses 101," was held on Saturday, April 23, 2022, at the home of Ann & Bob Jacobs, Master Rosarians. Four enthusiastic ladies met to learn how to grow roses.

During the two-hour class, they learned the types of roses, how to select a bush, where to plant and prepare the soil in the ground or in a container. Fertilizing, watering, mulching and spraying were covered. Suggestions were made on types of sprays and tools that are helpful to maintain their rose bushes.

All enjoyed a tour of our rose garden of 150 different cultivars with hands on pruning techniques. Each were given illustrated handouts, an ARS Magazine and business card with encouragement to join ARS and our local Rose Society with invitation to return to our garden when roses were in bloom.



## May in My Rose Garden by Mary Ann Hext, MR

After all the gray or windy or rainy days this spring, warm weather is finally here! I had very little damage from the frost we had right after Easter thanks to Ricky calling and reminding me to spray with Vapor Guard. I sprayed my roses, hostas, lilies, and hydrangeas and saw no damage. Then we had another frost the morning of April 27. I had to move my 40 pots back into the garage, spray more Vapor Guard, and cover the bushes with pots and sheets again. I hope that this is the last one! I finally finished pruning on April 15—the latest I have ever pruned and finished fertilizing on April 28, also the latest ever. I just hope there are lots of sunny days so I have blooms for our rose show.

With sunshine for several days now, I can see much new growth today on nearly all bushes. I don't think I lost any outside roses this year but a few have severe damage and may be shovel pruned if they don't improve. I did lose three in pots in the garage which got spider mites before I saw the damage.

What I hope to do during this month is:

1. Continue my spray program with fungicides that I started the last of April when the bushes finally started leafing out. Due to late pruning, I have sprayed only once.
2. Use a liquid fertilizer two weeks before our show since I was so late putting down the granular and hopefully give the bushes a boost for the upcoming rose show.
3. Study the schedule and to determine classes I might enter at the BGRS rose show on May 21.
4. Determine by May 16 what blooms I might have for the show, start cutting and refrigerating a few days later as I will be out of town the afternoon and night before the show..

## Rose Feeding Guidelines by Doug Craver CR, Winston Salem RS

Roses, in some respects are like people - they like to be fed regularly, but not too much or too little at one time, with a balanced diet, so lets explore their needs and how to best fill them.

**NITROGEN** is the first number listed on the bag. Nitrogen is a part of all living cells and all proteins, it is a major part of chlorophyll, the green pigment that is responsible for photosynthesis (conversion of sunlight to matter). It helps plants with rapid growth, increased bloom and fruit production and improves the quality of leaf and stem. Nitrogen, in most forms, is highly soluble and easily leached away by excessive water, as in winter rains, so the vigorous growth in early spring needs a type of nitrogen that is quickly available, and the label on the bag will list TOTAL nitrogen, then WATER SOUBLE nitrogen, (quick release) then WATER INSOLUBLE nitrogen, which is slow release and further down the label it will list the kind such as "polymer coated urea, or sulfur coated urea" and give the percent of the total. In early spring we need a fast acting nitrogen such as 16-8-8 or 18-9-9, but at this high nitrogen content it should be used sparingly with later feeding having more or the slower release. Here are some of the nitrogen types and their timing. NITRATE of SODA -16% fast, CALCIUM NITRATE -15.5% fast and one of the best, AMMONIUM NITRATE - 34% medium, UREA - 46% fast, UREAFORM (BLUE CHIP) 38% slow, and the SULFUR OR POLYMER COATED NITROGEN - slow. Organic types are slow release.

**PHOSPHORUS** is the second number listed is also important for photosynthesis, plant maturation and withstanding stress. It also effects rapid growth and encourages bloom and root growth.

**POTASSIUM** is the third number and it is absorbed by plants in larger amounts than any other element except nitrogen. It helps in the building of protein, photosynthesis fruit (bloom) quality and reduction of diseases.

**CALCIUM** is an essential part of cell wall structure, provides for normal transport and retention of other elements as well as strength in the plant.

**MAGNESIUM** (Epsom salt) is important in the chlorophyll in all green plants and essential for photosynthesis. It also activates many plant enzymes needed for growth.

**SULFUR** essential for production of protein and development of enzymes and vitamins.

The above are the most important elements in fertilizers, others are Boron, Copper, Chloride, Iron, Manganese, Molybdenum and Zinc, but these are needed in such small amounts that too much of most of these can be toxic to the plants.

**MANURES** have an important place in rose culture so I will list some of their nutrient contents in pounds per ton for comparison.

HORSE:	N-14.2	P-4.8	K-12.4	COW:	N-9.7	P-2.8	K-9.5
SHEEP:	N-20.6	P-7.0	K-19.8	POULTRY:	N-20.0	P-16	K-8.0

My idea of the best way to feed roses is to use a combination of mineral and organics and be alert to their needs.

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**SAVE THE DATE—NOTE NEW DATE & LOCATION!**

**Tenarky District Fall Convention & Rose Show**  
**September 16-18—Cheekwood Botanical Gardens**  
**Hosted by Nashville Rose Society**  
**Schedule coming soon at [www.tenarky.org](http://www.tenarky.org)**

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No Birthdays in May

### IMPORTANT DATES

- ◆ May 7: Birmingham Rose Show
- ◆ May 14: Huntsville Rose Show
- ◆ May 21: BGRS Rose Show
- ◆ September 16-18: Tenarky Fall District Convention & Rose Show hosted by NRS at Cheekwood
- ◆ October 1: LRS Rose Display
- ◆ September 17-24, 2024: ARS National Convention & Rose Show in Warwick, Rhode Island.

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