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Wilmington Cape Fear
Rose Society
March 2023 Newsletter

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Upcoming Meeting Dates

March 11, 2023

Meeting at NE Library at 10:15AM

1241 Military Cutoff Rd, Wilmington, NC 28405

April 1, 2023 - WCFRRS 20th Anniversary

May 6, 2023 - Rose Tour

June 10, 2023 - Picnic

July 2023 - No Meeting

August 12, 2023

September 9, 2023

October 7, 2023 - Annual Rose Exhibit

November 11, 2023 - Annual Auction

December 9, 2023 - Christmas Brunch



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President's Message**

Welcome to March! I hope the trimming of your roses went well/ is going well and you have gotten your first fertilization and spraying done. It is also the time to plant your bare-root roses if you plan to do this. It is a busy time for rose growers but just think of the rewards to come in your garden!

We had a wonderful meeting in February and received much information from David Pike, CEO for Witherspoon Roses. There were a few folks in the room surprised by his trimming of 2 rose bushes! We appreciate him coming to speak to us and donating a rose for our door prize.

Our next meeting will be March 11, 2023 at the Northeast Branch of the New Hanover County Library on Military Cutoff Road in the Pine Room; there were no Saturdays in March available to meet at the Arboretum. **We will meet at 10:15 am that day.** Please remember the change in the place and the time. Also please come with your beverage as we will not have coffee that day. We will have a panel discussion about roses and their care. Please come and learn about roses from your fellow WCFRS members; you will be able to ask questions.

We will have a speaker at our April 1, 2023 meeting. We will also celebrate the 20th anniversary of WCFRS with a cake. Please note this is a week earlier than normal due to Easter being the next weekend.

The annual WCFRS Rose Tour will be on May 6, 2023. Please see/ contact Mary Barwick if you would like for your garden to be on the tour. Any size or type of garden is welcome! Thank you to Mary and the Rose Tour Committee for their hard work on the tour!

I have been working with our webmaster to complete our new WCFRS website. We should be live with the new website by the time you receive your newsletter or shortly after. Just bring up the website and when the new one is live it will replace the old website. This is very exciting and helps to improve our society and the ability to reach others. Please pass out our business cards (they are always at the meetings next to the sign in book) with the website address so others can use the website.

(President's Message Continued)

General information for our members:

1. WCFRS 2022 taxes are complete/ filed.
2. WCFRS general liability insurance paperwork is completed and this has been paid for 2023.
3. WCFRS gave a donation to the Ability Garden.

Thank you to our WCFRS Board members - Mary Barwick, Debbie Caulder, Carol Rodriguez, Vonnie Fry and Justine Pflaum for always working hard and doing a great job! Thank you to Norma McGee for her wonderful work on the WCFRS newsletter!

I look forward to seeing you all at the March meeting. We will give away a door prize if you attend the meeting. Please let me know if you have any questions, feedback or suggestions.

Don't forget to smell the roses!

**Denise H. Miller
(910) 540-6857**

March in the Garden

By: Bob Knerr

Finish any tasks noted in the February newsletter that you have not yet completed. Pruning of the roses and cleaning out of all old fallen leaves in the beds should be done and the first feeding of 10-10-10 or other inorganic fertilizer completed.

Spray every 7-10 days with both a contact (Mancozeb) and systemic (Honor Guard) fungicide.

Mulch the beds to keep down weeds and to keep the roots cool in the summer.

Water weekly - 5-6 gallons per bush if it has not rained.

Weed when necessary.

Happy Rose Growing!!!

Bob Knerr

From the Editor's Garden

We won the bid for one of the roses that Bob Knerr provided for the recent WCFRS Auction. So, Hubby went to Leland this week and picked up our newest rose.

Ron enjoyed chatting with Bob and "picking his brain"!!! He brought home the Babies Blush rose. The canes are huge and we can't wait to enjoy the beautiful roses.

Hubby planted it just outside our side patio door so that we can see it all day long. We have our fingers crossed that we can keep it as healthy as Bob did.

Prayers appreciated!!!

We'll see you at the meeting at the library.

Norma



In honor of St. Patrick's Day "Green Rose"

'Green Rose'. Is That Really a Rose???

Excerpts from an article by Suzanne Horn, Master Rosarian, Pacific Rose Society

This article was first published in the Pacific Rose and is a 2012 Award of Merit winner

This rose is an Old Garden Rose, an old heirloom China rose and one that is sure to be a conversation piece in the garden. Perhaps the oddest rose in existence, it is classified as a Hybrid China and is appropriately known as 'Green Rose'. A few pale green varieties of roses do exist, but none match the distinctiveness of the incomparable "China" green rose. Green hued roses have historically represented fertility, growth and nature's abundance. They also represented bounty, goodwill, success in business and romantic relationships and even jealousy. However, no other green hued rose has ever matched the uniqueness and interest of 'Green Rose'.

Originally known as "rosa chinesis viridiflora", 'Green Rose' is a "love it or hate it" kind of a rose whose uniqueness stems from its lack of true petals. Whether or not you love it, this plant arouses genuine interest in people because it is uncommon, a novelty. The 'flowers' of 'Green Rose' are in fact a genetic anomaly, and that is presumed to be the key to this plant's existence. In this case, the 'flower' consists of the sepals and a leafy middle.

By way of background, this rose has a rather interesting and somewhat exotic history. It is believed that it originated in China and is actually seen in some old Chinese paintings. History notes that 'Green Rose' was the sole property of the emperors of China, and it was forbidden for anyone outside of the Forbidden City to grow this rose.

This rose presents a number of very rewarding aspects, not the least of which is that it is almost always in bloom, and the blooms appear to last forever, both on the bush and as cut flowers. Of course, the actual blooms may be a little difficult to detect, since the flowers disappear visually into the foliage. The soft grassy green color of the blooms closely matches that of the foliage around it, it is as if they are hiding from the anticipation of being discovered. However, once you know what to look for, you will find the bush is literally covered in the little green florets. It is a definite eye catcher, and you will grow used to garden visitors exclaiming time and again, "Is that really a rose?????"



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Membership

(Dues for 2023 are due.)

Our membership application is on the web site. (<http://www.wcfrs.org>)

Send check to: Debbie Caulder, Treasurer, 6206 Mallard Drive, Wi, NC 28403

Board Members 2023

President, Denise Miller, 1148 Edgewater Club Dr., Wilmington, 28411 910-540 - 6857

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Rose Nurseries for New Roses

1. Edmunds Roses, Wisconsin, www.edmundsroses.com 888-481-7673
2. Heirloom Roses, Oregon, www.heirloomroses.com 503-538-1576
3. John's Miniature Roses, Oregon, www.johnsminiatureroses.com 503-538-1576
4. K&M Nursery, Mississippi, www.kandmroses.com 601-648-2908
5. Palatine Roses, Ontario, Canada, www.palatineroses.com 905-468-8627 (bare root)
6. Roses Unlimited, South Carolina, rosesunlimitedsc.com 864 682 7673
7. Wisconsin Roses, Wisconsin, www.wiroses.com 262-358-1298 MAIDENS
8. Witherspoon Rose Culture, North Carolina, www.witherspoonrose.com 919-489-4446
(bare root and potted)

****Note: You can access the rose vendors listed above by clicking on the website given.***