

*Petals  
To Pages*



Photo Credit: Soohyun Kim

(June birth flowers are the rose and the honeysuckle.)

Wilmington Cape Fear  
Rose Society  
June 2023 Newsletter



## **WCFRS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Welcome to June! I hope you are seeing your second bloom and enjoying your roses. I know you have been busy trimming your roses from your first big bloom and are now busy now with fertilizing, spraying and watering.

The 2023 WCFRS annual rose garden tour went very well! Thank you to all that opened their gardens for the tour: Jeanette Bullard, David Lawrence and Barbara Hajek, Debbie and Mike Caulder, The Arboretum, Vonnie Fry, Justine and Tim Pflaum, Charles and Deborah Cook, Greg Thomas and Tom Faust. I hope you were able to visit several of the gardens and enjoyed the beauty and hard work of all of these garden owners. I enjoyed seeing all of you that toured my garden.

Thank you to Rose Tour Committee (Mary Barwick, Debbie Caulder, Carol Rodriguez, Vonnie Fry) for their very hard work and making the tour wonderful and a success! Thank you to those of you that secured sponsors and sponsored the tour!

Please remember we will have our annual WCFRS picnic on Saturday, June 10, 2023. Please note the difference in times for this meeting:

10:15 - 10:45 Social Time  
10:45 Business Meeting  
11:00 Picnic

Please remember we do not meet in July. There will not be a newsletter in July.

(President's Message Continued)

We will then have our next meeting on 8/12/23 at the Arboretum with our regular schedule. Bob Knerr will present a talk on how to prepare your roses for the Annual Rose Exhibit. Bob will also answer any questions you have about roses. Thanks to Bob for being a wonderful source of information for WCFRS!

Thank you to the WCFRS Board members (Mary Barwick, Debbie Caulder, Carol Rodriquez, Vonnie Fry, Justine Pflaum) for continuing to work hard! Thank you to Norma for the great job she always does on the newsletters!

I look forward to seeing you at the picnic! 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**



Upcoming  
Meeting  
Dates

June 10, 2023 - Picnic

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11:00 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

## June in the Garden

By: Bob Knerr

Keep to your routine! Remember your calendar and record what you do and when you do it. Good rose growing requires only a few jobs but they must be done consistently and on time.

Feed monthly – You should have fed at least four times by now unless you use a slow release fertilizer. Even then you should have fed twice.

1. Water weekly if there has not been 2" of rain from the sky. Plants will need 5-6 gallons of water weekly if no rain. This should be divided into two waterings per week. **DO NOT NEGLECT THIS JOB!!**

2. Spray for fungus (blackspot) every 7 - 10 days even if the thermometer is supposed to reach 90 degrees. Use a contact fungicide like mancozeb and a systemic fungicide like honor guard.

3. Keep weeds out of the rose beds. They harbor insects and use up nutrients the roses need.

4. Keep the roses pruned to a reasonable height as you cut old blooms. You can cut down farther than the first 5 leaf bud union to keep them in check.

5. If you have questions about your roses or if you are having some difficulty with some disease or insect damage, bring a specimen to the rose meeting and maybe someone can identify the trouble and suggest a remedy for the problem.

Cut and enjoy your roses and share them with neighbors.

Good gardening!

*Bob Knerr*

## *From the Editor's Garden*

Hubby's garden has been especially lovely this spring. The roses have been much healthier and this has been an encouragement after last year's struggle. Not very many people get to see the beauties that are in our fenced backyard but

it's like having our own "secret garden"!!

However, the front yard roses attract a lot of neighborly attention which Hubby totally enjoys! He is considered to be the neighborhood "rose expert"!!!

We certainly have benefitted from the wisdom of the Rose Society members and Hubby loves to pass along what he has learned.

See you all at the meeting!

Norma



2023 ROSE TOUR PHOTOS



## Wilmington Cape Fear Rose Society

### Membership

Our membership application is on the web site. ([wcfrs.org](http://wcfrs.org))

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

### Board Members 2023

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### Rose Nurseries for New Roses

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