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*Wilmington
Rose Society
Newsletter
August 2023*



WCFRS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to August! I hope you and your roses have survived our hot July and know that you have been very busy watering, fertilizing and spraying your roses. I have certainly had some black spot from all of the rain and humidity. At least we are not in the drought we were in last year. I hope you enjoyed our month off from WCFRS in July and are ready for all of our fun events from now until the end of the year!

Our June picnic went very well and the food was delicious. Thank you to Debbie Caulder for all of her work ordered the food and thank you to Vonnie Fry for keeping up with the number to plan for. It was so good to see all of you that attended and enjoy such a nice event with you!

All of our meetings from now until the end of the year will be at the Arboretum and will be on our normal schedule:

9:30 - 10:00 Social time

10:00 Business meeting followed by regular meeting

Please join us for our next meeting on August 12, 2023. Our own WCFRS member, Bob Knerr will speak on how to prepare your roses to get the best blooms for our exhibition in October. He will also talk about how to present your blossoms and the categories you can exhibit your blossoms in the exhibition. He will be glad to answer any questions you have about your roses. Thanks in advance to Bob for all of his knowledge and always being willing to share this with WCFRS. We are very thankful to have such a valuable member of our society!

We will have Don Myers, a noted rose expert come and present a talk to WCFRS on September 9, 2023. He has spoken to use before and his talks have always been informative and enjoyable. Please plan to attend!

Our WCFRS Annual Rose Exhibition will be on October 7, 2023. Please plan to exhibit your blossoms and photographs and enjoy viewing everyone's beautiful roses. It is a site not to be missed - it is always amazing to see all of the roses everyone is growing!

We will have our WCFRS Annual Auction on November 11, 2023. Please be collecting your items to donate and plan to attend and bid. This is a fun time and you will be able to make some great purchases. It is always fun! It is also a good source of fundraising for WCFRS. Our WCFRS Christmas brunch will be on December 9, 2023. We will have a covered dish and a gift exchange and celebrate our wonderful year in WCFRS!

WCFRS has joined the The Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc. as an affiliate member. I encourage you to go online and learn about this organization. This will allow us to spread the word about our events such as the Rose Garden tour to every member of The Garden Club of N.C. This organization does much good work in our state and I am proud we were accepted as an affiliate member.

Thank you to all of the members of WCFRS who voted to give a \$700.00 scholarship to the horticultural science program at CFCC. This check will be sent to CGCC in August.

In 2024 in the second half of the year the Arboretum will undergo a huge renovation project. The center building where the offices are located will be torn down and rebuilt. This means that all of the offices will be relocated temporarily to the education center/ kitchen building while the new building is being built. This also means that we will not be able to meet at the Arboretum during this process. We have secured our dates to meet at the Arboretum from January 2024 - June 2024 but then they are not taking any additional requests until the dates for their construction project are confirmed and all construction is completed. We will need a place to meet during that time. I do not know the exact month in 2024 it will start and they can not give me the length of time it will take. If you know of any spaces that are available to meet in please let me know. It needs to be at least as big as what we currently use. We can use the Northeast Library but this becomes an issue as we can not reserve the space until 1 month before and this makes it difficult to plan for meetings/speakers, etc. There is also space and table limitations. I am hoping one you may have a neighborhood building or church space that may work. I appreciate you looking into this!

Thank you to the WCFRS Board members (Mary Barwick, Debbie Caulder, Carol Rodriguez, Vonnie Fry, Justine Pflaum) for their continued hard work! Thank you so much to Norma for the wonderful job she does on our WCFRS newsletters.

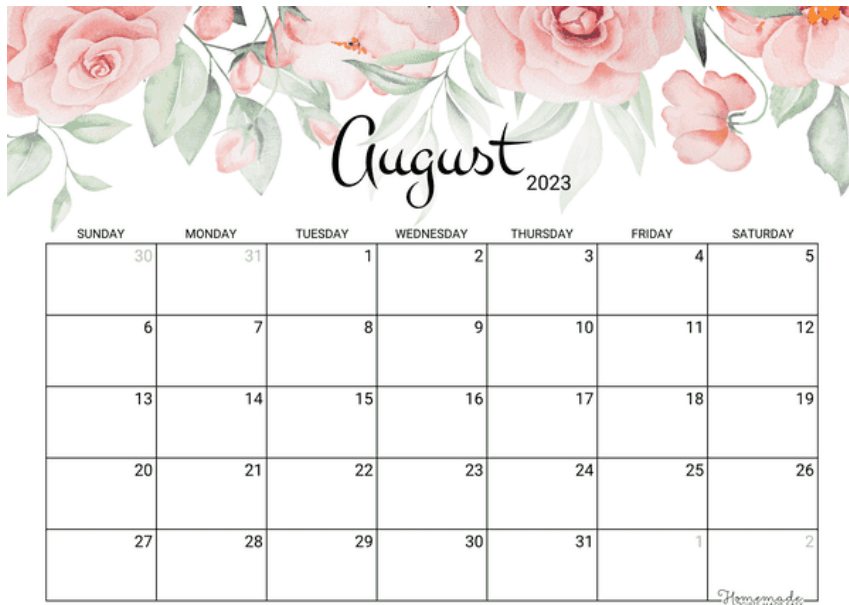
I look forward to seeing you on August 12, 2023. We will have a door prize at the meeting as please attend to have a chance to win! Please let me know if you have any questions, feedback or suggestions.

Don't forget to smell the roses!

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Upcoming Meeting Dates

August 12, 2023

9:30 AM - 10:00 AM Social Time

10:00 Business meeting followed by
regular meeting

September 9, 2023 - Don Myers, Speaker

October 7, 2023 - Annual Rose Exhibit

November 11, 2023 - Annual Auction

December 9, 2023 - Christmas Brunch

August 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 and water weekly if there has not been 2" of rain from the sky. Plants will need 5-gallons of water weekly if no rain. This should be divided into two waterings per week. This is by far the most important need for your roses. DO NOT NEGLECT THIS JOB!!

- 1. 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.**
- 2. Keep weeds out of the rose beds. They harbor insects and use up nutrients the roses need.**
- 3. 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.**
- 4. If you have questions about your roses or are having 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.**
- 5. Mites could be a problem in the dry hot weather. They are tiny insects seen on the undersides of the leaves. If you are old like me you may need a magnifying glass to see them. They suck the nutrients out of the leaves and leave the leaves looking anemic and light pale green. They can be controlled by washing the undersides of the leaves with a water wand two to three times a week. If that does not do it, you can spray with Avid miticide weekly. Forbid will also work.**
- 6. If you plan to show your roses at the Rose Exhibition in October, remember to cut them back during the month of August. Since the roses take from 38 to 45 days to re-bloom after you cut them back. Count back from the date of the exhibition to determine your cutback date.**

Roses will vary depending on the variety. Know your roses! Also, sprays will take longer since there are more blooms to open. We can talk about this more at the meeting and answer any questions you might have.

Cut and enjoy your roses and share them with neighbors. Good gardening !!

“Bob”

From the Editor's Garden

It has been a really, really hot summer and keeping Hubby from over-doing it has been especially challenging. I frequently step outside from the air-conditioned house to check on him and remind him to drink more water and to try to come inside soon! As you can tell from the photo he comes in with a need to head straight for a nice cold shower!!! But, the results he is getting in "our" garden are really spectacular.

The rose in the photo is one that a neighbor brought to him that seemed to be beyond recovery. But, Hubby repotted it and it's blooming beautifully. We don't know what kind of rose it is but we've named it Beverly for the neighbor that gave it to us.

I hope you are being extra careful to stay hydrated and limit your time in the garden during these dog days of summer. Soon we'll have some cooler temperatures and I might even join Hubby in the garden!

See you at the meeting!

Norma



Wilmington Cape Fear Rose Society

Membership

Our membership application is on the web site. (wcfrs.org)

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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
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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.***