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*Wilmington Rose
Society Newsletter*

*September
2023*





WCFRS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to October! I hope your roses are beginning to flourish again with the cooler temperatures. I hope you and your roses all survived our last 2 tropical storms. Please remember to be deliberate and scheduled with your watering, fertilizing and spraying. Please remember to stop fertilizing your rose by the end of October. Don't forget to continue to water your roses if we are not getting rain. You can still get blackspot this month so do not neglect your spraying.

Thank you so much to WCFRS member Marcia Doering for filling in and speaking at our September meeting when our planned speaker could not come. I enjoyed hearing all of your choices for your favorite rose!

I am so looking forward to seeing all your roses you plan to exhibit at our WCFRS Annual Exhibition on October 7, 2023. There are 13 classes for rose blossoms. Please remember that every blossom you exhibit should have a 3" x 5" index card with the name and type of rose on the front of the card and your name on the back of the card. If you do not know the name and type of rose please still bring it and we will try to help you with this. There are also 3 classes for photos. Please remember your photos should be 4" x 6" and have your name on the back of the photo. Thank you to Bob Knerr who will be our rose judge and is also donating 16 prizes to give to the winner of each class. The doors at the Arboretum will open at 8:00 AM so you can prep your roses for the exhibition. The judging will start at 10:00 AM sharp. You must have your roses/ photos in place on the tables labeled and ready. Please remember you need to come early to be ready.

Please continue to gather items for our WCFRS Annual Auction on November 4, 2023. Please remember this is a change from the original date. Please donate items and come and bid. Please remember items can be anything to do with roses or gardening. The items can be new or slightly used. This event really helps us with our fundraising!

Don't forget our delicious WCFRS Christmas Brunch will be December 9, 2023. We will all bring a covered dish and enjoy some wonderful food. We will pass around a sign up sheet in October and November for you to sign up for food items. We will have a gift exchange so if you wish to participate in this please bring a wrapped gift that is approximately \$10.00.

We will have our annual elections for the WCFRS Board at our December meeting. Please let me know if you would consider serving on the board. We do have openings and we need help to continue to have our WCFRS run smoothly.

We are excited that we have Jim Young coming on January 13, 2024 with all of his products including Purely Organic. Start planning what you want to order. Hopefully we will get our order form from Jim soon but I am sure the products will be similar to those he has had the last several years.

We also got a commitment from David Pike from Witherspoon Roses to come to our February meeting.

Your membership dues will be due at the January meeting for 2024. There has been a very slight increase in dues to \$25.00. These may be paid with cash or check.

Don't forget the WCFRS website has been updated for 2024 and you will find all the meeting dates for 2024 so you can plan ahead. Please share information about our WCFRS website with your friends, neighbors and any gardeners you know. It is a great source of information and is good marketing for our WCFRS!

We continue to work on our 2024 WCFRS calendar. Please send your pictures (up to 4 submissions per member) to Mary Barwick at marybilly@bellsouth.net by October 14, 2023. You may call Mary at (910)620-2530 if you have questions. Thank you to Mary and Debbie for their work on this project. Thank you to Billy Barwick for working on the calendar for WCFRS.

Please consider being on the 2024 WCFRS Rose Tour. If you would like to be on the tour or would serve on the Rose Tour Committee please let Mary know.

Thank you to WCFRS member Samantha Nguyen who has volunteered to work on fundraising for WCFRS. Please let me know if you would consider being on the WCFRS Fundraising Committee.

Thank you to the WCFRS Board members (Mary Barwick, Debbie Caulder, Carol Rodriguez, Vonnie Fry, Justine Pflaum) for their continued work! Thank you to Norma McGee for her always wonderful job on the newsletter even when she has been very busy with family issues.

I look forward to seeing you in October! Please let me know if you have any questions, feedback or suggestions. Please consider serving in some way for WCFRS.

Don't forget to smell the roses!

Denise H. Miller

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Upcoming Meeting Dates

October 7, 2023

Annual Rose Exhibit

Doors Open @8AM

Judging @10AM

November 4, 2023 - Annual Auction

December 9, 2023 - Christmas Brunch

January 13, 2023 - Jim Young (Purely Organic)

February 10, 2024 - David Pike (Witherspoon Roses)

March 9, 2024 - Panel Discussion

October in the Garden

By: Bob Knerr

What more is there to say?!! I say the same things each month, but that is what rose care is all about. 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 – Use a liquid fertilizer now. An organic will take too long to break down and will not be useful before the frosts begin. Stop fertilizing by the end of October.

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. 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. 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.
1. 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.
1. 4. If you have questions about your roses or 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.
1. 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 foliage 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 work also.
1. 6. You may want to refresh your mulch if most of the mulch you applied in the spring has turned to soil. This will protect the roots of the plants during the cool winter months.

Cut and enjoy your roses and share them with neighbors.

Good gardening!!!

“Bob”



From the Editor's Garden

About three weeks ago my precious 96 year old Mother finished her time on earth. As a strong christian believer she had been longing to be in heaven. She received her desire and I believe that Dad was waiting for her.

Mother loved roses and she loved to see the photos of our roses that I would send to her Frameo (digital photo frame). She would watch the pictures and admire the beautiful roses that "Hubby" grew. She just wished that she could smell them too!!

I will miss sending her photos of the roses from the seasons yet to come. But, I imagine that she is seeing some varieties that I've never seen or heard of yet!!! And, there certainly won't be any insects eating the leaves or black spot to worry about!!

Norma

Wilmington Cape Fear Rose Society

Membership

Our membership application is on the web site. (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.***