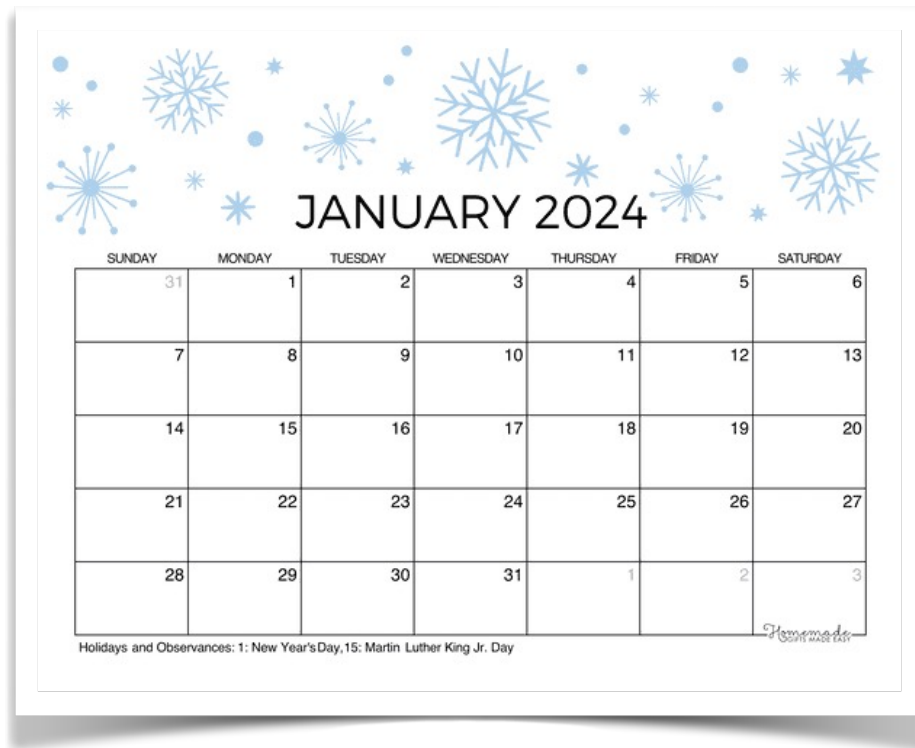


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**Wilmington Cape Fear
Rose Society
January 2024 Newsletter**



Upcoming Meeting Dates

January 13, 2024

10 am

(9:30-10:00 Social Time)

February 10, 2024 - David Pike (Witherspoon Roses)

March 9, 2024 - Panel Discussion

April 27, 2024. - Erik Heden (Consulting Rosarian)

May 4, 2024. - Rose Tour



Wilmington Cape Fear Rose Society President's Message

Welcome to January and welcome to 2024! Yes, another year in our lives and another year of rose growing has passed and I am sure we are all ready for a wonderful 2024! I hope your Christmas was very blessed! We have certainly had our share of rain in December, making up for the very dry Fall we experienced. Please enjoy your down time in the garden to get ready for the upcoming Spring. Take time to decide what roses need to be replaced and start planning for this. Yes, we gardeners are always thinking about and planning for the next year in the garden!

We had a wonderful Christmas brunch. Thank you to all that brought wonderful food and for those of you that participated in our Christmas gift exchange - it did get quite interesting!

Congratulations to all of our current WCFRS Board members who agreed to run for office again and all were re-elected to the 2024 WCFRS Board. I certainly appreciate all they do every day to keep our organization running and for all of their hard work! Thank you to Debbie Caulder, Mary Barwick, Carol Rodriguez, Vonnie Fry and Justine Pflaum for their continued hard work. Congratulations to Samantha Nguyen who decided to run for the Board and was elected to the 2024 WCFRS Board. Thanks to Norma for the great job she continues to do on our monthly newsletter.

We were able to place more than the required \$2000.00 worth of orders with Jim Young so it is a definite go for the WCFRS order with Jim. Jim will attend our meeting on January 13, 2024. We will have our social time from 9:30 - 10:00 am and then our business meeting at 10:00 am. When Jim arrives he will speak to our group about products for roses and after this he will be available for you to pick up your orders. Please plan to be there to pick up your products. If you can not be there and placed an order, please make arrangements with someone to pick up your order. Thanks so much to Debbie and Justine for their hard work to process this order.

Please remember to re-join WCFRS in January 2024 for the year. Please see Debbie Caulder, our Treasurer at the January meeting to complete a new form and pay her. If you have not re-joined and can not be at the January meeting please complete a membership form on the website and mail a check to her. We need to have this process completed by January so we can update our mailing list.

WCFRS is currently selling packs of 14 notecards with envelopes for \$15.00 per pack. The pictures on the notecards are the pictures from our 2024 WCFRS calendar. Please let me know or sign up with me at the meetings until February 10, 2024. We will then place our order and have the notecards ready for you to pick up and pay for at the March meeting. Thank you to Billy Barwick for his work on printing the notecards.

We will have David Pike, Witherspoon Roses, speaking at our February 10, 2024 meeting. Please invite your gardening friends to come with you to meetings so they can learn about rose growing.

We will have a panel discussion/ questions and answers at our March 9, 2024 meeting. Marcia Doering, one of our members will speak about how to have your yard/ garden registered with the national Wildlife Foundation as a Certified Wildlife Habitat. Thank you in advance to Bob Knerr for leading the panel discussion and to Marcia for speaking.

Erik Heden, Consulting Rosarian from Cape Carteret, NC will present "Care of Your Roses" at the April 27, 2024 meeting. Please note the date of this meeting. This is later in the month than usual due to this was the only Saturday in April that the Arboretum was available.

Our 2024 Annual WCFRS Rose Tour will be on May 4, 2024. Please consider being on the tour. Please let Mary Barwick know if you would like to be on the tour or if you would be willing to serve on the Rose Tour Committee.

I look forward to seeing you at the January meeting. Please let me know if you have any questions, feedback or suggestions. I look forward to continuing to grow in our knowledge about roses and continuing to have a great WCFRS in 2024. Thank you to each of you for your participation in WCFR!

Don't forget to smell the roses!

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January in the Garden

By: Bob Knerr

Well, most of the work is done for the year.

1. Cut back tall canes to chest height so the winter winds will not blow them back and forth and loosen their roots.
2. Keep up your spray schedule however until one or two heavy freezes. Blackspot can still occur.
3. Check the pH of your beds (a full soil analysis is a good idea at this time). If the pH is low, this is a good time to add lime as this takes several months to work. Then you will be in good shape when you start gardening again in the spring.
4. Evaluate your roses. Who did well and who did poorly. Could you replace the poor ones in the spring?? If so, look at the 2022 catalogs and place your orders early so you can get what you want if they are not sold out.

Cut and enjoy your roses and share them with neighbors.

Good gardening !

Bob

From the Editor's Garden

Hubby is enjoying the rest from his garden chores. He has hardly put a foot in the yard during the holiday season. Maybe that's because I kept him busy helping me decorate!! It's nice to look outside and not see a dozen things that need to be done.

Soon he will have to begin to plan for the growing season to come. There is a big project that he must begin to create a border to keep the roots from our neighbor's scrubs from coming under the fence and choking our roses. I really think that Hubby is dreading that project.

We have enjoyed time with family and friends and all the delicious holiday foods. May this be a great year for all of us and may we have lots and lots of beautiful roses to enjoy in 2024.

Happy New Year to each of you!

See you soon.

Norma

Wilmington Cape Fear Rose Society

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

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