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

Upcoming Meeting Dates

February 10, 2024

10 am

(9:30-10:00 Social Time)

David Pike (Witherspoon Roses)

March 9, 2024 - Panel Discussion

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

May 4, 2024. - Rose Tour

June 8, 2024- Members Picnic

July - no meeting

August 10, 2024

September 14, 2024

October 12, 2024

November 9, 2024

December 14, 2024





Wilmington Cape Fear Rose Society President's Message

Welcome to February! It will soon be time to do the big February trim back of your roses. It is hard to believe it is time to start our 2024 tasks in the rose garden. Don't forget to start your calendar for 2024 to keep up with your rose garden tasks. Time flies by so a calendar will keep you straight with the timing of your tasks. Remember - it is not hard to grow roses - you just have to be diligent with your tasks.

We placed our largest order ever with Jim Young this year. Thank you to all of you that placed orders. It was nice to see Jim and Betty Young and to hear Jim talk about all the latest products and rose issues.

Please remember to re-join WCFRS if you have not already done so for the year. Please see Debbie Caulder, our Treasurer at the February meeting to complete a new form and pay her. If you have not re-joined and can not be at the February meeting please complete a membership form on the website and mail a check to her by February 10, 2024. We will close out this process by February 10, 2024 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 and the WCFRS logo is on the back of the card. Please let Carol know or sign up with Carol at the meeting on February 10, 2024 if you wish to order any packs of notecards. February 10, 2024 will be the last day to place orders for the notecards. If you have ordered any notecards please pay for them by giving Carol cash or a check made out to WCFRS by February 10, 2024. We will then place our order and have the notecards ready for you to pick up 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 and Anne Coleman 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 WCFRRS 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 have flyers made for you to take to any businesses you do business with to ask for sponsorship of the WCFRRS Rose Tour. Please pick these up at the February meeting and then plan to visit possible sponsors. We do not charge for the WCFRRS Rose Tour but do incur costs to put on the tour such as advertisement and printing. Please consider doing this to help with our costs.

Thank you to our WCFRRS Board members. 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, Justine Pflaum, Samantha Nguyen for their continued hard work. Thanks to Norma for the great job she continues to do on our monthly newsletter.

I look forward to seeing you at the February meeting. Please let me know if you have any questions, feedback or suggestions. Thank you to each of you for your participation in WCFRRS!

Don't forget to smell the roses!

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February in the Garden

By: Bob Knerr

This is the start of the new season. You have been resting for 2 months and it is time to get busy. **KEEP A CALENDAR** of what you do and when you do it.

Things to do by the end of this month:

1. Prune starting about February 20 and have this done by March 15.
2. Clean out the beds of any weeds, old rose leaves and debris. You do NOT have to remove all the old mulch.
3. Spray the canes and ground around the roses with your first spray of the season. Use a contact fungicide like Mancozeb and a systemic fungicide like Honor Guard mixed together in the same sprayer. You should be repeating this spray on a 7-10 day schedule until December.
4. Add a shovelful of compost around each plant.
5. Feed your first feeding. Usually this is an inorganic fertilizer such as 10-10-10 since the ground may not have warmed up enough for the organisms to break down an organic fertilizer. Use about a cup or so per bush and scratch it in lightly.
6. Mulch the beds when the soil has begun to warm...maybe the first or second week in March.
7. Check soil pH if you have not done so in the fall and correct as needed.
8. Sharpen all tools before pruning.
9. This is the time to plant your bare-root roses you ordered from the rose nursery. Dig your hole 20"-20"20". Add amendments such as peat moss, cow manure, perlite, fine pine bark. Mix well. Make a cone of dirt in the center of the hole and spread the bare roots over this cone. Add amended dirt to about 1/2 way and add water. After the water has absorbed finish filling the hole and add more water. When this has absorbed mound up mulch over the bud union and canes to keep them from drying out before the new roots develop. When the leaf buds start to grow and leaf out and are about 2 inches long start to pull the mulch away a little each couple days. Leave the mulch around the base after you have removed it from the canes.

Cut and enjoy your roses and share them with neighbors.

Good gardening!

Bob



From the Editor's Garden

I have been reminiscing about long ago valentine Days. I remember the big beautiful boxes of chocolates that my Dad would bring to my Mother. They were so elaborately decorated. She might share one piece with us kids and then we would not see the box again!! And, Dad would give her roses.

Then, when I met my future Hubby, he continued the valentine traditions by bringing me a Whitman's Sampler and roses. Hubby has been giving me roses for 55 years. I still love them...and I still love him.

I read that the tradition of giving roses on valentine's Day can be traced back to at least the 17th century. That's a lot of roses!!

Soon Hubby will have roses in the garden again. I'll hear a tap, tap, tap on the sliding glass door and he'll be standing there with roses for me. I think one of the reasons he grows roses is so that he has beauties to present to me. I like that.

See you all soon!

Norma

Wilmington Cape Fear Rose Society

Membership

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