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Wilmington Cape Fear

Rose Society

March 2024 Newsletter

Upcoming Meeting Dates

March 9, 2024

Panel Discussion

10 am

(9:30-10:00 Social Time)



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 March! I hope the trimming of your roses went well/ is going well and you are almost finished with your trimming, first fertilization and spray of your roses. It is hard to believe that the first big bloom of the rose year is only 2 months away!

We had a great meeting in February 2024 with a very informative talk by David Pike, Witherspoon Roses. David gave a great talk, did a pruning demonstration and generously gave away a rose as our door prize.

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 Federation as a Certified Wildlife Habitat. Bob Knerr and Anne Coleman will lead the panel discussion. Thank you to all 3 members for doing this for WCFRS. Mary Barwick, Vice President of WCFRS will stand in for me at the meeting as I will not be at the March meeting. Thank you to Mary.

If you ordered WCFRS notecards please see Carol Rodriguez at the March meeting to pick up your cards. If you need to pay please give the money to her. Thanks to Billy Barwick for printing these notecards for us.

Erik Heden, Consulting Rosarian from Cape Cateret, NC will present "Care of Your Roses" at the April 27, 2024 meeting. Please remember this is later in the month than our normal time due to availability of the Arboretum.

We are starting to work on our 2025 schedule for WCFRS so please let me or any Board member know if there is any topic, speaker you would like to suggest.

Our 2024 Rose Tour will be on May 4, 2024. We are finalizing our list of gardens on tour. Thank you to the Rose Tour Committee (Mary Barwick, Chair; Arlene Barker, Vonnie Fry, Carol Rodriguez, myself) for their hard work on this! Please make a point of visiting as many gardens as you can and thank the members on the tour for opening their gardens for the tour. There will be flyers at the March meeting for you to take and distribute to let others know about the tour.

There will also be information on sponsoring the 2024 WCFRRS Rose Tour. Please take these to businesses and individuals you know to ask for sponsorships of the rose tour. We do not charge for the tour but do incur costs to put on the tour. Please consider doing this to help with our costs.

June 8th, 2024 will be our annual WCFRRS "Picnic." Please see Vonnie Fry at the next 2 meetings to sign up if you plan to attend so we will know how much food to order.

We will have our break in July 2024 with no meeting and no newsletter.

We have had several new members join WCFRRS in the last few months. Please welcome them and let them know we are so glad to have them as part of our organization!

Thank you to our WCFRRS Board members. I appreciate all that Mary Barwick, Debbie Caulder, Carol Rodriguez, Vonnie Fry, Samantha Nguyen, Justine Pflaum do to keep WCFRRS running. Thank you to Norma McGee for continuing to do our newsletter.

Thank you to members that present to groups in our community about roses. A special thank you to Deborah and Charles Cooke, Bob Knerr and Justine Pflaum who presented at the Magnolia Greens Social Club. Thank you to Anne Coleman who will present at the Harbor Island Garden Club.

I look forward to seeing you all again in April. Please let me know if you have any questions, feedback or suggestions. Thank you for your participation in WCFRRS.

Don't forget to smell the roses!

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March in the Garden

By: Bob Knerr

Finish any tasks noted in the February newsletter that you have not yet completed. Pruning of the roses and cleaning out of all old fallen leaves in the beds should be done and the first feeding of 10-10-10 or other inorganic fertilizer completed.

Spray every 7-10 days with both a contact (Mancozeb) and systemic (Honor Guard) fungicide.

Mulch the beds to keep down weeds and to keep the roots cool in the summer.

Water weekly - 5-6 gallons per bush if it has not rained.

Weed when necessary.

Happy Rose Growing!!!

Bob Knerr



From the Editor's Garden

This is the time of year when the winds are blowing in a change of seasons. Pollen is swirling around, buds are starting to peak out on the trees and flowers. And, those of us who practically hibernate during the cold winter months are beginning to venture out again.

Hubby is at Lowe's again today looking for things to plant in the garden urns and, of course, to see if there might be a rose or two to add to his ever growing collection!!

I look forward each year to the arrival of this season. I love the spring when once again the color returns to the grass, the trees, the plants and the flowers. The respite from garden chores has ended and soon we'll be rewarded with gorgeous blooms. Of course, my part in this process is really quite easy. I just get to admire them! Hubby will be the one out there "enjoying" the gardening chores!

Can't wait to see what blooms this year!

See you all soon!

Norma

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