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*Wilmington Cape Fear
Rose Society
April 2024 Newsletter*

Upcoming Meeting Dates

April 27, 2024.
Erik Heden
(Consulting Rosarian)
10 am
(9:30-10:00 Social Time)



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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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 April! I hope your roses are growing well and you are doing your fertilizing, spraying and watering. Don't forget to make sure your roses are mulched and ready to thrive in the upcoming warm weather. I hope you are planting new roses and looking forward to your new blooms!

I missed seeing you at the March meeting but I had a wonderful trip. Thank you to Mary Barwick, Vice President for standing in for me at the Board meeting and at the general membership meeting. Thank you to Delores Hawes from Cape Fear Garden Club who presented about Certified Wildlife Habitats through the National Wildlife Federation. I hope this inspired you to have your garden certified. My goal is for WCFRS to have as many member gardens certified as possible. Thank you to Anne Coleman and Bob Knerr our Consulting Rosarians who answered questions our members had regarding roses.

Congratulations to Debbie Caulder who recently received her Consulting Rosarian status through the American Rose Society. Debbie is already a valuable asset to WCFRS and we thank her for all of her hard work and knowledge!

We will have a wonderful meeting on April 27, 2024 with Erik Heden, Consulting Rosarian from Cape Cateret, NC who will present "Care of Your Roses." Please be aware of the date of this meeting with the date being later in the month than normal due to availability of the Arboretum. Please extend a warm welcome to Erik!

Please remember we are working on our WCFRS 2025 schedule. Please let me know if you know of any topic or speaker you would like to suggest for 2025.

Our 2024 Rose Garden Tour will be on May 4, 2024. Thank you to the Rose Tour Committee (Mary Barwick, Chair; Arlene Barker, Vonnie Fry, Carol Rodriguez, myself) for their hard work on this! Please visit the gardens and thank the garden owners for opening their gardens for the tour. It is hard work to have your garden ready and we could not do our free tour to educate others about how to grow roses without members being willing to have their gardens on tour. There will be flyers at the April meeting to do any last minute distribution to others to let them know about the tour. The information about the tour will also be on the WCFRS website.

Thank you to those members that went out and secured sponsorship of the tour. We do not charge for the tour and sponsorships make this possible. Please remember this for next year and think about who you could ask for sponsorships. Please make note of who sponsored WCFRS and please support their businesses.

WCFRRS received a \$100.00 gift certificate from Farmer's Supply. We will raffle this gift certificate at our April meeting. Please come and bid on this.

June 8th, 2024 will be our annual WCFRRS "Picnic." We will meet at 10:15 am instead of 9:30 am. We will have our business meeting at 10:45 am and plan to eat at 11:00 am. Please see Vonnie Fry at the next meeting to sign up if you plan to attend the picnic so we will know how much food to order. Please make sure you sign up with Vonnie or call her at (910)515-1692 by 5/25/24 to make sure you are on the list. We will be ordering barbeque and chicken, all the "fixins'" and dessert so you do not not want to miss this! We have this catered through Casey's and it is always delicious!

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

Please remember that when we return in August 2024 we will be meeting at SeaGate Baptist Church Fellowship Hall due to renovations at the Arboretum. I will give you more specifics regarding this as we get closer to the date.

Please welcome all of our new members and make them feel welcome at WCFRRS. Gardeners are some of the nicest people I know! Please come and socialize with other members to get to know everyone.

Thank you to our WCFRRS Board members (Mary Barwick, Debbie Caulder, Carol Rodriguez, Vonnie Fry, Samantha Nguyen, Justine Pflaum) for their continued hard work. Thank you to Norma McGee for her continued great job on the newsletter.

We do have requests from the community wanting WCFRRS members to come and speak to groups such as garden clubs about how to grow roses. If you have any interest in doing this please let me know so I will be aware of this.

I look forward to seeing you at the April meeting. I am working hard in my garden to get it ready for the WCFRRS Rose Garden Tour and hope to see each of you at my garden on May 4th. Please let me know if you have any questions, feedback or suggestions. Thank you for being part of WCFRRS!

Don't forget to smell the roses!

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April 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.

- 1. 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.*
- 2. Spray for fungus (blackspot) every 7-10 days even if the thermometer is supposed to reach 90 degrees.*
- 3. Mulch the roses in March-April time frame with 1"-2" to keep the weeds down and the roots cooler.*
- 4. Keep weeds out of the rose beds. They harbor insects and use up nutrients the roses need.*
- 5. 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.*
- 6. This is the time you can plant potted roses. If some of your roses did not do well last year it might be better to dig them out and replant with potted roses rather than try to nurse along a poorly performing bush. Potted roses can be obtained from either your local nursery or a mail order nursery that sends them to you already potted.*

Happy Rose Growing!!!

Bob Knerr



From the Editor's Garden

This is the time of year when each day something new is blooming or budding or blossoming. As I look out my windows, I see the grass has turned green again, the cherry trees have once again delighted me with their beautiful blossoms, the azaleas and dogwoods have added spectacular blooms and our roses are growing and will be blooming soon.

When I venture out to meetings or running errands, I love to see the return of color in the gardens and yards. Wilmington and the surrounding areas have so many varieties of flowering trees and plants. We have a wonderful place to live and this is the perfect time to enjoy it. Hopefully, the chilly days are over and spring has officially arrived. It's my favorite time of year!!

Hubby has been tending the roses and adding to the collection!! I can't wait to see them and have the fragrance of roses in our home again.

See you all soon!

Norma

Wilmington Cape Fear Rose Society

Membership

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