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(A sketch based on a photo from last year's rose tour.)

Wilmington Cape Fear Rose Society

May 2024 Newsletter

Upcoming Meeting Dates

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 May! I know you have been enjoying all of your blossoms and the beautiful first big bloom of the season! Remember to stick to your fertilizing, spraying and watering schedule. Try to write everything down on your gardening calendar - time goes quicker than you think!

We had a wonderful WCFRRS meeting on April 27, 2024. Erik Heden, Consulting Rosarian from Cape Carteret, NC did a wonderful presentation on care of your roses. It was a very informative talk! We appreciate Erik coming to Wilmington to speak with us. Please check your e-mail to get a copy of Erik's presentation.

Please remember we are continuing to work on our 2025 schedule for WCFRRS. Please let me know if you know of any topics or speakers you would like to suggest for 2025.

Our 2024 Rose Garden Tour will be on May 4th, 2024. Please take time and go and visit the gardens and enjoy the blossoms! Please thank the garden owners for having their garden on tour. One of our goals for WCFRRS is to educate others on how to grow roses in our area. The WCFRRS Rose Garden Tour is the only tour in our area that does not charge, the garden owners are all in their gardens and willing to answer questions and the focus is on growing roses. WCFRRS should indeed be proud of this accomplishment!

June 8th will be our annual WCFRRS members only "picnic." We will meet at 10:15 am instead of 9:30 am. We will have our business meeting at 10:45 am and eat at around 11:00 am. Please make sure you signed up for this so we will know how much food to order. If you did not sign up please call Vonnie Fry at (910)515-1692 by 5/25/24 to sign up. We will have barbeque and chicken, sides and dessert. It will be delicious! Casey's does a great job on the food.

July is our month off. There will not be a meeting or newsletter in July.

Please remember when we return in August we will be meeting at SeaGate Baptist Church Fellowship Hall at 6115 Oleander Drive. It is very close to the Arboretum and easy to find. We appreciate the church extending this hospitality to us since the Arboretum is not available for use after July. Our meeting time schedule will be the normal time schedule.

On August 10, 2024 Bob Knerr will speak about the exhibition and how to prepare for the exhibition. Please attend so you will know how to prep for our WCFRS Exhibition in October.

On September 14, 2024 we will have Larry Epps, Floral Designer speak on how to arrange roses. This talk is sponsored by Sweet Nectar's Florist.

Thank you to the WCFRS Board members (Mary Barwick, Debbie Caulder, Carol Rodriguez, Vonnie Fry, Samantha Nguyen, Justine Pflaum) for their continued work hard for WCFRS! Thank you to Mary Barwick for her hard work to complete all the tasks for the Rose Tour. It takes a lot of time to prepare for our tour and we appreciate Mary's commitment to the tour! Thank you to Norma McGee for her always wonderful job on the WCFRS newsletter.

I look forward to seeing you in my garden on the Rose Tour on May 4th. Please speak to me and let me know how your tour is going. Please let me know if you have any questions, feedback or suggestions. Thank you for being part of WCFRS!

Don't forget to smell the roses!

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May in the Garden

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 – You should have fed at least three times by now unless you use a slow release fertilizer. Even then you should have fed twice.

- 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. This job should be done by now.**
- 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.**

Cut and enjoy your roses and share them with neighbors.

Good gardening!

Bob Kuerr

From the Editor's Garden

These are the days when Hubby gets to bring me garden beauties. Finally, we are having roses that are making huge blooms. It's taken a few years and some wondering if we would every have the big gorgeous roses that we would see in some of the WCFRS member's gardens. We officially joined the big bloom club!! Doesn't Hubby look proud!!



We weren't able to be at the last meeting and we missed seeing everyone. We've enjoyed meeting the members and hearing about your garden experiences. We learned from the speakers and from the other gardeners in the Society. Thanks for repeating tips maybe more times than you want to. It really is helpful.

Maybe we'll see you in one of the gardens on the tour this Saturday!

See you all soon!

Norma

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