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Roses From The 2024 Rose Tour

Wilmington Cape Fear Rose Society

August 2024 Newsletter



Upcoming Meeting Dates

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 August! I hope you are enjoying your summer and all the recent rain. It has been a challenging summer to grow roses. First we had extremely dry weather and it was hard to keep the roses thoroughly watered and the roses were having yellow leaves and withering from lack of rain. Now it has been raining most days and it has been hard to find a dry time to spray. Due to all the rain, black spot is in full evidence in the rose garden. Whew! But remember we grow roses because we love our roses and love to share their beauty with others. Please remember in August to keep to your routine with your roses by spraying, keeping weeds out, and fertilizing. You will be rewarded with beautiful roses in the fall! And hopefully have beautiful blossoms to show at the Rose Exhibition in October!

It was good to have the month of July off from WCFRRS meetings but now we have many things planned for the rest of 2024. Thank you to Debbie Caulder for ordering our food from Casey's for our annual WCFRRS picnic in June. The food was delicious and everyone that attended really enjoyed our fellowship together.

Please remember from now on (until we receive additional information from the Arboretum) **we will meet at SeaGate Baptist Church Fellowship Hall at 6115 Oleander Drive.** This is only 0.2 miles from the Arboretum. The easiest way to get there is to turn onto Bagley Avenue from Oleander Drive (you will turn left onto Bagley Avenue off of Oleander if you are coming from the downtown direction; you will turn right onto Bagley if you are coming from the Wrightsville Beach direction). Once on Bagley Avenue, turn into the first church parking lot on Bagley Avenue; that will be the parking lot closest to the Fellowship Hall. There are 2 buildings on the church campus and the Fellowship Hall building is the building that is smaller (the larger building that is closer to Oleander Drive has the sanctuary in it). You will enter the Fellowship Hall from a side door that has a ramp. There will be a Board member there to greet you at our first meeting at SeaGate Baptist Church in August. I know you will like the space and appreciate the generosity of the church and Pastor Steve Smith for allowing us to meet at their fellowship hall.

On August 10th Bob Knerr will speak about how to get ready for the annual WCFRRS Rose Exhibition In October. We will answer any questions you have about growing roses. Thank you to Bob for always being willing to help and speak to our members. We value what Bob means to WCFRRS. Please take a moment to thank Bob for his continued hard work for WCFRRS!

On September 14th, 2024 Larry Epps, Floral Designer will speak about how to arrange roses. This talk is sponsored by Sweet Nectar's Florist in Leland. Please check the September WCFRRS newsletter President's message and I will include a list of things to bring with you so you can participate with arranging roses.

On October 12th, 2024 we will have our annual WCFRRS Rose Exhibition. Bob will provide you with information about the categories and how to prep for this at his talk in August. Please make sure you bring in blossoms to exhibit. This is great time to learn and become familiar with various roses. You will really enjoy it if you fully participate!

On November 9th, 2024 we will have our annual WCFRRS Auction. Please be saving things that have anything to do with gardening or roses or both for us to auction. These items can be new or gently used and may include live plants also.

On December 14th, 2024 we will have our annual WCFRRS Christmas Brunch. I will give you more details as we get closer to the date.

Please continue to consider have your garden certified as a Certified Wildlife Habitat through the National Wildlife Federation. We now have 12 WCFRRS members that have their gardens certified.

Here's how to complete this process:

- Go to: nwf.org/CERTIFY
- Click on "Certify your Garden"
- Follow the prompts and pay the \$20 fee
- You will receive a certificate designating your yard as a wildlife habitat

Please let me know when you are certified so I can congratulate you.

WCFRRS membership voted at our June meeting to increase this year's WCFRRS scholarship for Cape Fear Community College's Horticultural Science program to \$1000.00. I worked with the CFCC Foundation to review and approve our criteria for the student to receive the scholarship. We have received 2 very nice thank you notes from the Executive Director of the Foundation and the Annual Giving Officer. I will have the thank you notes at our August meeting for you to read.

You received an email from Mary Barwick about our annual WCFRRS calendar for 2025. Please remember the deadline for submission of pictures to Mary is September 30, 2024. Please see Mary or read her email for details. Thank you to Mary for her hard work on this.

We are trying to complete the 2025 schedule for WCFRRS. Please let me know if you have any topics or speakers you would like to have at a meeting.

Please continue to use our WCFRRS website for information and refer others to the website. The website has been updated with our new meeting site and the date for the 2025 WCFRRS Rose Tour. Our sponsors for the 2024 Rose Tour will remain on the website under the Rose Tour tab until the next Rose Tour. This is great recognition for our sponsors. If you secured sponsors please make sure they know this.

Thank you to the WCFRRS Board members (Mary Barwick, Debbie Caulder, Carol Rodriguez, Vonnie Fry, Justine Pflaum, Samantha Nguyen) for all they do for WCFRRS.

Thank you to Norma McGee for her continued hard work on our WCFRRS newsletter.

I look forward to seeing you at **SeaGate Baptist Church Fellowship Hall at 6115 Oleander Drive** at our August meeting. Please let me know if you have any questions, feedback or suggestions. Thank you for continuing to participate with WCFRRS!

Don't forget to smell the roses!

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August 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 and water weekly if there has not been 2" of rain from the sky. Plants will need 5-gallons of water weekly if no rain. This should be divided into two waterings per week. This is by far the most important need for your roses. **DO NOT NEGLECT THIS JOB!!**

1. Spray for fungus (blackspot) every 7-10 days even if the thermometer is supposed to reach 90 degrees. Use a contact fungicide like mancozeb and a systemic fungicide like honor guard.
2. Keep weeds out of the rose beds. They harbor insects and use up nutrients the roses need.
3. 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.
4. If you have questions about your roses or are having difficulty with some disease or insect damage, bring a specimen to the rose meeting and maybe someone can identify the trouble and suggest a remedy for the problem.
5. Mites could be a problem in the dry hot weather. They are tiny insects seen on the undersides of the leaves. If you are old like me you may need a magnifying glass to see them. They suck the nutrients out of the leaves and leave the leaves looking anemic and light pale green. They can be controlled by washing the undersides of the leaves with a water wand two to three times a week. If that does not do it, you can spray with Avid miticide weekly. Forbid will also work.
6. If you plan to show your roses at the Rose Exhibition in October, remember to cut them back during the month of August. Since the roses take from 38 to 45 days to re-bloom after you cut them back. Count back from the date of the exhibition to determine your cutback date.

Roses will vary depending on the variety. Know your roses! Also, sprays will take longer since there are more blooms to open. We can talk about this more at the meeting and answer any questions you might have.

Cut and enjoy your roses and share them with neighbors.

Good gardening!

Bob Knerr



From the Editor's Garden

We have a wooded area behind our backyard fence with a lot of really large poplar trees. One of the trees had extended some branches over a large part of the backyard. Hubby decided that this was too much shade for his roses so our youngest grandson, Reagan, came over to help his Papa removed the offending branches. I am a lover of the shade so this wasn't my favorite plan!!!

The long pruning saws came out and the chainsaw was employed and they had a lot of fun being lumberjacks!!

I must admit that Hubby is probably right about letting more sun get to the roses and I'll be happy to see the results with more blooms.

See you all soon!

Norma

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Membership

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
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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.***