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Wilmington Rose Society Newsletter
September 2024





WCFRS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to September! I know it has been a challenge to keep your roses looking good after all the rain in July and then all the rain in August that the tropical storm brought our way. Remember cooler weather will soon be here and you will be rewarded with beautiful October blooms! Please remember to be faithful to your watering, fertilizing and spraying.

We had a wonderful meeting in August. We really enjoyed Bob Knerr's information on how to prepare your roses for the exhibition we have coming up in October. Thank you to Bob for his great talk and for all he does for WCFRS! Bob is always a wealth of knowledge and is so generous to share this with us!

We enjoyed our first meeting in our new meeting place in August. 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. It is certainly generous of SeaGate Baptist Church to allow us to meet at their fellowship hall!

Please join us on September 14th, 2024 when Larry Epps, Floral Designer will speak about how to arrange roses. This talk is sponsored by Sweet Nectar's Florist in Leland. If you would like to actually participate and practice on doing arrangements during the talk, please find a list below of what Larry would like for you to bring with you:

1. Shallow container no more than 5" in diameter.
2. Greenery/ flowers from your garden
3. Driftwood/ large bark if you have any
4. Scissors/ snips

There will be tables set up in the room behind the chairs if you wish to participate in arranging.
If you prefer to only watch, the chairs will be set up for you to sit in.

On October 12th, 2024 we will have our annual WCFRS Rose Exhibition. 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 in the exhibition.

The doors at the Arboretum will open at 8:00 AM so you can prep your roses for the exhibition. The judging will start at 10:00 AM sharp. You must have your roses/ photos in place on the tables labeled and ready. Please remember you need to come early to be ready. WCFRS does own some vases for you to use to exhibit your roses or you can bring your own vases to make sure we have enough vases.

There are 13 classes for rose blossoms:

1. Hybrid Tea and Grandiflora - One bloom per stem, no side buds
2. Hybrid Tea fully open, stamens showing
3. Floribunda - one bloom per stem or spray of two or more open blooms
4. Fragrance - any rose
5. Shrub
6. Climber
7. Mini or Miniflora - one bloom per stem, no side buds

8. Mini or Miniflora spray
9. Old Garden Rose
10. Any Other Rose
11. Hybrid Tea or Floribunda Floating in a Bowl - no foliage
12. Mini or Miniflora Floating in a Bowl - no foliage
13. Rose bouquet - 5 or more roses same or mixed in a vase

Please remember that every blossom you exhibit should have 3" x 5" index card with the name and type of rose on the front of the card and your name on the back of the card. You will place the card on the table in front of your rose.

There are also 3 classes for photos: Please remember your photos should be 4"x 6" and have your name on the back of the photo.

1. Photography: any rose at its best form and beauty
2. Photography: any rose society activity
3. Photography: impressionistic photo - imaging a rose in a different way.

If you have any questions about the rose exhibition, please bring them to the September meeting or feel free to email me or call me. Thank you in advance to Bob Knerr who will be our rose judge. There will be blue ribbons given to the winner of every category.

On November 9th, 2024 we will have our annual WCFRS 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 WCFRS Christmas Brunch. I will give you more details as we get closer to the date.

You received an email from Mary Barwick about our annual WCFRS 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.

As I told you we have been trying to complete the WCFRS schedule for 2025. The dates are all now approved for use of our meeting space and all speakers/ topics have been confirmed. I wanted to give you the dates now in case you need them for planning. I will provide you with the topics at a future time.

The dates are:

1/11/25, 2/8/25, 3/8/25, 4/12/25, 5/3/25, 6/14/25, no meeting in July, 8/9/25, 9/13/25, 10/11/25, 11/8/25, 12/13/25. The dates are the 2nd Saturday of each month except for the Rose Garden Tour in May which is the first Saturday and no meeting in July per our regular schedule.

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

Please join me in wishing Vonnie well as Vonnie has suffered a stroke. She is out of the hospital and rehab center and is now at home and is receiving outpatient therapies. Her family is staying with her. She hopes to recover and rejoin us in the future. While Vonnie is out, Justine has agreed to take over Vonnie's Social Coordinator duties. Thank you to Justine for being willing to do this.

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

Don't forget to smell the roses!

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Upcoming Meeting Dates

September 14, 2024 - Larry Epps, Speaker

9:30 AM - 10:00 AM Social Time

10:00 Business Meeting/Speaker

October 12, 2024 - Annual Rose Exhibit

November 9, 2024 - Annual Auction

December 14, 2024 - Christmas Brunch

January 11, 2025

February 8, 2025

March 8, 2025

September 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.**

Cut and enjoy your roses and share them with neighbors.

Good gardening!!!

"Bob"



From the Editor's Garden

Can you tell that Hubby has fallen asleep in the middle of his puzzle solving? This is after being out in the hot summer sun taking care of his roses. He goes straight to the shower and then it's time for some rest. He intends to read or solve a puzzle but the heat and humidity drains him. Can you relate?

We had a tiny hint of the cooler temps but they disappeared!! Soon the milder days will return and then I won't worry so much about Hubby being outside pruning, spraying, fertilizing and watering!! I think every rose grower waits expectantly for the season just around the corner. Until then, do what Hubby does!!

See you 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
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.***