

# *Petals To Pages*



Wilmington Rose  
Society Newsletter  
October 2024





## **WCFRS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Welcome to October! I hope your roses are beginning to look better with the slightly cooler temperatures. I hope you and your roses have survived the last storms well. Please remember to continue your watering, fertilizing and spraying. Please remember to stop fertilizing your roses by the end of October. Blackspot can still be prevalent in October if you do not continue to spray.

We had a great meeting in August. We really enjoyed learning how to arrange roses in a talk and demonstration done by Larry Epps, floral designer and another designer from Sweet Nectar's Florist. A huge thank you goes to Sweet Nectar's Florist in Leland for supplying many supplies and tons of flowers. Please remember to use Sweet Nectar's Florist when you need flower arrangements or need to order/ send flowers.

We are enjoying our new meeting place. 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 WCFRS sign on the door you should enter.

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 14 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. David Austin
7. Climber
8. Mini or Miniflora - one bloom per stem, no side buds
9. Mini or Miniflora spray
10. Old Garden Rose
11. Any Other Rose
12. Hybrid Tea or Floribunda Floating in a Bowl - no foliage
13. Mini or Miniflora Floating in a Bowl - no foliage
14. 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 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.

If you want to invite anyone to observe the roses at the exhibition please have them come at 10:30 am. This gives Bob time to do the judging.

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 any items you feel will sell at the auction. These items can be new or gently used and may include live plants also. We will have a lively auctioneer that is not to be missed! This is fundraiser for WCFRS so please participate!

On December 14th, 2024 we will have our annual WCFRS Christmas Brunch. We will all bring a covered dish and enjoy some wonderful food. Justine will have sign up sheet at the October meeting for you to sign up for either a sweet or a savory item. We will have our annual gift exchange so if you wish to participate please bring a wrapped gift that costs between \$10 - \$20.

Thank you to Mary for her work on the WCFRS annual calendar. Thank you to all of you that send in pictures for the calendar. We will begin taking orders for the WCFRS 2025 calendar soon.

We will have our annual elections for the WCFRS Board at the December meeting. Please let me know if you would like to serve on the WCFRS Board.



The dates for WCFRS meetings for 2025 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.

The 2025 WCFRS meeting schedule with all topics/ speakers will be updated on the WCFRS website soon.

Please continue to refer others to our WCFRS website for information about our rose society.

We will have Jim Young come to our meeting on January 11, 2025 with all of his products including Purely Organic. Start planning what you want to order. We will have the supply order list in November and will pass this out at the November 9th, 2024 meeting. You need to turn in your completed list and your check/ money by the December 14th, 2024 meeting. Please remember our total order must be \$2000.00 for Jim to come. The items he has are much less expensive than you can buy them for locally and this is a fundraiser for WCFRS. Jim will give a talk on all the latest products and will answer your questions regarding products.

Witherspoon Roses will speak at our February 8th, 2025 meeting. This is an informative meeting that you will enjoy!

Your annual dues will be due at the January 2025 meeting. Your dues of \$25.00 may be paid with cash or check at the meeting or mail a check to Debbie Caulder. Please do fill out a updated membership form so we can insure we have your correct information. You may also pay your dues on the website for \$26.00 with PayPal, Venmo or credit/ debit card. Yes, WCFRS now has PayPal and we will be able to take donations through PayPal.

Please consider being on the 2025 WCFRS Rose Garden Tour. Also, please consider being on the Rose Tour Committee. If you would like to do either, please let Mary know.

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.

I look forward to seeing you at **SeaGate Baptist Church Fellowship Hall at 6115 Oleander Drive** at our October exhibition. Please let me know if you have any questions, feedback or suggestions. Thank you for continuing to participate with WCFRS! Always remember there is much to be done to keep WCFRS running. If you would like to work on any activities, please let me know.

Don't forget to smell the roses!

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## Upcoming Meeting Dates

### October 12, 2024 - Annual Rose Exhibit

9:30 AM - 10:00 AM Social Time

10:00 Business Meeting/Speaker

November 9, 2024 - Annual Auction

December 14, 2024 - Christmas Brunch

January 11, 2025

February 8, 2025

March 8, 2025

April 12, 2025

## **October in the Garden**

**By: Bob Knerr**

What more is there to say?!! I say the same things each month, but that is what rose care is all about. 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 – Use a liquid fertilizer now. An organic will take too long to break down and will not be useful before the frosts begin. Stop fertilizing by the end of October.

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. 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. 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 some 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 foliage 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 work also.
6. You may want to refresh your mulch if most of the mulch you applied in the spring has turned to soil. This will protect the roots of the plants during the cool winter months.

**Cut and enjoy your roses and share them with neighbors.**

**Good gardening!!!**

*“Bob”*

## Wilmington Cape Fear Rose Society

### Membership

Our membership application is on the web site. ([wcfrs.org](http://wcfrs.org))

Send check to: Debbie Caulder, Treasurer, 6206 Mallard Drive, Wi, NC 28403

### Board Members 2024

President, Denise Miller, 1148 Edgewater Club Dr., Wilmington, 28411 910-540 - 6857

Vice President, Mary Barwick, 5451 Eastwind Road, Wilmington, NC 28409

Treasurer, Debbie Caulder, Treasurer, 6206 Mallard Drive, Wilmington, NC 28403

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Vonnie Fry, 1604 Bexley Drive, Wilmington, NC 28412

Justine Pflaum 1272 Lillibridge Dr. Leland, NC 28451

Samantha Nguyen 4280 Appleton Way, Wilmington, NC 28412

### Rose Nurseries for New Roses

1. Edmunds Roses, Wisconsin, [www.edmundsroses.com](http://www.edmundsroses.com) 888-481-7673
2. Heirloom Roses, Oregon, [www.heirloomroses.com](http://www.heirloomroses.com) 503-538-1576
3. John's Miniature Roses, Oregon, [www.johnsminiatureroses.com](http://www.johnsminiatureroses.com) 503-538-1576
4. K&M Nursery, Mississippi, [www.kandmroses.com](http://www.kandmroses.com) 601-648-2908
5. Palatine Roses, Ontario, Canada, [www.palatineroses.com](http://www.palatineroses.com) 905-468-8627 (bare root)
6. Roses Unlimited, South Carolina, [rosesunlimitedsc.com](http://rosesunlimitedsc.com) 864 682 7673
7. Wisconsin Roses, Wisconsin, [www.wiroses.com](http://www.wiroses.com) 262-358-1298 MAIDENS
8. Witherspoon Rose Culture, North Carolina, [www.witherspoonrose.com](http://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.***