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Wilmington Rose
Society Newsletter
November 2024





WCFRS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to November! I know you are enjoying your blooming roses! It is time to stop fertilizing your roses for this year. Please remember to keep spraying your roses with fungicide. Please remember to water your roses in this very dry weather we have been having. You may need to replenish your mulch for the upcoming winter. It is time to stop deadheading your roses so they can prepare for the winter.

On October 12th, 2024 we had our annual WCFRS Rose Exhibition. A large number of members participated and we had many beautiful blossoms! Congratulations to all of the winners!

1. Hybrid Tea and Grandiflora - Debbie Caulder with Pope John Paul II
2. Hybrid Tea fully open - Justine Pflaum with Melody Parfume
3. Floribunda - Justine Pflaum with White Licorice
4. Fragrance - Ron and Norma McGee with Perfume Delight
5. Shrub - Denise Miller with Lady Elsie May
6. David Austin - Carol Rodriguez with Olivia Rose Austin
7. Climber - no entries
8. Mini or Miniflora - Denise Miller with Whirlaway
9. Mini or Miniflora spray - Barb Bittler, name not known
10. Old Garden Rose - Barb Bittler, name not known
11. Any Other Rose - Barb Bittler, name not known
12. Hybrid Tea or Floribunda Floating in a Bowl - Debbie Caulder with Cabana
13. Mini or Miniflora Floating in a Bowl - Denise Miller with Whirlaway
14. Rose bouquet - Charles and Deborah Cooke

There were also 3 classes for photos:

1. Photography: any rose at its best form and beauty - Denise Miller with Moonstone
2. Photography: any rose society activity - Justine Pflaum with "Belles in the Garden"
3. Photography: impressionistic photo - Deborah Cooke with Double Delight

Bob Knerr deserves a tremendous thank you for his expertise in judging the roses. Also, thank you to Anne Coleman who assisted Bob this year. Thank you so much to everyone that participated in the exhibition. It was wonderful to see all of the specimens!

On November 9th, 2024 we will have our annual WCFRS Auction. Please bring 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 an interesting auctioneer that you will enjoy. This is an important fundraiser for WCFRS so please come, bring your items and bid!

Thank you to Mary for her work on the WCFRRS annual calendar. Thank you to all of you that sent in pictures for the calendar. All of the pictures are stunning! We will take orders for 2025 calendars until November 2, 2024. Please contact Mary if you would still like to order any calendars. You may reach her by email at marybilly@bellsouth.net or call her at (910)620-2530. The calendars will be ready for pick up at the November meeting. If you did not pay for the calendars when you placed your order please pay for them by cash or check when you pick them up.

On December 14th, 2024 we will have our annual WCFRRS Christmas Brunch. We will all bring a covered dish and enjoy some wonderful food. Justine will have the sign up sheet at the November 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.

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

The dates for WCFRRS 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 WCFRRS meeting schedule is complete. The 2025 schedule with all topics/ speakers are now posted on the WCFRRS website. Please continue to refer others to our WCFRRS website for information about our rose society and growing roses.

We will have Jim Young come to our meeting on January 11, 2025 with all of his products we order. You received an email with this year's order form. Please remember to add 10% to your total order for our fundraiser. I will have copies of the supply order form at the November meeting if you need one. 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 WCFRRS. Jim will give a talk on all the latest products and will answer your questions regarding products.

Your annual dues will be due at the January 2025 meeting. Your dues of \$25.00 may be paid with cash or check payable to WCFRRS 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. WCFRRS has PayPal and we will also be able to take donations through PayPal.

Witherspoon Roses will speak at our February 8th, 2025 meeting. This is an informative meeting and you are welcome to bring others with you so they can learn.

Please consider being on the 2025 WCFRRS 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. A special thank you to Debbie Caulder, Carol Rodriguez and her husband and Patt Naudet who helped to set up for the Exhibition the night before. Thank you to Norma McGee for her continued wonderful job on our WCFRS newsletter. Thank you to Anne Coleman, one of our Consulting Rosarians that agreed to do a talk for the Sea Oats Garden Club.

I look forward to seeing you at **SeaGate Baptist Church Fellowship Hall at 6115 Oleander Drive** at our November auction. Please let me know if you have any questions, feedback or suggestions. Thank you for continuing to participate with WCFRS! Please let me know if you are looking for any way to help with the activities of WCFRS.

Don't forget to smell the roses!

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Upcoming Meeting Dates

November 9, 2024 - Annual Auction

9:30 AM - 10:00 AM Social Time

10:00 Business Meeting/Speaker

December 14, 2024 - Christmas Brunch

January 11, 2025

February 8, 2025

March 8, 2025

April 12, 2025

November 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 - 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”



From the Editor's Garden

We enjoyed the WCFRS Rose Show at the October meeting. It's a treat to see some of the beautiful roses that the members have grown in their gardens.

Leading up to the show Hubby was very concerned that he would not have a rose to take. I think others were having similar concerns. But, the week of the show we could see that there might be a few blooms and just in time he had a couple that he could take to share.

We both learned several things when Bob shared information about the roses on exhibit. Hopefully, next year we can remember Bob's advice and meet the criteria better. Also, hopefully, the roses will cooperate a bit better!

See you at the November meeting. Bring your wallets, bring something really cool to auction and bid high!!

Norma

Wilmington Cape Fear Rose Society

Membership

Our membership application is on the web site. (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

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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 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.***