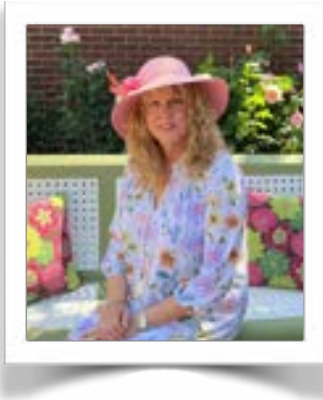


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Wilmington
Rose Society
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WCFRS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to December! I hope you and your family and friends had a wonderful Thanksgiving! It has certainly been cold and is beginning to feel like winter is on its way! Don't forget to cut your roses back to chest height so they will not blow in the winter winds. Also remember to keep spraying your roses until we have had at least 2 hard freezes to avoid blackspot from creeping in.

On November 9th, 2024 we had our annual WCFRS Auction. We had a great time and raised \$1033.00 for WCFRS. A huge thank you goes to Patt Noday who was our auctioneer! He did a wonderful job and it was a fun time for everyone! Thank you to all who donated items and everyone that bid!

On December 14th, 2024 we will have our annual WCFRS Christmas Brunch. We will all bring a covered dish and enjoy some great fellowship with each other. If you have not signed up to bring an item, it is fine; please plan to attend and bring either a sweet or a savory item. If you can not bring an item please plan to attend any way. We will have our optional annual gift exchange so if you wish to participate please bring a wrapped gift that costs up to \$20; please note this is an increase from our previous years.

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.

Please remember 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 is complete. The 2025 schedule with all topics/ speakers are posted on the WCFRS website. Please continue to refer others to our WCFRS 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. 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. Please remember that if you order any products you need to be at the January meeting to pick up your items or make arrangements with someone to pick them up for you.

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 WCFRS 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.

WCFRS 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.

On March 8th, 2025 we will have a panel discussion to discuss all your questions/ issues regarding roses. This is a time to have informal discussion and learn about growing roses from others in WCFRS that have knowledge about what works and ways to grow better roses. Thanks in advance to Bob Knerr for helping with this.

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 their continued hard work for WCFRS. Thank you to Norma McGee for her always great job on our WCFRS newsletter.

Thank you to Mary Barwick for completing our 2025 WCFRS calendars, taking the orders and collecting the money. Thank you to Debbie Caulder for her help. Thank you to Billy Barwick for printing the calendars. Thank you to all of you who submitted pictures for the calendar.

Thank you to Justine and Tim Pflaum and Samantha Nguyen who set up and manned the table representing WCFRS at the Tidewater Camellia Show/ Exhibition on November 23, 2024. I appreciate them taking time to do this!

WCFRS received some wonderful publicity in the September/ October 2024 edition of the Wilmington Magazine. We had a picture and information about WCFRS under the gardening section of an article entitled "How to Find Your People: A guide to local groups for expanding your social circle."

I look forward to seeing you at **SeaGate Baptist Church Fellowship Hall at 6115 Oleander Drive** at our annual WCFRS Christmas Brunch. 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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Notes From WCFRS Members

Tim and Justine Pflaum and Samantha Nguyen represented the WCFRS at the Camellia Show at the Arboretum on Saturday Nov 23rd. We promoted our Society with a table full of information about our organization and care of roses.

The Camellia Show is amazing and if anyone has the opportunity to attend a showing, it is truly worth it. We have never seen so many beautiful varieties of Camellias, the "Winter Rose". Here are some photos.

Photos by Mary Barwick and Justine Pflaum





Upcoming Meeting Dates

December 14, 2024

Christmas Brunch

9:30 AM - 10:00 AM Social Time

10:00 Business Meeting/Speaker

January 11, 2025

February 8, 2025

March 8, 2025

April 12, 2025

May 3, 2025

December in the Garden

By: Bob Knerr

Well, most of the work is done for the year.

1. Cut back tall canes to chest height so the winter winds will not blow them back and forth and loosen their roots.
2. Keep up your spray schedule however until one or two heavy freezes.
Blackspot can still occur.
3. Check the pH of your beds (a full soil analysis is a good idea at this time). If the pH is low, this is a good time to add lime as this takes several months to work. Then you will be in good shape when you start gardening again in the spring.
4. Evaluate your roses. Who did well and who did poorly. Could you replace the poor ones in the spring?? If so, look at the 2025 catalogs and place your orders early so you can get what you want if they are not sold out.

Cut and enjoy your roses and share them with neighbors.

Good gardening !

Bob



*From the Editor's
Garden*

So much fun at the WCFRS Auction. If you missed it...you missed it!
It was cool to see the items we brought find a new home with someone
who could enjoy or use something we no longer needed. And, we
came home with the lovely Holiday Cactus in the photo above. It bloomed
just in time for Thanksgiving.

We also won the bid on one of Bob's beautiful roses. Can't wait for Hubby
to bring it home from Bob's garden and to see it bloom in our
garden this coming spring. Next year don't miss
The annual auction. You never know what might be available.

The December meeting will be a brunch and gift exchange. We're
bringing gifts that maybe I'll try to bring back home! Don't forget
to bring something really, really good to eat!

See you there!

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

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Vonnie Fry, 1604 Bexley Drive, Wilmington, NC 28412

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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.***