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**Wilmington
Rose Society
Newsletter

January
2025**



WCFRS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the new year! I hope you and your family and friends had a blessed Christmas! It is time to start deciding what roses you might want to add to your garden this year. What fun it is to dream about the roses we will all have in our gardens in 2025!

On December 14th, 2024 we had our annual WCFRS Christmas Brunch. We all brought a covered dish and we had our spirited gift exchange. The food was delicious and we had a wonderful time! Thank you to everyone that brought food and a gift and participated in our brunch. Remember, as I always say, gardeners are very social people!

We had our annual elections for the WCFRS Board at the December meeting. Thank you to Mary Barwick (Vice President), Debbie Caulder (Treasurer), Carol Rodriguez (Secretary), Justine Pflaum, Samantha Nguyen who agreed to continue to serve on the WCFRS Board and were re-elected. Thank you to Jeanette Bullard who agreed to run for a Board position and was elected. Please join me in congratulating this hard working group of people who keep your WCFRS running smoothly! Please note the Board members have been updated on the WCFRS website. Also please note additional titles of some Board members to organize our Board efforts.

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 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 ordered. We had the largest order we have ever had! 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 for WCFRS 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.

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.

On April 12, 2025 we will have a guest speaker, David Johnson, Owner CEO of Johnson Nursery who will do a presentation at our meeting entitled "New Horticultural Ideas for Southeastern NC." This should be an informative talk and a good time to invite others to come with you to WCFRS. We need new members to keep our society alive and growing!

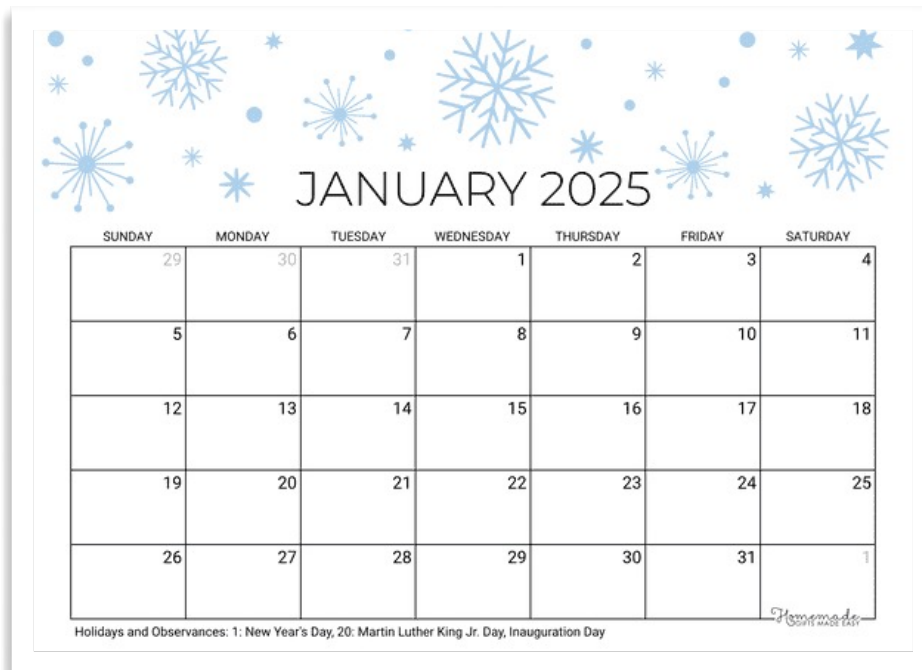
Please consider being on the 2025 WCFRS Rose Garden Tour. Also, please consider being on the Rose Tour Committee. If you would like to do either, please let Mary know. We will pass our informative cards you can take with you when you visit persons and businesses to ask for donations for our WCFRS Rose Garden Tour. Please remember we do not charge for our tour and the tour is a great way to educate others about roses and continue to grow WCFRS!

Thank you to Norma McGee for her always great job on the newsletter!

I look forward to seeing you at **SeaGate Baptist Church Fellowship Hall at 6115 Oleander Drive** on January 11th. 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

January 11, 2025

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

June 14, 2025



From the Editor's Garden

All is quiet and bare in the garden now. It's rest time for the plants and for Hubby! He's been looking thru the catalogs to pick out a couple of new roses but mainly just resting from the garden chores.

I miss looking out the window and seeing new blooms open up and the fragrance from the bouquets. I do enjoy seeing Hubby get to enjoy his other hobby which is putting jigsaw puzzles together.

Enjoy your time off and maybe spend time with another hobby!

See you soon.

Norma

January 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

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 2025

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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.***