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**Wilmington Rose Society
Newsletter**

February 2025





WCFRS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to February! I hope you all survived our snow and very cold January. It will soon be time to do the February trimming of your roses. Start your gardening calendar for 2025 so you can keep a record of the care of your roses. It is very important to be diligent with your tasks with your roses. Without writing it down, it is hard to keep up with what needs to be done. It will soon be time to do your first spraying of fungicide on your roses including the ground under the roses.

Please remember the dates for the remaining WCFRS meetings for 2025 are:
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 had Jim Young come to our meeting on January 18, 2025 with all of his products we ordered. We had the largest order we have ever had! Jim gave a talk and answered questions. We appreciate Jim coming and being so informative!

Your annual dues for WCFRS for 2025 were due by the end of January. If you have not paid your dues please do this ASAP so we can update our contact list. Your dues of \$25.00 may be paid with cash or check payable to WCFRS at the February 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 and our other Consulting Rosarians 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 will be informative and another good time to invite others to come with you to WCFRS!

May 3rd will be our 2025 WCFRS Rose Garden Tour. Thank you so much for those who have volunteered to have their garden on the tour. Please consider being on the Rose Tour Committee. Please let Mary know if you would like to do this. We will continue to pass out 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.

Thank you to our WCFRS Board members (Mary Barwick, Debbie Caulder, Carol Rodriguez, Justine Pflaum, Samantha Nguyen, Jeanette Bullard) for their continued hard work. Thank you to Norma McGee for her always great job on the newsletter!

We are already planning for our WCFRS meetings in 2026. Please let me know if you have any ideas for speakers or topics for our meetings. We are also looking at ways to market WCFRS so others know about us and can learn more about how to grow roses in our area; please let me know if you have any ideas.

I look forward to seeing you at **SeaGate Baptist Church Fellowship Hall at 6115 Oleander Drive** on February 8, 2025. 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

February 8, 2025

9:30 AM - 10:00 AM Social Time

10:00 Business Meeting

Speaker - Witherspoon Roses

March 8, 2025

April 12, 2025

May 3, 2025

June 14, 2025

July 2025 - No Meeting



From the Editor's Garden

February 14, 2025, will be the 56th time that my Hubby has brought me roses and chocolates on Valentine's Day (at least I hope it will be)!!! They are always beautiful but they just do not have the fragrance and uniqueness of the ones that he brings me from the roses that he grows. I'll enjoy them but I'll be waiting on that first rose of 2025 and the fragrance that it will bring to our home. I bet you're looking forward to the beauty and fragrance of your new roses to be enjoyed in your home!!!

I meant to take a photo of the bare rose bushes in the snow last week but I was "under the weather" and not feeling up to braving the cold. It was beautiful to see from inside my warm house. Hubby went with the kids and grands to the overpass and actually went down the hill on the sled. He only did it once!!

Hopefully, I'll be seeing you at the meeting next week.

Norma

February in the Garden

By: Bob Knerr

This is the start of the new season. You have been resting for 2 months and it is time to get busy. KEEP A CALENDAR of what you do and when you do it.

Things to do by the end of this month:

- 1. Prune starting about February 20 and have this done by March 15.**
- 2. Clean out the beds of any weeds, old rose leaves and debris. You do NOT have to remove all the old mulch.**
- 3. Spray the canes and ground around the roses with your first spray of the season. Use a contact fungicide like Mancozeb and a systemic fungicide like Honor Guard mixed together in the same sprayer. You should be repeating this spray on a 7-10 day schedule until December.**
- 4. Add a shovelful of compost around each plant.**
- 5. Feed your first feeding. Usually this is an inorganic fertilizer such as 10-10-10 since the ground may not have warmed up enough for the organisms to break down an organic fertilizer. Use about a cup or so per bush and scratch it in lightly.**
- 6. Mulch the beds when the soil has begun to warm...maybe the first or second week in March.**
- 7. Check soil pH if you have not done so in the fall and correct as needed.**
- 8. Sharpen all tools before pruning.**
- 9. This is the time to plant your bare-root roses you ordered from the rose nursery. Dig your hole 20"-20"x20". Add amendments such as peat moss, cow manure, perlite, fine pine bark. Mix well. Make a cone of dirt in the center of the hole and spread the bare roots over this cone. Add amended dirt to about 1/2 way and add water. After the water has absorbed finish filling the hole and add more water. When this has absorbed mound up mulch over the bud union and canes to keep them from drying out before the new roots develop. When the leaf buds start to grow and leaf out and are about 2 inches long start to pull the mulch away a little each couple days. Leave the mulch around the base after you have removed it from the canes.**

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)

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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.***

Jim Young was our presenter at the WCFRS in January. He presented a few things the club might be interested in because it is something we all can do. It will also be very beneficial for your roses, vegetables and flowers.

He talked about the importance of composting and the benefits. He had this booklet with him and allowed me to take a picture of it to share with the rose members. We compost but I wanted to keep up with what might be different or informative. I came home and ordered my copy at Amazon for \$4.95.

Submitted by Debbie Caulder

