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**Wilmington Rose Society
Newsletter**

March 2025





WCFRS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to March! I hope you are all enjoying our warmer weather. I hope the trimming of your roses is going/went well. Did you get a chance to start your gardening calendar for 2025 so you can keep a record of the care of your roses? Please remember to spray your roses with fungicide. Also, mulch your roses to get the best results.

We completed our annual membership renewals for 2025. Please remember our goal is to have all memberships renewed by the end of January each year so we can update our membership list.

Please remember the dates for the remaining WCFRS meetings for 2025 are:

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 is 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 David Pike with Witherspoon Roses speak at our meeting In February. He provided very good information and did a wonderful demonstration on how to prune roses. He generously donated 1 of the roses he brought with him and pruned as a door prize. Thank you to David for coming to our meeting and providing valuable information!

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. Thank you in advance to Bob Knerr and Debbie Caulder, two of our 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. 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 Mary Barwick who is the Rose Tour Chair and the members of the Rose Tour Committee for their good work on the planning of our Rose Tour.

On June 14, 2025 we will have our annual WCFRS "picnic." We will provide more information on how to sign up for this in the future.

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!

Thank you to Anne Coleman who presented a talk on roses to the New Hanover Garden Club and to Debbie Caulder for helping her.

We are planning for our 2026 WCFRS meetings. Please let me know if you have any ideas for speakers or topics for our meetings. We are continuing to look 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.

Other information for members:

1. WCFRS 2024 taxes are complete/ filed.
2. WCFRS gave a \$300.00 donation to the Ability Garden.

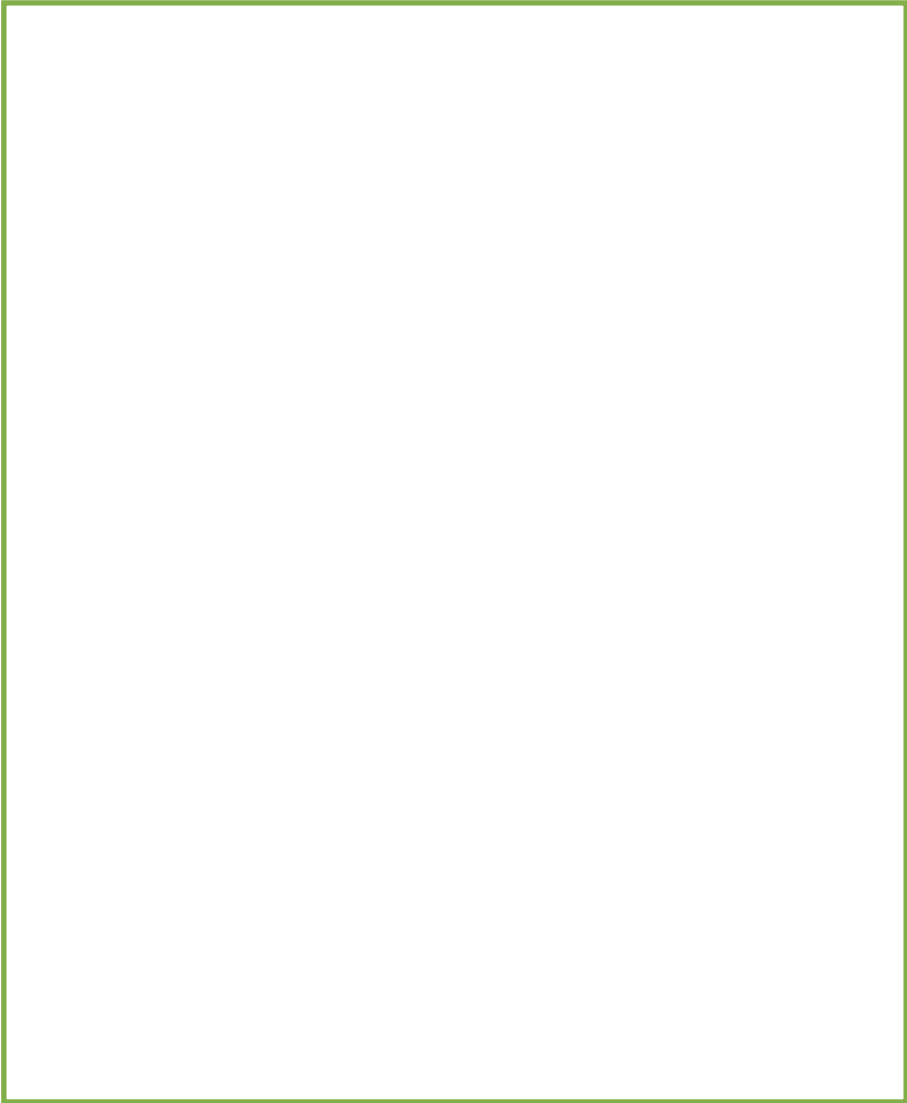
I shared with members at our February meeting the ARS Carolina District top 10 roses and there was a request for me to include this list in the newsletter.

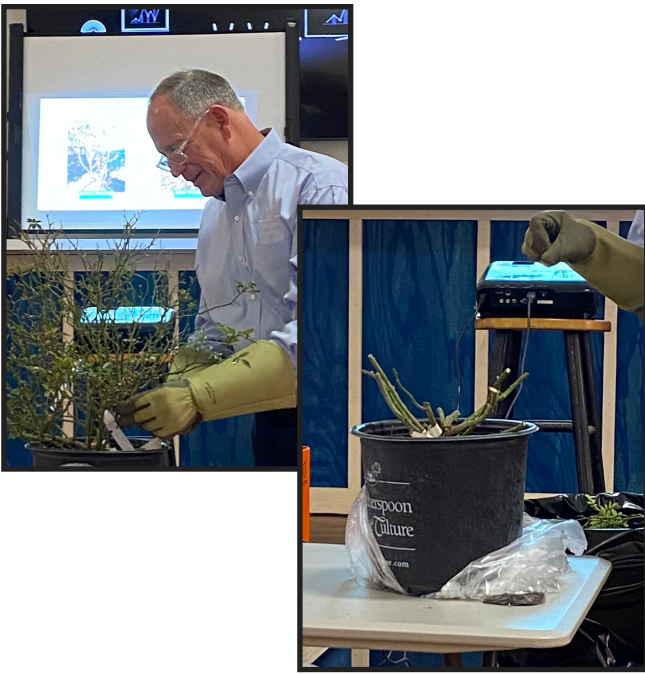
1. Veterans' Honor - HT
2. Pope John Paul II - HT
3. Iceberg - F
4. Gemini - HT
5. Autumn Splendor - MinFI
6. Dee-Lish - HT
7. Joy - Min
8. Ring of Fire - HT
9. Strawberry Kisses - MinFI
10. Altissimo - LCI

I look forward to seeing you at **SeaGate Baptist Church Fellowship Hall at 6115 Oleander Drive** on March 8, 2025. Please let me know if you have any questions, feedback or suggestions. Thank you for being a part of WCFRS!

Don't forget to smell the roses!

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From the Editor's Garden

It's always interesting to us to watch David Pike from Witherspoon Roses demonstrate how to prune roses just before the spring blooming season. There is "method to his madness" but it can be shocking! Today, Hubby has been out in our yard all day giving his roses the "shock treatment"!!! It's been a beautiful day for this very necessary task.

I can't wait for those knocks on the patio door when Hubby will be standing there with beautiful and fragrant blooms. All his hard work will be much appreciated. (He loves it!!)

Come on Spring.....we're so ready for you!!

See ya'll soon.

Norma

March in the Garden

By: Bob Knerr

Finish any tasks noted in the February newsletter that you have not yet completed.

Pruning of the roses and cleaning out of all old fallen leaves in the beds should be done

and the first feeding of 10-10-10 or other inorganic fertilizer completed.

Spray every 7-10 days with both a contact (Mancozeb) and systemic (Honor Guard) fungicide.

Mulch the beds to keep down weeds and to keep the roots cool in the summer.

Water weekly - 5-6 gallons per bush if it has not rained.

Weed when necessary.

Happy Rose Growing!!!

Bob Knerr

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.***