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Wilmington Rose Society Newsletter

June 2025



June is National Rose Month in the United States. This month-long celebration was established in 1959 to support the effort of making the rose the national flower. President Ronald Reagan officially designated the rose as the national floral emblem on November 20, 1986. June was chosen because it's a time when roses are in full bloom and are a popular choice for weddings.



WCFRS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to June! I know you are seeing your second rose bloom and will continue to enjoy all of your roses! Please remember to stick to your fertilizing, spraying and watering schedule. It is beginning to get hot and roses need to be watered. Please make sure your roses are mulched to keep them cooler and keep the weeds away from your roses. Don't forget to write everything down on your rose gardening calendar.

Please remember the dates for the remaining WCFRS meetings for 2025 are: 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 our wonderful WCFRS Annual Rose Tour on May 3rd. I hope all of you took advantage of touring truly magnificent rose gardens. I was honored as your President to be able to tour all 7 gardens on our tour this year and enjoy everyone's gorgeous roses! Every garden was very unique and incredibly beautiful! Thank you so much to David Lawrence and Barbara Hajek, Debbie and Mike Caulder, Mary and Billy Barwick, Samantha Nguyen, Carol and Paul Rodriguez, Justine and Tim Pflaum, Charles and Deborah Cooke who had their gardens on the tour. It is a lot of hard work to get ready for the tour and I am so thankful we have such wonderful rose gardeners in our membership. Please take time to thank everyone who was on the tour for doing this for WCFRS. Please remember that the mission of WCFRS is to educate others about how to grow roses and the tour is a very important part of this mission.

Thank you to all of you that took time to secure donations for WCFRS and the Rose Garden Tour. Please continue to make note of the businesses that support WCFRS and please support them! Please remember we do not charge for our tour and sponsors make our tour possible. We had more sponsors this year than we have ever had. The sponsors will continue to be noted on the WCFRS website until next year. We had 26 businesses/ persons sponsor WCFRS.

Thank you to Mary Barwick who is the Rose Tour Chair and the members of the Rose Tour Committee (Arlene Barker, Carol Rodriguez) for their good work on the planning of our RoseTour. Thank you to Debbie Caulder who as Treasurer has to keep up with the money received from sponsors and send receipts to each sponsor.

On June 14, 2025 we will have our annual WCFRS "picnic" (we do meet inside in case you were wondering). Please note the time change. We will meet at 10:15 (instead of 9:30) for our social time, have our business meeting at 10:45 and eat at 11:00. We will be ordering barbeque and chicken and wonderful sides and dessert so you do not want to miss this. We have this catered through Casey's and it is always delicious! If you did not sign up at the April meeting you will need to call Debbie Caulder at (910)233-1709 by 6/1/25 so will be able to order the food for the picnic. You and your immediate family are invited to attend the picnic at no charge but remember the picnic is for members, not visitors. We are selling raffle tickets to win a nice basket of goodies donated by Mission Barbeque (\$50.00 value) and will draw for the prize at the picnic.

In July 2025 we will have our month off with no meeting or newsletter.

On August 12, 2025 we will have a talk by Bob Knerr, member of WCFRS and Consulting Rosarian about caring for your roses and how to prep for the October exhibition. Thank you in advance to Bob for doing this for us!

On September 13, 2025 we will have a nationally known speaker on roses, Satish Prabhu, MD speak to us by zoom on "Pearls Gleaned From a Lifetime of Growing and Showing Roses." This is a meeting not to be missed! Please bring others with you to hear this speaker.

On October 11, 2025 we will have our annual WCFRS Exhibition. Please make sure you come to our meeting on August 12, 2025 to understand our exhibition.

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 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 will discuss a semi-annual donation to SeaGate Baptist Church at the June meeting for the church generously allowing WCFRS to meet in their space at no charge to WCFRS.
2. WCFRS will discuss the WCFRS annual scholarship to Cafe Fear Community College Horticultural Science Program at the June meeting.
3. WCFRS received a very nice letter from our scholarship winner that I will share with you at the June meeting.

Please remember to greet all new members and visitors at our meetings. We did have some new members join due to touring the rose gardens. Please come and socialize at our meetings to get to know other rose gardeners. I appreciate you attending our meetings and continuing to be a member of WCFRS!

I look forward to seeing you at SeaGate Baptist Church Fellowship Hall at 6115 Oleander Drive on June 14 for our picnic.

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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Upcoming Meeting Dates

Annual “Picnic”

June 14, 2025 - 10:15 AM

July 2025 - No Meeting

August 9, 2025

September 13, 2025

October 11, 2025

November 8, 2025

December 13, 2025

June 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 – You should have fed at least four times by now unless you use a slow release fertilizer. Even then you should have fed twice.

1. 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. DO NOT NEGLECT THIS JOB!!

2. Spray for fungus (blackspot) every 7 - 10 days even if the thermometer is supposed to reach 90 degrees. Use a contact fungicide like mancozeb and a systemic fungicide like honor guard.

3. Keep weeds out of the rose beds. They harbor insects and use up nutrients the roses need.

4. 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.

5. If you have questions about your roses or if you 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.

Cut and enjoy your roses and share them with neighbors.

Good gardening!

Bob Knerr



From the Editor's Garden

I've been enjoying the beautiful roses that Hubby has been growing this year. I can look out of our kitchen window, the side patio and the backyard patio and see roses from all sides. Because we down-sized several years ago we now have a lovely patio home with a much more manageable yard. It seems to be just the right size for Hubby to grow an abundant variety of roses but not too much for him to care for as his retirement hobby.

The photo above is of a gorgeous "Eleganza Grande Amore" rose that is in the front garden which is just outside our kitchen window. So, I get to admire these beauties as they bloom. So far this is the most blooms we've had on this rose. Hubby is greatly encouraged this season and I'm glad to see him enjoying his hobby more.

Unfortunately, I haven't made progress getting him to limit the hours he spends in the hot sun. If any of you more experienced gardeners know the secret to that schedule please let me know!!

See you soon.

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

Or pay online.

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.***

A Few Photos From The Rose Tour

