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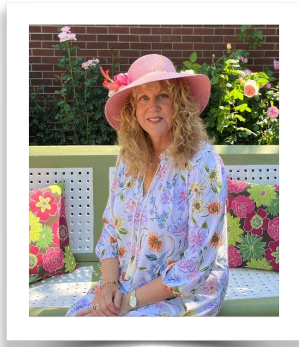


**Wilmington Rose Society
Newsletter**

August 2025



Dog days of summer with sizzling temperatures are heating up our roses!!!



WCFRS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to August! This has certainly been a hot and humid summer and I hope your roses are doing well! Don't forget to keep watering, spraying and fertilizing your roses. I know this is the time of year we all get weary with taking care of the garden but remain faithful and you will be rewarded in the fall with many blossoms! Remember to add insecticide to your spray if you are having issues with insects.

We had a wonderful time at our annual WCFRS "picnic" in June. The food was delicious and the company even better! Thank you to Debbie Caulder for placing our order. Thank you to all the Board members who helped with the set up and clean up. A big thank you to Debbie Caulder, Carol Rodriguez, Carol's husband Paul and Mary for helping with the set up of the room the night before.

Congratulations to Debbie and Mike Caulder for their recent winning of the Cape Fear Garden Club 2025 Beauty Spot Outstanding Landscape Award for residential winner! They do an amazing job in their garden!

The dates of WCFRS meetings for the rest of this year are: 8/9/25, 9/13/25, 10/11/25, 11/8/25, 12/13/25. Please remember our WCFRS calendar is on our website. Please refer others to our website for information about roses and schedule.

Our meeting on August 9 will discuss prepping for our WCFRS exhibition in October and general care of roses. There will be time for questions and discussion. Thank you to Debbie Caulder, ARS Consulting Rosarian and WCFRS Board Member and Treasurer for agreeing to present. Thank you to Anne Coleman, ARS Consulting Rosarian and WCFRS member for helping Debbie at the presentation. Please join me in wishing Bob Knerr good thoughts and prayers for his upcoming surgeries. We will miss Bob and know he will be back to WCFRS soon. I will not be at the August meeting and would like to thank Mary Barwick, WCFRS Vice President for standing in for me.

On September 13 we will have 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 will be a very information meeting and a great meeting to invite others to attend.

On October 11 we will have our annual WCFRS Exhibition. Please attend the August meeting to understand how this works. The more you participate the more you will learn. The beautiful roses are not to be missed!

On November 8 we will have our annual WCFRS Auction. This is always entertaining and helps to raise funds for WCFRS. Please start gathering things you can bring to be auctioned. Please ask any Board member if you have questions about the types of things to bring. Bring in anything to do with roses, plants or gardening. These items can be new or gently used and may include live plants.

On December 13 we will have our annual WCFRS Christmas Brunch. I will give you more details as we get closer to the date.

We are trying to complete the 2026 WCFRS calendar. Please let me know if there are any speakers/ topics you would like to have at a meeting.

Additional information for WCFRS members:

1. WCFRS donated \$250.00 to SeaGate Baptist Church. We are very thankful to them for allowing us to meet in their beautiful Fellowship Hall at no charge.
2. WCFRS donated \$600.00 to Cape Fear Community College for the annual WCFRS scholarship. We received a very nice thank you letter for the CFCC Foundation.

The WCFRS Board is working on ways to market WCFRS. Please let me know if you have any ideas. We have new members join almost every month and continue to grow in the time when gardening clubs are struggling. Please welcome visitors and new members to our meetings.

Thank you to the WCFRS Rose Society Board members (Mary Barwick, Debbie Caulder, Carol Rodriguez, Justine Pflaum, Samantha Nguyen, Jeanette Bullard) for all they do for WCFRS! Thank you to Norma McGee for her continued great job on the WCFRS newsletter!

I look forward to seeing you soon. Thank you for all you do for WCFRS. Please let me know if you have any questions, feedback or suggestions.

Don't forget to smell the roses!

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August 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 and water weekly if there has not been 2" of rain from the sky. Plants will need 5-gallons of water weekly if no rain. This should be divided into two waterings per week. This is by far the most important need for your roses. **DO NOT NEGLECT THIS JOB!!**

1. 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.
2. Keep weeds out of the rose beds. They harbor insects and use up nutrients the roses need.
3. 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.
4. If you have questions about your roses or are having 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.
5. Mites could be a problem in the dry hot weather. They are tiny insects seen on the undersides of the leaves. If you are old like me you may need a magnifying glass to see them. They suck the nutrients out of the leaves and leave the leaves looking anemic and light pale green. They can be controlled by washing the undersides of the leaves with a water wand two to three times a week. If that does not do it, you can spray with Avid miticide weekly. Forbid will also work.
6. If you plan to show your roses at the Rose Exhibition in October, remember to cut them back during the month of August. Since the roses take from 38 to 45 days to re-bloom after you cut them back. Count back from the date of the exhibition to determine your cutback date.

Roses will vary depending on the variety. Know your roses! Also, sprays will take longer since there are more blooms to open. We can talk about this more at the meeting and answer any questions you might have.

Cut and enjoy your roses and share them with neighbors. Good gardening !!

"Bob"



Upcoming Meeting Dates

August 9, 2025

“Prepping for Rose Exhibition”

9:30-10:00 AM Social Time

10:00 AM Business Meeting/Speakers

September 13, 2025

October 11, 2025

November 8, 2025

December 13, 2025

FROM THE EDITOR'S GARDEN



My sisters were just here for a visit. Every morning they would go walking in our neighborhood and they noticed that we didn't have any flowers currently growing in our planters out front. So, being the practical jokers that they are, when they left to head back to Florida they left a "present" for us!!!

We did not know that these flowers, tags and all, were adorning the front of our garage - both sides - until later that afternoon. I'm sure our neighbors thought - WOW, Norma's hubby sure did grow those roses fast!!!

Well, at least Hubby didn't have to water, prune or feed these. But, I bet next time the sisters come to visit that Hubby will already have something planted there!!!

See ya'll 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.

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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.***