

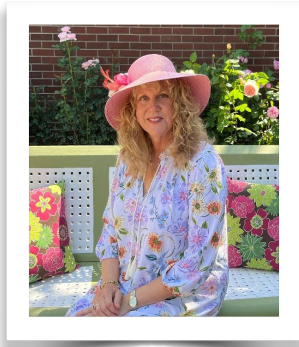
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Wilmington Rose Society Newsletter

September 2025





WCFRS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to September! We have been having lovely weather with cooler temperatures and lower humidity and I know you have been enjoying this weather in your garden! Please stay faithful to your rose gardening tasks to enjoy your upcoming big October bloom!

The dates of WCFRS meetings for the rest of the year are: 9/13/25, 10/11/25, 11/8/25, 12/13/25. You can access all the information about the WCFRS calendar by going to our website. Please refer others to our website for information about how to grow roses.

Thank you so much to Debbie Caulder and Anne Coleman, two of our Consulting Rosarians for presenting in August on prepping for our WCFRS Exhibition and general care of roses. Thank you to Mary Barwick, Vice President for standing in for me while I was away.

Bob Knerr has recover well from his first surgery. He will have his second surgery in September. Please continue to keep Bob in your thoughts and prayers. Bob is a wonderful part of WCFRS and we know he will return to us soon!

Please plan to attend our meeting on September 13 when nationally known speaker and rose exhibitor, Satish Prabhu, MD will speak to us by Zoom format on "Pearls Gleaned From a Lifetime of Growing and Showing Roses."

On October 11 we will have our annual WCFRS Exhibition. You will enjoy participating with the exhibition and and you will learn by participating and seeing others' roses.

The doors will open at 8:00 am so you can prep your roses for the exhibition. The judging will start at 10:00 AM sharp. You must have your roses/ photos in place on the tables labeled and ready. Please remember you need to come early to be ready. WCFRS does own some vases you may use but please bring your own vases to make sure we have enough.

There are 13 classes for rose blossoms:

1. Hybrid Tea and Grandiflora - one bloom per stem, no side buds
2. Hybrid Tea - fully open, stamens showing
3. Floribunda - one bloom per stem or spray of 2 or more open blooms
4. Fragrance - any rose
5. Shrub
6. Climber
7. Mini or Miniflora - 1 bloom per stem. no side buds
8. Mini or Miniflora spray

9. Old Garden Rose
10. Any Other Rose
11. Hybrid Tea or Floribunda Floating in a Bowl - no foliage
12. Mini or Miniflora Floating in a Bowl - no foliage
13. Rose Bouquet - 5 or more roses same or mixed in a vase

Please remember that every exhibit should have a 3" x 5" index card with the name and type of rose on the front of the card and your name on the back of the card. You will place the card on the table in front of your rose.

There are also 3 classes for photos.

Please remember the photo should be 4" x 6" and have your name on the back of the photo.

1. Photography: any rose at it best form and beauty
2. Photography: any rose society activity
3. Photography: impressionistic photo - imaging a rose in a different way

If you have any questions about the rose exhibition, please bring them to the September meeting or call me or email me.

On November 8 we will have our annual WCFRS Auction. Please plan to attend. I guarantee you will have a good time and this is a fundraiser for WCFRS. Please continue to gather your items to donate. You can bring in anything to do with roses, plants, gardening. The items can be new or gently used and may include live plants.

On December 13 we will have our annual WCFRS Christmas Brunch. Please bring in a covered dish brunch item and we will celebrate!

Please let me know of any marketing ideas you have for WCFRS. We continue to have new members join WCFRS. Please continue to welcome visitors and new members to our meetings.

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

I look forward to seeing you on September 13th! Thank you for being a part of WCFRS! Please let me know if you have any questions, feedback or suggestions.

Don't forget to smell the roses!

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September 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.**

Cut and enjoy your roses and share them with neighbors.

Good gardening !!

"Bob"



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Upcoming Meeting Dates

September 13, 2025

Speaker - Satish Prabhu, MD

9:30-10:00 AM Social Time

10:00 AM Business Meeting/Speakers

October 11, 2025

November 8, 2025

December 13, 2025

FROM
THE EDITOR'S
GARDEN



Hubby has spent a lot of time in our yard this summer taking care of roses such as the beauty in the photo above in our backyard. He enjoys this hobby of growing roses but it's definitely not for the faint of heart. I have worried about him often when I would look out the window and see him drenched in sweat but not finished with his pruning or spraying or watering. Oh the cost of creating just the right environment to see a rose bud peak out and then produce a beautiful bloom!!

Those of us who love roses appreciate those of you who are the rose growers!
Thank you for your service!!!

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.***