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Wilmington Rose Society Newsletter

November 2025





WCFRS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to November! I know you are enjoying the weather and your fall blooming roses! Please remember it is time to stop fertilizing your roses and time to stop deadheading your roses so they can prepare for winter. Don't forget to keep spraying your roses with fungicide until we have at least 2 hard freezes.

On October 11 we had our annual WCFRS Rose Exhibition. Thank you so much to all that came out in the rain and participated! There were many great blossoms to enjoy and learn about. A huge thank you to Bob Knerr, our wonderful ARS Certified Judge who did the judging for the exhibition and educated everyone on the blooms. Thank you to Debbie Caulder who assisted Bob during the judging and helped me set up for the exhibition the night before.

Congratulations to all the winners:

1. Hybrid Tea and Grandiflora - Hot Princess, Denise Miller
2. Hybrid Tea fully open - Proud Land, Justine Pflaum
3. Floribunda - Iceberg, Denise Miller
4. Fragrance - Abraham Darby, Justine Pflaum
5. Shrub - Lady Elsie May, Denise Miller
6. Climber - Climbing America, Debbie Caulder
7. Mini or Miniflora - Soroptimist International, Denise Miller
8. Mini or Miniflora spray - Whirlaway, Denise Miller
9. Old Garden Rose - The Fairy, Denise Miller
10. Any Other Rose - Sport of Gemini, Justine Pflaum
11. Hybrid Tea or Floribunda Floating in a Bowl - Randy Scott, Denise Miller
12. Mini or Miniflora Floating in a Bowl - Soroptimist International, Denise Miller
13. Rose Bouquet - Justine Pflaum

Photography:

1. Any rose at its best form and beauty - Wright Brothers, Denise Miller
2. Any rose society activity - Rose Exhibition, Denise Miller
3. Impressionistic photo - Touch of Class, Denise Miller

On November 8 we will have our annual WCFRS Auction. Please plan to attend and bid for many wonderful items! Please bring any items to donate that have anything to do with gardening or roses or any items you feel will sell at the auction. Items can be new or gently used and may include live plants. Bob Knerr is donating roses as he has for many years. Thank you to Bob for always being a great supporter of WCFRS! This is an important fund raiser for WCFRC so please come, bring your items and bid!

On December 13 we will have our annual WCFRS Christmas Brunch. We will all bring a covered dish and the food will be great! Justine will have the sign up sheet at the November meeting for you to sign up for either a

sweet or savory item. We will have our annual gift exchange that always brings some spirited trading of gifts; if you wish to participate in the gift exchange please bring a wrapped gift that costs approximately \$20.00.

We will have our annual elections for the WCFRS Board and Officers at the December meeting. Please let me know if you are interested in serving on the Board. It takes a village to keep our rose society running and there are always things you can do to help. Please let me know if you would like to be more involved!

Jim Young will come to our meeting on January 10, 2026 with all of the products we order from him. I will have copies of the order form at the upcoming November meeting. You will need to turn in your complete form/ money by the December 13th, 2025 meeting. The total order for WCFRS must total at least \$2000.00 for Jim to come to Wilmington. The items he has are less expensive than you can buy them locally and he has items such as his Purely Organic that you can not buy locally. Jim will give a talk on products and will answer questions when he is here. If you are new to our group and have questions about this process or the products please talk with me or other members at our meetings.

The 2026 WCFRS calendar is complete and is posted on the WCFRS website to help you plan for attending the 2026 meetings. We all need to try and attend meetings so our rose society keeps running smoothly and we all learn about roses. The socialization between gardeners is important to keep us all going strong!

Your annual dues will be due at the January 2026 meeting. Your dues of \$25.00 may be paid with cash or check payable to WCFRS at the meeting in December or January. You will asked to fill out an updated membership form so we make sure we have your correct information. You may also go to our website, complete the membership form and pay your renewed membership; online the fee is \$26.00 to cover the PayPal fee; you may pay with PayPal, Venmo or credit/ debit card. We are striving to complete this process by the end of January 2026 so we can complete our updated membership list for notifications, communication.

It is time to start talking about our 2026 WCFRS Rose Garden Tour. Please consider being on the tour. Please consider being on the Rose Tour Committee. If you would like to do either please let Mary know.

Thank you to the WCFRS Board Members - Mary Barwick, Debbie Caulder, Carol Rodriquez, Justine Pflaum, Samantha Nguyen for everything they do for our rose society! Thank you to Norma McGee for doing a great job every month on the newsletter!

I look forward to seeing you at the auction on November 8th! We once again have 2 new members. Please remember to seek our new members and visitors and help them with any questions they have. Thank you for taking part in WCFRS! Please let me know if you any any questions, feedback or suggestions.

Don't forget to smell the roses!

Denise H. Miller
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November 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 – Use a liquid fertilizer now. An organic will take too long to break down and will not be useful before the frosts begin. Stop fertilizing by the end of October.

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. 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. 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 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.
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 foliage 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 work also.
6. You may want to refresh your mulch if most of the mulch you applied in the spring has turned to soil. This will protect the roots of the plants during the cool winter months.

Cut and enjoy your roses and share them with neighbors.

Good gardening!!!

“Bob”



Upcoming Meeting Dates

November 8, 2025

9:30-10:00 Social Time

10:00 Annual WCFRS Auction

December 13, 2025

January 10, 2026

February 14, 2026

March 14, 2026



FROM THE EDITOR'S GARDEN

This is a time of mixed emotions as the growing season for roses is rapidly coming to an end for 2025. Having beauties like these in my kitchen will be greatly missed. But now Hubby will get a break from the demands of taking care of the roses. Hence, sadness for no roses but joy cause he gets a rest!!

However, I've noticed that Hubby is already looking at the catalogs and contemplating what new roses he might want to acquire. Sometimes I think he is a glutton for punishment!!

We've missed a couple of meetings and look forward to being at the November meeting. Hopefully, we will see you there!

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

President, Denise Miller, 1148 Edgewater Club Dr., Wilmington, 28411 910-540 - 6857

Vice President, Mary Barwick, 5451 Eastwind Road, Wilmington, NC 28409

Treasurer, Debbie Caulder, 6206 Mallard Drive, Wilmington, NC 28403

Secretary, Carol Rodriguez, 601 Hollingsworth Drive, Wilmington, NC 28412

Justine Pflaum 1272 Lillibridge Dr. Leland, NC 28451

Samantha Nguyen 4280 Appleton Way, Wilmington, NC 28412

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.***

October Rose Exhibit



Jim's Purely Organic

	PRODUCTS	SIZE	PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
AMENDMENTS					
	Purely Organic Mix	20 lb	25.00		
	Purely Organic Mix	40 lb	45.00		
	Alfalfa Meal or Pellets	50 lb	25.00		
	Blood Meal	40 lb	45.00		
	Bone Meal	20 lb	27.00		
	Dolomitic Lime, Fine	50 lb	10.00		
	Dolomitic Lime, Pelletized	40 lb	10.00		
	Epsom Salts	50 lb	25.00		
	Fish Meal	50 lb	65.00		
	Gypsum (landplaster) 40# gran. or 50# fine	50 lb	19.00		
	Milorganite	50 lb	19.00		
	Super Bloom 12-55-6	2lb	19.00		
	Hinder (deer repellent)	1 gal	39.00		
	Osmocote 15-9-12 plus minors (12-14 month)	50 lb	94.00		
	10% Chelated Iron (same as Sequestrene 330)	5 lb	45.00		
	Sul-Po-Mag	50 lb	26.00		
PESTICIDES					
	Avid (<i>for spider mites</i>) 1/3 tsp per gal	8 oz	100.00		
	Bayer 3-in-1	1 qt	23.00		
	Botanigard ES	1 qt	85.00		
	Propiconazole (generic Honor Guard)	1 pt	25.00		
	Cleary's 3336	1 qt	65.00		
	Conserve (spinosid) <i>leaf minors, thrips, worms</i>	1 qt	159.00		
	Dithane M-45 (same as Manzate 75DF)	1 lb	19.00		
	Eagle (<i>powdery mildew fungicide</i>)	1 pt	37.00		
	Floramite (1-2 oz per 25 gal) (<i>excellent miticide</i>)	8 oz	79.00		
	Hachi-Hachi – chilli thrips	.5 gal	275.00		
	Parafine (horticultural oil)	1 pt	10.00		
	Azoxystrobin 50WG (Heritage/Compass)	1 lb	98.00		
	Manzate 75 DF	6 lb	39.00		
	Merit 75% WSP 1 gram to 6 gal	6.4 oz	35.00		
	Merit Granular (<i>chilli thrips</i>)	30 lb	42.00		
	Orthene 97 T&O (<i>general insecticide</i>)	.773 lb	23.00		
	<i>Tweak Acidifier (Indicate 5)</i>	1 gal	42.00		
PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT					
	Chemical Resistant Gloves (Small) (Medium)	1 pair	5.00		
	CPV 15 Face Shield	1 each	25.00		
	Spray suit w/hood M L XL XXL	1 suit	15.00		

SUBTOTAL:

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Jim's Purely Organic
 118 N. Wonder Dr.
 Leesville SC 29070

PESTICIDES				
GENERIC	SIZE	PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Macho 2F (Imidacloprid) 1/8 tsp per gal. (Merit)	1 pt	21.00		
Minx 2 (Abamectin) 1/3 tsp. per gal. (Avid)	1 qt	69.00		
OHP 6672 50 wp (Clearys 3336) ¼ oz per 1 gal	2 lb	29.00		
Qual-Pro (Honor Guard) 1/3 tsp per 1 gal (Propiconazole 14.3)	1 qt	45.00		

ORGANIC	SIZE	PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Garden Friendly Fungicide	1 pt	17.00		
Insecticidal Soap 1 – 2 oz per 1 gal	1 pt	15.00		
Pyrethrin Natural 2 oz per 1 gal	8 oz	19.00		
Triple Action Neem Oil Extract (insecticide, miticide, and scalcicide)	8 oz 1 pt	14.00 20.00		
Thuricide (worms only) 4 tsp per gal	1 pt	12.00		
Conserve Naturalyte	1pt	18.00		

UPDATED: October 29, 2025 (PRICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

SUBTOTAL:

Orders are due by:
December 13, 2025.

Turn orders in at WCFRS

Nov. or Dec. meetings

OR mail to:

Debbie Caulder
 6206 Mallard Dr.

Wilmington, N.C. 28403 by December 13, 2025.

Orders must include payment by
 check payable to WCFRS or cash.

TOTAL	
Pages 1 + 2	
Add 10%	
Grand TOTAL	