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## Wilmington Cape Fear Rose Society Newsletter





## **WCFRS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Welcome to 2026! I hope your Christmas was very special! It is hard to believe it is time to start planning for what roses you might want to add to your garden this year.

We had a wonderful Christmas brunch. Thank you to all that participated and brought a dish to share. The food was delicious and the gift exchange was fun as it always is!

Our meeting on January 10, 2026 will be Jim Young coming to speak to us and deliver the products we ordered. Please remember to come and pick up the products you ordered or make arrangements for someone to pick them up for you.

Your annual dues are due by the January 2026 meeting. Your dues may be paid in person at the January meeting or mailed to Debbie Caulder, Treasurer or paid online on our website by January 10, 2026. Thank you for taking care of this.

The WCFRS website is up to date with all of our meetings for 2026. Please use our website for information and to refer others to our website for information.

Witherspoon Roses will come and speak to us at the February 14th, 2026 meeting. Please come and learn information about roses.

On March 14th, 2026 we will have a panel discussion to discuss all your questions about roses. Consulting Rosarians and those with wonderful knowledge and experience will be available to you.

On April 18th, 2026 we will have a guest speaker, Ryan Lapps who will speak on "holistic approach to pest control to minimize use of chemicals".

Please consider being on our 2026 WCFRS Annual Rose Garden Tour on May 2nd, 2026. Please consider being on the Rose Tour Committee. Please see Mary Barwick, Vice President and Rose Tour Chair if you are interested.

We have the information cards available to take with you when you visit businesses/ individuals to ask for donations for WCFRS and to support our rose tour which we continue to not charge to attend.

There was a request made at the December meeting that a list of WCFRS members with their contact information be available if a member requested it. Membership voted and approved this. This list would be available at meetings if a member requested it. This list would not be on the website. If you do not wish to have your name and/ or information on this list please let me know.

Thank you to our board members - Mary Barwick, Debbie Caulder, Carol Rodriguez, Justine Pflaum, Samantha Nguyen, Elizabeth Dolstad Young for their hard work for WCFRS! Thank you to Norma McGee for always doing a wonderful job on the WCFRS newsletter!

I look forward to seeing in January. Thank you for your time and participation with WCFRS! Please let me know if you have any questions, feedback or suggestions.

Don't forget to smell the roses!

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## **January in the Garden**

**By: Bob Knerr**

1. Cut back tall canes to chest height so the winter winds will not blow them back and forth and loosen their roots.
2. Keep up your spray schedule however until one or two heavy freezes.  
Blackspot can still occur.
3. Check the pH of your beds (a full soil analysis is a good idea at this time). If the pH is low, this is a good time to add lime as this takes several months to work. Then you will be in good shape when you start gardening again in the spring.
4. Evaluate your roses. Who did well and who did poorly. Could you replace the poor ones in the spring?? If so, look at the 2026 catalogs and place your orders early so you can get what you want if they are not sold out.

Cut and enjoy your roses and share them with neighbors.

Good gardening !

Bob



## Upcoming Meeting Dates

**January 10, 2026**

**Social Time 9:30 -10:00 AM**

**Meeting 10:00 AM**

**February 14, 2026**

**March 14, 2026**

**April 18, 2026**

## **Wilmington Cape Fear Rose Society**

### Membership

Our membership application is on the web site. ([wcfrs.org](http://wcfrs.org))

Send check to: Debbie Caulder, Treasurer, 6206 Mallard Drive, Wi, NC 28403

Or pay online.

### Board Members 2026

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

Elizabeth Dolstad Young

### Rose Nurseries for New Roses

1. Edmunds Roses, Wisconsin, [www.edmundsroses.com](http://www.edmundsroses.com) 888-481-7673
2. Heirloom Roses, Oregon, [www.heirloomroses.com](http://www.heirloomroses.com) 503-538-1576
3. John's Miniature Roses, Oregon, [www.johnsminiatureroses.com](http://www.johnsminiatureroses.com) 503-538-1576
4. K&M Nursery, Mississippi, [www.kandmroses.com](http://www.kandmroses.com) 601-648-2908
5. Palatine Roses, Ontario, Canada, [www.palatineroses.com](http://www.palatineroses.com) 905-468-8627 (bare root)
6. Roses Unlimited, South Carolina, [rosesunlimitedsc.com](http://rosesunlimitedsc.com) 864 682 7673
7. Wisconsin Roses, Wisconsin, [www.wiroses.com](http://www.wiroses.com) 262-358-1298 MAIDENS
8. Witherspoon Rose Culture, North Carolina, [www.witherspoonrose.com](http://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.***