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Wilmington Cape Fear Rose Society Newsletter

~ Valentine's Day 2026 ~ ♥ Romantic Flower Guide ♥



TRUE LOVE
Red Roses



ADMIRATION
Pink Roses



PURE LOVE
White Roses

FASCINATION
Carnations



EVERLASTING LOVE
Baby's Breath



**WCFRS
PRESIDENT'S
MESSAGE**

Welcome to February! I hope you have been surviving our very cold winter. It is hard to believe that it will soon be time to do the February trimming of your roses. Please remember to start your gardening calendar for 2026 so you can keep a record of the care of your roses. Remember to be diligent in your tasks with your roses and it will pay off! It will soon be time to do the first spraying of fungicide on your roses and the ground under the roses.

We had a very nice talk in January by Jim Young. He and his lovely wife Betty brought us all the products we ordered from him. I know you will enjoy using these products this year!

Witherspoon Roses will come and speak to us at our February 14, 2026 meeting. This is always a talk with lots of information and a good time to learn about various roses.

We will discuss and vote on our annual donation to the Ability Garden at our February meeting.

On March 14, 2026 we will have our panel discussion to go over information about growing roses in our area and you will have plenty of time to ask all of your rose questions. Consulting Rosarians and those with much rose information will participate.

Please remember to attend our meeting on April 18th when our guest speaker, Ryan Lapps will speak on "holistic approach to pest control to minimize use of chemicals."

We are busy planning our 2026 WCFRS Annual Rose Garden tour on May 2nd, 2026. Please see Mary Barwick, Vice President and Rose Tour Chair if you would like for your garden to be on the tour, if you would like to be on the Rose Tour Committee or if you would like to assist in any way. Thank you so much for those who have volunteered to have their garden on tour!

Please remember we have information cards available to take with you if you visit any businesses/ individuals to ask for donations for WCFRS to support WCFRS and our rose tour. We continue not to charge for our WCFRS Rose Tour. It is a wonderful way to educate others regarding how to grow roses!

Thank you to Mary for her very hard work on the Rose Tour!

Thank you to our Board members - Mary Barwick, Debbie Caulder, Carol Rodriquez, Justine Pflaum, Samantha Nguyen, Elizabeth Dolstad Young for their continued work for WCFRS! Thank you to Norma McGee for our wonderful WCFRS newsletter!

I look forward to seeing you on February 14, 2026 on Valentine's Day! Thank you for your time and great 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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February in the Garden

By: Bob Knerr

This is the start of the new season. You have been resting for 2 months and it is time to get busy. KEEP A CALENDAR of what you do and when you do it.

Things to do by the end of this month:

- 1. Prune starting about February 20 and have this done by March 15.**
- 2. Clean out the beds of any weeds, old rose leaves and debris. You do NOT have to remove all the old mulch.**
- 3. Spray the canes and ground around the roses with your first spray of the season. Use a contact fungicide like Mancozeb and a systemic fungicide like Honor Guard mixed together in the same sprayer. You should be repeating this spray on a 7-10 day schedule until December.**
- 4. Add a shovelful of compost around each plant.**
- 5. Feed your first feeding. Usually this is an inorganic fertilizer such as 10-10-10 since the ground may not have warmed up enough for the organisms to break down an organic fertilizer. Use about a cup or so per bush and scratch it in lightly.**
- 6. Mulch the beds when the soil has begun to warm...maybe the first or second week in March.**
- 7. Check soil pH if you have not done so in the fall and correct as needed.**
- 8. Sharpen all tools before pruning.**
- 9. This is the time to plant your bare-root roses you ordered from the rose nursery. Dig your hole 20"-20"20". Add amendments such as peat moss, cow manure, perlite, fine pine bark. Mix well. Make a cone of dirt in the center of the hole and spread the bare roots over this cone. Add amended dirt to about 1/2 way and add water. After the water has absorbed finish filling the hole and add more water. When this has absorbed mound up mulch over the bud union and canes to keep them from drying out before the new roots develop. When the leaf buds start to grow and leaf out and are about 2 inches long start to pull the mulch away a little each couple days. Leave the mulch around the base after you have removed it from the canes.**

Cut and enjoy your roses and share them with neighbors.

Good gardening !

Bob



Upcoming Meeting Dates

February 14, 2026

Speaker from Witherspoon Roses

Social Time 9:30 -10:00 AM

Meeting 10:00 AM

March 14, 2026

April 18, 2026

May 2, 2026 (Rose Tour)

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 2026

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

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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.**