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Wilmington Cape Fear Rose Society Newsletter





WCFRS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to March! I hope you are all enjoying our warmer weather! I hope the trimming of your roses is going/went well for you! Remember to give your roses their first fertilization of the year and use inorganic fertilizer until the soil warms up. Don't forget to start spraying your roses with fungicide. Make sure you have started your rose care calendar for 2026.

We had a very nice meeting in February and enjoyed the talk and pruning demonstration by David Pike from Witherspoon Roses. David was very generous and gave us a rose that we used for our door prize. We appreciate David taking time to come to Wilmington and educate us!

Thank you to Elizabeth Dolstad Young who provided hyacinth bulbs for door prizes.

On March 14, 2026 we will have our annual panel discussion which will provide you with information regarding growing roses in our area. This is your chance to ask questions about rose growing to help you with your rose gardening. Thank you in advance to Bob Knerr and Debbie Caulder, our Consulting Rosarians who will answer your questions.

On April 18, 2026 we will have a guest speaker, Ryan Lapps who will speak on "holistic approach to pest control to minimize use of chemicals." This is certainly a topic we are all interested in learning about.

On May 2, 2026 we will have our 2026 WCFRS Annual Rose Garden Tour. We are trying to finalize our list of gardens on the tour very soon. Please see Mary Barwick if you would like for your garden to be on the tour. Also, please let Mary know if you would like to be on the Rose Tour Committee or help with the tour. Thank you to those who have already agreed to be on the tour. You will not want to miss any gardens on the tour! Thank you to Mary for her hard work on the tour and thank you to those on the Rose Tour Committee!

Please visit businesses/ individuals to secure donations to support WCFRS including our rose tour. Our mission is to educate others about growing roses in our area. We have information cards to take with when you make visits.

On June 13, 2026 we will have our annual picnic. We will provide information about the picnic when we get closer to the date.

WCFRS membership voted on/ approved a \$300.00 donation to the Ability Garden. This is also part of the WCFRS mission which is to support other local nonprofit organizations.

Thank you to our Board members - Mary Barwick, Debbie Caulder, Carol Rodriguez, Justine Pflaum, Samantha Nguyen, Elizabeth Dolstad Young for all they do for WCFRS! Thank you to Norma McGee for her continued hard work on our newsletter!

I look forward to seeing you on March 14, 2026! Thank you for your time and your 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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March in the Garden

By: Bob Knerr

Finish any tasks noted in the February newsletter that you have not yet completed.

Pruning of the roses and cleaning out of all old fallen leaves in the beds should be done and the first feeding of 10-10-10 or other inorganic fertilizer completed.

Spray every 7-10 days with both a contact (Mancozeb) and systemic (Honor Guard) fungicide.

Mulch the beds to keep down weeds and to keep the roots cool in the summer.

Water weekly - 5-6 gallons per bush if it has not rained.

Weed when necessary.

Happy Rose Growing!!!

Bob Knerr



Upcoming Meeting Dates

March 14, 2026

Panel Discussion

Social Time 9:30 -10:00 AM

Meeting 10:00 AM

April 18, 2026

May 2, 2026 (Rose Tour)

June 13, 2026

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

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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.***