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## Wilmington Cape Fear Rose Society Newsletter



**WCFRS Meeting and Annual "Picnic"**

**June 13, 2026**



## WCFRS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to June! I know you are having your second rose bloom and will continue to enjoy your roses! The first bloom this year was spectacular! I have talked to folks about this and done a little research and many say that the large snow we had during the winter brings nitrogen to the soil and makes more blooms and makes the blooms bigger and brighter! Please remember to stick to your watering, fertilizing and spraying schedules. We have moved into the heat of the season. Please make sure your roses are mulched to keep their roots cooler and to hopefully help with keeping weeds away.

We had our wonderful WCFRS Annual Rose Tour on May 2nd. I hope you all had a chance to enjoy it. It rained but the rain was light and in the cloudy weather the roses were beautiful! Thank you to the garden owners that were on the tour: David Lawrence and Barbara Hajek, Marcia Doering, Debbie and Mike Caulder, Samantha Nguyen, Justine and Tim Pflaum, Elizabeth Dolstad Young. I enjoyed visiting with all of you that had a chance to tour my garden. I had over 100 people tour my garden and people were very interested in growing roses and learning all about roses!

Thank you Mary Barwick, Rose Garden Tour Chair and all of you that worked on the rose tour. Thank you to all of our sponsors for making the tour possible. Thank you to all of you that secured sponsors. Thank you to Debbie Caulder, our Treasurer who keeps up with the money received from sponsors and sends receipts to each sponsor.

Our WCFRS annual picnic for members will be June 13, 2026. **Please note the time change for the meeting.** We will meet at 10:15 am for our social time, have our business meeting at 10:45 am and eat at 11:00 am. This will be a delicious meal and a time to celebrate WCFRS and enjoy visiting with other members!

We will have our break in July with no meeting and no newsletter.

On August 8th we will return to our regular meeting time. Bob Knerr will speak on "Rose Care and Preparing for the Rose Exhibition." Jennifer Acuri will speak on "Soil Health and Companion Planting." It is wonderful to have members of WCFRS with such wonderful expertise! Please come and learn and support our members that are willing to speak to us.

On September 12th we will have a guest speaker, Larry Bogusz from the Camellia Club who will speak on "Growing Camellia Japonicas in Full Sun." Please come and learn about growing camellias and support other gardening clubs in our area.

On October 10th we will have our Annual WCFRS Rose Exhibition.

Thank you to our Board members (Mary Barwick, Debbie Caulder, Carol Rodriguez, Justine Pflaum, Samantha Nguyen, Elizabeth Dolstad Young) for their hard work!

Thank you to Norma McGee for her great job on our newsletters!

We will discuss and vote on our WCFRS annual scholarship to Cape Fear Community College at our June meeting. I know the college is making some changes and I have a meeting scheduled with the Foundation before we have our June meeting and will bring all of this information to you. I received information about the most recent recipient of our scholarship and will bring that information to the June meeting.

We will also discuss our semi-annual donation to SeaGate Baptist Church for providing such a wonderful space for us to meet.

We are in the process of planning our meetings for 2027. Please let me know any topics and /or speakers you would like to have come to our meetings.

I look forward to seeing you at the picnic! Please let me know if you have any questions, feedback or suggestions. Thank you for continuing to be a part of WCFRS!

Don't forget to smell the roses!

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## June 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 - You should have fed at least four times by now unless you use a slow release fertilizer. Even then you should have fed twice.

1. 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. **DO NOT NEGLECT THIS JOB!!**

2. 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.

3. Keep weeds out of the rose beds. They harbor insects and use up nutrients the roses need.

4. 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.

5. If you have questions about your roses or if you 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.

Cut and enjoy your roses and share them with neighbors.

Good gardening!

*Bob Knerr*



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### Upcoming Meeting Dates

**June 13, 2026 - Annual Picnic**

**10 AM Social Time/Meeting**

**Lunch 11 AM**

**July 2026 - No Meeting**

**August 8, 2026**

**September 12, 2026**

**October 10, 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, Wilmington, 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

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### 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.***

## From The Editor's Garden

Hopefully, we have solved a problem that Hubby has been battling for several seasons. He is moving most of his roses in the back and side yards into these large containers to protect them from our neighbors hedges on the other side of the fence. The roots from the hedges come under the fence and have been choking our roses. It's been very frustrating for Hubby to try to deal with the encroachment. The hedges will miss all the fertilizer that they have been enjoying!!

All of the roses that have been repotted seem quite happy with their new home and we're enjoying the blooms they are producing.

As the old saying goes...where there's a will, there's a way!!

See you at the picnic!

*Norma*

