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Wilmington Cape Fear Rose Society Newsletter



WCFRS Meeting

September 12, 2026



WCFRS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to September! Hopefully we have had our hottest weather for the year and it will continue to get cooler and less humid. Please remember to continue to be faithful to watering, fertilizing and spraying your roses. Our beautiful October bloom is right around the corner!

Thank you to Bob Knerr and Jennifer Arcuri who spoke to us at the August meeting. It was a treat to have 2 members with such expertise and willingness to share their knowledge with WCFRS. The talks were very informative and we so appreciate Bob and Jennifer!

Don't forget our next meeting on September 12th when Larry Bogusz from the Camellia Club will speak on "Growing Camellia Japonicas in Full Sun." Please come and learn about other plants to compliment your roses.

On October 10th we will have our annual WCFRS Exhibition. You will enjoy participating with the exhibition and you will learn by participating and seeing others' roses. The doors will open at 8:00 am so you can prep your roses for the exhibition. The judging will start at 10:00 AM sharp. You must have your roses/ photos in place on the tables labeled and ready. Please remember you need to come early to be ready. WCFRS does own some vases you may use but please bring your own vases to make sure we have enough.

There are 13 classes for rose blossoms:

1. Hybrid Tea and Grandiflora - one bloom per stem, no side buds
2. Hybrid Tea - fully open, stamens showing
3. Floribunda - one bloom per stem or spray of 2 or more open blooms
4. Fragrance - any rose
5. Shrub
6. Climber
7. Mini or Miniflora - 1 bloom per stem. no side buds
8. Mini or Miniflora spray
9. Old Garden Rose
10. Any Other Rose
11. Hybrid Tea or Floribunda Floating in a Bowl - no foliage
12. Mini or Miniflora Floating in a Bowl - no foliage
13. Rose Bouquet - 5 or more roses same or mixed in a vase

Please remember that every exhibit should have a 3" x 5" index card with the name and type of rose on the front of the card and your name on the back of the card. You will place the card on the table in front of your rose.

There are also 3 classes for photos. Please remember the photo should be 4" x 6" and have your name on the back of the photo.

1. Photography: any rose at it best form and beauty
2. Photography: any rose society activity
3. Photography: impressionistic photo - imaging a rose in a different way

We will award a blue ribbon for the winner of each class.

You may have visitors come and see the exhibits at 11:00 am.

If you have any questions about the rose exhibition, please bring them to the September meeting or call me or email me.

On November 14th we will have our annual WCFRS Auction. This is fundraiser for WCFRS and always fun! Please gather your items you want to donate. You can bring anything to do with roses, plants, gardening. Remember the items can be new or gently used. You may bring live plants. Be ready to enjoy the bidding!

On December 12th we will have our annual WCFRS Christmas Brunch. Please plan to bring a covered dish and enjoy great fellowship!

The 2027 WCFRS calendar is almost complete and will be on the website soon.

Thank you to the WCFRS 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 September 12. Thank you for your continued involvement 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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September 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 and water weekly if there has not been 2" of rain from the sky. Plants will need 5-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 even if the thermometer is supposed to reach 90 degrees. 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 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 leaves 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 also work.

Cut and enjoy your roses and share them with neighbors. Good gardening !!

"Bob"



Upcoming Meeting Dates

September 12, 2026

Speaker: Larry Bogusz, Camelia Club

9:30 to 10:00 AM Social Time

Meeting 10:00 AM

October 10, 2026

November 14, 2026

December 12, 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, Wilmington, 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.***

From The Editor's Garden

Can you see the rain drops on our roses? So much rain the past couple of weeks and powerful lightning! I read that lightning is actually really good for roses because it breaks up the nitrogen in the air and releases it into the rain drops. So we had a whole lot of free nitrogen poured down on our rose bushes. Now Hubby won't have to worry about getting that nutrient into his prize beauties! Maybe wishful thinking.....

Hopefully, what Hubby will be doing is bringing me more beauties like these in our front yard.

See you soon!

Norma

