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Wilmington Cape Fear Rose Society Newsletter



WCFRS Meeting

November 14, 2026



WCFRS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to November! The cooler weather has been so enjoyable! I know you are enjoying your fall blooming roses! Please remember it is time to stop fertilizing and stop deadheading your roses so the roses can get ready for winter. Continue to spray your roses with fungicide until we have at least 2 hard freezes.

In October we had our annual WCFRS Rose Exhibition. Thank you to all that came out and to those who exhibited. We had a large show of beautiful roses! A big thank you goes to Bob Knerr, certified judge who did the judging and then educated everyone about the blossoms. Thank you to Debbie Caulder who assisted Bob during the judging. Thank you to Debbie Caulder, Carol Rodriquez and her husband, Elizabeth Dolstad Young and her husband for helping to set up for the Exhibition the night before.

A big congratulations to all the winners of the Exhibition! Congratulations to Justine Pflaum who won many categories! Congratulations to Lori Self, a new member who exhibited and won 2 categories!

The winners were:
1. Hybrid Tea and Grandiflora - Justine Pflaum, Let Freedom Ring
2. Hybrid Tea fully open - Justine Pflaum, Let Freedom Ring
3. Floribunda - Lori Self, Easy Does It
4. Fragrance - Justine Pflaum, Abraham Darby
5. Shrub - Justine Pflaum, Carefree Celebration
6. Climber - no entries
7. Mini or Miniflora - Denise Miller, Whirlaway
8. Mini or Miniflora spray - Denise Miller, Whirlaway
9. Old Garden Rose - no entries
10. Any Other Rose - Justine Pflaum
11. Hybrid Tea or Floribunda Floating in a Bowl - Debbie Caulder, Climbing America
12. Mini or Miniflora Floating in a Bowl - Denise Miller, Whirlaway
13. Rose Bouquet 5 or more roses same or mixed in a vase - no entries

Winners for photos:
1. Any rose at it best form and beauty - Denise Miller, Gemini
2. Any rose society activity - Justine Pflaum
3. Impressionistic photo - Lori Self

Please plan to attend our annual WCFRS Auction on November 14th. Please bring any items to donate that have anything to do with gardening or roses or any items you feel will sell at the

auction. Items may be new or gently used and may include live plants. You may pay for any items you purchase with cash or a check at the meeting.

On December 12th we will have our annual WCFRS Christmas Brunch. Please bring a covered dish. There will be a sign up sheet at the November meeting or contact Justine Pflaum to sign up at jmpflaum@gmail.com. If you would like to participate in the gift exchange please bring a wrapped gift that costs approximately $20.00.

We will have our annual election for the WCFRS Board and Officers at the December meeting. Please let me know if you would like to serve on the Board.

Jim Young will come to the January 9th, 2027 meeting. He will bring all of the products we order from him. I will have copies of the order form at the November meeting. You will need to turn in your completed form and money by the December 12th meeting. Please remember the total order for WCFRS must total at least $2000.00 for Jim to come to Wilmington. The items he offers are less expensive than you can buy them for locally and he has his specialty product, Purely Organic. Jim will give a talk on the day he comes to our January meeting and will answer questions. If you have questions about this process or the products please talk with me or other members.

Your annual WCFRS dues will be due by January 2027. Your dues of $25.00 may be paid in cash or check payable to WCFRS at the meeting in December or January. Please fill out an updated membership form. You may also go to our website, complete the membership form and pay your membership renewal. The online membership is $26.00 to cover the PayPal fee; you may pay with PayPal, Venmo or credit/ debit card. The deadline to renew your membership in WCFRS for 2027 is January 31, 2027.

We are working on the 2027 WCFRS Rose Garden Tour. Please let Mary Barwick know ASAP at marybilly@bellsouth.net if you want to be on the tour or would like to be on the Rose Tour Committee. We have the rack cards you can take with you when you ask for donations for the Rose Tour and they will be available at every WCFRS meeting.

Thank you to the WCFRS 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 your always great job on the newsletter!

I look forward to seeing you at the Auction on November 14th! Thank you for continuing to support WCFRS! Please let me know if you have any questions.

Don't forget to smell the roses!

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November 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 – Use a liquid fertilizer now. An organic will take too long to break down and will not be useful before the frosts begin. Stop fertilizing by the end of October.

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. 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. 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 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.

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 foliage 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 work also.

6. You may want to refresh your mulch if most of the mulch you applied in the spring has turned to soil. This will protect the roots of the plants during the cool winter months.

Cut and enjoy your roses and share them with neighbors.

Good gardening!!!

"Bob"



Upcoming Meeting Dates

November 14, 2026

WCFRS Annual Auction

December 12, 2026

January 9, 2027

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

Vice President, Mary Barwick, 5451 Eastwind Road, Wilmington, NC 28409

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Justine Pflaum 1272 Lillibridge Dr. Leland, NC 28451

Samantha Nguyen 4280 Appleton Way, Wilmington, NC 28412

Elizabeth Dolstad Young, 1633 Grandiflora Drive, Leland, NC 28451

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.*

October 2026 Rose Exhibition Photos









