

The Phoenix

The Newsletter of the Greater Atlanta Rose Society
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What's Happening This Month?

GARS Meeting, Tuesday, October 21, 2014

7:00pm in the Workshop, GardenHouse, Atlanta Botanical Garden

By Melissa Cobb, 404-663-4018, gadawgs1@msn.com

Our speaker for October will be Mickey Gazaway, horticulturist for Pike Nursery. Here [photo right] she is pictured with Walter Reeves. She will be sharing ideas and inspiration for winter interest in the garden, with "Plants in the Winter".

Mickey Fishback Gazaway is an Atlanta native who has been with Pike Nurseries for 22 years. She has been a Store Manager and now is the Garden Club Coordinator. She also writes some of the training material for Pike employees. She is heard on WSB radio with the "Pikes Pick" portion of the Walter Reeves Garden Show on Saturday mornings; sometimes she hosts or co-hosts the show.

Mickey has a degree in Environmental Horticulture, and has been a Georgia Master Gardener since 1983. She is a Certified Arborist and also writes a garden column. She says, "I live in a tiny 80 year old cottage in downtown Dallas, Georgia, where I indulge my passions of herb gardening, bee keeping, birding, and communing with my small flock of very spoiled chickens (and occasionally cook dinner for my very patient husband of 50 years)."



From the President

By Barry J. McCasland, M.D., *Consulting Rosarian*, 404-550-9776, bmccas@aol.com

Greetings, GARS members! As I write this, we are really feeling the fall temperatures, and the growth of our roses has slowed down. Looking through my garden, I am proud of myself for keeping blackspot to a bare minimum this year. My goal for next year is to do the same with spider mites. At the October meeting I took a poll of the members present asking which factor was the biggest rose enemy this year. It was not a fungus or any other type of pathogen. Instead, it was delayed winter dieback. Let's hope for a more temperate winter this year.

Please mark the morning of November 15th on your calendars. This will be a work day for GARS members who would like to help with maintenance on the Rose Show trailer and its contents, currently located at Linda Schuppener's home in Winston. Come prepared to seal leaks on the trailer itself, as well as to mend and paint some of the frames and other equipment needed for the rose shows that have fallen into disrepair over the years. If enough members show up, we can get everything done in just a



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few hours. We'll discuss this further at the October meeting and in some e-mails to follow. Speaking of the October meeting, I hope to see y'all there.

The Rose Calendar for 2014

Oct 15-20 ARS Fall National Convention & Rose Show, Tyler, TX. Contact Jeff Ware, execdirector@ars-hq.org, or see www.rose.org/tylerconvention.

Oct 21 Greater Atlanta RS meeting, 7:00pm, ABG

Oct 31-Nov 2 DSD Fall Convention & Rose Show, Gainesville, FL. Contact Jean Stream, 352-591-4474, streamj@gmail.com, or see <http://deepsouthdistrict.org>.

Nov 18 Greater Atlanta RS meeting, 7:00pm, ABG

Dec 13 Greater Atlanta RS holiday party at McCall home, Lithia Springs

January 9-11, 2015 Deep South & Carolina Districts Mid-Winter Meeting, Savannah, GA. Savannah DeSoto Hilton, 1-877-280-0751. Contact Karen Prevatt, 813-634-1830, kprevatt@verizon.net

Jun 11-14, 2015 ARS Spring & Mini-Miniflora Convention & Rose Show, Columbus, OH

Sep 9-13, 2015 ARS Fall National Convention & Rose Show, Syracuse, NY

October in the Rose Garden

By **Bobbie Reed**, Master Rosarian, 770-979-4237, berdks@mindspring.com



Observe – What's happening in *your* garden? Two years ago our gardens were dry and droopy. Last year, our gardens were soaked, but lush with ... well, weeds, mostly. This year, with lots of water and fungicides, ours is looking good. The trick now is keeping it that way through the fall flush of blooms and beyond. With the advent of cooler temperatures in early October, our gardens should be perking up and producing those big, colorful, fabulous blooms of fall. Goody!

Water – Rainfall in late summer was really spotty. Sometimes we saw rain falling on our street, but nothing on our roses – now *that's* spotty! Around the area in September we averaged less than 3.2 inches of rain, 15% less than normal for the month, bringing us to over 18% short for the year. Of course, some areas *did* have above-normal rainfall, most notably Griffin, with three inches more rain than usual in September. With rainfall like this, our roses are going to need supplemental water to support those beautiful fall blooms, but not as much as they would have needed when it was hot. If you haven't received substantial rainfall in your garden (an inch or two a week), you'll need to water. And if you're thinking of participating in a fall show or need roses for some special event, the week before cutting you should increase the frequency of watering to as often as every day, so your flowers will look their best. Watering increases "substance" in the petals, making roses look better and last longer after cutting.

Don't Feed – It's October, so the time for fertilizers is past. Applying fertilizer this late in the season would only stimulate new growth that would be nipped in fall freezes. However, it is a good time to check your soil pH and amend the soil if necessary. It can take months for an application of lime to act in the soil to lower the pH.

Spray – Does your garden still have lingering blackspot? We want to have our roses as healthy as possible before winter arrives, so try to get rid of diseases now. Mancozeb or Pentathlon (Manzate) is helpful to eradicate blackspot (spray every third or fourth day for two weeks to

control a rampant infestation), and BannerMaxx helps to prevent it when sprayed every other week. But if powdery mildew becomes your problem, you may need to spray at least weekly. Try alternating BannerMaxx with Cleary's 3336 weekly to keep a serious infestation under control.



Look for the article titled "Fungicides à la Mode" in the Fall issue of *The Deep South District Bulletin* for information on selecting and rotating fungicides in your garden, to get the most bang for your buck.

Deadhead – We can stop routine deadheading now, but still feel free to cut roses to enjoy their blooms. Let faded blooms remain on the bush, or remove just the petals if the faded blooms are too ugly or showing signs of botrytis (gray mold). This will let the rose bush know that it can stop producing new flowers and instead concentrate on producing rose hips. If you haven't used *any* pesticides on your roses this summer (that includes sprays or drench products containing fungicides, insecticides, or miticides) you can also enjoy rose hips, the Vitamin C-packed fruits of the rose, to make tea or jelly.

Share – When you have beautiful roses, it's always a pleasure to share them with family, friends, and "neighbors" of all sorts (including libraries, post offices, nursing homes, and doctors' offices). Another way to share is to exhibit your roses at rose shows. We can all share our blooms at the Greater Gwinnett RS Rose Show on October 11 at Bogan Park. There are other opportunities as well. The ARS Fall Rose Show & Convention is in Tyler, TX, October 17-20. There's a rose show in Tallahassee on October 25-26. The Deep South District Fall Convention & Rose Show is coming up in Gainesville, FL, October 31-November 2. Whenever your roses bloom this month, you'll be able to share them with others.

Enjoy – I think I enjoy October in the garden most of all. The weather is pleasantly cool, the trees are colorful, and the roses are brighter. Enjoy them while you can!

Weather Word

By Ryan Tilley, *Master Rosarian*, "Meteorologist Supreme", 770-517-9011, willey598@aol.com

The forecasts of an El Niño event developing this fall and winter continue, but the most likely event now looks like it will be a weak event rather than the moderate or even strong event it appeared to be a few months ago.

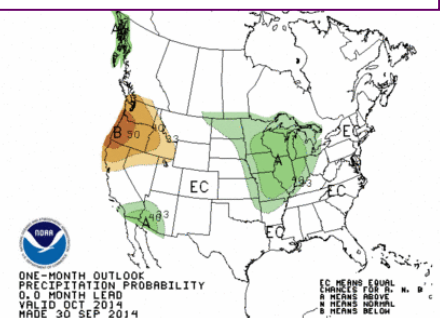
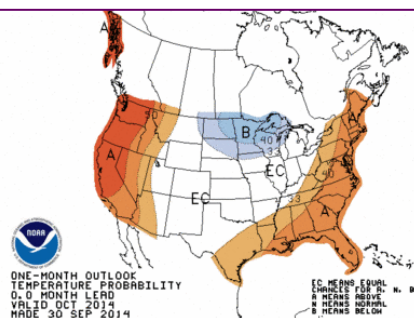
This makes the long range forecast a bit less certain, and the current general pattern of above normal temperatures and near normal rainfall may continue into early winter before the transition into a wetter and cooler pattern. The tropics have been quieter than normal as per the earlier forecasts and there is little to change that outlook.

	Avg High	Avg Low	Avg Rain
October 15			
Atlanta	74	52	3.05
Alpharetta	72	46	3.52
Athens	74	51	3.28
Blairsville	69	41	3.75
Columbus	78	54	2.22
Helen	72	45	4.49
Macon	78	52	2.18
Rome	73	47	3.01
Savannah	78	57	2.30

October Weather Outlook

A = above normal temperatures
B = below normal temperatures

A = above normal precipitation
B = below normal precipitation



The Traveling Rosarians – The Rose Garden in October

By Linda & Walt Reed, Master Rosarians, 770-632-9907, linwalreed@aol.com



The fall shows are nearly over. We hope that all who entered the shows had great luck with their roses, and that all who will be showing at the District Convention still have great roses. After all, it is October, so winter can't be far away.

We can now think about the process of getting our roses ready for their winter nap. If you have not already done so, stop fertilizing your roses, especially with any fertilizer high in nitrogen. You should let the hips form when the blooms are spent; just remove the rose petals so you keep the petal drop to a minimum in the garden. This will signal the roses that it is time to take a little rest. If you were to continue to deadhead as you did in the active growing season, new growth would be encouraged. Frost may affect any new growth and create undue stress on your plants.

The rose colors should be lovely with the cooler weather. You can still cut all the lovely blooms you want for your indoor bouquets and to give away. Your bushes will stop producing completely as the days get shorter and we have some freezing nights. Watering requirements will be about half of what was needed this past summer. If you have no watering restrictions and your budget can stand it, water at the same rate as in the summer; it will probably do no harm and be good for the roses.

With cool nights you may notice a drop in blackspot, but an increase of powdery mildew. The spores from blackspot and powdery mildew will winter over on leaves and any foliage that has fallen to the ground, so it is important to continue to spray and to keep a clean garden, bushes, and ground. The sprays of choice for powdery mildew are Rubigan, Eagle RW, or Immunox. There is also a product called Erase that will help eliminate mildew if you already have it on some plants. We will use more contact fungicides, as we want to eliminate as many spores as possible.

As the weather gets cooler, Daconil, neem oil, and other horticultural oils will be good contact fungicides to use, since the danger of chemical burn decreases with cooler temperatures.

I like to stock up on spray materials for the dormant season. Materials such as lime-sulfur and Volck Oil are good to spray during December or January on both the plants and the ground around them to help kill off the spores and insect eggs that can winter over.

This time of year you can prepare new rose beds for spring planting. To prepare: break the clay apart so that the roses will grow in good soil. You will need topsoil to replace about one-third of the clay, and amend with some good organic material (such as cow manure); you can add as much organic material as you want. Also add about one-third river sand, a pound or two of gypsum, and lime if needed to the clay soil. A strong back and the use of a roto-tiller is helpful to get all of this mixed into the soil. It is also smart to have your soil tested at the UGA Extension Service [you can find your local office at <http://extension.uga.edu/about/county> – Editor]. They will tell you what you need to add to the soil for good growth for roses. If you need to raise your pH, now is the season to add lime, since it takes some time for the lime to work to achieve the desired pH by next spring. Dolomitic lime contains magnesium, which is good for the plants. It is needed in photosynthesis but the lime takes time to increase the pH.

Cooler weather is also a good time to plant new roses so that they will be established by the spring growing season. You can also make plans for moving roses to another spot in the garden or for shovel pruning (getting rid of any roses that are not producing for you) to

make room for the newer and more disease-resistant varieties. Many nurseries will let you order roses now to deliver in time for spring planting. This is a good idea because many of the newer varieties may be sold out if you wait until spring.

Hope you all had a great year with your roses. With a little preparation this fall your roses should be ready to give you much enjoyment next year.

Consulting Rosarian Corner

By Sara Coleman, *Consulting Rosarian*, 678-432-4792, alsara.coleman@att.net

Would your rose garden survive if you had to do ALL of the work that is required for your garden? I know some of our members are tending their gardens alone because their spouse is working out of town and maybe they help when they are home.

As I sat in the Rockdale hospital waiting room, waiting for Al's surgery to be over (he had an aneurysm that had to be taken care of), I was thinking of our two rose gardens that we take care of. I asked myself, can I take care of the gardens like Al takes care of them? You see, I help with our gardens, but Al makes the schedule of when to fertilize, spray and what we are spraying for, change the mulch, and if it doesn't rain in so many days, when we water. I can do all of the fertilizing, changing the mulch, pruning, but Al will not let me spray nor make the schedule. So while he is recovering, I am making my own schedule and of course he will look it over and see how many mistakes I have made and what I need to add or take away to make it like his schedule – a loving gesture on his part. My thinking is, if I don't do this to develop a good understanding of what to do and when to do it, I would be completely lost without his schedule. This is a learning lesson for me, and I hope it makes sense to some of you who perhaps are in the same situation as I.



Ryan's Way with Roses

By Ryan Tilley, *Master Rosarian*, 770-517-9011, wtilley598@aol.com

Help Your Roses Keep Their Cool

After all the winter damage and having to cut roses back harder than usual, this summer my roses have been short enough that it has been easier to use an overhead sprinkler on them to keep the foliage looking good in my dry, arid summer garden. And yes, you heard right. I water my roses overhead on a regular basis until the roses get so high that it will not work anymore. I put the oscillating sprinkler on top of an upside-down trash can, and secure it with a brick on both sides to keep it from moving or falling off the top of the can (For every action there is an equal and opposite reaction...Mr. Science). And it works! The foliage looks good, and the mites are not as bad as they could be. Try it when your roses are looking hot and dry or as a part of your irrigation program.

But remember, do not do it in the evening or you could end up with wet leaves overnight [prime conditions for the development of blackspot – Editor] or allow downy mildew to sneak into the garden. I have noticed that downy mildew has been on the increase the last few years in some people's gardens, either because of climate change or a mutation in the fungus spores themselves. The climate here in north Georgia usually does not favor downy mildew, which requires near-100% humidity with temperatures ranging from the mid-50s to the low 80s. We are usually either too hot or too cold, or the humidity is too low. But long stretches of cloudy, damp, mild weather or 100% humidity overnight when temperatures are



favorable can occur, and then downy mildew spores can germinate. The spores will be killed when temperatures soar into the upper 80s or 90s, so there should not be much in the garden. But as we learned in Jurassic Park, “Nature always finds a way.” On to happier thoughts.

Does Rootstock Choice Influence Winter Damage?

One of the advantages of being able to graft roses onto ‘*Fortuniana*’ rootstock is that you can take a rose which is sluggish on its own roots or on another rootstock and see if it will do better on ‘*Fortuniana*’. Given the major rose growers’ slow but increasing trend of selling roses on their own roots to cut costs, putting roses onto a vigorous root stock like ‘*Fortuniana*’ may become commonplace, at least for me. [*Fortuniana*’ photo right, from [Antique Rose Emporium](#)]



I like to take “sneak peeks” at roses a year in advance and I have found many of them to be slow starters, like ‘*Twilight Zone*’, ‘*Cinnamon Dolce*’, ‘*Beverly*’, and ‘*Pope John Paul II*’. However, once they are on ‘*Fortuniana*’ rootstock, the performance very often increases, sometimes dramatically. This is not to say that grafting onto ‘*Fortuniana*’ will turn a decent garden rose into an exhibitor’s dream. But a bigger plant and more blooms will make for a more satisfying rose.

Here is a sidebar about ‘*Fortuniana*’ rootstock roses. My garden has all manner of rootstocks including *Rosa multiflora*, ‘*Dr. Huey*’, ‘*Fortuniana*’, and some on their own roots. The early knock on ‘*Fortuniana*’ was that it was strictly a southern rootstock. It was not believed to be hardy further north where winters are much colder. I debunked that theory by planting my own ‘*Fortuniana*’ bush so I could do some grafting of my own (a failed experiment). But the bush lived on and survived winters down near 0 degrees while retaining its leaves. I have always maintained that because roses on ‘*Fortuniana*’ are much younger when you buy them, the bud union is of course smaller and more immature than second-year plants on other rootstocks. So if you keep them in pots the first winter or winter-protect them very, very well, they can be just as hardy as roses on any other rootstock in later years.

I did not have many roses die from last winter’s brutality, but an interesting thing happened. My roses that were second-year bushes on ‘*Fortuniana*’ survived better than many older roses and roses on other rootstocks. For instance, I have six bushes of ‘*Impulse*’, five of them on ‘*Fortuniana*’ rootstock and one very large bush on multiflora. The five bushes on ‘*Fortuniana*’ survived as well as I could have hoped, while the larger one on multiflora rootstock had to be cut back nearly to the ground. And to add insult to injury, deer ate the first shoots of that bush as it tried to regrow.

The other young roses on ‘*Fortuniana*’ that made it through the winter in fine shape were ‘*Stephen Rulo*’, ‘*Girls Night Out*’, ‘*Dina Gee*’, ‘*Sister Ruby*’ (two bushes), ‘*Valencia*’ (hard to believe!), ‘*Sweetness*’, ‘*Pink Intuition*’ (two bushes) [[photo right from fiftyflowers.com](#)], and ‘*Sedona*’. Even ‘*Mohana*’ (five bushes), which has always been a sluggish grower for me, had two bushes make it through winter quite well, while two others had a lot of damage. Again, the larger bush on multiflora had more damage than two of the smaller bushes on ‘*Fortuniana*’.



As for the roses that were the hardest hit after last winter, two of my three ‘*Randy Scott*’ bushes are having a really tough time growing back, as are two of my ‘*Francis Meiland*’ and ‘*Carol Nicole Miller*’. The yearly favorite to be killed, ‘*Bronze Star*’ (two bushes), lived up to its billing with one bush 90% killed and the other one coming back very slowly. Finally, it just would not be spring without a ‘*Dolly Parton*’ bush biting the dust. I still have one that is half decent, but of course another winter will be here soon!

Evaluating New Roses

Now, back to the “sneak peeks”. I am finding myself ordering these “sneak peeks”

and other newer roses, growing them for a year in the ground or in large pots to form an opinion about whether it is a rose that I want to add into my garden. Roses with something different to offer, rather than yet another new red rose or another white with a pale pink edge, are ones that I will want to put onto 'Fortuniana'. Fragrance now plays a big role in my evaluation ('Beverly') as does interesting or unique color combinations ('Koko Loco') or the rave reviews of other respected exhibitors and rosarians ('Randy Scott'). My garden is nearly maxed out at present, so I am typically now potting many new roses in seven-gallon pots and growing them in half sun/half shade or at least afternoon shade so they will not fry in the pots. My main evaluation comes in the spring when the rose is in the greenhouse, or from late August into October when nights are longer and temperatures begin to cool off some. The plants grow better then, with better bloom size and quality.

I also report for the publication *Horizon Roses*, along with fellow rosarians and exhibitors around the country. Many of these exhibitors get the roses a little sooner than I do, so the first year that I have them I do not have as good a feel for the potential of each new rose when the evaluations are requested in early July. But by October, I usually have a good idea of which ones will be given garden space the following year. I do keep all of the newbies in the greenhouse in their seven-gallon pots regardless of whether they are going to get garden space or not, and sometimes so-so roses wow me enough over the winter to change my mind. 'Hey Jack' was just such a rose. It was nice enough with its yellow and orange coloration and long stems, but the petal count was low and there were other roses I liked better. But it was awesome in the greenhouse last winter and earned a spot in the garden where it is really growing well at present. Never say never.



As for the roses that survived and are growing well in my garden, I like 'Soft Whisper' more and more [photo above right from Wayside Gardens]. It looks similar to 'Gemini' without all the sprays, the bloom size is better, and there is a good fragrance. Another rose similar to 'Gemini', but with a pinker edge is 'Sister Ruby'. Lots of good cutting stems and it too has a very nice fragrance. So often the new exhibition roses do not come with any fragrance, but not 'Sister Ruby' [photo right from K&M Roses].



What about That Fertilizer?

In late April I broadcast a four-month time-release 18-16-14 from Bloomkote over the entire garden; I purchase it from Beaty Fertilizer (the Mills Magic guys). In June I broadcast about 10 bags of Mills Magic Rose Mix over the garden as well. In each case I watered the fertilizer in afterward. Finally, I have a timed-release 10-10-10 with poultry manure from Beaty Fertilizer which I put down in mid-August. You can often pick up products from Beaty Fertilizer at local rose society events [the Greater Atlanta Rose Society discount purchase is on Pruning Day in early March – Editor] or at Autumn Hill Nursery. Contact them for more information.

I miss having the time to tinker more with the fertilizing by adding alfalfa tea as a mid-summer pick-me-up or using fish emulsion and other liquid fertilizers like Mills Easy Feed and a good Bloom Booster. I even purchased a fancy new fertilizer injector hooked up to my well, but as of yet I have not given it a tryout. It was not overly expensive (a little over \$400). I may finally give it whirl for a final liquid application. My plan is to use the Mills Easy Feed since it is already a liquid. If you use water soluble fertilizers like Peter's 20-20-20 or MiracleGro, it will be hard to keep all of the fertilizer in suspension while it is working. I will let you know how it goes, if it goes at all!

Roses at Rose Hills

By **Bobbie Reed**, *Master Rosarian*, 770-979-4237, berdks@mindspring.com

You may have noticed that Don and I tend to travel in October. Often we go to an American Rose Society convention, but for the last four years our travels have also included Rose Hills. What's that, you say? There are two international-style rose trials in the United States; one is Rose Hills in Southern California. Like the old AARS trials, roses are planted in a garden and evaluated periodically over a period of two years. After two years, an international panel of judges comes in for one final, intensive rating of the roses, worth 20% of all points accrued in the judging, in categories of health and vigor, growth habit and foliage, beauty of the flowers at all stages, and freedom of bloom. The Pageant of Roses Garden is at Rose Hills Cemetery in Whittier, CA. Trials began there in 2000. Dr. Tommy Cairns is the Curator of the garden. **Kitsy Mostellar** was one of the judges again this year, and **Cathy Farmer** attended for the first time.

The roses to be judged are often already in commerce, so we may recognize them. This year, for instance, I recognized 'Diamond Eyes' and 'Whimsy' among the thirty candidate roses. This year, the garden had experienced 100+ degree temperatures the week before the judging, so roses didn't look their best, but many still looked good. Judging went rather quickly this year because the judges were facing 99 degree temperatures on the morning we judged. All scores are compiled and the winning roses are presented the same day.

This year's winners included '**Dee-Lish**', hybridized by Meiland and introduced by Star Roses, as the most fragrant rose (a strong citrus scent) in the trials. This hybrid tea is a cross between '*Louis de Funes*' and '*Graham Thomas*'.

An as yet unnamed rose (pending patent procedures) hybridized by Chris Greenwood won for the best hybrid tea in the trials; it is a cross of '*Hotel California*' and '*Marilyn Monroe*', and is introduced by Certified Roses.

'**Oh My**', hybridized by Christian Bedard of Weeks Roses, won best floribunda. It is a hybrid of '*City of San Francisco*' and '*Crimson Bouquet*', with deep, velvety red blooms in large clusters. Bloom form is best in cooler temperatures.

'**Icccap**', hybridized by Jacques Mouchette of Meiland Roses and William Radler, and introduced by Star Roses, won the best shrub award. Disease resistance on this rose is reputed to be excellent, as you would expect from a rose that comes from the Papa of the '*Knock Out*' roses. It will be available in commerce in 2015.

The BIG award each year goes to "The Golden Rose of Rose Hills". This year that award went to '**Tania Norris**', a sport of '*Gentle Giant*' discovered by Luis Desamero, and named for the founder and first president of the Beverly Hills Rose Society and Patron of the Rose Hills program – a beautiful rose for a beautiful lady.

The judging is always fun; to me it's the most fun you can have in public, as we get up close and personal with the roses. Some judges are local to LA, some are from around California, some are from "nearby" states (Arizona and Hawaii), a scattering are from across the country as far away as New York and Florida, and this year one was from Uruguay. We all bring slightly different perspectives



Photos from top to bottom: '**Dee-Lish**' (photo from Edmunds Roses); '**Oh My**' (photo from Regan Roses); '**Icccap**TM' (photo from Pike Nurseries); and Luis Desamero and Tania Norris with the winning rose, '**Tania Norris**' (photo from BAGSC News, A Blog from the Botanical Artists Guild of Southern California)

to judging the roses, but over time the group is becoming family. It's always good to see and learn from them, and to see and learn how the roses grow in California compared to how they may grow here.

Upcoming Events

ARS Fall Convention & Rose Show – Tyler Rose Festival

October 16-20 brings the Fall National to Tyler, TX, right off I-20 in the heart of rose production country. Full information, schedule, and registration forms are in *The DSD Bulletin* that you received by e-mail last month, or on the ARS website. I hear one of the speakers will be talking about the National Clean Plant Network for Roses, established under the Agriculture Act of 2014, to provide funding for facilities to “provide propagative plant material that is free of plant pathogens and pests that can otherwise cause economic losses.” I never heard about it before, but it sounds interesting, especially after a bunch of the rose plants I was admiring in a garden last week turned out to have rose mosaic virus.

www.rose.org/tylerconvention

Deep South District Fall Convention & Rose Show

If you can't make it all the way to Texas by next week, what about going to Gainesville, FL, later this month? That's where the DSD Fall Convention will be, **October 31-November 2**. I think our garden will still have roses left by then, and yours could, too. Load up and head south for some fall Florida rose fun. Full information, schedule, and registration forms were in *The DSD Bulletin* you received by e-mail last month. Questions, contact Jean Stream at streamj@gmail.com. Otherwise, see <http://deepsouthdistrict.org>.



The Minutes – September 16, 2014

By **Emily Landrum** for Peggy Spencer, Secretary, spencers800@gmail.com

The meeting was called to order by **Barry McCasland**, President, as he welcomed members and guests.

Barry took a black board survey of seven different rose growing problems we have had this growing season: fungus, insects, spider mites, rose rosette, delayed winter die back, heat, and critter events. He said we would discuss these issues later on with a panel consisting of three Master Rosarians. If you have one of these problems you can send a picture of the issue to Barry and he will make a Power Point presentation to show at the November meeting. Due to the Atlanta Botanical Garden's Holiday Lights display in November, we will have a picnic dinner in the workshop. Each person will bring their own “Brown Bag Dinner” and beverage as well as something to share if they like. This might be a great opportunity to see the Holiday Lights.



Important dates to remember are: DSD Fall Convention & Rose Show, Gainesville, FL, October 31-November 2. The Deep South & Carolina District's Mid-Winter meeting, Savannah, GA, January 9-11.

Emily Landrum, Membership Chair, said we should continue to encourage anyone growing roses to become a member of GARS. She introduced a guest who was present. The Members Directory will be completed electronically this coming year and sent by way of e-mail to the members who receive e-mail.

Henry Everett, Treasurer, stated we are in pretty good shape financially for the end of the year. We have a little over \$4000 in the bank, and enrollment for next year will start soon.

Sara Coleman, CR Coordinator, stated that the deadline is close for the Roses in Review and if you have not completed the form, please do so before September 26th. Also, a Consulting Rosarian School will be held at the Mid-Winter Conference in Savannah, GA. All those interested in becoming a Consulting Rosarian should get in touch with her.

The Nominating Committee is being formed to develop a list of candidates for next year's officers. If anyone is interested in serving in a position please let us know by speaking with any of the officers.

Bobbie Reed, Newsletter Editor, requested we send our information to her by September 25th for the October newsletter. She and Don will be traveling after then.

We all wished **Don Schwarz** a "Happy Birthday".

Melissa Cobb, Program Chairman, introduced our speaker, **Linda Schuppener**, Hybridizer. Her program was most entertaining and enlightening and everyone enjoyed the presentation.

The next meeting will be October 21st. Mickey Gazaway, from Pike Nursery and the Walter Reeves radio program, will be our speaker.

The meeting was adjourned.

Don't forget, dues are half off these prices for the rest of this year!



**The Greater Atlanta Rose Society
2014 Membership Form**

Name(s) _____

Nickname(s), if applicable _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ - _____

Phone (H) _____ (W) _____ (C) _____

E-mail Address _____

GARS Regular Membership Dues (Per Household) \$25 _____

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Our society is fortunate to have a number of members who have been trained and certified as Consulting Rosarians and **Master Rosarians** by the American Rose Society. These members are available for advice and consultation by phone, by e-mail, or in your garden at no charge. Please call on any of them whenever you need help with your roses. We're eager to talk to you!

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American Rose Society, PO Box 30,000, Shreveport, LA 71130, phone 318-938-5402. Annual dues are \$49, or \$46 for those 65 or older. Three-year memberships are \$140; associate memberships and family memberships are available at a discount. A four month trial membership is available for only \$10. Membership benefits include the bimonthly *American Rose Magazine*, the *American Rose Annual*, and the *Handbook for Selecting Roses*. Specialty bulletins including *OGR & Shrub Gazette*, *Mini/Miniflora Rose Bulletin*, *Exhibitors' Quarterly*, *Singularly Beautiful Roses*, and *Rose Arrangers' Bulletin*, are available free to members only on the ARS website, to help you further explore the world of roses. ARS Website: www.ars.org

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'Tania Norris' roses at the Pageant of Roses Garden at Rose Hills Cemetery, Whittier, CA
(photo from BAGSC News, A Blog from the Botanical Artists Guild of Southern California).

Reminder: The next GARS meeting is on Tuesday, October 21, at 7pm at ABG

The Greater Atlanta Rose Society is affiliated with the American Rose Society. We meet at the Atlanta Botanical Garden, 1345 Piedmont Ave NE, Atlanta, on the third Tuesday of most months. Membership is open to anyone interested in growing roses. Annual dues are \$25 per household. Membership benefits include this newsletter; meetings with informative speakers and programs; opportunities to purchase rose – related products at a substantial discount; and conversations with some really nice rose-growing people! Contact any officer for more information, or come to a meeting.

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