

THE PENSACOLA ROSE

AFFILIATED WITH THE AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY

March 2017



When: Monday, Mar. 13, 2017
Time: 6:00 P.M.
Pensacola Federation of
Garden Clubs
Garden Center
In Upstairs Apartment
1850 N. 9th Avenue

April 29, 2017

Jacksonville's Annual ARS Rose Show and Celebration of Roses, 1- 4 p. m., at St Mark's Episcopal Day School, 4114 Oxford Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32210. Contact Wayne Myers, 904-272-7885, wayneiacroses@gmail.com

Refreshments: Sally Menk

Program: Hosting a Rose Show

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 7 thru April 9, 2017

Spring Festival of Flowers

UF/IFAS & Pensacola State College
MILTON CAMPUS

5988 Hwy 90, Milton, FL

FRI, Apr 7, 2017, 9 – 5 p.m.

SAT & SUN, Apr 8 & 9, 2017, 9 - 4 p.m.

April 22 & 23, 2017

Pensacola Rose Society Rose Show, the
Garden Center, 1850 N. 9th Ave, Pensacola,
FL 32503, Contact Glenn Schulman,

glenn.schulman@att.net or

Gail Pisz, pisrz@bellsouth.net

April 22, 2017

Gainesville Rose Society – 44rd Annual Rose Show, First Christian Church,
Gainesville, FL 32606. Contact Jean Giesel
at betty.giesel@gmail.com or 352-475-2762

President's Message

I would like to remind everyone that this month we will be meeting in the "Apartment" upstairs in the Garden Center. There two ways to reach the Apartment. There is an outside stairway in the back of the building that leads to the apartment. There is also an inside stairway. You reach the inside stairway from the stage – it is on the right side of the stage as you are facing it. I will be sure to have both the inside and outside doors open. There is a restroom in the apartment so you will only need to use the stairs once going up and once going down.

We will be asking for volunteers to help prune the roses at the Veteran's Memorial Park in Pensacola. This is the third year we are doing this and it is much appreciated by the park managers and the general public. They have lost about half the roses that we started with. They are also better separated than at the start and the job should be much easier. We will be asking for volunteers and pick a date for the pruning (probably a Saturday). We will also discuss the possibility of donating some roses to make the park look better. The pruning effort will probably take 3 or 4 hours as we only have to pile the trimmings and the park lawn service will pick them up.

On April 7, 8 and 9 (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) we will be selling roses at the Pensacola State College campus in Milton. This is our biggest annual money maker!!! Several members have been rooting roses for this sale. We need to have 3 or 4 members at the site for each of the days. We will be setting up on Friday morning and that is when we need the most help. This is a great opportunity for members to meet members of the community and recruit for the Rose Society as well as selling roses. The roses sell themselves and it is great fun. Please try to spend at least half a day with us and be sure to bring a chair to sit on and dress according to the weather. New members should not worry about answering questions from the public as we will always have an "old hand" present every day. There is also a horticulture show in the recreation building which includes roses. We won a lot of blue ribbons last year. Glenn Schulman won BEST OF SHOW and they announced it over the loud speakers. Business really picked up for us after that announcement!! I hope to see you there.

Bob

EXHIBITING IS A FUN PART OF OUR HOBBY!

You say that you have no interest in exhibiting in your rose society's show. You might find it intimidating to enter against some of the experienced rose show exhibitors. You are already an exhibitor if you "exhibit" your roses in your home, church, nursing home, or hospital.

One of the advantages to exhibiting is that it helps you become a better grower through discussions with the other exhibitors. You will find that another advantage is you will make a lot of new friends!

The transition to exhibiting in a show is not as hard as you might think. There are classes for novice exhibitors. That first blue

ribbon will be a thrill. Winning Novice Queen, Novice Mini Queen or Novice Miniflora Queen will be an exciting moment. In addition, you will have contributed to enabling your society to have a bigger, better show.

We will discuss some methods for organizing your exhibiting. Some preplanning will help remove some of the stress from the prep time on the morning of the show. Organization can help make you a winner. We have found that using these methods to be valuable in allowing for a pleasurable experience.

In the garden, you should pay close attention to the progress of the roses. Make it a habit to take a walk through your roses daily. While you are walking, don't forget to enjoy the roses. Look for such things as unwanted side growth and any pests. Remove center buds from those stems that you want to develop into sprays. Any developing blooms that you would want to enter as one bloom per stem should be watched for the development of side buds. Cut them so that you leave about $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of the stem. This will dry up and morning of the show, will pop out easily, leaving no scar. During your walk look for new basal breaks and provide support for them, so that these tender breaks are not broken by wind. These activities are not just for exhibiting only but should be a regular part of your garden maintenance.

In order to keep your blooms undamaged by thrip, you will need to mist with Orthene. This can be done with a spray bottle. Use at a rate of one tablespoon per gallon. This should start as soon as the buds start to show color. Mist every other night and you will have clean blooms that do not have thrips waiting to say hello to the judges. Remember to keep an eye out for other "pests". A weekly water wanding or bi-weekly spray of Avid or another miticide will keep the spider mites away.

As daily temperature increase keeping up with water is essential. In the week before the show, the roses should be watered daily. This helps increase the substance of the petals. For the rest of the month, be sure to provide a minimum of 1 to 2 inches per week. Fertilizers used at this time should be water soluble. Either Miracle-Gro or a bloom builder formulation can be used at the rate of 1 tablespoon per gallon and 1 teaspoon per gallon for minis. For best form, you should have been using a bloom builder formulation such as 10-50-10. This should be done every two weeks and should have been started before the buds began to form. For lush, green foliage use a tablespoon of Spirit 330 at the rate of one tablespoon per gallon for large bushes and 1 teaspoon per miniature bush a couple of weeks before the show. Fish emulsion can also be used at one tablespoon per gallon. Staying on your weekly spray routine is essential.

An excerpt from an article by Sandy Lundberg, The Charleston Rose, April 2014

FEEDING FOR BIG BLOOMS

Fertilizing will make a difference in the size of leaves. Healthy foliage will make a difference in the size and number of blooms.

Some rosarians use only organics: alfalfa, fish meal, blood meal, gypsum, aged manure, etc. scattered on top of the soil around the plant.

Others add slow release fertilizer to this organic mix.

Of course, there are varied fertilizer formulas that produce successful results. Some rosarians prefer using a 3-2-1 formulated fertilizer such as 18-12-6, others prefer a balanced formula such as 8-8-8.

Before adding any type fertilizer, the soil should be moist and the plant hydrated. Water again after applying either organic or chemical fertilizer as all of these draw moisture from the soil to dissolve. Cover

with mulch to retain even moisture and reduce weeds.

Fertilizers should not be piled on the trunk of the plant or in one spot, but scatter evenly around the complete drip line of the plant. Nor should they be scratched into the soil as this will harm feeder roots close to the surface.

Foliage Feeding

Meaning water soluble fertilizer (Miracle Gro, Peters, Fish Emulsion, etc.) is sprayed directly on the leaves.

Foliage Feeding Facts:

1. Test have shown that foliage feeding can be 8 to 10 times more effective than soil feeding.
2. Up to 90% of a foliar-fed solution can be found in the roots of a plant within 1-hour of application.
3. Foliar spray fertilizer is an excellent short-term solution for plants experiencing stress.
4. Foliage feeding is useful when there are problems in the soil and likewise helps prevent chemical imbalances in the soil.
5. Foliage feeding is very useful for potted plants.
6. It is suggested a spreader sticker be mixed with any liquid spray application to help the application thoroughly stick to the surface of the leaves.
7. Fungicides for blackspot, liquid fertilizers and spreader stickers can all be mixed together for us at the same time.

Find more information:

<http://www.ecochem.com/fo liar.html>,

<https://www.gardeningknowhow.com/garden-how-to/soil-fertilizers/what-is-foliar-spray.htm>

Fungicides

Usually the mail order fungicides cost more than the garden center products, but the mail order fungicides usually contain a much higher chemical concentration and therefore require much less of the chemical per gallon. Read the labels carefully. Following the label application rate will get the job done.

Fungicides fall into two categories – “killer” and “preventatives”, each providing a very different protection.

Killer fungicides are often referred to as contact or surface-acting fungicides. These kill the fungus spores that are present. If any blackspot is seen on the leaves, these fungicides should be used. Look for fungicides that contain Mancozeb, Dithane, or Chlorothalonil.

Preventative fungicides penetrate the plant’s tissue system to “inoculate” and protect the cells against attaching fungus spores. These are referred to as systemic fungicides. They do not kill existing spores, they add protection against the spores. If there is no sign of blackspot, preventative fungicides alone can be used. Preventative fungicides contain Triforine, propiconazole or Tebuconazole.

Killer and preventative fungicides can be mixed together and sprayed at the same time for overall protection. Fungicides should be alternated as fungus can mutate to become immune after repeated use.

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Showing Hybrid Teas

Generally, the most perfect state for hybrid teas or miniature roses is when the bloom is one-half to two-thirds open, gracefully shaped with sufficient petals symmetrically arranged in a circular outline with a high center.

Hybrid Teas and miniature blooms are displayed with only one bloom, on a single stem, without any sign of other stems, flowers, or buds on the main stem.



Showing a Spray

A spray is group of florets growing on many side stems which all originate from the same main stem. A dramatic spray is composed of many blooms at the same or near the same stage. However, unopened and newly opened buds may be included. The

collection of blooms should form a pleasing outline with little or no gaps in the arrangement of blooms. Unwanted growth may be discreetly removed in order to form a balanced and pleasing arrangement of blooms.



Showing in Challenge Class

Challenge classes are a perfect place to show off more of the variety of roses you grow. For example, if you grow only one or two classes of roses (hybrid teas, shrubs, floribundas, shrubs, polyanthas, OGRs) you would have only a few classes to display your many varieties of that one class. The challenge classes offer extra opportunities to display your variety of blooms. Challenge classes usually call for 3 or more blooms of the same class. Some classes specify the blooms each be in a separate container while others challenge the exhibitor to put all of the blooms in one container. The rules are spelled out for each challenge and must be followed exactly.



Showing in the Photo Classes

You must take the photos yourself, but it is not required that photos be of your actual roses, arrangement or garden. Judges use the same rules to judge a photo of a rose as they use to judge the real roses entered in their appropriate classes. Therefore, if the entry calls for a photo of one bloom at exhibition state, the same rules apply as those for showing the actual rose. The photo should show one bloom with symmetrical form and freshness. If the entry calls for an open bloom, the photo should be of only one bloom with symmetrical form showing fresh, bright stamens, which are much easier to capture in a photo than at the perfect time for a rose show. An entry of a spray should show a big, full spray of roses. Use your super close-ups or photo editing program to create entries for the abstract and impressionistic class.

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American Rose Society



The American Rose Society is a wonderful organization that provides its members with an array of information on rose horticulture. You are missing a lot of good information unless you receive the American Rose magazine. It is an opportunity for you to discover the many aspects of rose growing. To become a member contact the American Rose Society by telephone (318) 938-5402 or email (ars@ars-hq.org) Website is www.rose.org.

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MARCH ROSE CALENDAR



- **Begin removing protective mulch**
- **Complete major pruning**
- **When buds break dormancy, begin “finger pruning” to shape bushes**
- **Spray every seven days for fungus**
- **Spray biweekly for spidermites**
- **Begin a monthly or bimonthly feeding program with a granular fertilizer**
- **Begin biweekly liquid feeding**
- **Apply organics and other amendments: Epsom salts, Lime, Gypsum, Perk**
- **Patrol garden and watch for aphids. Control with Merit**
- **Water weekly and more often if needed**
- **Share your rose growing with others**

PENSACOLA ROSE SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DATE: _____
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HOME PHONE: _____

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Dues: Individual \$15; Family \$20

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Also, check out the Pensacola Rose Society on Facebook.

Make sure your tetanus booster shot is up to date. The combination of scratches and cuts from thorns and pruners, together with handling manures and fertilizers make rosarians susceptible to Tetanus or Lockjaw Disease.

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