

# The Bulletin

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### District Director's Report



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Time to be digging in the dirt again! The bushes are well watered from all the rain we've had and warm weather means they're starting to leaf out already. I brought home new roses from K&M Roses at the Mid-Winter Meeting and I can't wait to get them in the ground! The start of the new rose growing season is the time to make good use of your society's Master and Consulting Rosarians as well as other resources like our DSD website, [www.deepsouthdistrict.org](http://www.deepsouthdistrict.org), the ARS website, [www.rose.org](http://www.rose.org), our DSD newsletter, and our district's Facebook page.

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Greater Palm Beach Rose Society did a great job of hosting the Mid-Winter Meeting in Gainesville on January 20-22nd! We had a great arrangements workshop put on by Sandy Dixon and Joanne Maxheimer. CR credit was given for all four of our fun and educational speakers' programs. At the banquet Saturday we recognized all the 2022 ARS Bronze Honor Medal winners from the District. The Anita Smith Award for outstanding contributions to DSD was awarded to **Bill Langford**. Congratulations to **Sara Coleman** and **Faye Sturdivant** for achieving the designation of Master Rosarian. Karen Barnes invited us all to attend the Fall Conference and Rose Show in Gainesville on October 13-15th.

Another huge event is coming up quickly – the ARS National Conference and Rose Show on May 5-8<sup>th</sup> at ARS headquarters in Shreveport! Please plan on attending and bringing you roses to show. They have a fabulous line up of speakers, garden tours, and social events where you can mingle with rosarians from all over the country. The brand new gardens at the American Rose Center, that DSD members generously contributed to, should be in full bloom and stunning! Online registration is open at [ARS National Convention | drs \(dallasrosesociety.com\)](http://ARS National Convention | drs (dallasrosesociety.com)) and hotel reservations are filling up fast.

The new member portal at the ARS website is up and running! At the website home page click on Login. Then you'll need to create an online ID and password. Once this is done, you'll have access to past issues of the magazine, can manage all your account information, see your judging and CR recertification dates, and much more. The online Modern Roses tab on the website is functional too and doesn't require a password. It's a great source for information on many roses.

Since there was no CR School held at the Mid-Winter Meeting, I hope many of you took advantage of the ARS online School held in February. I believe we may have gotten one or more new CRs from this School which is always exciting. CRs, it is your responsibility to keep up with your recertification date and plan ahead to get the credits well ahead of time. Contact Janet Newburgh or check the portal if you need to know your date.

After all this fun news, it pains me to tell you that we have lost another DSD rose society. Central Florida RS voted to disband last fall, leaving us with 20 local societies. This is a challenging time to keep a local society invigorated. Presidents, I encourage you to stay involved in and take advantage of the Local Rose Society Advisory Committee and the outreach work that they are doing to help you. They held a great online meeting for all Presidents in December. For more information contact Bill Dorn at [cbibill@hotmail.com](mailto:cbibill@hotmail.com).

Here are some important reminders.

1. Please get your \$25.00 DSD dues into Kay Harrell as quickly as possible. The deadline is May 30<sup>th</sup> but sooner is always better. ARS dues of \$70.00 are also due.
2. If you're having a rose show this year please rewrite your schedules to comply with the new rules eliminating most disqualifications and incorporating the three new optional shrub classes if you want to use them. The rewritten schedules need to be sent to Joanne Maxheimer (Horticulture) and Sandy Dixon (Arrangements) to get their approval prior to your show. If you need help with the wording let Joanne or Sandy know.
3. Please get rose show and other local society event dates to Chris Van Cleave to put up on the website.
4. As I mentioned at the Mid-Winter Membership Meeting, ARS is expecting a large budget shortfall this year due to inflation, market pressures, and the fact that our biggest single donor (\$50,000) did not make her donation last year so I hope you'll join me in contributing to the ARS Annual Fund this year. Even a small amount helps. Our dues don't begin to pay for all their expenses.

Spring is right around the corner and the gardening public is never more enthusiastic than right now. I spoke to a local gardening club this week and 14 people signed up for a complimentary copy of our South Metro RS newsletter! A rose seminar that I did with Glenn Schulman and James Mills last month in Dothan, AL had 70 attendees who paid \$20 each to be there. People are hungry for rose growing information. Capitalize on this! Schedule outreach days at nurseries, plan rose shows or rose festivals, and use every opportunity you can to spread the love of the rose and grow your membership now.

## 2023 DSD Mid-Winter Meeting Recap

By **Cindy Dale**, *Master Rosarian*

“Sun, Fun and Roses” was the theme of the Deep South District (DSD) Mid-Winter Meeting held on January 20-21 in Gainesville, Florida. Greater Palm Beach Rose Society did a great job hosting the event and it certainly lived up to its name! 107 people from across the District attended.

In addition to the vendors setting up for business with their beautiful roses and rose related products on Friday afternoon, the ever-popular Arrangement Workshop was held under the direction of Sandy Dixon and Joanne Maxheimer.



We fanned out across Gainesville for dinner on our own and then the Hospitality Suite was open to visit with old and new rose friends from Alabama, Georgia, and Florida.



Saturday featured four wonderful speakers on such subjects as “Growing Roses in Pots”, “New Rose Introductions”, “Great Rosarians I Have Met and Great Gardens I Have Visited”, and “Landscaping with Roses.” All of these were approved for CR credits.

The Membership Meeting is always held at the Mid-Winter Meeting and, as District Director, it was my pleasure to update our members on important DSD

happenings and information from ARS headquarters. One matter of business required a vote by a delegate from each rose society. The newly revised DSD Guidelines for District Meetings and Rose Shows were unanimously approved and will provide significant help to any local society who wants to host a Mid-Winter Meeting or Fall Conference.

We always have outstanding raffle prizes at these events. There were gift baskets of every type, rose bushes, Home Depot and Lowe’s gift cards, bone china items with a rose motif, and more. There were even two vacation packages offered as silent auction items! The winners were announced after the Membership Meeting.

The highlight of the week-end is always the Saturday night Awards Banquet where Bronze Medal recipients and others are recognized. Sara Coleman was presented with the ARS Master Rosarian (MR) designation for ten years of distinguished service in the role of Consulting Rosarian. She was the only DSD rosarian to earn this designation for 2022. Bill Langford received the Anita Smith Award for outstanding service to the District. Congratulations, Sara and Bill! After playing a fun table game about roses, many of us retired to the Hospitality Suite for more relaxing conversation.

After breakfast on Sunday we regretfully said goodbye to our friends and headed home while looking forward to the next DSD event - the Fall Conference and Rose Show on October 13-14 at the same hotel. See you there!





## 2022 Roses in Review



By **Joseph Woods**

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Happy Holidays Rose Friends,

Hi Rose Friends, I hope everyone has or is finishing up your annual pruning about now. I'd like to share some information about our roses in review results from last season.

Deep South District members rated a total of 183 roses including 245 plants. This places us Third out of 14 districts in both number of reviews as well as number of plants considered. Because of your participation this year, we have moved up substantially in the ARS!

Thank You,  
Joseph Wood



## Cold Damage on Roses

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This past Christmas, there were record colds in the south. Temperatures went down to single digits in North Georgia and as far south as Miami there were temperatures in the 30s and 40s. While these may not appear severe to some, they could cause a lot of damage in areas not used to these kinds of temperatures.

Where I live, we are in zone 7A. The low cold hardiness temperature is supposed to be zero. A few years ago, during the polar vortex, it did get down to zero for two nights. There was some

damage and I lost some roses. I normally don't do winter protection, but decided then that going forward I would make sure any grafted roses have the graft buried.

What occurred this past winter was a bit different. We had a warmer than normal fall. Many of my roses and other plants still had some green growth on them when the cold snap hit. I also added a bunch of new roses last year, a few on fortuniana. I didn't do any special preparation for the cold spell beyond taking in any potted plants I had outside. I did leave some larger potted plants out as they are usually ok.



*Black and Brown Cold Damaged Canes*

After the cold snap, I did see what I expected. Anything that was green before was now black and shriveled. I didn't think anything was wrong. Over the next few weeks, I started noticing rose canes turning brown and black and appearing dead. I was able to snap a few off with my bare hands. I didn't want to start cutting back because I was afraid it would expose some tender growth.

Of course, Mother Nature has a wicked sense of humor and we are now enjoying an early spring. My Okame cherry tree bloomed out a week early beginning the first week of February. The Forsythia started showing color the last week of February, a sure sign that rose pruning should begin.

I started my first serious look at my roses. Most of my hybrid teas had a lot of dead wood, But I hoped there would be some green at the base. Unfortunately, I found that many did not. The bagged roses that I had splurged on (most on sale so I didn't lose that much money), did not make it. I am assuming that since they were planted last year, they weren't established enough to withstand the cold temperature. Two were on fortuniana and didn't survive. A big disappointment. Also, some tiny own root roses I had planted last summer did not survive. I feared for some of my tea roses that I've had for years. But it does seem that although their top growth is dead, they are putting out new growth from their own roots.

It wasn't just roses. I lost my rosemary plant that I've had for years and my azaleas appeared to be burnt and are just now putting on some new growth. But I doubt they will bloom this spring. My hydrangeas had to be cut down to the base, but have some new growth. My gardenias look a bit bedraggled, but are still alive.



*Madame Lambard, formerly 5 feet tall, all above ground growth dead, but has new growth coming up*

The bright spots are most of my David Austin's and OGRs came through with flying colors. Roses such as Veilchenblau, Mrs. BR Cant and Duchess du Brabant did not give a hoot about single digits and are leafing out fine. Most of my roses in the back yard are fine.

So why did I have so much damage? I have a few theories. One, the fall was mild and since my front yard faces south, it gets direct sun even in the winter. I regularly have roses putting out new growth during winter warm spells that are then zapped by a cold spell. If the roses don't go fully dormant, they are more susceptible to damage from a sudden cold spell. We see this in some roses that appear fine during spring pruning, but then start declining when it gets very warm and struggle to put out new growth. Once this happens and the cane starts to discolor, the only choice is to cut back until you see green outside and nice white pith. Even if you have to cut back to the bud union. In my case, the damage didn't wait, the canes were dead, dried out, desiccated. I was able to snap most of them off with my hands, even the thick canes. I admit I kept putting off the inevitable, hoping that I would see some green come up. But then had to realize there was no hope for many of them.

Second theory was deer. I was plagued by deer this past summer. It's possible that many of my roses were weakened by the deer constantly nibbling on them, so did not have enough strength to survive the winter.

Front yard vs back yard? I haven't lost any roses in my back yard, although some have damage. The back yard gets much less sun than the front, so these roses did go dormant and therefore suffered less damage. They are also slightly lower elevation than the front and are protected by a fence. So, no deer damage and perhaps they were in a slightly warmer temperatures than the front.

Lessons learned:

- Make sure bud unions on grafted roses are WELL buried. 2 inches minimum. This pains me as I have to dig in hard clay sometimes. And so many roses come with a 6 inch shaft on the rootstock PLUS the roots (I'm looking at you David Austin).
- Get more own root roses. They may die back but have a much better chance at surviving.
- Winter protection. If super cold temps are forecasted, put mulch or leaves on top of the roses to further protect them. I don't like doing this usually because we get so much warm temps in the winter and I worry about mold.
- Plant more roses in the backyard. This solves the deer issue and the temps seem more moderate in the back yard. Luckily, we just took down 3 Cryptomeria trees that were dying so I have a nice new sunny spot for lots of roses.



*This is my garden waste bin. This was the 4th time I filled it up with dead canes like this*

Whatever the conditions in your yard, don't take our usual mild winters for granted. Mother Nature likes to throw us a for a loop now and then.



## DSD Horticulture Judges



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Spring has certainly rocked and rolled through the South. One day it's in the 80's and the next we have a low of 18. Mother Nature is sure playing games with all of us. After speaking with many of our rose friends, many have stated that we should wait and see just how much damage we really had. I know that I have had to replace 16 of my roses, some large and some mini-mini flora. There are still a few that I hope will hang on only time will tell.

With that said its time to cut back those that survived, take away old mulch and replace with new, fertilize and start your spraying routine. Speaking of spraying just because the new growth looks fresh and clean don't think you don't need to spray and please use a spreader-sticker in your mix. Get a jump start and prevent the black spot and any and all other problems that may occur in your garden. Don't forget to thumb prune and watch out for those Chilli thrips.

Hopefully we will still have many beautiful roses to bring to the Spring Shows and lots of Queens, Kings and Princess and don't forget about wonderful arrangements.

These are the Societies that are having Spring Shows. West Palm Beach, Tampa, Thomasville, Dothan, South Metro and Atlanta, this should give you plenty of shows to choose from. For those of you that are attending the National in Shreveport, I wish you the best and can't wait to see how many of our exhibitors in the DSD, come home winners.

Yours in roses,

Joanne  
DSD Horticultural Chair





## DSD Arrangement Judges



By Sandy Dixon

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Where does the time go?! It's spring in my garden already; temperatures are hitting 90 degrees Fahrenheit every other day. The Eastern Bluebirds and Carolina Wrens are feeding their hatchlings. Baltimore Orioles are sipping sugar water from the hummingbird feeders to devil the newly arrived Ruby-Throated Hummingbirds. I have to buy grape jelly every week for all the feathered friends

to enjoy – gluttons! AND, the roses are blooming, the roses are blooming! Rosa Roxburgii (the Chestnut Rose) is covered in fuzzy buds and deep pink blooms. All the roses I haven't gotten around to pruning are in bloom. Thank goodness R. Roxburgii does not get pruned until after it has bloomed. I can say I'm not behind on that one.

Our Mid-Winter Arrangement Workshop seemed to go well. Thanks to all who assisted in set-up and clean-up. We had a large group, but everyone worked well with their table neighbors. The arrangements made were very creative. It was a joy to reconnect with old friends and make new ones. The next workshop will be in October at our DSD rose show and convention.

Don't forget about your Covid and flu vaccines. Keep your tetanus shots updated. It's a good idea to renew that every five or so years. Be kind to one another.

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## Consulting Rosarian Report Taking Stock and Sharing



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First of all, I want to thank all those of you who sent me your 2022 Annual Consulting Rosarian Report. I really enjoyed reading them and found them very impressive. The reports told of your active participation, especially in your local society but also on a broader level. You have been helping to

keep your local society active and involved during this difficult time, and you have reached out to your community about roses. You have been sharing lots of information about rose care in your specific area and at various times of the year, including tips on how to care for roses under adverse conditions. You have attended classes and schools to learn more. And you have participated in Roses in Review, helping to identify up-and-coming new rose varieties in our constant quest for improvements.

The information gleaned from the Annual Consulting Rosarian Reports can be of direct help to you, personally and in your work as a Consulting Rosarian. It can aid in identifying potential new Master Rosarians and Outstanding Consulting Rosarians. It can garner recognition for people doing good work, and to help that work make the biggest impact possible.

You described some excellent outreach and service activities, including rose shows, garden tours, and giving bouquets to others, thereby sharing the beauty and charm of roses. These activities, particularly when well publicized in the community, are extremely important for your society's continuing strength in promoting America's favorite flower.

As I read about what you and others are doing in the rose world, your activities frequently inspire me and give me new ideas. I also find it very helpful to take stock of my own activities in the past year; the need to prepare an annual report really helps me to get going on this. How quickly one forgets about presentations made, articles written, or classes attended! Keeping track of these things is so important, not only for our continuing certification as Consulting Rosarians, but also to help us identify new things to try, new courses to take, new knowledge to share. When I was preparing my own Consulting Rosarian Report, I really regretted that I had not been maintaining a continuing log of my activities and of my garden assessments, to help me to remember these things and so that I wouldn't have to dig the information back up from various sources! I vow to do better next year.

I look forward to reading your 2023 Annual Consulting Rosarian Report next year, but in the meantime, I'm always glad to hear from you and to talk, or e-talk, roses!

## From the Treasurer

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### Your DSD Treasurer's Report

**Bravo!! To: Birmingham RS, Gainesville RS, Grtr. Atlanta RS, Grtr. Gwinnett RS, Grtr. Palm Beach RS, Huntsville/Twickenham RS, Jacksonville RS, Marion County, RS, Pensacola RS, and South Metro RS, Tampa RS, Tropical RS and Wiregrass RS - you have all sent in your**

annual DSD dues for 2023!

If your rose society is NOT listed above, PLEASE encourage your society to send in its dues right away! There are approximately 21 local societies in the DSD and to date, the above 13 have sent in their dues.) That means that 8 local societies have not yet sent in their 2023 Dues!

FYI - According to the DSD By-Laws, each local society's Annual Dues are due by the **end of May**. These annual dues or if you prefer, *contribution*, are used to pay the nominal but ongoing expenses of the DSD. (Local societies with 100 or more members are asked to pay \$50/year and those with less than 100 members are asked for only \$25/year.)

Thank you,

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- May 5-7 **2023 ARS National Rose Convention**  
The American Rose Center, Shreveport, Louisiana
- May 13 **51st Annual Tampa Rose Society Rose Show “Run for the Roses”**  
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- May 13-14 **Birmingham Rose Show**  
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- May 13-14 **Greater Atlanta Rose Society 2023 Rose Show**  
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- May 20-21 **South Metro Atlanta 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Rose Show**  
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