

THE ROSE PETAL

A Member of the American Rose Society

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President's Message, from Bill Langford

Hard to know if we are able to see the light at the end of the tunnel yet. The Mounts Botanical Garden is still not allowing groups to meet in the Auditorium, but they are holding the Fall Plant Sale, it being an outdoor event.

Since we can not meet in person, we will have a virtual meeting on October 26. I plan to email the link a few days before the meeting and then again the day before. We will again be using the Go To Meeting platform. If

you do not have computer access you can call in at 7:30 PM and listen by phone. The phone number to use for the October meeting is +1 (224) 501-3412, and then you enter access

code: 944-207-453. (Since it is a long distance number you will want to use a phone line that does not charge by the minute). Our speaker will be Wayne Myers, a longtime rosarian now living in St. Augustine. He will be speaking about

Old Garden Roses. He will be specifically speaking about OGR's that do not require spraying and perform well in Florida. (Look for more information about the speaker in this newsletter).

As mentioned, the Mounts will be holding the Fall Plant Sale the first weekend in November. The Greater Palm Beach Rose Society will have a booth next to Cool Roses and we are looking for volunteers. Please contact Kathy Rose (561) 665-0535 or kathleenarose@gmail.com, to let her know if you prefer to come on Nov. 7th or 8th, and what time you can come. You will need to bring a face covering, of course. Mounts members get free admission to the event. We will receive a limited number of passes that allow non-member volunteers get free entry into the plant sale. So let Kathy know if you are not a Mounts member, so we can arrange to get you a pass.

I hope you can join us for our October 26th meeting. It is a safe way to connect with other members, and the program Maria has arranged promises to be very interesting. Bill



Our October Speaker - Wayne Myers

This month, GPBRS is fortunate to have an online presentation from Wayne Myers. Wayne is a retired Air Force pilot who retired in October 2013 from his second aviation career. A serious rose hobbyist for more than 20 years, he tested over 300 varieties of all classes of roses on his half-acre in Orange Park, Florida. Because Wayne worked overseas 30 to 60 days per trip, his roses suffered an average of 150 days of neglect each year. He quickly discovered he couldn't grow competitive Hybrid Teas or Miniatures.

Consequently, his rose manager evolved along Darwinian lines—trending toward sustainable gardening through survival of the fittest. During each trip away, the garden became a demonstration center for all the diseases and pests around. Growing beautiful roses in spite of these challenges became almost an obsession. Going all in, he joined the American Rose Society (ARS) in 1995, became a Consulting Rosarian by 2000, became an ARS life member in 2007, and a Master Rosarian in 2012.

Since 2008 he has lost over 100 rose varieties to chilli thrips, deer, Diaprepes root weevils, leaf-spot diseases, and neglect. The 2012 “American Rose Annual” included his article “Making Local Rose Choices,” advocating the importance of local conditions and smart choices based on local experience in successful rose gardening. In 2013 an improved version of that article and his “Old Garden and No-Spray Roses for Northeast Florida” received Awards of Merit in the ARS's Bulletin/Newsletter Contest.

Wayne devoted 2014, his first year of retirement, to finding a new downsized home and yard closer to his grandchildren, moving to the new home in St Augustine, FL, rehabilitating the old home, and then finally selling it. Since selling, he's filled his spare time with roses—attending three rose conventions last fall, giving rose programs to several local garden clubs, consulting locally, putting in a rose garden at his new home, and now running for Director of the Deep South District.

For years Wayne has written the monthly rose-care column and many other articles for the Jacksonville Rose Society's newsletter, “Buds and Blooms”. In 2001 he transformed a neglected section of parking lot into a no-spray rose garden--mostly Old Garden Roses--of approximately 30 bushes at Orange Park United Methodist Church. He has maintained that garden since, including the annual pruning party. This garden is living proof that sustainable rose-growing is possible in Florida.

Wayne is a past Co-president of the Jacksonville Rose Society. He and his wife Lyndy served together because before retirement he was overseas working so much of the time. He has also served the Jacksonville Rose Society as board member and Vice President in charge of programs—two ways he could serve in spite of being gone so much. He is also a member of the ARS-affiliated Central Florida Heritage Rose Society. In 2015 he was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Heritage Rose Foundation.

Wayne's shared knowledge should be immensely encouraging to those of us who battle the same environmental and biological challenges, only farther south.

Please welcome Wayne Myers, Master Rosarian!

2020 Deep South District Photo Contest rules

1. Contestants may enter up to 3 images per Class. Multiple entries of a rose variety within the same Class are not allowed.
2. Photos must be submitted in JPEG image format.
3. Images must be taken by an amateur photographer who is a member of the ARS and living in the Deep South District or a local Rose Society located in the DSD.
4. Digital images that have won awards in previous ARS or DSD photography contests are not eligible.
5. Images must be identified by their ARS approved exhibition name on the file name.
6. Identify each image submitted by its Class and ARS approved exhibition name. Ex: Class 8 - Abraham Darby.
7. Email questions/entries to Paul J. Colombo at: pjcolombo1@gmail.com. Include your name, home address, and phone number. Please put, **"DSD 2020 Photo Contest"** in the subject line.
8. ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY November 1, 2020.
9. Reception of entries will be confirmed by email.

Classes

- 1: One Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora - one bloom per stem, no side buds permitted, exhibition stage, no single flowered cultivars.
- 2: Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora Spray - must have two or more blooms. Single petalled HT's or GR's allowed.
- 3: One fully open Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora - one bloom per stem, no side buds permitted, stamens must be visible. Single petalled HT's or GR's allowed.
- 4: One Floribunda - one bloom per stem, no side buds permitted, most perfect phase of beauty.
- 5: Floribunda or Polyantha Spray - must have two or more blooms.
- 6: Old Garden Rose's - one bloom per stem or spray, side buds permitted. Entries must be submitted with date of introduction. Dowager Queen for roses introduced before 1867
- 7: Old Garden Rose's - one bloom per stem or spray, side buds permitted. Entries must be submitted with date of introduction. Victorian Award for roses introduced in 1867 or later and for unknown date.
- 8: Shrub Rose - Classic Shrubs (H. Kordesii, H. Moyesii, H. Rugosa, or H. Musk) or Modern Shrubs, one bloom per stem or spray, side buds permitted. No David Austin roses (see Class #8).
- 9: David Austin Roses - one bloom per stem or spray, side buds permitted. Must be a David Austin introduction.
- 10: Climber - Large Flowered Climbers, Hybrid Giganteas, Ramblers, and Hybrid Wichuraianas, one bloom per stem or spray, side buds permitted.

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11: Species Roses - one bloom per stem or spray, side buds allowed. See Modern Roses, ARS Handbook for Selecting Roses, Official List of Approved Exhibition Names for Exhibitors and Judges, or visit www.helpmefindroses.com.

12: One Miniature - one bloom per stem, no side buds permitted, exhibition stage, no single-flowered cultivars.

13: One Miniflora - one bloom per stem, no side buds permitted, exhibition stage, no single-flowered cultivars.

14: Miniature or Miniflora Spray - must have two or more blooms. Single petalled cultivars allowed.

15: One fully open Miniature or Miniflora - one bloom per stem, no side buds permitted, stamens must be visible. Single petalled cultivars allowed.

16: Any Arrangement - ANY class of rose. Must include arranger's name and name of roses.

17: Macro Photography - any part of a rose photographed at extreme close range, may include insects.

18: Abstract or Impressionist Photography - a photo having non-objective, design, form, or content of a rose(s) or any part of a rose. May be digitally manipulated.

19: The Rose Garden - a photo taken of a garden prominently featuring roses.

20: Novice/Youth Class - any rose from an entrant who has not won an award (1st, 2nd, 3rd, or Hon. Mention) from a DSD or ARS Photo Contest.

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Editor's Note:

Here are some highly rated 4-5 star mobile phone apps I found in the Apple App Store. I haven't tried any of them, and don't endorse any. Have fun!

1. *FlawlessLens-Phone Photography Tips* - 5 stars
2. *Photoshop Camera Photo Filters* - 5 stars
3. *Focos - DSLR, Large Aperture, Bokeh* - 5 stars
4. *Photoshop Express Photo Editor* - 5 star
5. *Afterlight - Photo Editor* - 4.7 stars [Editor's Choice]
6. *Adobe Lightroom Photo Editor* - 5 stars
7. *Rookie Cam - Photo Editor* = 5 stars
8. *Enlight Quickshot: Edit Photos* - 5 stars



Pruners and Garden Tool Care

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Garden tools are an essential part of everyday gardening, and yet they are sometimes neglected which can create big problems with your roses and other plants. Tools used for pruning roses and trimming other plants, removing weeds, and digging in your soil should be disinfected regularly to prevent the transmission of diseases and pests.

Using a disinfectant will help cleanse your tools and keep them in tip-top shape before returning for another round of use in the garden. Be sure to regularly clean your tools to remove the dirt with warm soapy water. Dry thoroughly. Drying your tools completely ensures the disinfectant has a prepared surface and can adhere to the entire surface of the tool. You may have to scrub with a cleaning brush or sponge to remove all the dirt if it is heavily caked on. Spray a disinfectant like Lysol, wipe with an alcohol solution made of 70% isopropyl, or soak the tool in the disinfectant, mixing one part cleaner to five parts water. There is no need to rinse your tools after using alcohol as it will naturally evaporate. You may also consider using disinfectant wipes, such as Lysol or Clorox wipes for a quick and easy way to clean.

If you have diseased plants, the most common disinfectant to use to help prevent disease from spreading is any hydrogen peroxide-based cleaner. In severe cases of disease in your garden, mix one-part liquid bleach with nine parts

water. Dip your tools in the mixture, then remove and let the solution drain off. Be sure to disinfect your tools after every bush you use your tools on to prevent the disease from spreading throughout a plant or between plants.

Wet tools are a “no-no”. Never put your garden tools away wet. Wet tools encourage rust and can reduce the quality and longevity of your tools.

If your garden tools get a case of the squeaks, a light spray with a penetrating oil such as WD40 will do the trick. This will not harm your plants.

Don't be dull. Always keep your garden tools well-sharpened. Remember, your tools are an important part of plant care; they help you make clean cuts on your canes and stems helping you prevent the introduction of disease. We recommend a [Garden Tool and Pruner Multi-Sharpener](#).

With a little care and maintenance, your essential tools will be in tip-top shape to help keep your garden blooming and problem free.



The 49¢ Rose, by Will Radler,
developer of Knockout Roses

I planted my first rose bush when I was nine years old. Thinking back, that rose changed my life in ways that no one in my family could predict. My folks were just normal people who tried to instill in my brother, sister and me an appreciation for money. To that end they gave each of us an allowance - a whopping quarter each month. Even back then a quarter didn't go very far. In those days my folks compared me to my older brother. He loved to save money. I loved spending money.

One day I was at the local grocery store with my folks...you may have heard of it... the A&P. We kids had to go shopping because we were a one-car family and were too young to stay home by ourselves. Being nine I was usually bored to tears because I had no part in deciding on the food to purchase. Nor did I want to, because I loved to eat everything.

Wandering around the A&P, I came across a shopping cart filled with gold....packaged rose bushes of all kinds! I reached in my pocket...two quarters! A whole two months' savings. A penny more than what the roses cost. For 49¢ I could own a rose bush! I thought, "The folks are not going to let me buy it." So I looked through the roses. I pored over the pictures on the packages and had trouble deciding which rose I wanted the most.

Finally, I got the courage to grab one (Heritage) and tried to find my folks. I found the shopping cart and with their backs turned, dropped the rose into the cart. Relief. I thought I had gotten away with it. All of a sudden, a stern voice said, "You're not going to buy that." Mother saw me put the rose in the shopping cart. I said, "But I have 50¢ and it only cost 49¢." She would not budge. "You're not going to buy it...it is just going to die. Roses are too hard to grow," she declared.

I thought about all the holidays I had spent at my grandparents' house. When we visited their house we couldn't go out in the yard and play because they lived by the river, so all we could do was sit on the couch, mind our own business, be quiet and wait until the adults were ready to go out with us. To keep myself occupied, I would page through my grandfather's Jackson & Perkins catalog. My grandfather never bought any rose bushes, but he always had the catalog. I looked at all the beautiful pictures in the catalog and coveted those roses! I thought, "I have to have roses like that one and that one..." Well, I just wanted them all. So when I could buy a rose for a mere 49¢ I was elated and because I was a spender rather than a saver, not only could I buy the rose but the money would stop burning a hole in my pocket.

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Finally, I wore my folks down and convinced them the rose was a wise investment. They clearly didn't believe me. When I got the rose home, I carefully read all the planting instructions and then decided I would just plant it my own way. My rose grew and grew outside our kitchen window.

Winter came along and my folks said "Will, don't be surprised if the rose does not come up next spring." Our winters in Wisconsin can be pretty brutal, but I wasn't worried. My rose survived. In June when it started blooming, my mother invited her friend over for coffee. I happened to go into the kitchen and there was my mother bragging about her son because he bought and planted that beautiful rose blooming outside the window. I remember how elated I felt hearing how proud she was of me.

They are gone now, but little did they know what was going to happen with their son because of that 49¢ rose. By age 18, I was not your average 18-year-old. I had 150 roses planted in my parents' back yard. I knew how to bud graft, how to propagate roses from cuttings and, most important of all at the time, how to find rose bargains. I didn't care what kind of roses I bought. I loved them all. It was then that I learned that there was a local rose society near me. "Imagine that....a group of people just like me that loved roses!" I learned where they met and decided to go to one of the meetings. At the meeting, there was me, an 18-year old kid and a lot of other people quite a bit older than I. What I did not

know at the time was that was the first meeting of the Rose Society. I was one of their charter members!

The following year, the Society had its first rose show. I tied for the most ribbons. The next year they had me lead the show. "Damn it....all I could do was tie for the most ribbons."

As I was growing in my rose hobby, my rose friends were getting older. While visiting with one of my friends, she mentioned that she was going to have to cut back on her rose hobby. Perplexed, I asked, "Why would you do that...roses are your life?" Sadly, she explained that at her age it was getting too physically hard for her to grow roses and she was going to have to cut back because she just couldn't do it anymore. That revelation weighed heavily on my heart. I surely did not want that to happen to me. I would never want to reduce the number of roses I grow when I get older, nor would I want to be in a position to have to make that decision. I am going to grow roses until I die!

I thought and thought about the dilemma that my rose friends were facing.

"Someday," I told myself, "I'm going to breed the maintenance out of roses...so that they are easy for older people to grow." That has been my goal since I was a teenager. When I went away to college, I didn't have as much time as I wanted to spend with my roses. I needed to have a career that allowed me to afford the rose hobby that I enjoyed so much. I focused my education on landscape architecture. When you study landscape architecture,

you have to know a lot about a lot of different plants. I already knew a lot about roses, but now I had to learn about everything else.

I still remember my first assignment - be able to correctly identify 50 woody plants by their common and botanical names. I didn't think it would be possible for me to learn all of that in a short time - but I did. I was one of two people in the class that made an "A" on the exam. By the time I got my degree, the word had gotten out about what an avid plants-man I was.

Remember...my goal when I entered college was to work around plants...but I never imagined that would keep me in a position to be able to afford my rose hobby.

Luckily, a position opened up at the Boerner Botanical Garden (near Milwaukee, Wisconsin) and I ended up working as the garden's director for thirteen years.

I love plants so much that every window in my house is filled with them. I even built a special room on my house - just for plants. I remember during construction, the architect asked, "What are you going to use this room for?" I said, "Plants."

Continuing he asked, "No really, what will be room be for?" Patiently, I again replied, "Plants," and added "I am going to fill this room with plants and if there is any space at all left over, I may let a few people come look at them." Surely he thought I was crazy.

Breeding the maintenance out of roses has not been done overnight. I started this work in mid-1970. One of the crosses that I

made in the 1970's is in the lineage of Knock Out. It took 15 years to create this revolutionary rose and another 11 years to get it on the market. In 2000, it won an award from the All America Rose Selections (AARS). Sales went up and up and up until about five years ago when they leveled off - only to be surpassed by Double Knock Out. At present, there are 37 varieties of low maintenance roses from my breeding program on the market, with more new roses being grown under lights in my basement. (I have a really large basement.) I share my experience with you in hopes that when you are around young people you remember my story. I was a teenager when I decided to do something different with roses, and I hope the world is a better place for it.

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Story told by **Will Radler**, compiled by Gaye Hammond for the South Central District Spring 2019 newsletter, Maria Trevino, Editor.



**Double
Knockout Red Rose by Will Radler**

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*If you would like to bring a beverage, fruit or a dessert to the next meeting, please contact **Jacquie Perry** at **(561) 881-5479** and let her know. Your contribution is much appreciated by the members and by Jacquie.*

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MOUNTS FALL PLANT SALE

- Dates/Hours:
 - Saturday, Nov. 7th, 9:00 am-4:00 pm (Members' preview 8:00-9:00 am)
 - Sunday, Nov. 8th, 9:00 am-3:00 pm
- The **Entrance/Exit** will be located at **GATE 2 ONLY in DMV parking lot**. The front entrance gate and back area gate will be closed.
- Event parking is in the DMV lot and front entrance lot (there's a pathway to Gate 2). No on-street parking.
- Masks are mandatory; social distancing will be enforced.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be available.
- Please bring your own wagon or cart; there will be **no carry out assistance**.
- Water will be available for purchase; there will be no food vendors.

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YOUR HELP IS NEEDED SATURDAY AFTERNOON AND SUNDAY MORNING FOR 2 - 3 HOURS TO ASSIST WITH THE EDUCATION TABLE FOR THE GPBRs. WE ARE SHORT OF VOLUNTEERS, AND NEED 3 OR 4 MORE PEOPLE TO HAND OUT INFORMATION ABOUT GROWING LOVELY ROSES IN OUR AREA. PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN. THE TABLE IS LOCATED NEXT TO COOL ROSES SALE AREA. IF YOU CAN HELP, PLEASE CALL KATHY ROSE AND SHE WILL SEND YOU A FREE PASS TO THE DALE. (561-665-0535). THANKS VERY MUCH.

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