

Rose Petals

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Roses waiting to be planted at Hartwood Manor

*The world is a rose; smell it and pass it to your friends.
- Persian Proverb*

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About Rose Petals

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NEW MEMBERS

The Richmond Rose Society welcomes these new members:

Mary Ellen Kelley
Jan Stilwell
Michael Boswell
B.J. Johnson
Claudia Alcorace
Lisa & John Caperton
Jim Lewis
Barbara Hunt
Jack and Bea Baxter

Also welcome back to these returning members:

Anne Blake
Irene Drewry
Julie Ashman
Brenda Hastings

In Memoriam

Long time member J. Allin passed away on April 11. J. joined the Society in 1994 and was very active until health problems surfaced. J. always worked at our rose shows particularly in classification and clerking. J. traveled frequently and had toured rose gardens in Europe and the U.K. Like many of us, J. really liked roses with fragrance. Our condolences to Eileen, J.'s wife, and the other members of the family. J. was a fine gentleman and rose lover.

Another member, Connie Andrews, passed away on February 7, 2009. Connie and Richard joined the RRS in 1991 and were very active until they moved to Chatham, Virginia. They remained members and still came to the rose shows to see old friends and beautiful roses. Over the years Connie helped the Society in many ways. She had been head of the telephone tree, hospitality chairman, and chairman of clerks for the show. Connie and Richard were always among the first "on the scene" to set up for the show and among the last to take down the show and give a final sweep to clean the area. They received the Bronze Medal for their outstanding service and also received the Horticulture Award for their lovely blooms. We send our deepest sympathy to Richard and family members.

2009 Covered Dish, Picnic, Garden Tour and Plant Auction Saturday May 30, 2009

Our garden tour and picnic will start at the home of Rick Brown. Rick is very well known for his variety of “Old Garden Rose”, Rick also grown Hybrid Teas and Miniatures as well. Rick travels to many of the local rose shows and has many trophies to show -off his talents as an outstanding Rosarian. Next on the tour Hartwood Manor, the home of Connie and Steve Hilker. Hartwood Manor dates back to 1848 and has been placed on the Virginia and National Register of Historic Places. Please come and see a “Rose Garden” in the making. Connie has been planting roses here for only a few years and has just begun. To see more of Hartwood Manor go to www.hartwoodroses.com. While you there check out Connie Blog.

If you need more information about our Cover Dish, Picnic, and Garden Tour please give me a call 641-0656 or email at willie1091@comcast.net
Thanks Willie

RRS Garden Tour, May 30, 2009

By Connie Hilker

This year, the Garden Tour and Picnic is heading north toward Fredericksburg to feature the gardens of Rick Brown and Connie Hilker. Rick gardens on a shady lot in Lake of the Woods, in Orange County. The only sunshine available for roses is in his backyard ... which is home to over 100 roses of many different types. Connie's garden in Hartwood, Stafford County, is relatively new, but it already contains over 500 roses, 100 of which are climbers and ramblers.

Rose Display Day

May 24, 2009 from 1-4 p.m., The Richmond Rose Society and our members will be on hand showing their roses as well as answering questions and talking “Roses” at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden. Member are asked to bring their roses, any variety. The vases will be provided by the Society for a Rose Show without the judges. We hope that once you get your roses in the vases that you will stay and talk roses with us and the visitors from LGBG .

RRS Members Receive Award

Congratulations to David and Terry Cottrell who received the Wheeler H. McFadden Service Award Plaque at the Pre-Spring meeting held in March in Staunton. The “Mac” award is given in recognition of outstanding service to the District and the American Rose Society. David and Terry have been active in several societies in the Colonial District for many years. They have also been responsible for tabulating District results from Roses In Review. The award is funded by Phyllis McFadden in memory of her husband, Wheeler, who was an active rosarian in the Colonial District and was District Director at the time of his death.



The American Rose Society 2009 Triennial Election

The ARS is electing a new Vice President. There are 2 candidates:

Jolene K. Adams website <http://home.comcast.net/~jolene4vp.com>

Robert B. Martin, Jr. website www.bobmartinarsvp.com

Please see the May/June ARS Magazine for the ballot and more information.

A Kaleidoscope of Roses

The Colonial District Fall Meeting and Show will be hosted by the Richmond Rose Society on September 25-27, 2009. The show will be held at Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens and accommodations and the meetings will be held at the Holiday Inn Central on Staples Mill Road in Richmond. The Holiday Inn was completely renovated in 2008 and is a short drive to Lewis Ginter.

Plan to attend the Colonial District Fall Meeting and Show this September. There is much to see and enjoy at Lewis Ginter in addition to the rose garden: many other gardens, a conservatory, library, children's area, Tea House restaurant, and gift shop. We are delighted that Susan Clingenpeel will be our speaker on Friday night and Frank Robinson, executive director of Lewis Ginter, will be our keynote speaker at the Saturday night banquet. Interesting programs are planned for Saturday afternoon. Additional information will be posted on the Colonial District website: colonialdistrictroses.org as it becomes available.

Don Penzler
Co-chair

What you could use for “What?”

By Don Penzler

Spring brings warmer weather, rain showers, a new season for plants, pruning time, and many insects, critters and diseases. When one visits their local garden center to find the best way to control rose pests there are many choices to include organic and chemical products. In addition, there are some pretty good homemade mixtures which can provide a degree of protection. However, to know what commercial product might work for you, the warning statement and the information/instructions on the container must be read and understood before using.

In addition, there are new products in garden centers, and many on-line that are not available in stores. For example, this past year I have been having problems with voles in my rose gardens. After unsuccessfully following all of the recommended methods of eliminating these critters I found a new application of technology called the “Sol Mate ® Sonic Mole and Gopher Chaser” that is powered by the sun, covers 1/6 of an acre, and puts out a sonic pulse every 30 seconds to repel destructive burrowing rodents, to include voles.

This article does not constitute a recommendation for the “Sol Mate ® Sonic Mole and Gopher Chaser” or any other product listed below, however, it provides information on some of the alternative products that are available for use in a rose garden. Shown below are pesticides that rosarians may consider using against diseases and insects:

PESTICIDES

BLENDED:

- Immunox Plus – systemic fungicide w/insecticide - W
- Bayer All-in-One –(Blue Container)for just a few roses. Use watering can. Formula includes Merit.-C

BLACK SPOT

Fungicides: Systemic

- Immunox – local garden centers - W
- Cleary’s 3336 - local garden centers - C
- Banner Maxx – on line – W; generic Honor Gard - on line – W
- Infuse – local garden center -W

Fungicides: Kills on Contact

- Mancozeb – local garden centers - C
- Manzate – local garden centers - C
- Funginex – local garden centers – Danger
- Daconil – local garden centers – Danger –Do not use during hot weather

MAY BE MIXED FOR SPRAYING

S – Banner Maxx / Honor Gard with Mancozeb - K

S – Cleary’s 3336 with Mancozeb -K

POWDERY MILDEW – develops with warm days and cool nights

- Same systemics as listed under Black Spot
- E-Rase (jojoba oil) – K – C
- Eagle 20 EW - S - C

- Mixture of Mancozeb – K and Cleary’s 3336 – S

INSECTICIDES

Systemic

- Orthene – local garden centers – for chewing and sucking insects - W
- Merit – on line - C

Kills on Contact

- Sevin – local garden centers - C
- Malithion – local garden centers - C
- Insecticidal Soap - local garden centers (aphids and mites) –
- Cygon – on line – W
- Ultra Fine Oil – local garden centers - C

JAPANESE BEETLES

Systemic

- Merit – on line – for chewing and sucking insects - C

Kills on Contact

- Sevin liquid – local garden centers – (last only a day or two)
- Sevin powder – local garden centers – (stays on longer but must replace after rain)
- Soapy water – pick off beetles and drop into container of soapy water

APHIDS - Use any of the listed insecticides

- Spray with mixture of : 1 part rubbing alcohol, 1 part water, few drops of Dawn

MITES

- Spray under and top of plant with heavy stream of water
- Avid – on line systemic
- Floramite – Expensive, on line – Kills mites and eggs

THRIPS

- Merit – on line – S - C
- Orthene – Spray directly on bud/flower - W

Footnotes: K = Kills on contact; S = Systemic; D = Danger, W = Warning; C = Caution
“Google” any of the above listed products for additional information.

Rose Rent Churches

By Paul Simpson

References from Discover Chambersburg

This is not a promotion for Chambersburg, Pa. But if you haven't visited and you are not a history buff, you should put it on your list, especially with roses in Chambersburg's history. You will learn “When is a rose more than a rose?”.

First go back to 1738. As founder of Chambersburg, Colonel Benjamin Chambers realized the importance of religion in his community. He gave plots of land to three congregations in Chambersburg: Falling Springs Presbyterian Church, First Lutheran Church and Zion Reformed Church. The only thing that Benjamin Chambers required in return was that every year in perpetuity, the congregations present a rose to a Chambers descendant as annual “rent”. For this reason, these three churches are known as “Rose Rent Churches”. Chambers is buried in the church cemetery of Falling Spring Church and it is at this location that the ceremony for paying the “Rose Rent” is performed in June every year. If you would like to attend this June, the church's phone number is 717-264-5715.

Question for some: to use or not to use chemicals!

By David F. Cottrell

ARS CR, Colonial District Outstanding CR - 2004

Way back when, I asked an old hand in growing roses, about the pros and cons of using chemicals to retard diseases and control damaging insects on my roses. He told me that he personally uses a wide spectrum of chemicals on his roses. He said that he had visited a rose garden where no chemicals were used, and he had never seen a more diseased and insect ravished rose garden in all his life.

Taking a tip from this experienced rosarian, I have, from the git-go, used the latest chemicals for roses available and allowed by law for gardeners.

Now, with that said, there are geographical locations with low humidity, moderate temperatures, plenty of sun, adequate rainfall and airy breezes, that are friendly to rose culture. Central Virginia is not the worst location to grow roses, but it isn't the best, either. Matter-of-fact, I've heard some describe our area as being down-right unfriendly - acid prone soil, too much red clay, high humidity, hot days and cool nights, and heavy dew that lingers on the foliage until the burning hot sun causes a 'cooked' effect like parboiled spinach. When this happens, I say to myself, "There's going to be trouble, I mean trouble, right here in River City!"

When using fungicide chemicals, I use contact and systemic type fungicide sprays all through the growing season. I start off with a contact (Manzate, Mancozeb or Fore) right after I clean up the beds and prune; about mid-March. I do as Robbie Tucker suggests, spray three times at three-day intervals. Then start your spraying regimen of every ten days to two weeks throughout the growing season.

I don't try a preemptive strike against insects, however, I 'treat to cure'. I wait until I detect a moderate infestation, then spray with an appropriate chemical as directed on the label. Always remember that the old adage of 'more is better' is not recommended when using chemicals.

Experienced rosarians will advise you to rotate types of chemicals to prevent critters from becoming immune to a particular one. I have some difficulty with switching from one type of chemical product to another. Often, when I examine the ingredients of one that I'd used, it contains, and in the same amount, the same chemicals present as in the one I'm switching to. But I make the switch anyway, hoping there is some difference and rotation will continue to exterminate the target bug successfully.

Also, there are those who shy away from using chemicals because of the 'overkill' or the elimination of 'friendly critters' such as lady bugs, which are supposed to eat

aphids. Well, I tried leaving the aphids to the importation of an army of lady bugs. It was a disaster; in less than a month my roses looked like a cotton field after the final fall picking.

Most chemicals are diluted by spoonful amounts to gallons of water; e.g. one tsp to a gallon, 1/8 tsp to 4 gallons, etc. Warning labels on containers indicating the toxicity are there to give you a heads-up. Follow each warning to the letter and you will do it safely and get the best results.

To rosarians who refrain from all chemicals to protect children and pets - precaution is only required during spraying and until the foliage is fully dry (one or two hours). We all put kids and pets indoors when we cut grass! Too, no child or pet will touch or play near thorny rose bushes. Like with cactus beds, close contact is neither inviting nor feasible. However, common sense must always prevail.

Once while attending a rose garden group visit, I commented to a fellow visitor that the foliage was lush and the blooms gorgeous; I wondered what chemicals were used. The visitor close beside me glanced right and left, moved closer, lowered his voice and whispered, "David, you really don't want to know".

Let's face it, to grow big, beautiful roses here in central Virginia, we need all the help we can get - chemicals, pruning, fertilizing, soil amendment, deadheading, weeding, watering and plenty of sunlight. A couple from Gwynns Island visited us in June some years ago. When the wife stepped out into the garden to see our roses, she quickly called out to her husband, "Come and look at David's roses! He has leaves on his rose bushes!"

We haven't here touched on Rosarian chemical safety (garb and gear), activity calendar and records, and environmental concerns . . . But that's for the next article.

David

Fall 2009 Colonial District Meeting and Show

The Richmond Rose Society will be hosting the 2009 Colonial District Meeting and Show September 25, 26 and 27. The Show will take place at Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens and the meetings and banquet will be at the Holiday Inn Crossroads on Staples Mill Road. Susan Clingenpeel will be our guest speaker Friday night, and Mr. Frank Robinson Executive Director of Lewis Ginter Botanicals Gardens will be our guest speaker Saturday Evenings. This a golden opportunity for our local members to be able to attend a district show and meeting. Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, Washington DC and West Virginia make up the Colonial District. Please plan to attend.

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For this column I am featuring two delightful and fun projects from the kitchen.

The first item is quite easy, and can make a cake or dessert absolutely gorgeous!

Crystallized Roses (or Sugared Roses)

Please know that there are a number of edible flowers that one can use for this project, such as violas, nasturtiums or pansies. Roses, of course, are my favorite. I have had the most success with white roses.

Keep in mind that roses that are purchased have likely had chemicals used on them. It's advisable to carefully rinse the roses/flowers and gently pat dry prior to use. To be safest, I avoid eating the icing on the cake, etc. where the roses may have touched to avoid consuming any chemicals.

Recipe: (This is for a very large amount – one can reduce this and sugar just 3 roses and a few leaves)

You will need a small paintbrush (like a watercolor brush)

3 tablespoons meringue powder (found at Ben Franklin or Michael's in the Wilton Section)

1 16-ounce package powdered sugar, sifted

1 cup water

30 medium to large roses

2 (16-ounce) packages of superfine sugar (one can put regular granulated sugar in the food processor

to make superfine sugar)

48 roses, violets, or pansy leaves

Beat first 3 ingredients in a large mixing bowl at medium speed with an electric mixer 4-5 minutes or until smooth and creamy. Cover tightly and set aside.

Trim stem from 1 rose to 3-4". Wrap stem with florist tape (I don't go to this much trouble).

Spoon ½ cup meringue mixture into a bowl. Cover the remaining mixture to avoid drying out.

Coat the rose petals by "painting" with a small, soft paintbrush. Gently separate larger petals from closed bud to form an opening rose. Don't try to force a closed rose open. Sprinkle rose with superfine sugar, shaking gently to remove excess. Dry on a wire rack for at least 8 hours. Repeat the procedure for the remaining flowers.

Yield: 30 roses and 48 leaves.

You can make these ahead of time or up 48 hours.

Source: *Southern Living*, March, 1997, p. 133.

Rose Wafers

These precious little cookies have a slight flavor of rose water and are great for a ladies'

tea☺

½ cup butter, room temperature

½ cup sugar

1 egg, beaten

¾ cup flour

1/8 t. salt

Pinch of mace

1 t. – 1 T. rose water (to your liking – taste the dough)

Preheat oven to 375°

Beat together the butter and sugar. Add the egg, flour, and salt, beating until smooth. Add the mace and rose water and beat. Drop marble-size balls of dough onto a greased and floured cookie sheet (I used parchment paper). Refrigerate 10 minutes and then bake 10-15 minutes (until the edges are just golden brown).

Makes about 2 dozen small wafers. Yummy!!

Source: *Americana*, February 1991, p. 51

Have fun with your roses,

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Our Silent Auction for the Rose Show

Here comes the fun!

Love to bake? Have some artwork you'd like to donate? This is the time and place to help us out for the Colonial District Show and Meeting this September. Our Silent Auction is a very important part of our fund-raising to support the expenses of the show and meeting. Christmas items would be great, book donations, tote bags, rose plants, a chocolate cake, cookies, you name it.

Items need to be in new or very good condition (unless it's an antique). Just give me a call or email me to let me know what you would like to donate. If you urgently need to give me the item now, you can bring it to one of our meetings.

Looking forward to hearing from you,

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