



## Shenandoah Rose Society

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### August Meeting

The August meeting of the Shenandoah Rose Society will be held Sunday August 23, 2 P.M. at the home of Polly Holston, 1020 Ridgemont Drive, Staunton. The program will be "*Drying Roses and Flowers*" given by Polly.

### Planning for the Exhibition

By Charles Shaner

We will have our rose exhibition in September. The location will be changed this year as we have been invited to have it at Waynesboro Garden Center to be held September 12. It is not too early to start your planning for the exhibition. Pruning for the show should have already been done to give you blooms for that time. A normal bloom cycle is 45 days which may vary just a little for different varieties.

You may need to step up your spray program so your roses will be free of diseases and critters. It is also a good idea to give them a good feeding at this time. Watering is essential! We are getting some rain but it is not enough and amounts vary for one area to another. One day I got  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch and two miles down the road they got  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches. Remember, roses require the equivalent of one or two inches of rain per week.

Start now planning and preparing your roses for the exhibition so we can show Waynesboro Garden Center a good one.

### The Ranbling Rosarian

By Charles Shaner

Japanese Beetles have been few this year. I have seen a total of five and they all met with an untimely demise. I put down the Milky Spore a couple of years ago and planted geraniums in with my rose last year. Even though other people are reporting light beetle infestations this year I credit my efforts to having practically none. It sure has been a pleasure.

As you probably know, I like to experiment with new techniques on my roses and this year is no different. Barbara started selling Avon and they have a produce I just had to try. The Avon Skin-So-Soft body oil has a list of over 100 uses one of which is an insect repellent. In the uses it says you can mix  $1\frac{1}{2}$  ounces to a gallon of water and use it as a spray on flowers to keep insects off. You know me, I have just got to try it. After all, I carry an aerosol can of it in my golf bag and it works really well as a bug repellent.

So, what the heck, I mixed up 2 gallons in my sprayer and went to work. As I was spraying a large shrub rose, I noticed a virtual cloud of insects flying away from the bush. It seems to be working but, the only thing is, now my roses smell like Avon! How do I report this fragrance on my RIR report?



I am hearing more reports of deer in roses. Even with the organic feedings I give my roses I am starting to have some problems with deer. The dog doesn't scare them anymore. They have hit two of my rose beds in the past month and the other morning I noticed they ate my tomatoes. Since I live in the county, I am seriously considering deer stew! Maybe the Avon will keep them away as well.

The Virginia Game and Inland Fisheries recommend an electric fence with 4 strands baited with peanut butter. I don't know what the regulations are for electric fences in the city but you can purchase a small unit from Tractor Supply designed for dogs at a small price. You will need the post (I recommend the plastic which are easy to install and require no digging), wire and connectors for a gate. These small units put out just enough to discourage them and the peanut butter will entice the deer to put their nose on it for a shock in a tender spot. They may leave and not return.

You do not need to put it around the entire yard if you don't want, just around your rose beds. My neighbor has one around his vegetable garden and it is keeping the deer out. The small pet containment units (above ground electric fence) have to be plugged into the power source. You can purchase the solar powered units but they are more expensive. I have used the small pet containment units in the past and it does work. You can put up a complete system with these small units for less than \$100. I may be putting it back up.

### **Shenandoah Rose Society Exhibition**

The Shenandoah Rose Society rose exhibition will be held Saturday, September 12 at Waynesboro Garden Center. Please bring your roses. We are not a judging show. This is our chance to meet the public, show off our work, talk roses and canvas for new members.

Waynesboro Garden Center has invited us to have the exhibition there, is providing the tables and some advertising. Many thanks to Stan Quillen for the hospitality.

### **Colonial District Fall Meeting and Show**

The Colonial District Fall meeting and show will be held in Richmond, VA September 25-27. Registration forms may be found on the District website or Shenandoah website. If you need a registration for and do not have internet access I can send you one.

### **Eden BioScience Home & Garden Ceases Operation**

Eden BioScience, the distributor for Messenger® products has ceased selling products as May 20, 2009. I do not know if the products will be picked up by another company or if what is on store shelves is it. The following notices were posted:

Eden Bioscience Corporation ceased selling product on May 20, 2009. Please contact your local retailer for Messenger® products. Eden was dissolved at 5:00 p.m., Pacific Time, on June 29, 2009 and is no longer permitted to carry on any business except that appropriate to wind up and liquidate its business and affairs.

WOODINVILLE, WA -- (Marketwire – June 18, 2009) - Eden Bioscience Corporation (NASDAQ: EDEN) today announced that it has notified the NASDAQ Stock Market ("NASDAQ") of its intent to voluntarily delist and deregister its common stock (the "Stock") from The Nasdaq Capital Market. The Company has determined to voluntarily delist and deregister the Stock in connection with the recent approval by the Company's shareholders of a plan of complete dissolution and liquidation of the Company.

(Editor's note: If you are using Messenger and it is no longer available you can mix 2 aspirin tablets to a gallon of water and it will do the same thing.)

### **ARS Website**

The ARS website has been the hit by a virus and is down. Work is being done to rebuild the site but it is going to take some time. If you want to do your Roses In Review on line, that is still available by going into [www.ars.org](http://www.ars.org) or [www.colonialdistrictroses.org](http://www.colonialdistrictroses.org) and clicking on the Roses In Review link. The RIR portion of the ARS site is in a different server form the rest of the site.

### **Congratulations Jolene Adams**

Jolene is the Vice President elect to the ARS winning the election by 3 votes. Congratulations Jolene on your win.

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