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February Meeting

The February meeting of the Shenandoah Rose Society will be held Sunday, February 8, 2 p.m. at the home of Ann and Meredith Yeago, 2926 Hermitage Rd., Waynesboro, VA. Our speaker will be Jef Naunchik, Horticulturist at Village Garden Center. The subject of the talk will be Soils and Soil Conditioners for Growing Pretty Roses.

I also want your input on what kind of meetings you want for the year. We have several CR's in our Society able to give good meetings and some Master Gardeners we can call on. I believe we already have Howard Jones from Virginia Beach to give one meeting in the spring but pulling speakers from a distance is expensive.

Dues Time

If you have not paid your dues for 2009 you may still do so. They are still \$12.00 and you may pay them at the February meeting or mail them to Meredith Yeago, 2926 Hermitage Rd., Waynesboro, VA 22980.

Our main source of income is from the dues of the members. This pays for your newsletter and a good portion of the website. Membership is what keeps us going.

Colonial District Pre-Spring Meeting

The Colonial District Pre-Spring meeting will be hosted jointly by Tidewater and Virginia Peninsula Rose Societies. This meeting will be held in Staunton at the Holiday Inn March 13 and 14.

The District has wanted to find a central location for the District meetings and Staunton is about as central as you can get. You might say this meeting is a trial to see how well it will work. We have always had larger attendance in Staunton and it is hoped this one will be no exception.

Prices have increased at the motels and that is reflected in the registration fee. Checking with other motels I found the price to be even higher at them.

From the President

We are starting a new year for the Society and will soon be starting a new growing season. I have noticed traffic on the websites for both Shenandoah and the District has increased in January. People are thinking about the coming spring, looking for information and planning their spring gardening.

Putting together the Society activities for the coming year is no easy task. The most difficult part is putting together programs for the meetings. This is where I need your help. We have several very capable rosarians in our Society and each can give programs. Some want speakers from outside the Society. That is not always possible and is limited by our resources. Bringing in speakers is expensive, especially when they have to drive for some distance. Most of the time you have to pay their transportation, a meal and sometimes a speaker's fee.

Your help is needed in letting me know what you want in the way of programs. There are many areas of rose culture to be covered. There are programs that can be obtained for the ARS but most of those require a PowerPoint projector which I do not have and I don't think anyone in the Society has one.

Let me know what you would like for programs and I will see what can be done.

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