



THE NOVUS NEWSLETTER  
OF THE  
THE TIDEWATER ROSE SOCIETY  
August 2009



## “Meet the Old Rose”

The fifth meeting of the Tidewater Rose Society’s Seventy-fourth year will be held at the Norfolk Botanical Garden, Sunday at 2:30 p.m. August 16, 2009 in the Holly Room of Baker Hall. Elizabeth (Liz) Mangino will give a presentation on Old Garden Roses.

### Tidewater Rose Society 2009 Officers

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**THE COUNTRY STORE NEWS:** We will have Fish Emulsion, Easy Feed, Mills Magic, Felco Pruners, Messenger and 20-20-20. We will also have door prizes.

See you at our meeting  
George

### FROM THE PRESIDENT’S DESK

What’s bugging your roses this summer? If it is Japanese Beetles, it must be summer. These pesky little bugs start to wreak havoc in mid-June through early August. Even though they are only around for about six weeks, they can do a lot of damage to the flowers and foliage in a short period of time. But this will only be temporary. You can spray to kill them on contact or you can just flick them into a cup of soapy water. Some people have had large numbers this year while others have had hardly any. I found a total of four in my yard in a two week period, not counting the two that committed suicide by drowning in the pool.

Would you like to be a patron and help support our Rose Show? Would you like to sponsor or purchase a trophy for the show? If you would like to do one or both, bring your donations to our August meeting.

The Colonial District Meeting and Rose Show will be hosted this year by The Richmond Rose Society at the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden on September 25-27. There will also be a Consulting Rosarian School for those who would like to become Consulting Rosarians. If you are interested in attending the meeting and school, please see Mike Price at our meeting or call him for appropriate applications.

We have a great program set for our August meeting so come out, bring a friend and join us for a “Rosy Day”.

Peggy

In Memoriam

Mr. James L. Armstrong  
September 17, 1931 – June 5, 2009

Mr. James (Jim) L. Armstrong passed away Friday, June 5, 2009. He was a native of Columbia, N.C. He was a U.S. Army veteran. Jim was a member of The Tidewater Rose society since 1985 and a member of the American Rose Society since 1988. Jim was a very loyal member attending all of our meetings until he became unable to attend due to illness. Jim's hobby was hybridizing roses. He named one of his miniature roses for his wife, "Erika My Love".

TIDBIT'S: I would like to thank everyone that participated in the June picnic. The weather was perfect and the food was absolutely delicious. One thing about rose gardeners, we know how to prepare and eat some great food. While we are talking about food, thanks to everyone that provided refreshments at the May meeting.

This will be the last year for ARS Calendars.

I would like to acknowledge and thank Lydia Simpson for all of her help she has given me in doing the newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP

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## ROSE SHOW RESULTS

Congratulations to society members that participated in the Virginia Peninsula Rose Society Rose Show this past May. The big winner, Mr. & Mrs. Howard E. Jones. Howard and Sara won: Queen, King, Princess, Prince for Hybrid Teas, Best Floribunda Bloom. Queen, King, Princess, Prince for Miniature's. Best Miniature Mini-Flora Spray. Best Six Hybrid Teas or Grandifloras, Best Three Hybrid Teas same variety, Best Triad, Best English Box, Rose in a Frame, Best Three Mini-flora Roses, Best Three Miniature Sprays, Best Five Miniature Rainbow Challenge, Best Miniature English Box. Grand Sweepstakes Trophy – for highest number of blue ribbon points, excluding minis, regardless of number of roses grown. Miniature Sweepstakes Trophy #2 – growing 100 or more minis, highest number of points. President's Cup Perpetual (Six Hybrid Teas/Grandifloras). AND FINALLY: Past President's Perpetual (English Box).

Peggy Scott won: Best Fully-Open Rose Hybrid Tea, Most Fragrant Rose Hybrid Tea, Best Fully-Open Miniature Rose, Best Cycle of Bloom Hybrid Teas, Best Mini-flora Rose in a Bowl. Sweepstakes Trophy #1, less than 100 roses, highest number of blue ribbon points. In the arrangement division : Miniature Hanging Frame Arrangement, Miniature Oriental Arrangement.

Eve and Mike Price won: Best Hi-Lo Hybrid Tea/Miniature or Mini-Flora, Best Hi-Lo Floribunda/Miniature or Mini-Flora, Rose in a Bowl, Best Miniature/Mini-Flora Cycle of Bloom. Sweepstakes Trophy #2 – 100 or more roses, highest number of blue ribbon points, excluding minis.

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When [ old roses ] are all out, at midsummer,  
the sight is so joyous, the scent so abundant,  
that one can only laugh and say: "Look at the  
roses!" Or perhaps someone says: "The roses  
are specially good this year." But they have  
forgotten: The roses are good every year.

Deborah Kellaway

## PRUNING ROSES TO “HIT” FOR ROSE SHOWS

by Steven Grass – Consulting Rosarian  
Charleston (W.V. Rose Society)

If you’ve been bitten by the exhibiting bug but never seem to have roses for show time, don’t feel alone. When Lynda and I first started to exhibit roses, we took whatever happened to be blooming at the time. I did no pruning whatsoever except for deadheading and cutting out dead canes. Then Phyllis McFadden took pity on me and gave me a copy of Sandy Lundberg’s article on timing the pruning of your roses. It was then that I began to understand what “pruning for show” meant. You need to cut your rose stems so that they will “cycle” (Or re-grow canes), and hopefully produce blooms in time for your rose show. While most hybrid teas take 45 days to develop from cut to bloom, others take a few more days and some take less. You need to look at this cycle, count back on the calendar from the date of your rose show and then plan your pruning cuts.

Before beginning this practice, I had very few roses to take to the show; but when I started pruning at the required time, I began to have lots of blooms. With Lynda learning how to refrigerate the cuttings, our roses started to show up more on the trophy table. I’m still learning about pruning the hybrid teas for show as the weather seems to affect them more, but the miniatures are easy to prune for show. Why is that? Despite their small size, minis produce lots of stems and blooms, and usually have many more canes than a hybrid tea. I can cut four or more canes on a miniature bush in one weekend, whereas with a hybrid tea I usually only cut two or so.

I’ve listed below roses commonly grown in our area and the days before the show to prune them. Since the weather varies quite a bit in the spring, I usually prune a week ahead of the schedule time, the regular time, and a week later. And as you may know, I work out of town during the week, so I do my pruning on the weekends. I spread my pruning cuts over the weekend so that the blooms won’t all come in at once. Most people prune throughout the week, however. Everybody’s garden has its own microclimate, so the days I specify are more for my garden than yours. If you like to keep records, check on your roses to see how long each stem takes to go from when you cut it until you have blooms. This will help you determine your own pruning schedule. And it may take a few years to get a system because of changes in weather patterns. The real fun comes when you combine your spring schedule with a fall one, but this is just another challenge for the hard-core exhibitor—we are true gluttons for punishment.

Hybrid Tea Variety	Days	Minatures
Elina	50	Slow Varieties (48 or more days)
Louise Estes	55	Fancy Pants, Linville, Kitty Hawk, Luis
St. Patrick	55	Desamero, Tennessee, Tiffany Lynn
Elizabeth Taylor	55	
Rosie O’Donnell	52	47-43 Days
Helen Naude`	52	Olympic Gold, Minnie Pearl, Peirinne,
Marijke Koopman	52	Snow Bride, Baby’s Secret, Autumn
Moonstone	50	Splendor
Gemini	50	
Diana, Princess of Wales	50	42-38 Days
Pristine	50	Herbie, Irresistible, Giggles, Mother’s
Touch of Class	50	Love, Old Glory, Party Girl, Rainbow’s
Veteran’s Honor	50	End, Dancing Flame, Incognito, Sweet
First Prize	50	Caroline
Marilyn Monroe	50	
Crystalline	45	35-30 Days
Bride’s Dream	45	Jean Kenneally, Jennifer, June Laver
Stainless Steel	45	Winsome
Playboy	45	
Paradise	45	
Bill Warriner	45	
Double Delight	45	
Rio Samba	45	
Betty Boop	45	

## ROSES AND ORGANICS

by Charles Shaner – Consulting Rosarian – Staunton, Va.

I have heard it said, even long before I started growing roses, “that if you wanted to grow a beautiful rose, you first had to shovel a lot of manure”. That statement is not at all off track. Roses love organics and seem not to be able to get enough.

Manures are excellent for roses and almost any kind will do. Chicken is one of the best along with horse, cow, etc. You will find dried manures at your garden center which may be applied without worry of burning. One economical source is to visit your local farmer. He is usually glad for you to carry off what you want just for the asking but be careful! The fresh from the farm is much more potent and will burn if applied heavily. Manures do not have much in the way of food value but rather increase the bacteria count in the soil. This bacteria count is needed to break down organic foods that have been applied. It also encourages earthworms and other organisms that help to enrich the soil.

Organic foods (unlike chemical foods) must be broken down into a form the roses can use. This process takes about six weeks. Chemical foods are already in a form the plant can use and go to work instantly.

There are many organic foods on the market for roses which may be purchased from your garden center. Rose Tone is a very good choice and may be purchased at any garden center. Mills Magic Mix is excellent and must be ordered from Mills Magic in Tennessee.

There are many components that may be purchased from a farm feed store or garden center. Alfalfa meal, one roses love, is inexpensive and easy to apply. Fish meal may be found at many farm feed stores and contains many nutrients roses need. I once went to a feed store and asked for fish meal. The man looks at me and said “What on earth are you going to do with fish meal?” I replied “I am going to feed my roses”. He laughed and said “That is the way the Indians used to do it”. You see, rosarians aren’t that crazy, it’s just that our friends and neighbors think so until you give them a beautiful bouquet of the end results. The list goes on – bone meal, dried blood, cotton seed meal, milorganite and the list continues.

In addition to feeding these items dry, many of them may be made into a tea and given to your plants as a liquid. For instance, take a 32 gallon trash can – fill it with water, add about three cups of alfalfa meal and let it steep for about 4 days. You can then pour about a gallon of the “tea” around each rose bush. The same may be done with some of the other organics if you can stand the aroma. Manures make good teas but your neighbor may not care for the smell when she is having that important garden entertainment.

It may be said that organic feeding is Nature’s way of recycling. Nature takes one thing or the waste from one and transforms it into something plants can use. My father was a farmer. He would always say that you look at manure and comment on how bad it looks and smells. You then take the manure out and put it on the field. It makes the grass grow; you cut the grass and feed it to the cow. You butcher the cow and cook that steak and say “My, that taste good!” The same may be said for roses. You put that awful looking, stinking stuff on the rose beds, you cut the roses and bring them in and say, “My, what a beautiful rose and what great fragrance!”

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**ROSE SHOW DATES:**

Colonial District Fall Meeting and Rose Show Sept. 25-27, hosted by The Richmond Rose Society, Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, Richmond, Va.

The Garden Club of Virginia Sept. 30, Paul D. Camp Community College Workforce Development Center, Franklin, Va.

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“ Bolivar” by Bob Martin