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The Charleston Rose Society, a member of the American Rose Society and part of the Colonial District, was founded in 1923. Its membership is dedicated to the growth of roses, the education of the public in rose culture, and fellowship with rose growers locally and across the country.

Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month from March to June and September to November at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Charleston and begin at 7:30 p.m. If you are interested in learning more about roses and their culture, we would like to invite you to join us at any of our meetings. If you are interested in joining the Charleston Rose Society, please contact:

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Membership dues for the Charleston Rose Society are \$8 for an individual and \$12 for a family. This includes the newsletter.

Rose of the Month

Love & Peace



courtesy Edmunds' Roses catalog

When your daddy is the legendary "Peace", you must be bound for greatness, and *Love & Peace* didn't let us down. The 2002 AARS winner has it all. Hybridized by Jerry Twomey and Ping Lim by combining an unknown seedling and *Peace*, this beautiful golden yellow rose with deep pink edging is full (about 40 petals), high-centered, has a slight fruity scent, and exhibition form. The American Rose Society gives it a 7.8 rating. The dark green, glossy foliage on an upright bush that stands about 4 to 5 feet makes it a great garden rose. I have not had a problem with blackspot on this bush either.

Phyllis McFadden has exhibited this rose, and in a frame it takes your breath away it's so beautiful. I have had my bush for three years and it has given me some great blooms, but the deer seem to like it as well. It's been winter hardy. My bush does not get as dark pink on the petals' edges like Phyllis' bush, but I think it's a rose that needs lots of feeding. Edmunds' Roses has *Love & Peace* in its 2010 catalog or online for \$16.95. I love and recommend this hybrid tea rose and think you will like it as well.

Donna Smoot

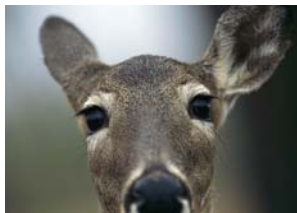


THINGS I DO NOT UNDERSTAND

By Dick Hanlon

In late fall, I potted two roses which I intended to keep in the garage and put them outside when the weather permitted. The plan was good but the follow-through was somewhat different. The roses were growing well and the outside sun and rain were beneficial. Unfortunately, winter and below-freezing temperatures struck and the roses were never outside for almost six weeks. During this time the roses grew well; actually too well for their own good. The growth is spindly but appears to be healthy. They have been outside for the last week and have picked up some strength and color. One of the two roses has two small buds forming. They looked so good and smelled so good that the local deer came last night for a taste. At least my pruning is finished for these two roses.

I have not looked closely at the roses in the yard; from a quick walk through they look fairly green with some black canes. It will be interesting to see how well the roses survived the cold and snow. Usually the most harmful weather to roses is heat and cold cycles. The heat gets the liquid moving in the roses and the cold then freezes the liquid.



I have purchased deer-proof fencing which is 10 feet high. I am going to put it inside my electric fence for double protection. Last year I lost my entire tomato crop to hungry deer. The new fence will be 25 feet in length on each side. I am going to plant roses and tomatoes inside the fence. I also may live inside the fence with a shotgun!

I have purchased about 10 new roses for this year--some are replacements for roses that have started to get old and a couple are new roses. It is exciting to anticipate new roses this time of the year.

THIS AND THAT **Lynda Grass**



Everyone I know is so tired of the snow and cold weather. This winter reminds me of ones from my childhood (and no, it hasn't been THAT long ago!). We would actually have stretches of cold weather and snow, and were able to make snowmen and ride our sleds down the hill. The past several years have spoiled us since we've had only brief spells of cold weather and some spotty snows. And while spring is just around the corner, I imagine that we'll still see more cold weather before and after April gets here. Don't put away your winter clothes too fast.



We'll be receiving the roses that we ordered in the fall before too long. What an adventure that's going to be trying to plant them in beds that are just saturated from the snows. It might be a good idea to check your pH this spring even if you did so in the fall. With so much water going through the soil these past couple of months, you may need to give your beds a boost again.

This winter is really going to provide a good test not only for the hardiness of your roses but also the winter protection that you provided in the fall. We've already noticed that our hybrid tea *Falling in Love* has black canes above the rose cone. Steven left it extra long this year

because it proved to be winter tender last year. Hopefully it will be nice and green down under the mulch. Its parents are *Moonstone* and *Marilyn Monroe* (whose parents are *Sunset Celebration* and *St. Patrick*--two yellow bases) so it's not really a surprise that it would be tender even though it's a pink rose, not yellow. And unless something miraculous happens, our miniflora *Shameless* is no longer living. It had a rough year--covered in powdery mildew all year long and struggling to bloom. Sometimes certain roses just aren't made to make it in your garden. The bright side is that it gives you an opportunity to get something new to replace it!



Courtesy Edmunds' Roses Catalog

If you didn't do it in the fall, get your gear ready for spring pruning. Clean, sharpen, and oil your pruners; make sure your sprayer wand isn't clogged and your tank is clean (or buy a new one to replace the one that you complained about all year); check out your spray and fertilizer supplies; and prepare your back and legs for a workout. Getting back into the rose beds and enjoying the outside is going to be a blessed relief this spring after being in the house most of the winter.



When we had our "Favorite Things" program last year, Danny Craft mentioned that one of the things he had purchased that he really liked was a chipper/shredder. Phyllis McFadden decided to purchase one, and Steven got to use it when he went to help her prune back for winter. He was amazed at how fast it worked, the amount of waste material that could be put in a trash bag, and how it handled large canes. Seems that Santa must have been listening since one showed up by the Christmas tree for him. I think he may actually look forward to pruning chores now since he'll get to play with a machine, and the trash men are going to be very happy when they realize that they aren't going to be handling bags of thorns any more.

A brief word about our rose show. I know it seems like it's far away, but it will be here before you know it. Donna already has her judges in place, and many of our trophies are already secured. Clear your calendar for June 5-6 for setup and the show. I'm counting on your help to make it a great event again.



Finally, we have a couple of members who have fallen into ill health. Kevin Tu had heart surgery last year and unfortunately came down with a very bad infection. I talked to his wife Connie in early January and learned that he had been in and out of the hospital and was still feeling poorly. Eileen Hamilton suffered two strokes at the end of January and will be going into an assisted living facility in Teays Valley. At this point it doesn't appear that she will be able to return to her home. Please keep Kevin and Eileen and their families in your thoughts and prayers.



Donna has already lined up our programs for 2010. First on the agenda is Danny Craft, who will present "Rose Photography 101" this month. You've seen his photos of the rose shows over the past few years during our June meetings. I hope to get some insight on taking better photos with my digital camera (and I really need some help).

Come to the meeting and bring a friend. It will be so good to see everyone!

HAPPY EASTER!

