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Dates to Remember

May 19, 2011 The regular monthly meeting of the Huntington Rose Society will be held on **Tuesday, May 19, 2011** starting at 7:30 pm at the Central Christian Church, 1202 Fifth Avenue. Rich Sherman, Cabell County Extension Agent will give a program on **"Integrated Pest Management"** This is a very timely program to aid in dealing with pests in the garden. Hospitality will be by Beverly Delidow.

June 2-6, 2011 The Spring National ARS Conference will be held in Winston-Salem, NC. For more details contact Steve Lawson at 318-965-4153 or e-mail at slawson001@triad.rr.com .

June 11, 2011 Huntington Rose Society Rose Show will be held on Saturday, June 11, 2011 at the Central Christian Church, Huntington, WV. Set up will be begin at 6 PM on Friday evening. For more information contact Rose Show Co-Chairs, Gary Rankin & Monica Valentovic TEL: 304-697-0321: e-mail Gary at rankin@marshall.edu or Monica at valentov@marshall.edu.

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President's Message

Bill Dolen

Hi Everyone,

Looking forward to seeing you at this month's meeting. I am so far behind on my rose garden I hate to think about it, one thing good is all of my new roses are doing well. I had to prune a few back a little but the plastic bag brought them out after about a week.

I have all three lawnmowers and my weedeater in the repair shop. It is hard to stay up with the yard and roses when nothing works.

Enough about all of this I had a great time fishing with my son and his two boys. Oleta has told everyone that me and Mike turned our boat over and ended up in the lake. The good news is that we got almost everything back.

This month's speaker is Rich Sherman he will be talking about Integrated Pest Management. I hope to see you there!

Bill Dolen

A BIG THANK YOU TO LYNDA GRASS

The 2011 Huntington Rose Society Yearbook was distributed to all in attendance at the April meeting. Our Society owes a big thank you to Lynda Grass for putting together our Yearbook. It looks great and I hope you will use it often this year to review our society events. **THANK YOU LYNDA!!!**

IMPORTANT!!!!

ROSE SHOW SETUP WE NEED YOU!!

We will start to set up for the rose show beginning at 6 PM on Friday, June 10th. The setup and show are at Central Christian Church this year!! **WE REALLY NEED EVERYONE'S HELP** for the rose show. The Rose Show is our Society's biggest community activity. We hope to complete the rose show setup in 1 hour. The Boy Scouts will move and set up the tables for the show. The Boy Scouts will help with moving all the rose show supplies. It will be easier as this year they are not having to move all the supplies out of the church. **HOWEVER, WE NEED EVERYONE TO COME TO THE CHURCH AND HELP OUT.** We have all types of jobs from arranging the sheets on the tables, placement of the rose categories and green dividers, setting up the English boxes, miniature rose palettes and miniature rose goblets.

If you cannot make it on Friday evening then come out on Saturday afternoon and attend the show. Spend some time and visit

with people who come by to enjoy the show and answer their questions. You do not need to be an expert. But we all have a common interest in appreciating the beauty of the rose and can share our love with the Huntington community.

We also need our members to take down the show on Saturday afternoon beginning at 5 PM. If everyone pitches in, we can be done in 1-2 hours. The Boy Scouts will help but need guidance for packing our rose supplies.

It is also important that we all get the news out about the show. Please tell everyone you know to come and see the show. Remember to bring whatever roses you have as we have a novice category, fragrant category and floating bloom only competition so bring your roses!!

We would like to thank many of our members who already have stepped up and are in charge of various duties during the show. These include:

Chair of Judges: John and Diana Fleek

Chief of Clerks: Bill Dolen

Judges Hospitality: Cheryl Johnson

Photography: Beverly Delidow

Properties: Truman Watts

Rose Show Schedule: Lynda Grass

Tally: Bob and Nancy Garvin

Trophy Table Set up: Beverly Delidow and Truman Watts

Trophy Lettering: Linda Snedegar

Trophy Placement: Anna Faye Ray

Winners List: Lynda Grass

Clerks: Bill Dolen, Steve Grass, Cheryl Johnson and Jamie, Bill and Linda Owens.

We are especially fortunate to again have John Marra from WSAZ TV present the trophies to all the winners!!!

National ARS Rose Convention

Winston Salem, NC June 2-6, 2011

It is not too late to register for the National Convention!!! The convention has a very good program of speakers. The rose show and convention will run from June 2-6th at the Embassy Suites in Winston-Salem, NC. The show is on Saturday and includes many horticulture and arrangement categories. There is an extensive program of speakers talking about photography, organic pest control as well as growing and exhibiting roses. The show concludes on Monday with a tour of the Biltmore Estates and this should be an excellent venue. **The photography competition entries had to be in by May 2nd so I hope someone submitted photographs.** More information can be found at the ARS.org website and click on national rose conventions.

LOOKING FOR A FRAGRANT ROSE?

Monica Valentovic

Everyone enjoys a fragrant rose and what more can one want than the special fragrance of a rose freshly cut from the garden. I think most people when asked about a fragrant rose Hybrid Tea recommendation quickly think of Double Delight, Mister Lincoln, Fragrant Cloud, Papa Meilland, Barbara Streisand or Stainless Steel. Some newer varieties that you might want to consider are:

Grande Dame is classified as a Hybrid Tea with over 30 petals to a bloom. Grande Dame is rose pink colored bloom with an old garden rose scent that is suppose to be quite strong. Grande Dame is a cross of Meredith and Wild Blue Yonder. Gande Dame is a 2011 introduction and was hybridized by Tom Carruth.

Ebb Tide has deep plum purple flowers with a smoky edge and is classified as a floribunda. The fragrance is described as a strong spicy clove scent. Ebb Tide has more than 35 petals. The bloom is a double traditional floribunda bloom similar to Sexy Remy or Europeana.

Easy Does It is a 2010 introduction and is classified as a floribunda. The rose has clusters of blooms that range in color from pink to apricot to orange on a very upright plant. The leaves are very shiny and quite disease resistant. This rose is blooming frequently all summer at the front of the YMCA in Huntington. This rose is disease resistant and possesses a nice fruit fragrance.

White Licorice which we sold this Spring, is a 2011 introduction. White Licorice is a floribunda that is a cross of Distant Drums and Singin' in the Rain. It is a lemon cream color that intensified its yellow color in cooler weather. White Licorice has a licorice and lemon blossom fragrance and comes with a petal count of 35-40.

OPTIONS FOR DISEASE AND INSECT CONTROL WITHOUT SPRAYING

Monica Valentovic

Many gardeners do not want to spray every 7 days or purchase multiple products to mix and spray in order to prevent blackspot and insect problems. During the past 5 years new products have come on the market that now allow an individual to not spray and have moderate control of disease. The Bayer products are an option for controlling disease and provide fertilizers. However, with so many choices

some consumers are confused by the differences between the products and which one to choose for their needs. Bayer has 3 different products to choose from: 1) **2-in-1 Rose & Flower Care** 2) **All-in-One Rose & Flower Care** and 3) **3-in-1 Insect, Disease and Mite Control**. So what are the differences between these products?

Bayer 2-in-1-Rose & Flower Care is a ready to use granular product. It is applied at the drip line of each rose bush once every 6 weeks. Bayer has made measuring easy, as the cap is the measuring cup for each application. **Bayer 2-in-1** contains fertilizer (12-18-6) and an insecticide. The insecticide is Disulfoton at a level of 1%. Disulfoton is an organophosphate insecticide and acaricide. It is taken up systemically into the plant to kill insects and mites. The pesticide label for this product is **WARNING**. **Bayer 2-in-1** does not contain a fungicide so it will be necessary to still spray to prevent fungal disease such as blackspot and powdery mildew.

All-in-One is a liquid product that is diluted in water and applied to the soil around the base of the plant at a rate of every 6 weeks. This product is recommended to be applied close to the base of the plant for better systemic absorption. All-in-One contains a fertilizer (9-14-9), a fungicide and an insecticide. The product carries a safety label of **CAUTION**. The fungicide is tebuconazole (0.8%) and the insecticide is imidacloprid (0.15%). Tebuconazole is the same active ingredient in Matador, Falcon and ProntoPlus. Imidacloprid is the active ingredient in Merit. All-in-One is a complete product, as it contains a fertilizer, fungicide and insecticide.

Bayer 3-in-1 Insect, Disease and Mite Control is a liquid product that is sold as ready to use, hose end sprayer applicator and concentrate. Bayer 3-in-1 ready to use contains imidacloprid (0.012%), tau-fluvalinate (0.014%) and tebuconazole (0.015%). Bayer 3-in-1 carries a safety label of **CAUTION**. The insecticide is imidacloprid and the fungicide is tebuconazole. The miticide is tau-fluvalinate which is a pyrethrin. Tau-fluvalinate is the same active ingredient in Fluvalinate, Apistan and Minadox, which were developed to control a predatory mite in honeybees. Bayer 3-in-1 should be sprayed onto the rose plant at a frequency of 7-14 days. The concentrated form contains 0.47% imidacloprid, 0.61% tau-fluvalinate and 0.65% tebuconazole applied at a rate of 5.25 Tablespoons/gallon of water and can be applied every 7-14 days. The product claims it will kill insects for 30 days.

Bayer Products can be purchased at our Yearbook Patrons: Blatts Greenhouse, Lavalette Nursery and Southern States. Roses can be purchased from Blatts Greenhouse, Hatchers Nursery, Lavalette Nursery and Southern States.

MAY IN THE GARDEN

Monica Valentovic

This Spring we have been fortunate to only have 3 frosts. The Tri-State area has had a lot of rain which helps your roses grow. The high rainfall also promotes fungal growth and it is important to apply your spray every 7-10 days as a preventative fungicide program. I rotate between systemic and contact agents to minimize resistance in our yard. This is a good time to use copper and sulfur as contact agents. Sulfur and copper

should be used when daytime high temperatures are below 85 degrees in order to minimize spray burn. Sulfur will burn your leaves if sprayed on plants that are not well hydrated or if the air temperature is too warm. I use copper at this time of the year as it is very effective for blackspot, powdery mildew and anthracnose. Another excellent contact agent is Manzate, which is a good fungicide for black spot and powdery mildew.

What is the difference between contact and systemic fungicides? Contact agents must be in contact with the fungus in order to be effective. Contact fungicides must be applied thoroughly to the top and bottom of all leaves as well as the canes as the spray must cover the entire plant in order to be effective. Many contact sprays are also washed off the plant quickly in rainy conditions. The exception is Manzate which takes quite a significant rain in order to remove it from the plants. Contact sprays are only effective on the plant components that are sprayed so in the Spring when we have rapid new growth, you need to spray every 7 days as new growth is not protected. Systemic fungicides are taken up by either the entire plant or within the leaf tissue. Systemic fungicides allow for long term protection to your plant. Once a systemic dries on the plant, rain will not reduce its effects. The problem with using only systemic pesticides is the likelihood to increase resistance in your garden microclimate.

Remember to only use an insecticide if insects are present. The most common insects at this time of the year are aphids and cane borers. Aphids can be removed with a strong spray of water, insecticidal soap, ultrafine oil, Bayer Rose and Flower

Insect Killer, Malathion, Pyrethrin/Rotenone or dish detergent. The best method for preventing cane borers is to seal the large canes with NuBark or Elmers Glue.

If midge has been a problem in your garden then apply Grubex to the soil now. It is important to apply Grubex (cyfluthrin/imidacloprid or a permethrin derivative/imidacloprid) early to help reduce the hatch of midge from the soil. Some rose growers are using Talstar. We have not used it on our roses but it did an amazing job this Fall for our asian beetle problem on the outside of our house.

Routinely go through your yard and begin disbudding your hybrid teas and miniatures/minifloras. Disbudding will get the energy of the plant to the main bud and make it larger. If you want sprays, then remove the center bud prior to its opening.

If you have not yet done so, it is a good time to add an organic supplement such as Mills Magic Mix, alfalfa meal, Rosetone, Posy Power or mushroom compost. The organics will provide slow release of nutrients, will provide humic acid to the soil and will be slowly degraded. If you use horse manure, be sure to add Preen to reduce the number of weed seeds that sprout.

Watch the weather, and if you have strong wind, then you should stake your new strong canes. During the recent windy days we have had some new canes break which is disheartening. You can tie the cane to a stake with twine or panty hose. You can also intertwine a tomato stake near the cane to support it without tying it to the stake.

If we do not get an inch of rain per week, you should water your roses. So far this season this has not been an issue as it seems to rain every day between 4-6 PM.

blooms. Your work will pay off with some beautiful bloom for your enjoyment and the enjoyment of your friends that you share your roses with. May you have an enjoyable rose season.

Remember that in a few days to a few weeks, you should begin to have rose

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