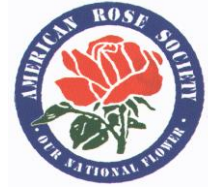




# NEWSLETTER

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## VIRGINIA PENINSULA ROSE SOCIETY



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### 2011 Meeting Dates

**May 1- Show**  
**Preparation by Dick Parsell**

**June- Picnic (TBD)**

**September 11**

**October 2**

**November 6**

**December- Luncheon (TBD)**

*Each rose that comes  
 brings me greetings from  
 the Rose of an eternal  
 spring.*

*Rabindranath Tagore  
 (1861-1941)*

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### **REFRESHMENTS:**

**If you plan to attend the May meeting, please bring something sweet, salty or crunchy, or cold drinks, etc. (Cups, plates, napkins and utensils are furnished).**

The next VPRS meeting - our fourth meeting of the year- will be at the Newport News Women's Club across the road from Riverside Regional Medical Center on J. Clyde Morris Blvd.

May 1, 2011 2:00 Board Meeting.

3:00 Program: Rose Show preparation by Dick Parsell.

### From the President's Desk/Computer:

Well, it's that time of year. We finally decided that the show date will be:

# MAY 21, 2011!

We have had a little problem deciding the actual date of the show this year due to a misunderstanding in the ranks, but please bear with us and we will get through this, one bloom at a time.

I don't know about all of you, but my roses are blooming like crazy right now and I wish the show were this weekend as all of my "Queens" are presenting right now. I can't believe how hot and dry it is for April!! You can never figure out what the weather is going to give you around here or anywhere else for that matter. (Our thoughts and prayers go out to those affected by the recent tornados).

This time of year you should have been fertilizing and spraying on a regular, rotating basis. I sometimes say that roses are like children; they need to be fed a well-balanced diet. Not the same thing all the time but always with plenty of water. I like to rotate between organic and non-organic feedings on a weekly basis, but only after watering well the day before. I also rotate what I spray with. I do preventative spraying for mold and black-spot, and use insecticide only when absolutely necessary. And again, only after a good watering when winds are calm.

Roses need an average of two inches of water a week, whether it's rain or city water. I would rather water in the morning, so it has a chance to dry before nightfall. Wet/damp foliage encourages powdery mildew and blackspot. I try to prevent things when I can, but manure happens...my

The Virginia Peninsula Rose Society accepts donations to further the knowledge of roses among the public. The names of contributors will be listed in future newsletters and in the 2010 Rose Show Program. If you would like to be a donor, please include a check.

The Virginia Peninsula Rose Society is a 501C-3 non-profit organization and any donations are tax deductible (but not your membership) receipt is available upon request.

**“Queen Level” “King Level”  
“Princess Level” “Prince Level”**

**Rosy Dates to Remember:**

**May 21- VPRS Rose Show**  
Patrick Henry Mall- Contact  
Bob Little @757-851-1140 or  
[rlittle666@aol.com](mailto:rlittle666@aol.com).

**May 29- Richmond Rose**  
Society- Lewis Genter  
Botanical Gardens- contact  
Willie Mills @ 804-641-0656 or  
[willie1091@comcast.net](mailto:willie1091@comcast.net).

**June 4 & 5-ARS Spring**  
National Rose Show, Winston-  
Salem, N.C.- Contact Lynn  
Stevens- [mlstevens@surry.net](mailto:mlstevens@surry.net).

**June 5- Maryland Rose Society-**  
Friendly Farm Restaurant,  
Upperco, MD- contact David  
Walsh @ 410-374-1070 or  
[Shiloh@qis.net](mailto:Shiloh@qis.net).

**June 11- Huntington Rose**  
Society Rose Show- Central  
Christian Church, 1202 Fifth  
Avenue, Huntington, WV.  
Contact Gary Rankin or  
Monica Valentovic @304-697-  
0321.

**August 20- 200th Anniversary**  
of the Noisette Rose- Edisto  
Memorial Gardens,  
Orangeburg, S.C. Noisette  
family member to speak. Jay  
Heirs-803-533-5870 or  
[Geauxtigers007@yahoo.com](mailto:Geauxtigers007@yahoo.com).

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*Any articles, committee reports, or notices  
you wish to be included in the newsletter,  
must be submitted to the Editor by the 15<sup>th</sup>  
of the month.*  
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## A Rose for Peace

A rose is an argument. It proclaims the triumph of beauty over brutality, of gentleness over violence, of the ephemeral over the lasting, and of the universal over the particular. The same rose bursts into bloom on the North Cape and in the Sahara Desert.

Alain Meilland

Rose Arranging103 - When you are ready to start arranging for the ARS show, you will need to get the schedule or program for the show. Read the arrangement division from the beginning to end; every detail is important. The rules are especially important, due to the fact that you can be disqualified easily. Look at whether the arrangement is either standard size, which is large-sized, or miniature which is obviously smaller. There is one size in the middle, which is called the "Duke." It is usually 12 to 20 inches and any kind of rose can be used in the "Duke" arrangement.

Standard arrangements must use standard roses, which are hybrid teas, grandifloras, floribundas, polyanthas, shrubs, climbers, old garden roses, or species roses. You may also use minis or minifloras in a standard arrangement as filler material, but a standard rose must be the focal point/points. Miniature arrangements must use only miniature or miniflora roses. No standard size roses are allowed to be used in the miniature arrangement under any circumstances.

Next look at the title of the class. If you can tie something in the arrangement from the title such as "The Army," that's a plus, but don't let it keep you from entering a good arrangement, (*remember: less is more*).

Then read what kind of arrangement is called for, such as "traditional" or "oriental" and imagine, or even draw, what is required. Be sure to read all of the instructions several times to make sure that you have not overlooked any detail, because they all matter, (*less is more*).

In most ARS arrangement shows, accessories are allowed, but it is better to leave them off than to have too much, (*less is more*). Accessories are little things that might help tie the arrangement to the title of the class, like a Japanese teacup with an oriental arrangement titled "The Tea Ceremony in the House of the August Moon."

### Shrimp Dip

4 oz. pkg. of salad shrimp	1 c. Mayonnaise
2 c. finely grated cheddar cheese	1/2 tsp garlic powder
1 c. sour cream	Tabasco sauce

Thaw and drain the shrimp. Stir together the shrimp, cheddar, sour cream, mayonnaise and garlic powder. Add Tabasco sauce to taste. Chill mixture. Serve with favorite crackers.  
Nancy Hazelwood, St. Thomas Lutheran Church

# Why We Show Roses

By: Robert B. Martin, Jr., [petrose@aol.com](mailto:petrose@aol.com).

Why do we show roses? Most of the readers of this publication already have a pretty good idea of the answer to this question. Others I expect might be subscribers because they would like to learn that answer. I begin this issue with a series of articles addressed primarily to the novice exhibitor and I think a good place to start is to address the question of why you should consider showing your roses. There are, as you will learn, many reasons. Here are eight good ones in reverse order for you to consider.

**#8 You Will Help Your Rose Society.** A central activity of nearly every rose society is the annual sponsorship of a rose show. In this activity the society comes together with a common purpose. The task is not easy; there is much work to do. You belong to your society and hopefully gain advantage in doing so. Without exhibitors there can be no rose show despite all our hard work. So by entering even one bloom you help your society. Call it "solidarity"; whatever -- you will show your care.

A rose show is the principal opportunity for rosarians to show non-rose growers the vast potential and beauty of roses. That is why they are open to the public free or at nominal cost. Beauty and pleasure ought to be shared and a true rosarian delights in encouraging others to grow roses.

**#6 You Will Encourage Rose Growers to Grow Better Roses.** Those who grow the best of roses know well the seemingly inexhaustible potential of the rose. Do a little more for your roses and they will reward you many times over. When you show your beautiful roses others who grow roses will be encouraged to grow better roses. Showing roses illuminates the potential of the rose which is in the grasp of everyone who would try.

**#5 You Will Learn How to Present and Display Roses.** Roses are beautiful on the bush. They are also beautiful cut and displayed. Is there anyone who has grown roses who has not brought cut roses inside for enjoyment, or taken them to the office, to a friend or to a lover? The rose is a universal symbol of beauty and love. Would you visit a friend or go on a date without grooming first? I suppose in today's times there are some who think that anything "natural" is beautiful, no matter how ugly it is. But it is an affront to the Queen of Flowers to present her dirty and ungroomed. The practice of the art of showing roses will teach you ways to best present the beauty of the cut rose.

**#4 You Will Learn How to Grow Better Roses** You might have expected this reason to be number one, as it very well might be. Exhibitors grow the best roses. If you doubt this in the least go to a show and see. I went to my first show having had at the time over ten years experience in growing roses. I thought I knew everything. I learned that I knew comparably nothing. If you want to grow better roses you must show them. You will get the unbiased opinion of an experienced judge on how well you are doing. Fellow exhibitors will give you pointers. You will experiment and learn from both success and failure. No one can learn to grow the best roses unless they show them. It is that simple.

**#3 You Will Learn and Reaffirm Good Personal Values** The great San Diego exhibitor Jeff Stage has said that the trophies at a rose show are usually awarded to those that have worked the hardest. This is true. Growing good roses requires discipline. Roses have their own needs and schedule; they are not interested in your excuse for not feeding them or watering them when they need it. The insects and disease want to take advantage of your attention to other matters. I firmly believe that in this truth we can usually find the reason that many who would call themselves rosarians do not exhibit roses. Losers don't like to compete; this is because no one likes to lose.

This is not to suggest that everyone who would belong to a rose society should show roses. Far from it. There is plenty of room for the gardener or rose lover with limited time to join the "experts" to learn how to grow better roses. But if you want to hold yourself out as an "expert" yourself, if you want to speak or write with authority on roses, I continue to believe that you should submit your roses to the test of a rose show.

**#2 You Will Meet Some Very Nice People** Winning is great, as any exhibitor will tell you. But better yet, as most exhibitors will quickly add, is the wonderful opportunity that a rose show provides to meet people who genuinely love roses. Rose exhibitors are, with very few exceptions, great people. They come from all walks of life sharing only the common love of roses. They will tell you everything they know to give you the chance to do better than they. The warmth and friendship of exhibitors lasts well beyond the fading of the memory of your novice trophy and will bring you back to the show again and again.

**#1 You Will Have a Lot of Fun** Calvin Hayes, who is the premier exhibitor of our District, once confided to me that he can barely sleep the night before a rose show. Neither can I. Silly as it may seem, I compare my feelings the night before a rose show to those I had as a kid on Christmas Eve when I could never seem to get to sleep even though I feared that Santa would find me awake and pass by the house. The anticipation and excitement of an impending rose show is tangible. And on the morning of the show there never seems to be enough time to prepare and enter all of my roses. The hours before the show closing fly by and afterwards I find myself holding my breath while the judging is going on and I am trying to eat breakfast. When the show is fully judged and I am admitted I experience great joy and deep disappointment in my personal results. But no matter how well I do I find the beauty of all the roses in the show overwhelming. This is great fun and that is the number one reason we show roses. You can do it too and I promise you that you will love it if you try.

**Editor's Note:** In 1992-1993 I wrote a series of articles for The Pasadena Rose titled "The Novice Exhibitor" the purpose of which was to acquaint the members with exhibiting roses in preparation for our inaugural rose show. Thinking this an appropriate subject for the larger audience in REF I plan to rework the series and present it as a regular feature. *The foregoing article in its original version won a 1992 ARS Award of Merit.*

### **Exhibiting Advice From a Novice Winner**

**Successful** rose exhibiting requires passion, commitment, work and timing, (learned from others) and experience.

**Keep learning.** Attend all rose events possible---local, district, and national. You never know what you may learn. Listen. There is never a meeting where I do not pick up useful tidbits.

**Build your own exhibiting bank.** Grow varieties suitable for your area.

Don't grow too many roses. Rose horticulture takes time. Growing too many roses means you cannot give them required attention. As a two-year novice, I won those Queens and Trophies with only 32 hybrid teas.

**Find a mentor** who is a winner, helps with timing, and gives specific advice.

**Be diligent.** Look for evidence of fungus and insect damage. Spot it and eradicate as soon as possible.

**Plan.** Put it on paper. Fertilize on a schedule. Decide when to cut, how to store, and how to get your roses to the show. There is enough chance built in to exhibiting. Plan as much as you can.

**Don't try to outguess the judges.** My Lester Smith District Trophy was a last minute entry and was not even groomed. Some roses I thought were losers still won.

**Remember:** Roses are not massive icons of perfection. All roses have flaws, but flaws can be disguised or removed with grooming. Size is only a part--all points add up. Some distractions may not overshadow the better parts.

(Article submitted by Joy Long)

## Virginia Peninsula Rose Society 2011 Membership Form

The membership year for the Virginia Peninsula Rose Society begins January 1 and ends December 31. New members, who joined after our Rose Show in May at a reduced rate, will now be enrolled with full membership for 2011. Help us keep our membership list up-to-date by completing the following:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mail checks and completed form to: VPRS, **10 Rose Lane, Hampton, VA 23664-1842.**

**Notes/Suggestions/Comments** (how can we improve):

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## Rose of the Month

Fourth of July-"WEKroalt" LCl, red blend, 1999;  
(Crazy for You, Fourth of July): flowers velvety red and white striped, ruffled, single 10-16 petals, 4-4.5 inches, borne in large clusters, moderate, apple fragrance; prickles moderate; foliage large, deep green, glossy; climbing tall (10 feet) growth; AARS, U.S. 1999; [Roller Coaster X Altissimo]; Carruth, Tom, Weeks Roses 1999



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