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### Meeting Dates

**October 2**  
**November 6**  
**December- Lunch (TBD)**  
**Jan- no meeting**  
**Feb- 5**  
**March- 4(pruning)**  
**April- 1**  
**May- 6**  
**May Rose Show (TBD)**

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

*Rabindranath Tagore  
 (1861-1941).*

**Please try to bring a  
 snack/refreshment to  
 share during our social  
 time at the end of our  
 meetings. This is a good  
 opportunity for  
 questions.**

Our next meeting will be at the Women's Club located on J. Clyde Morris Blvd, across from Riverside Regional Medical Center. Take exit 258A off of I-64 and go past Jefferson Ave. Pass the Virginia Living Museum, go over the bridge and the one-story red brick building on the right is the Women's Club. Please come with rose questions, ideas to share and bring a friend or two.

The October Meetings will start at: 2:00 Board Meeting  
 3:00 General Member Meeting, Program is  
 Arlene Calahan's presentation,  
 "Fall Arrangements with Roses"

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

Well, the rose growing season is coming to a close with the Tidewater Rose Show October 15 at the Norfolk Botanical Gardens. Even if you don't have roses to enter into the show, you should go to look at the roses on display and the roses in the gardens. Take notes of the ones that you like and maybe you can try some of them next year. You do need to continue with the spraying and fertilizing, but not much. Spread it out time-wise, not as frequently and do start removing all of the dead or sick-looking canes. Do not allow dead or past rose blooms to just hang on. Either cut them off or pinch off the petals to cut down on the mold and diseases. Continue to watch for insects that cause damage to the plants and pick or spray accordingly.

**You all missed another great district rose show! This fall's Rose Conference and Show was in Charleston, WV. The hotel that we stayed in was the Charleston House Ramada Inn, which sits across the street from the Kanawha River and River-Walk which was beautiful, especially this time of year with the leaves starting to change. The weather was fabulous and the driving was good. The roads were in great shape with very little traffic. What could be easier than hopping on I-64 and just going for six or seven hours? We had registration, a wine and cheese reception and even a talented speaker on Friday evening. The next day started with the rose show of horticulture and arrangements and photo sections. Later in the day, we had speakers on fertilizing roses, photographing roses, and even a rose show walk-through, explaining some of the reasons some were chosen and some were not and how to make your entries better. All during the weekend, there was a silent auction and the sale of raffle tickets for all manner of items from homegrown sweet potatoes to wine to rose bushes. The evening banquet's program was given by Jeff Ware from the ARS headquarters in Louisiana, about the gardens of the American Rose Center in which he presented a slide show of the gardens and addressed the history as well as plans for the future of the gardens.**

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.

### Rosy Dates to Remember:

Oct. 1-2- Potomac Rose Society Rose Show - Contact Kathryn George at 301-869-4948.

Oct. 5-6- Garden Club of Virginia and Harborfront Garden Club Show. Contact Sandy Clark at 757-489-0520.

Oct. 13-16-Fall National Convention-Contact Marcia Walsh at losanglestinseltownrs@gmail.com.

Oct. 15-16-Tidewater Rose Society Rose Show- contact Cathy Daley at CDR510@msn.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.*

Rose Arranging106 - This article about rose arranging will cover the use of dried items in the arrangements. I like to collect a lot of the things that I use in my fall designs from things that are growing on the side of the road like cattails, grasses, curly dock, bamboo, leaves and limbs. You can buy many different kinds of dried materials from places like Michael's and Wal-mart, but you all know that you get better/fresher stuff when you cut it yourself. By cutting material yourself, you can easily shape it to dry. This is a good way to get nice curves to use for Hogarth curves (large "S"-shaped). I keep a large box with all types of dried things- pine cones of different sizes, sweet gum balls, leaves, dried herbs, Mare's Tail, mosses, sticks, grasses, pieces of bark, roots and all kinds of things that I may use in dried arrangements and wreaths. I also like to dry lots of roses and other type of flowers...how to, next month.

### Apple Pork Chops

<i>2 tsp. cornstarch</i>	<i>1 sm. onion finely chopped</i>
<i>3/4 c. chicken broth</i>	<i>1/3 c. unsweetened apple juice</i>
<i>4 boneless pork loin chops</i>	<i>2 tsp. Dijon mustard</i>
<i>2 tsp. canola oil</i>	<i>1/4 tsp. dried thyme</i>
<i>1 lg. Apple peeled and sliced thin</i>	

*In a small bowl, combine cornstarch and broth. Set aside. In a large skillet, brown pork chops in oil. Remove and keep warm. In the same skillet, saute apple and onions until apple is crisp on the edges but still tender. Stir in the broth mixture, apple juice, mustard and thyme. Bring to a boil. Add pork chops. Reduce heat and cover. Simmer for 10-15 minutes until pork chops are tender. Lillian Cali, St.Thomas*

## Woven Through My Life

The first flowers that I can remember were two different roses. I was very small and it was a very long time ago.

The years seem to filter from our childhood memories all except that which was beautiful and happy and gay so that the roses I remember

Were probably the finest and loveliest I shall ever know.

I grow both these roses myself today, but, treasured as they are, and unwilling as I am to admit it, sometimes the colors are not quite so deep, the perfume not so delicate and lingering. you can see the exquisite shades for the first time, smell the delicious scent for the first time, only once in a lifetime. So there will never be roses quite, quite, as good ever again. H.L.V. Fletcher

## Taking Roses to the Bank

By: Robert B. Martin, Jr., petrose@aol.com.

In the article titled "How Roses are Judged" we explored the criteria applied by judges in selecting trophy winning entries. As might be expected there are a number of rose varieties which consistently display these characteristics more often than others. Such roses are sometimes called "bankers" by experienced exhibitors. No matter what they are called it is clear that there are some varieties which are seen time and again on the trophy table.

The importance of bankers is somewhat diminished in the novice classes as novices, being often unfamiliar with the nuances of exhibition form, tend to grow (and show) all kinds of roses, usually selected for fragrance, color or sentimental reasons unrelated to exhibiting. I for one won my novice trophy with a specimen of Sonia; a variety that has never won since and is long gone from my garden. Once again, however, this fact presents an opportunity for a novice determined to exit the novice classes. Since a banker by definition will have more of what a judge is looking for it is much more likely, with all other factors being equal, that the trophy will go to a banker.

The problem for a novice preparing to show for the first time is that it takes time to get a rose established and it is not good for the long term health of the rose to cut long show stems until the bush is established. As a general rule one cannot expect a newly planted two-year-old field grown rosebush to be ready for a show until the fall at the very earliest. It is even better to leave the rose alone in its first year in the garden so that it may become well established for showing in subsequent years. Exceptions do exist but the budding novice exhibitor should not expect to win their novice trophy with a rose that he or she has just introduced to the garden.

Even so there is value in learning what shows well. In all likelihood a novice will find that he or she is already growing several bankers. Such roses should not be removed and might benefit from a repositioning in the garden. The knowledge will also be useful in focusing the prospective exhibitor's attention and valuable time on the roses with the best chance of winning.

Knowledge of the local bankers is also important in selecting new roses to add to a novice's garden.

Experienced exhibitors are often seen going to great lengths to identify and acquire the hottest new exhibition varieties. And there is a lot of fun in doing so. But a novice should not, on observing this activity, leap to the wrong conclusion. Visit the garden of any experienced exhibitor and you will find that the great bulk of the roses grown are the bankers and usually in many multiples. So the best advice to a budding novice is to identify the bankers and buy several of each.

In making any list of bankers it is important to know that the banks differ greatly in different parts of the country. This point is illustrated in the annual tabulation of Top Exhibition Roses made by Slat's Wathen which are broken down by district. This tabulation usually appears in the May issue of American Rose. An examination of those listings show that certain roses dominate the show tables in certain parts of the country, but seldom are seen in others. A notable example is Uncle Joe which is a killer exhibition rose in much of the country but will not open in the Pacific Southwest.

So, in looking at the lists of top roses, take a look at what is doing well in your district and neighboring districts of similar climate.

In addition, a careful study of the Show Results as listed in Rose Exhibitors' Forum will also assist in identifying bankers. These results are reported by district so again it is a good idea to see what is winning in your district and comparable districts.

For information on the newest roses it is also of considerable value to purchase each year a copy of Horizon Roses which is a compilation of comments by experienced exhibitors on the newest roses in their garden.

Horizon has an Honor Roll of Roses on which comments are no longer solicited. This is itself a fine list of bankers. Again, by looking for the comments of reporters who live in or near you, promising new bankers may be identified early.

In the case of hybrid teas exhibited as one-bloom-per-stem entries, the following rose varieties (listed in alphabetical order) may be considered bankers in many areas of the country:

- Bride's Dream
- Crystalline

- Dublin
- Elina
- Elizabeth Taylor
  - Folklore®
  - Gold Medal®
  - Keepsake
  - Louise Estes
    - Lynette
- Natasha Monet
  - Olympiad
  - St. Patrick
  - Signature
    - Suffolk
- Touch of Class
- Uncle Joe

Among miniature roses the bankers (again in alphabetical order) generally include the following:

- Chelsea Belle
- Child's Play
  - Fairhope
  - Gigglestem
  - Hot Tamale
  - Irresistible
- Jean Kenneally
  - June Laver
    - Kristin
- Luis Desamero
  - Minnie Pearl
  - Old Glory
- Olympic Gold
  - Pierrine
- Snow Bride
- X-Rated

Finally, for floribundas the following are usually considered to be bankers:

- Europeana® (Spray)
- French Lace (One Bloom)
  - Kanegem (One Bloom)
- Nicole® (One Bloom or Spray)
- Playboy® (One Bloom or Spray)
  - Playgirl (Spray)
  - Sexy Remy® (Spray)
  - Showbiz (Spray)

The likelihood, as I have said, is that you will already be growing several of these varieties. If so then begin to focus your attention on each of them. But do not despair if you have a busted bank because with the advice in these articles you are still guaranteed to be a novice for only a short period of time

**Here is some information I found on the internet from Dr. Dirt:**

**Baking Soda/ Potassium Bicarbonate Fungus Control Mix** 4 teaspoons (about 1 rounded tablespoon) of baking soda and 1 tablespoon of horticultural oil into one gallon of water. Spray lightly on foliage of plants afflicted with black spot, powdery mildew, brown patch and other fungal diseases. Avoid over-using or pouring on the soil. Potassium bicarbonate is a good substitute for baking soda. Citrus oil and molasses can be used instead of horticultural oil.

### **Compost Tea**

Manure compost tea is effective on many pests because of certain microorganisms that exist in it naturally. Here's how to make compost tea at home. Use any container but a plastic bucket is easy for the homeowner. Fill the 5-15 gallon bucket half full of compost and finish filling with water. Let the mix sit for 10-14 days and then dilute and spray on the foliage of any and all plants including fruit trees, perennials, annuals, vegetables and roses, and other plants, especially those that are regularly attacked by insects or fungal pests. It's very effective for example on black spot on roses and early blight on tomatoes. How to dilute the dark compost tea before using depends on the compost used. A rule of thumb is to dilute the leachate down to one part compost liquid to four to ten parts water. It should look like iced tea. Be sure to strain the solids out with old pantyhose, cheesecloth, or row cover material. Add two tablespoons of molasses to each gallon of spray for more power. Add citrus oil for even greater pest killing power.

### **Cornmeal Juice**

Cornmeal Juice is a natural fungal control for use in any kind of sprayer. Make by soaking whole ground cornmeal in water at one cup per 5 gallons of water. Strain the solids out and spray. The milky juice of the cornmeal will permeate the water and this mix should be sprayed without further diluting. Cornmeal Juice can be mixed with compost tea, Garrett Juice or any other natural foliar feeding spray.

### **Garlic Pepper Tea Insect Repellent**

In a blender with water, liquefy two bulbs of garlic and two cayenne or habanera peppers. Strain away the solids. Pour the garlic-pepper juice into a one-gallon container. Fill the remaining volume with water to make one gallon of concentrate. Shake well before using and add 1/4 cup of the concentrate to each gallon of water in the sprayer. To make garlic tea, simply omit the pepper and add another bulb of garlic. For additional power, add one tablespoon of seaweed and molasses to each gallon. Always use plastic containers with loose fitting lids for storage.

### **Garrett Juice**

Garrett Juice evolved over a period of years, as I would tell readers and callers how to make an effective foliar feeding mix. The mix has always had compost, tea, molasses and seaweed, but the other ingredients have varied. Through trial and error, we came to the basic mix we use today. As always, my formulas are for making the mix at home, but there are commercial products on the market for convenience.

**To make your own, here are the instructions:**

**Mix the following in a gallon of water.**

**Garrett Juice (ready to spray):**

1 cup compost tea or liquid humate

1 ounce liquid molasses

1 ounce apple cider vinegar

1 ounce liquid seaweed

**For Garrett Juice Plus and more fertilizer value:**

**Add: 1- 2 ounces of liquid fish (fish hydrolysate) per gallon of the ready to use spray.**

**For disease and insect control add:**

1 tablespoon of Bio Wash

¼ cup garlic tea



## 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:

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

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**Rose of the Month:** Benjamin Britten: David Austin shrub rose that is said to be orange red blend. Very full of petals and was introduced in 2002.

I didn't find much information about it, but it grows well in my yard and is disease resistant. It bears flowers singly on a small sized, but straight stem, with a moderate fruity scent. The prickles are small and abundant. The flower does not hold long. Pretty in the garden, but not for arranging. It has gotten me a trophy for the modern shrub division. Good addition to the shrub section of your garden.



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