

## Virginia Peninsula Rose Society Minutes of the September 7, 2017 Meeting

The September meeting of the VPRS was held at the Williamsburg home of Rudy and Dee Nabel. After enjoying Rudy's beautiful new rose garden, the meeting was called to order at 12:25 pm by Sandy Pait, President.

Present were Mike Woodward, Peggy Scott, Rudy and Dee Nabel, Dick and Jeanette Parsell, Cindy Dunlap, Joy Long, Lydia Simpson, Sandy Pait, John and Lyn Vinson, and Chester and Mary Etta Brown.

The minutes of the June meeting were approved as written. The treasurer's report was given by Lydia. The account balances as of the meeting date were \$3,354.77 in checking and \$4,058.54 in the CD.

Sandy and Dick reported that all the show supplies had been given away or sold except for some vases. Dick had brought some of these vases for the members to take, if they wanted them. After some discussion, it was decided that any remaining vases would be donated or given to a thrift store.

Now that the trailer was empty, Rudy was purchasing it.

Updates were given on some loved and missed members:

- Parsells recently attended the wedding of one of our youngest member, Dani (Blackburn). The couple has purchased a home and Dani is still attending college.
- Peggy Scott had talked to Howard Jones. He is no longer able to keep up the garden he maintained in Virginia Beach.

There was a general discussion on rose rosette disease and how its spread from one garden to another. Early detection and removal of the infected growth and/or the bush is critical. Several members had lost bushes to the disease.

Peggy Scott confirmed that the Tidewater Rose Society was not having a fall show. Since VPRS had planned to help with their show in lieu of an October meeting, there was a general discussion about an October meeting. It was decided that we would meet on October 5, at the Norfolk Botanical Gardens, at 10:30 am. After touring the rose gardens we will go to a lunch provided by

VPRS. Lydia reminded us that the botanical gardens have a reciprocal arrangement with the ARS so any members who belong to the ARS (and bring their membership card) do not have to pay an entry fee. Peggy will make arrangements for the lunch but will need members to RSVP by September 29.

Sandy reminded us that the Roses in Review reports are due this month. She also talked about a design class and demonstration in Charleston 10/31 through 11/3 and the Philadelphia flower show scheduled in early March. She offered to provide further information to those who were interested.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm so we could enjoy lunch together on Rudy's patio.

Submitted by Lyn Vinson

## SAD NEWS

I know we were all sad to hear about the passing of Howard Jones. He was such a wonder rosarian and loved to share his knowledge with us. He was such a competitor as the rose shows. He will be missed. Our hearts go out to Sara and the family.

## OCTOBER 5, 2017 MEETING

Our next meeting will be October 5, 2017 at Norfolk Botanical Gardens. Plan to meet at 10:30 to begin our walk of the gardens. We will be eating lunch at a restaurant that Peggy Scott has selected. The society will be treating us to lunch. Please call Peggy by Monday, October 2 to make your reservation. Peggy's number is 757 588-1865. Hope to see you all there. Looks like the weather will be perfect!!!

## NOTE ABOUT BUD VASES

I talked to you all last meeting about trying to repurpose the 300+ bud vases. I went to Williamsburg to the florist that was delivering extra flowers from her to the nursing facilities in the area hoping she could use them, well upon arrival, the florist shop is now closed and there was no sign saying they moved. I will continue to find a home for these vases. If any on has another, please let me know.

