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Rosebuds

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NEXT MEETING
September 11 6:30 p.m.
Alive Center

Host: Ben & Pauline Matus
In-Club Competition
Arrangement is
Line Mass - Large Roses

You Really Should Attend the Fall Convention & Rose Show by M. A. Hext

The first time I attended a Tenarky District Rose Show and Fall Convention was three years ago in Knoxville. I was a fairly new member growing about 20 roses; and the only rose show I had entered was our spring show. Kathy Dodson and I were traveling together and she had several entries. I decided to create one arrangement even though I wasn't quite sure

what I was doing. When she arrived with containers of roses and lots of line material, I decided I needed to have at least one more rose to enter. I took my clippers, ran to the front of the house and snipped a pretty bloom from a *Pink Knockout* unaware that it was really not an exhibition rose.

I felt like a real beginner when I carried my arrange-

ment to the table and saw the amazing creations sitting there; but I had encouragement from the many other Rosarians in the set up room.

It was exciting to get an honorable mention for my arrangement which really did look pitiful compared to the others; but I was disappointed when I couldn't even find my *Pink Knockout* on the table where it had

been placed. Then Claire Campbell led me by the arm to one of the head tables and there was my rose along with a lovely glass vase that I had received for best modern shrub. I was now hooked on rose shows!!

The moral of this story is: You really should attend! You will meet many wonderful Rosarians who will share with you a wealth of information, you can enter or just view a great rose show, you will learn how to create arrangements from two of the masters, and you will expand your involvement with roses and Rosarians!



News from our Members

- ✿ Kathy Dodson visited Whit Wells and his roses on a recent trip to Memphis.
- ✿ Kent Campbell is recovering from recent surgery.
- ✿ Bob & Ann Jacobs recently celebrated their 53rd anniversary.



President's Corner by Bob Jacobs

Hello Rosarians

I hope everyone is doing well. As I look at the calendar, I wonder where did the summer go. I think at my house it was washed away with the rains.

In regard to our evening to attend one of Hot Rods baseball games, it will be scheduled in the Spring.

September is almost here and with it some important events are coming up. Hopefully, you are counting the days to the Tenarky

District Fall Rose Show and Conference in Louisville. Now Louisville is not that far away, and it would be a great time to meet new and/or get re-acquainted with Rosarians gathering on September 18 and 19. Hopefully you have the registration form completed and sent in by now. Check the Tenarky website for a schedule. If you have a problem, give me a call. Arrangers must call for reservations for their entries

by September 17. Also, for those that have served as clerks at our rose show, let me know if you are available to serve at the show in Louisville.

Fall is a good time to be thinking about making new rose beds. Our October program will be on building beds, working and amending the soil to allow it to set over the winter. This is a good time to be checking your rose catalogues to plan for your Spring plant-

ing. You will want to have a good idea what roses you want and be ready to order. I'm planning to make some contacts to find where roses can be available locally.

I will be on vacation during the September meeting, but Georgia and Kathy have assured me they will take care of the business meeting and the program. Be there to give them your support. I'll look for you at the Tenarky District Fall Show and Conference in Louisville.

Arranger's Corner

WELCOME TO THE WORLD OF TRADITIONAL ROSE ARRANGEMENTS - Part II - by Kathy Dodson

The first part of the article (see last month's Rose-buds) focused on the importance of preparing the roses for traditional arrangements. Let's look at some other important aspects. First, choose a container that is traditional in design and proportional to the size of the arrangement. (A clear glass container is not recommended.)

There are three types of traditional arrangements: line, line-mass, and mass.

Line Designs are simple and the line must dominate.

Strong line material should be used. Flowers and foliage are pruned to make sure the line is clear.

Line-Mass Designs are similar to



Line Designs expect for the addition of more plant material, usually at the focal point of the design. This creates more depth than in the line design. The roses should dominate the focal point of the design, and the line should still be obvious.

Mass Designs require several roses and usually filler material. The roses should graduate in color and size with the largest and darkest at the base of the container. The roses should be arranged symmetrically and form a closed silhouette.

Keep in mind the elements of traditional designs and practice these techniques. A copy of *Guidelines for Judging Rose Arrangements* is very helpful and can be ordered on the American Rose Society website.

Winning traditional arrangement photos by M. Hext taken at various rose shows.



My Favorite Rose

Ricky Lockhart's Favorite Rose by Mary Ann Hext

Q. What is your favorite rose?

A. Moonstone

Q. What type of rose is it?

A. Hybrid Tea

Q. Why is it your favorite:?

A. I love how it is shaped and its color.

Q. How long have you grown this rose?

A. About 4 years.

Q. Why did you start growing this rose?

A. I saw it at rose shows and noticed how many times it was winning.

Q. What else can you tell me about it?

A. You'll love the number of petals! And, it is not that hard to grow.

- Height : Medium/Upright
 - Bloom/Size: Very large, fully double
 - Petal count: 30 to 35,
 - Parentage: Louis Gardner X New Zealand
 - Fragrance: Mild tea & rose
 - Hybridizer: Carruth - 1999
 - Comments: Prefers some heat to bring out the best form.
- (from www.jacksonperkins.com)



Moonstone was Queen at the 2007 Louisville Rose Show shown by Jim & Barbara Preston. Source: www.tenarky.org

What to Look For in a Rose Garden - by Montrose D. Justice, Jr.

What Should You Look For? What Are Your Plants Trying to Tell You?

Is the ground crusted? If so it needs to be forked around to loosen the soil and allow for air percolation.

Is there sufficient moisture in the soil: at the root zone depth?

Are the tips of the terminal leaves straight out, dipping slightly or drooping? This will identify sufficient water if straight out or lacking water if drooping. Blooms with dried margins also indicate lack of moisture.

Is there new red growth? If ground temperatures are not below 70 degrees F. during most of the darkness of night for 3 or more days, there will be little or no root growth and therefore no new red top growth.

Has there been sufficient moisture for new red growth? Cold tap water applied in the evening will help reduce ground temperatures. Frequent daily watering to keep the top two inches of the medium moist is optimum.

Are the leaves on the plant getting smaller as the plant gets taller? This will help to let you know whether or not sufficient nutrients are available for optimum plant growth or over watering has filled up the air spaces in the soil with water.

Are there any yellowing leaves? The few "nitrogen chevron" leaves is to my thinking unavoidable if you fertilize in hot daytime temperatures 85 degrees or higher. Yellow "blending" leaves at the bottom of the plant could mean too much water being held filling the air spaces between the soil particles and oxygen or air to the roots is lacking. If the leaves are shaded from the sun by foliage above, or a lack of magnesium in the plant you may experience this problem. The central molecule of chlorophyll is magnesium. The sun does not perform its function of giving energy to the plant if

this element is lacking. Some soils are deficient a small amount (2 tablespoons per plant) epsom salts broadcast beneath each rose plant every four to six weeks will keep leaves green to the bottom.

Leaves with green veins and blinding color - At the top of the plant: Lack of iron. - At the bottom of the plant: Lack of magnesium

Look for stems with bore holes and cut back. As far as needed eliminate them when you cut a thick stem cover (darken) with wet soil. The bore will think it's dead and not stop to lay its eggs.

Spider mite damage occurs when daytime temperatures are hot and dry basically over 80 degrees. Wash off with a hard water spray on the under side of the leaves twice weekly. Pay particular attention to the leaves close to the ground. Since the mites crawl from the ground up the stem of the rose and on the underside of leaves. They multiply rapidly. The plants will like the cooling effect and will not cause blackspot.

Blackspot will only adhere to leaves when moisture is on the leaf for at least eight hours or humidity approaches 100%. Frequent watering to keep the top 2" of the rose bed moist and leaves washed off before dark will be beneficial.

Every rose garden has a different culture, amount of sunshine, trees and shade, soil texture and water holding capacity. All of these and other variables affect results. Therefore when you go to take care of roses you evaluate their condition, taking into consideration the variables and the things that they are telling you so act accordingly. Soil drainage is most important for plant growth.

Always water and feed with Monty's Joy Juice before you spray pesticides. Roses are heavy feeders. Apply a little balanced plant food frequently rather than a whole lot at a

time. If a dry fertilizer is applied, don't let the ground dry out or leaves will show "burning", brown on the leaf margin or worse.

The single most important factor for plant growth is good drainage - plenty of air or pour spaces in the soil for the roots to reach out. The thickness of the roots will determine the density of the medium. The more the air the more the thin feeder roots. The more dense the medium, the fewer thicker, and slower to reach out the roots. There is little or no stem and leaf growth without nighttime root growth.

Evertime you water, you are adding fresh needed air to the soil. A regularly applied balanced plant food to a porous medium with 6 to 8 hours of sun should yield desired results.

I've not mentioned soil pH. Roses need a slightly acid soil 6.0 to 7.0. Because I grow my roses in potting mix in a hole 10" wide x 20" deep in the ground, the medium is desirably neutral. Feedings and watering is only in the hole. The huge number of fine short feeder roots supply quickly the plants when the nutrients have been applied. Some of the best exhibitors have said that their best roses are grown in large pots with potting mix. I've taken this information one step farther - and put a soilless mix in the ground. It's simple, it's easy and it works well for a long time period. I would be happy to discuss any concerns that you may have. I'm 5 years with this planting process and see many advantages and can't think of any regrets.

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Other articles may be found at:
http://www.montysjoyjuice.com/docs/library_menu.htm

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**Try Making a
Traditional Arrangement**

Try your hand with a traditional arrangement at the September meeting. Class 6 of the in-club competition will be a line mass arrangement with large roses.

**Tenarky District
Fall Rose Show
& Conference**

September 18 -19, 2009
Louisville, KY

Registration Information at
www.tenarky.org

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IMPORTANT DATES - 2009

- * September 18-20: Tenarky Convention & Rose Show - Louisville
- * October 3-4: Nashville Rose Society Rose Show at Cheekwood
- * October 12: Dixie Rose Show - Memphis
- * November 11-15: Fall National ARS Convention & Rose Show - Palm Springs, CA

IMPORTANT DATES - 2010

- * May 22: BGRS Rose Show
- * October 7-11: ARS Fall National Convention and Rose Show