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Rosebuds

April 2010

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Meeting
April 2
Alive Center
6:30 p.m.
Program: Composting
G. Snyder
Hostess
F. Waldrop

Sun + Water + Drainage + Rich Soil = Rose Success - by M. Hext

Spring is here and with the sunshine returning to south-central Kentucky, local Rosarians can now begin the spring ritual of pruning our existing roses and preparing the holes for the new ones we ordered during the winter months or purchased at the Tenarky Winter Workshop.

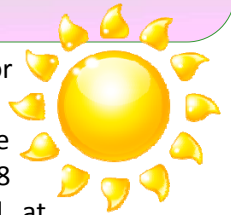
The formula for rose success can be found in many articles advising us on preparing the home for our newly acquired roses. Roses prefer six hours of sunshine each day and, if you have a choice of location, morning sun is recommended. The foliage on a rose bush

prefers to be dry so morning sun will quickly burn off the dew and dampness from the night helping to prevent disease. The afternoon sun is often very hot and roses can benefit from some afternoon shade.

Roses love water and when mother nature doesn't provide at least an inch per week, it is nice to have the roses planted where it is easy to provide this with an irrigation or hose system. Roses grow best in well-drained soil and do not like "wet feet" as they will decline with standing water around their root system.

Avoid planting roses near trees and shrubs which will compete for moisture and nutrients. Make sure the site is

open to allow for air movement. Be sure to dig the hole about 18 inches wide and at least 20 inches deep to insure good drainage.



Roses do well in a sandy, loamy, well-drained soil with a pH of 6 to 6.5. Begin with a soil test to determine pH and nutrient levels so that any needed corrections can be made before you plant. The addition of organic matter will improve drainage, aeration, and better hold nutrients. Spacing will depend on the rose variety, so be sure not to plant your new roses too close together. They may be small now, but they will grow quickly.

If you follow this formula for rose success, you will have beautiful blooms in just a few months!

News from our Members

- Kathy Dodson is recovering from surgery.
- Claire Campbell will be having knee surgery March 30.

President's Corner by Bob Jacobs

Hello Rosarians

Spring is here! I hope you are as excited as I am to be outside working in my rose beds. I am amazed at how fast the roses broke dormancy. I have a few black canes, but as of today my roses look very good.

I hope all our members with health problems the past few months are recovering well.

I have ordered the tickets for the baseball game on Friday, June 18. The tickets are \$8.50 each. You may pay me anytime for the tickets you want. I'm really looking forward to being with all of you for an enjoyable time.

There have been some questions regarding Nutrisoil. There are three different types. One is used to mix into existing beds, or can be used to prepare new beds. There is also a conditioning specifically for existing beds. Then there is a potting mix that is good for growing roses and flowers in pots. In the past, I have gone to Southern Nurseries at Goodlettsville, Tn. I also understand that Simply Mulch on Veteran's Parkway has a type of Nutrisoil.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting April 2. Georgia is working on her Composting Program., and Kathy is doing some research on arrangements. Ann has a list of the roses Jackson's Orchard will be getting soon.

ROSE GARDENING 101
by
Bob & Ann Jacobs
BGRS Consulting Rosarians
Saturday, April 17
9:00 a.m. - noon
Jacobs Home
Seminole Way

Sign up through BG-WC
Community Education

Modern Arrangements for BGRS Rose Show

Parallel & Spatial Thrust (part 1) by Mary Ann Hext

Our 2010 BGRS Rose Show Schedule contains several classes for modern arrangements. Some of these are new to our members, so I have been researching them to obtain more information for our entries.

The 2006 ARS *Guidelines for Judging Rose Arrangements* reminds us that "freedom is given to arrangers to express their ideas in creative designs where the keynote is simplicity with emphasis on color, form, texture, and the all-important element of space." It also states that there are several types of Modern arrangements some with overlapping characteristics.

Since the Bowling Green Rose Society was organized in 1960, the theme for the design division of our show is **Happy 50th Birthday Party**. Each arrangement category is related to this theme. Two of the designs at our rose show have some overlapping characteristics.

Class 3 is a Modern Parallel design using one or more containers with no restrictions on line or plant material. The *Guidelines for Judging Rose Arrangements* handbook states: "Parallel Designs have two or more groupings of materials (using one or more containers as one unit). The groupings may be placed in any direction to give continuity. All groupings must be parallel in the same direction. They must have negative space between groupings and appear as one arrangement."

Class 6 is a Modern Spatial Thrust design using either one or two con-

tainers also with no restriction on materials. The handbook states: Spatial Thrust Designs are designs with two parallel placements of like materials. The materials are used to define a volume of vacant space creating a feeling of thrust.

Information I have learned from presenters at various arrangements workshops tells us that parallel arrangements are usually vertical (although they can be horizontal or diagonal). There are usually three or more units of strong lines, paralleling one another with open spaces between each unit. A long container, suitable to hold plant material with space in between, can be used.



Spatial Thrust arrangement designed at Tenarky workshop presented by Gary Barlow & Lew Shupe. Photo by M. Hext.



Parallel design by Connie Baird at BGRS Rose Show. Photo by M. Hext.

More than one container may also be used to create a long line effect of a single container. Plant material and other components should have a strong directional thrust. Plant material and other components may be placed at the base of the groups to visually connect

them and to help balance the design. The plant material may all be the same or it can be different or a combination of material. The line mate-

rial may be the same or different heights and can be placed as grown in nature with flowers higher in design or in large flowers low and small flowers high. Plant material can also be abstracted but the rose bloom is never abstracted.

Spatial thrust arrangements are similar to parallel arrangements are vertical and will also have strong lines and vacant space.

As in all modern arrangements, remember that the arranger has freedom in approach to be creative, emphasis is on space, there may be more than one point of emergence, plant materials are considered as design elements, and the container is important.

So get your creative juices flowing and enter one of these classes at the BGRS Rose Show in May.



My first parallel arrangement at BGRS Rose Show receiving red ribbon. Judges commented that it needed more roses with an upward thrust. Photo by M. Hext

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April and the Rosarian by Dr. Kent Campbell, Master Rosarian

The sequence of chores we face in April lays the groundwork for the whole summer of successful blooms. It matters little if you feed and then prune or vice versa. What does matter a great deal is that you begin everything with a clean bed, and end it all with a good, thick, clean mulch.

1. Remove any winter mulch, or at least very, very carefully rake or wash it and any hilled up dirt away from the plant. I use a gentle spray of water around the base of plants because quite often new basals will be peeping out of the warm ground. They break off very easily, and there goes a new long stem with a potential blue ribbon blossom on the end when it reaches its full growth. Dig all unwanted grass from the beds and douse them with *Preen*, even up close to the base of each plant. (You may wish to feed before doing the *Preen* because you must “rough” the food into the ground a bit.

2. At this point, I usually feed, because the pruning takes several days

to complete. You can feed, even if it is a bit cold, because the plant will not use the food until it is ready. At one time, I mixed my own “spring start-up” fertilizer. The literature is full of different formulas. But close inspection reveals a basic grouping in all of them. Start with 3 parts 10-10-10 garden mix; add one part 45-0-0 nitrogen; add one part gypsum, add one part bone meal or blood meal; and one half part magnesium, and finally one-half part, or less, of pelletized lime. (The chances are slim that your beds are “sweet” enough. To be sure, check your pH.)

Eventually I learned that the easy way to do all this is simply apply *Mills Magic Rose Mix* as per directions. After I do the Mills, I apply Monty’s liquid every week or two. With Month’s you need to add a big spoonful of magnesium at least

once before the show. Other possibilities for the short-term feeding sequence are *Peters*, *Mirical-Gro*, and *Mills Easy Feed*. I apply the solid food again in July. Some individuals I know use *Osmicote* twice a year, which is very expensive.

3. Pruning has been discussed at length. April 1 is 55 days from the show. I will begin sometime that first week. Remember, CUT TO THE WHITE!

4. Apply the mulch of your choice as you finish pruning. Avoid straw, hay, and the ground leaves from WKU. Straw and hay are full of seeds and you will be digging unwanted grass from your beds. Who knows what is in the ground leaves WKU provides? Besides, that is quite a sour additive to your beds.

Have a great spring!! I, for one, am more ready for it than I can ever remember!



Dina Sadikovic's Favorite Rose by M. Hext

Q. What is your favorite rose?

A. I love every single rosebush I have. It is almost impossible to pick just one rose as a favorite. If I have to then my favorite rose is Altissimo.

Q. What type of rose is it?

A. Altissimo is a medium red large-flowered climber with a garden rating of 8.5.

Q. Why is it your favorite?

A. My garden is small. Altissimo is very nice for a smaller garden as it is the right size and easy to keep in bounds and train on a

trellises. I love single flowers—they are so simple and elegant. rose shows.

Q. How long have you grown this rose?

A. I saw this rose two years ago and I bought one—I love it.

Q. Why did you start growing this rose?

A. I love those very long-lasting, large, saucer-like flowers. It's a very healthy rose and easy to grow.

Q. What else can you tell me about this rose?

A. Altissimo, means very high.

My Favorite Rose



Altissimo

Class: Large-Flowered Climber
Origin: 1966, Delbard-Chabert; Paris, France
Bloom: Yellow Stamens, a true single (4 to 8 petals).
Fragrance: Light. **Color:** Bright Red
Habit: Upright, 9' x 5'
Disease susceptibility: Largely disease-resistant.

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BGRS Rose Show - May 22

- Our rose show schedule is available on our website:
www.bowlinggreenrosesociety.org
and on the Tenarky site:
www.tenarky.org
- Please purchase or sell an ad to go in the rose show program. Contact Ann Jacobs for information.
- Mark your calendars to help with the rose show set up on Friday afternoon, May 21
- Volunteers are needed to help with the many rose show jobs. Contact Bob Jacobs or Kent Campbell to help.

Highlights of March Meeting

- Plans for 2010 rose show
- Yearbooks distributed
- Ann & Bob Jacobs attend the Nashville Garden Show and brought several plants for members to purchase
- Grooming workshop to be held May 15
- Arrangement workshop to be held at Cheekwood on September 11
- Kent Campbell presented program on spraying roses

IMPORTANT DATES - 2010

- * April 27-May 2: ARS Spring National Convention and Rose Show - Shreveport, LA
- * May 15 - BGRS Grooming Workshop 9 a.m.
- * May 22: BGRS Rose Show
- * August 20-22: ARS Fall Miniature Rose Show & Conference - Milwaukee, WI
- * October 7-11: ARS Fall National Convention and Rose Show - Atlanta, GA

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