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Rosebuds

Meeting:
 March 5
 Alive Center: 6:30 p.m.
 Host: Hudsons
 Program:
 Spraying Roses
 K. Campbell

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TENARKY District Winter Workshop - article by M. Hext

The Bowling Green Rose Society was well represented at the Tenarky District Winter Workshop held in Franklin, TN, February 19-21, with ten members attending. A variety of seminars were offered to meet the interests of all Rosarians.

Saturday topics included information on new rose introductions, successfully growing fortuneia rootstock roses, innovative gardening products and ideas, the future of roses, and discussion and ideas for rose shows. Friday and Saturday night dinner speakers provided additional information for Rosarians. A CR school was held on Sunday. Several of our members came home with new roses from the auction.

BGRS members receiving recognition and awards are on page 7.

Kent & Claire Campbell

**Ben Matus
Kathy Dodson
Pauline Matus**

BGRS Members at Tenarky Workshop

Bob & Ann Jacobs

**Dina Sadikovic
Mary Ann Hext
Brenda Coffey**

President's Corner by Bob Jacobs

Ann and I got home Sunday afternoon from a very interesting weekend in Nashville at the Tenarky Winter Workshop. I was very pleased to see 10 members of our society on Saturday.

The programs were very good and informative. We have some new ideas to work with in our society. Ann and I attended the Certified Rosarian School on Sunday morning. While it was a long weekend, we are excited now to get out into our garden. This has been a cold winter and I am anxious to see if I have much damage to our roses.

The roses we bought at the Workshop look good. And the Jackson & Perkins bare root roses look good. We are fortunate to be able to buy them without shipping charges. Which leads me to my next thought. We were told by more than one of the guest speakers that companies are going out-of-business and we will have a difficult time finding and ordering the roses we want.

I have a tentative date of Friday, June 18 for us to attend the Hot Rods Baseball Game. The tickets will be \$8.50 each which is a nice discount. Please let me know the number of tickets you want for your family.

I look forward to seeing all of you Friday, March 5th at 6:30 p.m.

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

Arrangement Backgrounds *by Paul Williams (Louisville Rose Society)*

I have been asked if I could provide some tips on arrangements. I've been doing arrangements for about 7 years and one of the questions I am asked the most is "Where do you get your backgrounds?"

As I'm sure most people do, I make them. Luckily I have access to extra waste cardboard and I use various sizes depending on what is called for in the Rose Show Schedule. I check fabric stores for rem-

nants and also craft and printing supplies. Scrapbook paper and cardstock make good covers, too. I have made several

backgrounds in all different sizes and colors so I am not in a rush at the last minute. They are helpful if you change your mind about the

rose you use in the arrangement as this may make a difference in the background color.

I cover some with fabric remnants by cutting the fabric about 1 to 1-1/2" larger than the board, depending on the size of the board. Use your judgment and make

sure it folds over enough to get a good glue stream underneath. Fold over the edges

and use Elmer's or craft glue to secure the back. I also apply a strip of wide packaging tape to hold the fabric down securely while drying.

For the scrapbook paper or cardstock, I cut it about 1/16" larger. Next I glue it right onto the board and smooth it down real flat. I then turn it face down and place weight on it until dry. For freestanding support I use a

narrow strip of cardboard on the back and either attach with glue or velcro dots.

With the dots you can use one strip and interchange with other backgrounds instead of gluing a strip on back of all of them. It has to do with your personal preference and creativity.

Just keep in mind the "rose" is being judged and the background should compliment and not distract.

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Editor's Note: I have included my own photos showing backgrounds Paula used with winning arrangements at various rose shows that I attended..



What Good Rosarians Will be Doing in March *by Kent Campbell, CR*

March is an “in-between month.” It is unruly, neither winter nor spring it seems. The folk lore is “in like a lion, out like a lamb” or, heaven forbid, vice-versa. Also, March and early April usually provide short cold “snaps” to interrupt the gradual warming into spring. My grandma called them strawberry winter, blackberry, winter, and dogwood winter depending on what was in bloom.

Even though it is impractical to try to plan very far ahead, there are certain very important chores facing us. In this order, we must prune, feed, spray, and mulch. At the same time we should check the pH in our rose beds, and plant any new bushes we acquire.

Above, I mentioned that first comes pruning. This is the key to the entire summer, in regards to growing outstanding roses. The timing of spring pruning to have blossoms at their peak for a certain date is a very inexact science. It is, roughly, 45 to 55 days. Successful exhibitors in the mid-south say that at forsythia bloom or dogwood bloom is the “right” time to begin your pruning. My guess is that we are looking at the very end of March and/or early April to begin. April 1st is 55 days before our show, so do not become impatient and start too soon, even if in your pruning you have to cut out some new growth!

Since spraying, feeding, and mulching will come in April, I will hold that discussion until the April issue of *Rosebuds*. Here, it is important to finish the subject of pruning.

In an effort to be in the peak of my first bloom cycle at show day, I begin cutting about 55 days prior to the show, depending on the weather! What I am going to say about method is for Hybrid Teas, Grandifloras, miniatures and mini-floras, and flori-

bundas. Shrubs, species roses, old garden type roses, climbers, and roses on fortuniana root stock require a slightly different approach, and will be discussed separately.

With the first group above, you should cut out all dead canes, all canes smaller than a pencil, and all canes of any size growing across other strong canes. This should open the bush, much like a deep bowl. Then cut the long, strong canes, a few inches at a time, down to white centers. As you cut, always cut at a slight angle, and to an outside bud. Do this to all canes on the bush and then retrim the longest ones until all canes on the bush are the same height, even if you are cutting cans with white centers shorter. (Nature loves the strong and does nothing to assist the weak!) You should end up with a bush of only strong cans about 12 to 16 inches high. Small minis and mini-flora bushes, of course, should only be cut back to about half their height. But, they can go deeper into the canes if needed to get to white. Many rosarians maintain that it is important to seal the cut on top of the large canes with nail polish, Elmer’s Glue, or orange shellac.

I usually prune in the order that it takes plants to mature to their bloom cycle. Floribundas require the most time to produce the sprays you seek; start with them. Next do the minis and mini-floras as their bloom cycles last the longest. Finally, do the H-Teas and Grandifloras, from dark-colored, heavy petaled ones first to the light colored ones with a smaller number of petals last.

Species roses such as Chinas, shrubs, and polyanthas require a light trim and shaping. If there are unruly or unproductive canes, they should be removed. Too severe a cut-back

really slows these genres in development.

The same is true for bushes on fortuniana roots. They, however, seem to produce more dead wood than other bushes. I have two H-Teas on fortuniana that have produced massive, top heavy, bushy roses. The expert at our Nashville workshop last week told me to thin them out aggressively, as they are loaded with small canes and cut them back to about half their height. This I will do.

Climbers and Old Garden Roses are very special cases. I have none of these varieties and hesitate to give advice about them. Essentially, I have read that one should wait until after the first bloom cycle to do any trimming of climbers, as they bloom on one year old wood and you will be able to tell which canes these are. Then cut out old non-productive canes.

I have been told that old garden type roses should be treated much the same as climbers. Cut out dead wood and trim back lightly.

Finally (about time you say!) this is an important task. It should be done at the proper time, in decent weather, and with a good, unhurried attitude. It is a key to everything else!



Rose of the Month: Bees Knees by Kent Campbell

The “old folks” had a way of inventing and/or adapting language to specify their feeling about a given object or situation. From childhood I remember hearing the saying about small, pretty items, “That’s as cute as bees knees!” Of course, not many of us have ever seen the knees of a bee, and I’m unsure that a bee ever has knees on its tiny legs! However, it is a statement that most who heard it in context will recall and understand its hidden meaning of being something so fine it was rarely, if ever, seen.

Just how Dr. Keith Zary, hybridizer of this beautiful miniature rose came up with the name in 1998 is unknown to me. He seems to have a gift for finding wonderful names for his roses. However, for some reason, his company, [Jackson and Perkins](#), did not retail this rose, and it was introduced by Bear Creek Gardens, Inc. It is still a bit difficult to find, as none of the major catalogues list it. I found my bush at [Almost Heaven Roses](#) in Iron Sta-

tion, NC, after hearing about and seeing it in a program by Sandy Lundberg at an ARS National.

The plant, parented by a seedling X Haute Pink, produces an abundance of yellow/pink flowers that average about 2½ inches. Many are borne in large clusters. The fragrance is slight, as is the case with many modern roses. The foliage is dark green and dull, but well-spaced on the stem, and of the size to be of good balance and proportion. Overall, the bush will reach about three feet in height, but spread abundantly, needing a bit more space in the garden than the average miniature.

This is a marvelous miniature rose for the garden and a proven winner on the show tables. I just ordered and planted my second bush.



**Miniature English Box
2009 Bowling Green
Rose Show
Kent & Claire Campbell**

Editor’s Note: According to www.roseshow.com, Bees Knees was the Number 1 ranked miniature rose in 2008.

Claire Campbell’s Favorite Rose by M. Hext

My Favorite Rose

Q. What is your favorite rose?

A. If I have to pick just one, it would be Bees Knees. .

Q. What type of rose is it?

A. It’s a Miniature and I love Miniatures.

Q. Why is it your favorite:?

A. I love the colors – the yellow edged in pink. Also, it has been very good for us at rose shows.

Q. How long have you grown this rose?

A. Kent has grown it for six years.

Q. Why did you start growing this rose?

A. He saw a picture of it in a program that Sandy Lundberg presented at a national convention.

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

A. It was hybridized by Keith Zary of Jackson & Perkins. For some reason it was not marketed by J&P, probably because they are not into miniatures. It was introduced by Bear Creek Gardens, Inc. and is still a bit difficult to find. Kent found his rose at Almost Heaven Roses.



**Bees Knees - Miniature Queen
2008 Louisville Rose Show
Kent & Claire Campbell**

BGRS Members Receive Awards at Tenarky Winter Workshop



Kent Campbell receives the Tenarky District Outstanding Horticulture Judge Award from Joe Spruiell.



Claire Campbell, Tenarky webmaster, is recognized by Sam Jones, Tenarky District Director, for the district web site receiving the ARS King Award for 2009. Claire has earned an ARS web-site award for the past five years.



Bob Jacobs receives the Outstanding Consulting Rosarian Chair for his district work during the past six years. The award was presented by Dan Brickman, the new CR district chair.

Photos taken by Barbara Brickman, Tenarky District Photographer.

News from our Members

- Howard Snyder continues to improve following hip replacement surgery. He has returned to work part time and plans to be at the March meeting

Highlights of February Meeting

- Plans for 2010 meetings and events
- Plans for 2010 rose show
- Orders from Beatty Fertilizer
- Members shared roses that grow well and not so well with other members

BGRS Rose Show "Happy 50th Birthday BGRS" 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.

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Jackson Perkins Roses For Sale

A limited number of J&P roses will be available for sale at the March meeting. A list was e-mailed to all members. Contact Bob Jacobs for further information.



REMINDER 2010 Dues are Past Due!

Please send your 2010 dues at to our treasurer, Ben Matus, ASAP!

Ask a friend to join!!

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IMPORTANT DATES - 2010

- * April 27-May 2: ARS Spring National Convention and Rose Show - Shreveport, LA
- * 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