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BGRS Members Attend ARS Mini-National Conference

The 2012 ARS Miniature National Conference and Rose Show was held in Columbus, Ohio, July 27-29. The theme was "Beautiful Ohio—Gem of the Midwest." Attending their first national mini conference from BGRS were Bob and Ann Jacobs, Norma Stevenson, and Mary Ann Hext.

Low Shupe and Gary Barlow conducted an arrangement workshop on Friday with visiting instructors: Sandy Dixon, Lee Hale, and Mary Peterson. Ann, Norma, and Mary Ann attended the workshop where fundamentals of various styles of arrangements were taught along with demonstrations and hands-on design which helped to prepare them for the rose show on Saturday.

Mary Ann was approved for her first apprenticeship as an arrangement judge where she was paired with two very experienced judges. It was an awesome experience to participate in the judging of over 50 arrangements out of approximately 125 outstanding designs entered by arrangers from all

over the country.

Norma entered an oriental arrangement using Joy in the Novice class and won first place receiving an

ARS certificate for Best

Novice

Arrangement and a keepsake trophy. Mary Ann won Best Judges Arrangement using Bees Knees receiving an ARS certificate and also a keepsake trophy. She also won the Basket Challenge class with Mariotta in the horticulture division receiving a keepsake trophy.

There were several informative speakers, banquet, and garden tour during the conference—all, in all, a great experience for our first national conference.



FOR THE AUGUST PROGRAM

Our August program will be "Sharing your Favorite Rose Care Tools and Products!" Please bring two or three of your favorite gardening tools and/or products and share how you use them in your rose garden.

Rockin' & Roses in Music City by Mary Ann Hext, Consulting Rosarian



The first-ever Multi-Regional All Arrangement Rose Show and School was held in Franklin, Tennessee at the end of June. Attending from BGRS were Larry and Connie Baird and Mary Ann Hext.

Sandy Dixon, ARS Arrangement Judges Chair, welcomed the group Friday night. Following dinner, the first class as held. On Saturday morning, participants began at 6 a.m. designing entries for the rose show. There were 95 entries and all of them were awesome.

More classes followed while the arrangements were judged. The show was open to the public in the afternoon. Instructors included many well-known rose show arrangers including Jim Harrell (editor of the ARS Rose Arrangers Bulletin), Lew Shupe and Gary Barlow who assisted in writing and editing "Guidelines for Judging Rose Arrangements, and our Tenarky District

Director, Sam Jones, as well as many others.

Most of the arrangements were created by accredited ARS Arrangements who had come from all over the country to attend the classes.

The arrangements were a level above those seen at most local shows.

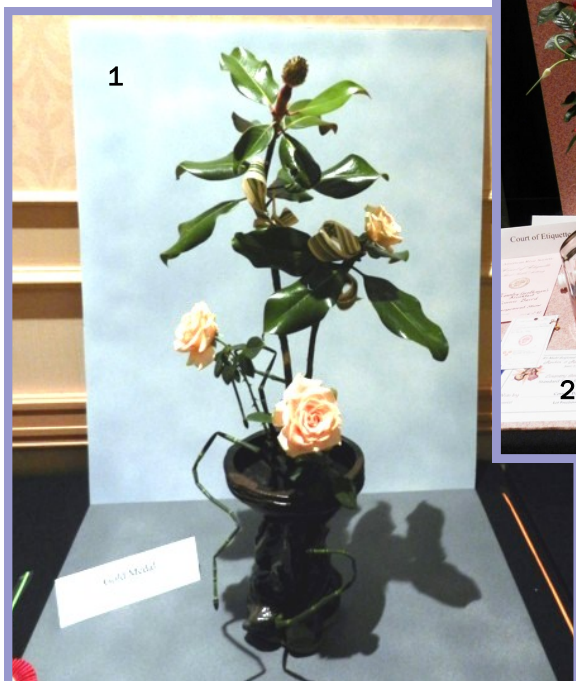
Connie Baird entered 12 arrangements and received several "blue stars" and

ARS certificates. I was proud to receive "red stars" on two of my arrangements.

Following dinner Saturday night, was practice time for judging arrangements in preparation for the

test on Sunday morning. Recently I learned that I did pass so now I will have to begin studying for the horticulture since I have done the tests out of order.

If you have a chance to attend the next one of these workshops, it will be time well spent for anyone interested in arrangements. I came away with many new ideas and great respect and admiration learning from so many experienced arrangers and seeing so many types of designs at one show. Shown below are four of Connie's winning arrangements.



1. Gold Certificate & Oriental Award
2. Court of Etiquette Award & Bronze Certificate
3. Princess Award
4. Miniature Artist Award

Summer Stress & Roses *by Mary Ann Hext, Consulting Rosarian*



This has been a most stressful summer for my roses and for me. On Mother's Day, we had one-half inch of rain at my house and not another drop until July 2. Even though areas around us got a few showers, we got nothing. Our pastures looked like dried hay on the ground and our yard was just as bad. In addition, we had days of record-breaking temperatures with many consecutive days of 100+ and our hottest day saw 111 degrees. These extreme temperatures along with severe drought were and still are being felt across the country.

The three weeks in May with no rain and extreme heat necessitated watering not only the roses but shrubs and the lawn. Although I have soaker hoses for most areas, I still have to carry buckets to over a dozen bushes and shrubs. The usual one inch per week was not nearly enough, my roses needed three to four inches and my roses in pots had to be watered every other day. On the days of 100+ temperatures and the leaves were drooping, I used an overhead spray just to cool them off. A few times I even drug the hoses out into the pasture so that the cows and calves could have a little patch of green grass to eat.

All this extra watering was stressful for my shoulders and back, and also resulted in the largest electric and water bills we have ever had. With no moisture in the air, we had a very dry heat causing an outbreak of spider mites so one more additional stress. However, I had virtually no Blackspot during this time.

After the shower in early July and a few scattered thunderstorms the remainder of the month, we finally got three inches of rain. It is amazing how just this small amount brought back green pastures. But

now with moisture in the air we have had day after day of scattered thunderstorms, high winds, and now high humidity and the return of blackspot. Even with very early morning spraying, I ended up with some burn on the leaves of several roses.

I did notice that I had fewer Japanese beetles in June maybe due to the extreme temperatures. Again this year, they seemed to prefer my Pink Knockouts and the Whiteout Roses. Very few beetles chewed on my hybrid teas and floribundas. The beetles seemed to feast on the leaves of several of my small trees preferring them to the roses. Of course, with the extreme heat, the roses had small blooms if any, so perhaps this is why the beetles ate the shrubs.

Even though our area is now having scattered thunderstorms, they have not made a dent in our rainfall deficit. We are still classified as being in an extreme drought situation. The high temperatures have remained with most days in the high 90s or low 100s and the heat indices even higher. However, I am determined that my roses and I will survive this!!!

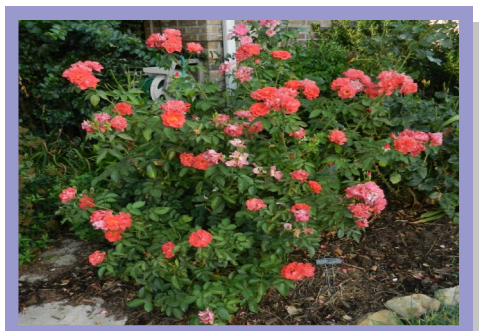
Lessons I have learned this summer:

- Water deeply. Let those soaker hoses run for at least two hours at a time, more if you are only watering once per week.
- Roses on fortuniana, need even more water than those on other rootstock.
- Roses in pots need watering at least every other day. I have several miniature roses in pots that are on fortuniana rootstock, and I have had to water them daily or they start dropping leaves.
- Spray the next morning after watering and don't spray if it is already over 80 degrees at 7 a.m..
- One mistake I have made during

this time is spraying with full-strength chemicals. Even though I sprayed early in the mornings, I still had leaf burn.

- Buy long hoses so you don't have to carry buckets of water very far. (This reduced the need for applying Icy Hot on my shoulders at night.)
- When the lawn is turning brown, Bermuda grass still manages to grow and invade the rose beds.
- Roses still need to be fed during the hot months. I have been mixing batches of alfalfa tea and applying on a regular basis which has resulted in new growth despite the heat. I have used it weekly on the pots since having to water them so much.
- Try to do your rose work early in the morning or late in the evening when it is cooler. Be sure you drink plenty of water and use sunscreen. Get yourself a rose hat to protect your face.

Remember, your roses are depending on you! And, yes, it is all worth it! School is starting soon, fall is around the corner, and we will again have those big beautiful blooms just in time for the fall rose shows!!!!



This is a photo of Cinco de Mayo on the day it was 111 degrees. It had more blooms than any other bush, only a few beetles, no blackspot, and has never had spider mites. This is a great landscape rose and the blooms have a fabulous range of colors.

Help Wanted: Rose Evaluators Needed Now!

It's Roses in Review Time!

The 2012 Roses in Review (RIR) marks the 87th time the American Rose Society has evaluated new rose introductions. The ultimate value of this process is realized only when we have a broad base of participation. We need your contribution, whether you grow only one plant of one variety on the list or many of them. We need input from "garden" rosarians as well as exhibitors and from new rosarians as well as seasoned veterans. You do not have to be a member of the American Rose Society to access the online survey and partici-

pate. The complete results of this survey will be included in the January/February 2013 issue of American Rose and will help determine ratings in the ARS Handbook for Selecting Roses.

You can use the RIR evaluation forms printed in the July/August 2012 issue of American Rose or complete your survey online at www.ars.org. Please give the online system a try if possible as it's easy and saves paper. You need only evaluate roses on the list that you grow. The deadline for participating is September 26.

Please note that while participation in RIR is a voluntary activity for many

rosarians, Consulting Rosarians need to remember that they are now required to participate as one of their CR activities.

Our district evaluation report is compiled by Jeff Garrett and the results are posted on the Tenarky website for review of rosarians in our area of the country.

Please take time to participate in the survey as your input benefits all roses growers!

[Click here to visit the official RIR website.](#)

ARS Trial Membership Available

The ARS is offering a four-month trial membership for existing local society, non-ARS members. The \$5 fee offsets processing and mailing costs. ARS does not make money on this offer. Four-Month Trial Members receive:

- Free advice from Consulting Rosarians.
- Free or reduced garden admissions, a \$25 value after just 3 uses.
- Free online access to four quarterly bulletins, a \$45 value.
- 2 issues of American Rose magazine, \$16 value.
- Discounts of up to 30% at merchant partners.
- A four-month trial membership is valued at \$86 for only \$10!

Visit www.ars.org for more information and to take advantage of this offer.



BGRS Public Garden Report *by Mary Ann Hext, CR*

Saturday, July 14, BGRS members, Ann and Bob Jacobs, Kathy Dodson, and Mary Ann Hext, met at the rose garden to prune, pull weeds and fertilize. The roses looked good in spite of the extreme heat during the past few weeks. As the roses are on an automatic sprinkler, they had were not lacking for water.

Sally Holmes, which was planted in the spring, and Nicole, which was transplanted from the garden of Kent Campbell, both had blooms. After digging out the invasive Bermuda grass, and deadheading, Bayer was applied as a fertilizer and to help prevent Blackspot.

If you were not able to come on this work day, we hope you will just drop by the garden at your convenience and pull a few weeds or deadhead. The next scheduled work day is August 4. The more members we have helping, the quicker we will finish!! Please try to come then or at any other time.



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A Lesson on Spraying for Blackspot *by Ben Matus*

I learned something new last month that I'd not heard discussed before. As ya'll know, I've had a horrible run of Blackspot this year. I've been treating it with my organics as well as hardware store systemics (Immunox and Funginex now called Rose Pride.) I'd even put on a dose of Captan, yet the Blackspot was still rampant.

So, I checked for other products with a different method of action to vary the spray program and avoid developing a resistant fungus. And hopefully to get it killed off. My list showed Cleary's 3336F as a good choice to put in rotation with my other sprays. I bit the bullet and placed an order with "Rosemania" for the Cleary's and added a small bottle of Merit 75 systemic insecticide as well. Both very big buck items compared to what I've been using for years with some degree of success.

Along with the shipment, they sent a newsletter with specials listed, including a solid description of each product. Here's what I learned:

"Mancozeb and Pentathlon contain the only chemical we know to kill the Blackspot spore. If you already have the Blackspot fungus, your regular preventative like Banner Max, Cleary's, Funginex, Immunox or Compass won't be effective." The article went on to say: "Spray every three days for three or four spray intervals with either Mancozeb or Pentathlon and your Blackspot should be under control."

I found Mancozeb at Stockdale's next door to Sam's Club. My first spray was three days ago. I had blown out all of the dead leaves under the plants before spraying and to this point, I definitely see far fewer dead leaves. Light at the end of the tunnel!

Moral of the story: All of these years I believed my sprays were intended to kill the Blackspot, where in fact they were merely preventers. If you already have Blackspot, you **must** use one of the two aforementioned products to kill it and gain some control.



Yvonne Wright sent these photos of her new rose Ketchup and Mustard.

MONTHLY IN-CLUB COMPETITION—JUNE - NOVEMBER

The competition shall consist of **ONE entry in each** of the following classes: One bloom per stem, except for sprays. Groom and fill in tags as if entering a regular rose show. Judges will comment on 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice. The top scorer in horticulture and arrangements will be recognized at the December meeting.

- Class 1—1 Single Bloom Hybrid Tea/Grandiflora
- Class 2—Single Bloom Miniature
- Class 3—1 Single Bloom Floribunda
- Class 4—1 Floribunda or Miniature Spray
- Class 5—Specimen, Any Other Type
- Class 6—Arrangements—*Modern (choice of style—large or small roses)*



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IMPORTANT DATES - 2012

- Sept. 22: Louisville Rose Show
- Sept. 26-30: ARS Fall National Convention and Rose Show - San Ramon, CA
- October 5-7: Nashville Rose Show/Tenarky District Convention