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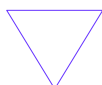
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## Mark Your Calendars.

For the ARS Fall 2005 Convention to be held in Memphis, TN.

September 29-  
October 2, 2005

## Big Wins in Tulsa

At the October ARS national convention held in Tulsa, OK, Tenarkians were well-represented at the convention and on the head table.

A total of 15 trophies, 13 in horticulture and two in arrangements were brought home by our members. Leading the charge were Bob and Chris Thorpe who came home with six trophies, including the Overesch trophy for arrangements and the Hi-Lo (both for the second consecutive year). They also put roses on the big and mini court with **Moonstone** (the King of the Show) and



*Moonstone, entered by Bob and Chris Thorpe, won King of Show. Photo courtesy Bob Thorpe.*

**Lady E'owyn.** They rounded out their performance with a 5-mini challenge and the Victorian

with **Soroptomist International.**

Whit Wells took home two trophies for seedlings, including the Rose Hybridizers Association trophy. His creation **Memphis King** also won mini Queen of Show.

Don and Paula Adlong won the trophy for a mass display of 12 hybrid teas. Jimmy and Evelyn Moser won best floribunda bloom with Natali, and Dale Ericson took best climber with Fourth of July.

Award with **Paul Neyron.**

Bringing home three trophies was Carol Shockley who appeared on both courts with **Big Time** and **Bee's Knees.** She also won the miniature English box

Glenn Fuqua took home the Court of Etiquette and ARS Gold awards in arrangements for a Table Arrangement featuring **It's Showtime** and **Hot Cocoa.**

## Support Your National Convention

The Memphis Rose Society and Dixie Rose Club are seeking financial assistance to ensure that the 2005 Fall National Convention this October is the exciting event we have envisioned. We appreciate any contribution. We are asking societies in our district to consider sponsoring a trophy. If you or your organization

would like to contribute, our sponsorship levels are:

### BUSINESSES

Platinum.....\$2500  
Gold.....\$1000  
Silver.....\$750  
Bronze.....\$500

### INDIVIDUALS

Gold.....\$500  
Silver.....\$250  
Bronze.....\$100

Checks should be made to the Memphis National Rose Convention and may be sent to Don Wear at 9368 Owl Hill, Lakeland, TN, 38002.

# No Rosarian Left Behind

You've no doubt read about the drug scandals plaguing the sports world. From Olympic athletes to professional baseball and football players, the use of performance-enhancing drugs has reached near epidemic proportions.

Any more, followers aren't sure if they are seeing a great athlete perform spectacular feats or if they are observing a drugged athlete over-achieving his God-given abilities thanks to drugs.

It isn't a widely known fact, but steroids have even started to infiltrate the rose world. Like many trends, this one started in western Europe when a researcher at a major drug company noticed that lab mice who had been given high doses of steroids grew 50% more muscle mass, were able to run measurably faster, could lift 60% more weight, and thrive on 20% less sleep than the control specimens who were given a sugar solution.

The researcher was also an avid (and highly competitive) rose grower and reasoned that if the steroids enhanced the abilities of the lab mice, it would certainly help him in his rose garden. After all, he thought, so much of the rose growing hobby is labor intensive—building new rose beds, fertilizing plants, winter protection—that 50% more muscle mass, greater strength, and the ability to survive on less sleep would be great advantages toward achieving the highest rewards. And the ability to groom roses more quickly in the limited prep time before shows would no doubt be the difference between

mediocre performances and outstanding results.

In short order, this skinny European researcher became a muscle-laden rose growing machine. He won every major trophy in Europe for three consecutive years and narrowly missed in the fourth because of a clerical error.

Some Southern California rose growers noticed the success of the European rosarian and learned the secrets behind his winning ways. The black market for rose-grower

About a year ago, the European rosarian began suffering adverse health effects from the high doses of the drugs. He sought medical help, but learned that most of his side effects were irreversible. Shortly thereafter, he began his personal quest to educate the public and expose the dangers of steroids and their effects on rosarians. He is, however, fighting an uphill battle.

According to reliable sources, the steroid abuse has made its way across the Rockies to the east coast

and has now worked its way into our own Tenarky district. While I won't call names in this column, you know who you are, and you know what you've done is wrong.

So to preserve the integrity of our rose shows and the health of our members, the American Rose Society has announced the formation of the "No Rosarian Left Behind" committee that has been charged with enforcing a zero-tolerance drug policy on roses and rosarians.

Random drug testing will be performed on attendees at the spring convention in Shreveport and all subsequent ARS conventions.

Any positive results will bring swift and severe penalties. Drug testing at the district and local show level has been left up to the individual societies but is strongly encouraged.

With your cooperation and that of the ARS, we can stamp out this blight from the rose world and return our rose shows and gardens, and, most importantly, our rosarians, to their previously undefiled condition. Just say no to steroids—for the roses—before it's too late.



***Formerly a skinny rosarian, this man endangered his health by taking high doses of steroids. Identity concealed at the rosarian's request.***

steroids had made its first step into North America.

Immediately after beginning a steroid regimen, a few Californians began doing quite well at shows. Friends noticed increased muscle mass and other common side-effects associated with steroids, but no rules within the ARS would allow their disqualification from shows.

## From the Director

Part of the duty of a District Director is also being a member of the Board of Directors of the American Rose Society. The board meets in conjunction with national conventions, usually consuming eight to ten hours to do their three or four hours of business. However, business does get conducted and ever-present problems that all groups and assemblies face are attacked with vigor, good will, and mutual respect. The bottom line is that we are indeed fortunate to have so many really fine people serving as volunteer officers and board members of our society.

At the Tulsa meeting, the board approved several items that are important to all of us. Two of them deserve mention and a brief explanation here.

First, the long-awaited decision was reached regarding mini-floras in shows. In the new **Guidelines for Judging Roses** manual, **Chapter IX, Judging the Mini-Flora Specimens**, has been completely replaced.

The awards for mini-flora show entries should be available by spring. As it now stands, minis and mini-floras may be entered in the same classes in local shows at the discretion of the local show chair. **However, "at the National and District levels, the mini-flora is ineligible to compete for the miniature or hybrid-tea Queen or Court."** (That statement is in paragraph one of the newly approved chapter, and obviously implies that a separate Queen and Court must be made available for mini-floras at District and National shows.)

Secondly, make a special mark in your 2005 calendars on April 30<sup>th</sup>. That date is designated as Rose Day America. On that day, all over the United States, local societies will be conducting rose seminars. Support will be given by Lowes and by Bayer Advanced. Unlike the fiasco of a few years ago, this venture is coming from the top. In Tulsa, we heard presentations by a gentleman from the home office of Lowes and by Don Myers, ARS national CR chair and an officer in the Bayer

Corporation. Watch the *American Rose* for more about this. It could be a very, very special event.

Finally, I should make a brief mention about one current problem. While ARS is a multi-million dollar association considering all its assets and endowments, there is an ever-present, nagging, cash-flow problem that affects day-to-day operations. This bothersome situation is inexorably tied to our continuing loss of membership, thus loss of dues.

The New-Member Campaign is perhaps the most important undertaking faced by our society in current times. We must re-build our national membership, or face the harsh reality of losing some of our member services. If each member could get a new member – wow – we would be in tall cotton!

See you in Bowling Green in February!

Kent Campbell

## Notable Literary Achievements

In 2004, several of our members were honored for outstanding contributions to ARS publications from the previous year. Heartiest congratulations to these members for their recognition in achieving the honor of "Award of Merit" from the ARS publications committee.

Dale Ericson for her article "Aphids."

Ted Mills for his articles:

"Happy Roses,"

"Planning: Priority with Purposes,"

"So You Want to Buy Rose

Bushes?"

and "You Will Have Wonderful Roses If..."

Jimmy Moser for "March Maintenance."

Glenda Whitaker for "Elemental, My Friends, Elemental," and

"Filling the Niche" (series).

And, posthumously, Bob Whitaker for his articles:

"It's Possible to Have a Great Rose Garden Without Chemicals,"

"Rose Bushes Have Feelings, Too,"

"Rose Understocks: Whys and Wherefores,"

"Fine Art of Anticipation: Pruning,"

and "Five Fertilizing Recipes."

Further congratulations to the Nashville Rose society for their newsletter, **The Rose Leaf**, being recognized yet again with an honorable mention, making it one of the top dozen rose newsletters in the nation in 2003.



# Spotlight Garden: Jeff and Cindy Garrett

“We started with three bushes and weren’t very successful.”

Such was the lackluster beginning of the rose-growing hobby of Jeff and Cindy Garrett.

“My (Jeff’s) grandfather was an avid gardener and he loved roses. When we moved into our first home, we decided to give them a try. Our first three bushes did not do very well.

“We read an article by Lester Smith in the local newspaper about growing roses and gave him a call. He invited us to his garden. After visiting his garden of 250 beautiful bushes, he invited us to the monthly meeting of the Tri-State Rose Society of Chattanooga. Everyone was very nice, and the program was interesting. We were hooked!”

They were definitely hooked. Those three “unsuccessful” roses have grown into a glorious garden today featuring about 450 rose bushes. They focus on mostly hybrid teas, grandifloras, and miniatures, with roughly half miniatures.

“Most of our plants are in raised beds, but we do have over 100 in pots. We think pots are a great alternative for folks that don’t have ideal conditions for beds.



*Jeff and Cindy Garrett at their Soddy Daisy, Tennessee home.*

from Bridge’s Roses and Rosemania. We actually prefer to get a cutting from a great plant of the desired variety and bud it onto a rootstock of choice. Not all roses are created equal! We like to select the best plants of the desired variety and go from there. Budding, grafting and rooting roses is a very rewarding aspect of this hobby for us.”

Among the Garrett’s favorite roses right now are Knock Out, Bride’s Dream, Brook’s Red, Gemini, Touch of Class, Louise Estes, Moonstone, Cajun Moon, Cajun Sunrise, Veteran’s Honor, Hot Princess, and St. Patrick. In the miniatures, they really like Sweet Caroline, Autumn Splendor, Bee’s Knees, Sam Trivitt, Soroptomist International, Glowing Amber, Fairhope, and Hilde.

“Knock Out is our top recommendation for new growers. This easy to grow, disease-free plant is introducing roses to a whole new group of potential rosarians.

Among the new roses, Jeff thinks sev-

eral have garden or show potential, including Blushing Knockout (S), Blushing Beauty (HT), Pat’s Choice (HT), Johnny Becnel (HT), Excellence (HT), Pasadena Star (Fl), Butter Cream (MinFl), Class of 73 (MinFl), Dr. John Dickman (MinFl), Erin Alonso (Min), Miss Megan (Min), Nancy Jean (Min), Rocky Top (Min), Salute (Min), Starship (MinFl), Sweet Cheeks (MinFl), and Tammy Darlene (Min).

When it comes to evaluating new roses, there’s no one in the Tenarky District in a better position to pass judgement on these newcomers than Jeff, who has been the district’s Roses in Review Coordinator for the last 13 years.

“The R I R program provides the rosarian with some very useful infor-



*Water Features add tremendous interest to the rose garden.*

mation relative to selecting roses regardless of their level of experience. I particularly enjoy reading everyone’s comments about the different varieties.”

One of the first things Jeff did as District Coordinator was to develop a report with the results just from our district. “Since many varieties perform differently throughout the country, I wanted to provide information more at the local level. I’m especially glad that the District information is now more readily available via the district web site.”

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*Potted plants, raised beds, and the Tennessee River make for a spectacular rose garden.*

Roses make great container plants and provide a long season of color.”

“We get most of our minis

# How to Amass a Full Set of ARS Annuals

by Robert Sutherland

When I joined the ARS in 1995, I had 7 roses, was 27 years old, and received my first American Rose Annual.

I was taken with the volume of the publication and all the information it contained. Over the next several months, I started receiving the American Rose magazine, and the following December my second annual. I enjoyed the second annual even more than the first, so I started researching how I could obtain back issues.

My wife contacted the ARS, and for Christmas that year I received annuals back to 1991 from the bookstore.

At that point, I began to wonder just how many of these annuals there were and if I might want to amass a complete collection. After a little research on the ARS and the annual in particular, I learned that the first annual was published in 1916 under the editing pen of J. Horace McFarland, who incidentally edited the annuals through 1942.

It seemed like a formidable and worthwhile challenge to find the 75 volumes I lacked from 1916-1990. Having exhausted the ARS bookstore, I turned to the American Rose magazine classifieds where I found an ad for a California book dealer advertising old annuals for sale. That Christmas, my collection grew to all the volumes back to 1982.

I also started visiting used bookstores in my town and when I traveled. I was able to find a 1962 annual locally for \$6 and thought that was the greatest treasure find ever. Overall, though, the used bookstore route was not very successful, only yielding one volume I didn't already have.

By the year 2000, the internet was ubiquitous, and the dot com boom was in full swing. It was then my major breakthroughs came.

The first major coup was when a friend referred me to an online book clearing house, [www.bookfinder.com](http://www.bookfinder.com), where I found several old volumes of the annual. Prices varied from a few dollars to over

\$100, so I was choosy what I purchased from these sellers.

Shortly thereafter, I had the biggest breakthrough of all when I discovered the magic of the online auction—EBay. This was the holy grail of ARS annuals, and I could find literally anything I wanted related to old rose books.

EBay is a great tool when used properly, but there are unscrupulous users out there who would try to take advantage of you. EBAY is a self-policed site where buyers rate sellers on their purchasing experience and leave positive or negative feedback for future buyers to see. By buying from highly rated sellers and avoiding lower rated ones, you have a very high probability of a successful online transaction.

Since EBay is an auction site, items are sold to the highest bidder. You can often find items for a song—and just as often for an arm and a leg.

The treasure trove of EBay is used to fullest advantage when a collection of annuals come up from a single seller simultaneously. Books might sell individually for \$10, but you can often get a group of five or more books for \$20, making your cost per copy quite reasonable. In fact, it is often more efficient to buy multiple books even if some are duplicates of ones you already own.

Over the course of 18 months or so, I chipped away at my unpurchased volumes. I picked up a 1927 volume for \$12. Then I got a bunch of annuals from 1956-1978 for \$25. Gradually, I purchased more and more, until I was down to about the final ten, the most difficult to find—those published from 1916 to 1925.

The 1916 volume came up, and I won it. I paid a lot for it, but it is in extremely short supply. Then a 1918 came up for bid a week later. One by one, I got them, until I lacked only the 1922 issue. In April of 2002, a collection from 1921 to 1929 was listed. I was on pins and needles for the seven days of the auction, until I finally won the bid and completed

my set of annuals—with several duplicates for backups or perhaps to auction one day.

Along the way, I was able to pick up a number of other great items, like a nearly complete set of American Rose magazines back to 1946, all the editions of the Rose Exhibitor's Forum back to 1991, and several other rose books that I purchased for reasonable rates. You can really find anything there that you want if you wait long enough.

There are a few things to keep in mind when bidding. First, make sure you know your limits. Online auctions can be exciting, and like any auction, it is easy to get carried away. Know what you want, and know what you're willing to pay for it. Learn to control your competitive spirit unless you're willing to overpay for an item. This is often easier said than done.

Second, be patient. I have seen all the annuals go up for bid on multiple occasions. Even if you don't win a particular bid, don't lose heart. Your item will be back up again before too long.

Third, remember the rules of EBay. Shipping is not included in the price, so you'll need to add that. If you spend a lot on a book, you might consider postal insurance to insure against loss or damage. Sellers won't be responsible for uninsured items. And your bid is a binding contract, so enter into it wisely.

After completing your set of American Rose Annuals, you may be interested in collecting Canadian, British, or Australian annuals. You may even try to collect the rose plates from the 1980's. Whatever it is you want, someone out there has it and is likely willing to part with it for a price. If the rose world is your oyster, then EBay may just bring you the pearl of great price. **Ω**



# What Won in 2004

An analysis of the Tenarky show results for the year 2004 yielded some interesting and noteworthy points for consideration.

Eleven shows were held in the district this year—four in spring, two in summer, and five in fall. One show was exclusively for miniature roses, but the other ten were traditional shows.

When analyzing the winners among the hybrid teas, I discovered that 36 different roses appeared on the court of honor in our district this year. Of these, 20 roses made only one appearance, while obviously the balance appeared multiple times.

The results are summarized here in two ways. The first shows just the number of times a rose appeared on the court in Tenarky

shows. The second weighs how well the roses did when they did appear, weighting the results with six points for a Queen, five for a King, four for a Princess, and three for a court of honor. No weight was given to roses appearing in challenge classes since those results aren't reported to REF except for the district show.

The top performing hybrid tea in the district was Louise Estes, appearing in seven of a possible ten shows and earning 29 points. It barely edged out Moonstone which also made seven appearances on the head table and earned 28 points. Both were well-

represented in the spring and fall shows. Gemini, last year's top national rose hit

International for sixth place. Michel, however, did not see a court after the

| Place | HT Variety      | Appearances | Points |
|-------|-----------------|-------------|--------|
| 1     | Louise Estes    | 7           | 29     |
| 2     | Moonstone       | 7           | 28     |
| 3     | Veteran's Honor | 6           | 22     |
| 4     | Hot Princess    | 4           | 20     |
| 5     | Signature       | 3           | 13     |
| T6    | Mavrik          | 4           | 12     |
| T6    | Raphaella       | 3           | 12     |
| T6    | Suffolk         | 3           | 12     |
| T9    | Big Time        | 3           | 11     |
| T9    | Lynette         | 3           | 11     |

**Table 1. Top performing Hybrid Tea roses at shows held within the Tenarky District in 2004.**

| Place | Min Variety   | Appearances | Points |
|-------|---------------|-------------|--------|
| 1     | Memphis King  | 6           | 29     |
| 2     | Bee's Knees   | 7           | 27     |
| 3     | Fairhope      | 6           | 24     |
| 4     | Hilde         | 5           | 21     |
| 5     | Butter Cream  | 4           | 20     |
|       | Soroptomist   |             |        |
| T6    | International | 4           | 16     |
| T6    | Michel Cholet | 3           | 16     |
| T8    | Miss Flippins | 5           | 15     |
| T8    | Arcanum       | 3           | 15     |
| T10   | Tiffany Lynn  | 3           | 11     |
| T10   | Irresistible  | 3           | 11     |
| T10   | Nancy Jean    | 2           | 11     |

**Table 2. Top performing Miniature and Miniflora roses at shows held within Tenarky in 2004.**

Tenarky courts only twice this year, and never made Princess

or higher in our district. It tied for 14th place in point scoring. Saint Patrick didn't fare much better, checking in at number 13.

A summary of the winners is included here as Table 1.

In an eerily symmetrical performance, 36 different miniature roses hit the court this year, 15 making only one appearance.

spring shows.

Nancy Jean was tied for tenth place, but based on its performance in other districts, it is virtually assured to make more appearances on Tenarky head tables.

Of the top dozen miniatures, three were minifloras—Memphis King, Butter Cream, and Tiffany Lynn.

Also of note, that in the eleven shows this year, including the district show, every Queen was won by a resident of the Tenarky district, except for two in Nashville earned by David Clemons.



**Where was Gemini on the Tenarky tables? Tied for 14th place in 2004.**

There may be some debate as to what was the top miniature rose. The top point scorer was Memphis King, with 29 points, though it benefited strongly from separate miniflora courts in three shows. It appeared six times, twice at the Nashville show, appearing on both the miniature and miniflora courts.

The best true miniature this year in the district was Bee's Knees, making seven appearances and hitting the court of honor in every single fall show.

The complete summary of miniatures appears in table 2. It should be noted that Michel Cholet tied Soroptomist



**It was Louise Estes' year. She squeaked out a one point margin over Moonstone to be Tenarky's most successful hybrid tea rose.**

## Spotlight Garden: Continued

The Garretts live in Soddy Daisy, Tennessee, just north of Chattanooga on the Tennessee River. The river is a tremendous benefit as an irrigation source for their roses. But the wind does provide a challenge to them. They use Cloud Cover, an anti-desiccant spray through December and January to help the plants overwinter well.

On the topic of rootstocks, Jeff offers this interesting advice: "We believe that different varieties perform best on different rootstocks. For instance, Uncle Joe seems to do a little better on its own roots, Veteran's Honor grows well on a variety of rootstocks, Moonstone does well on fortuniana, and Louise Estes seems to perform a little better on multiflora for us. If you have a rose that produces beautiful blooms but doesn't grow well, try using a different rootstock such as fortuniana. We have been experimenting with miniatures and found that some varieties do great on fortuniana. These include Glowing Amber, Miss Flippins, Fairhope, and Luis Desamero. We have also been trying a few minis on multiflora and

that seems to also be promising (especially with Hilde). The primary goal of putting minis on fortuniana or multiflora rootstock is to get more blooms from one plant. We have been very pleased with our results so far.

"Speaking of fortuniana, we feel it is a lot hardier than advertised. We keep our parent plants in containers outside the greenhouse. We don't winter protect them, yet they have never been damaged



*Some of Jeff and Cindy's roses in raised beds.*

by winter weather. We think the key to fortuniana is getting the young plants through the first two winters. After that, it appears to us that fortuniana is just as hardy as the other rootstocks."

As for rose culture, their feeding and watering habits are worth noting. "In the spring after pruning we apply a handful of Epsom Salts to each bush along with a mixture of dry organics such as kelp meal, alfalfa meal, fish meal, sulpo-mag and blood meal. Mills Magic Mix or Rose-Tone are also excellent choices. Around the middle of April, we apply a slow release fertil-

izer, such as Osmocote, Sta-Green Rose Food, or Fertilo-me. During the growing season, we like to feed our plants at least every other week with a liquid fertilizer. Once a month we use our favorite which is Mills Liquid Easy Feed. Two weeks later we use either Fish Emulsion or liquid kelp. About July 4<sup>th</sup> we add another round of the organics mentioned above.

"Living on the river provides us the means to use lots of water which we feel

does more for our roses than anything. In our raised beds we use the Dramm nozzles that provide a flat spray. Our potted roses are watered daily in the summer months for about 15 minutes with an overhead

spray from sprinklers. During July and August when it's really hot, we like to give our roses a cool-down with overhead watering in the mid-afternoon. We feel it reduces the heat stress in the plants."

As for controlling diseases, Jeff and Cindy "believe strongly in a preventative spray program...We rotate Banner Maxx, Compass and Cleary's 3336F on a weekly basis. We use a chart to keep track of what we use so we can make sure we get rotation by mode of activity. If we do get an invasion of blackspot, we use Manzate at 1 tablespoon/gallon every three days for two weeks. Last year we experimented with Zyb-an which has the same active ingredients as Manzate and Cleary's 3336F but doesn't leave nearly as much residue on the foliage as Manzate. We were very pleased with the results and will try it again this coming season."

They have been seeing an increased pressure from thrips in their garden in recent years. "We are using Conserve but so far have not been totally satisfied with the results."

More than growing roses, the Garretts have a beautiful garden. "We have two water features in our garden. The larger pond is about 20' by 20' with 2400 gallons of water. It is



*Koi and water lilies. Where do Jeff and Cindy get their fish meal?*

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# Outstanding Mid-Winter Program on Tap

The mid-winter program for 2004 is going to be among the best ever hosted by Tenarky. You do not want to miss the weekend of February 18-19 in Bowling Green.

Registration opens Friday night, with the first program beginning Saturday morning at 8:30. See form on page 15 to register.

First up is **David Clemons**, presenting "The Royal Miniflora." In his program, you will get a feel for the dramatic impact that minifloras are having on America's show tables. He will discuss the growing, showing, and judging of minifloras, as well as show us some seedlings currently under evaluation by



several leading hybridizers.

David is a resident of Grant, Alabama. He and wife Tammy have two children and over 350 roses.

David is a successful exhibitor at all levels, including 20 mini Queens since 1997. He has recently begun hybridizing on a small scale. His efforts have led to the commercial introduction of Ruffian, Charismatic, and Foolish Pleasure.

The next program is "Different and Beautiful" presented by **Pat Henry**. You may recognize Pat as the co-owner of Roses Unlimited, the

wonderful own-root nursery based in



South Carolina, a company that offers a wide variety of roses.

The final program of the morning will be presented by **Dr. Gary Barlow and Dr. Lew Shupe** on "Principles of Design."

Recognized among the finest arrangers and arrangement judges in the country, Gary and Lew are often sought for their expert but accessible teaching about rose arranging.

Both are professors emeriti from Wright State University in Dayton, OH. Gary is the current Region 4 Director and District Arrangements Chair. He is a past



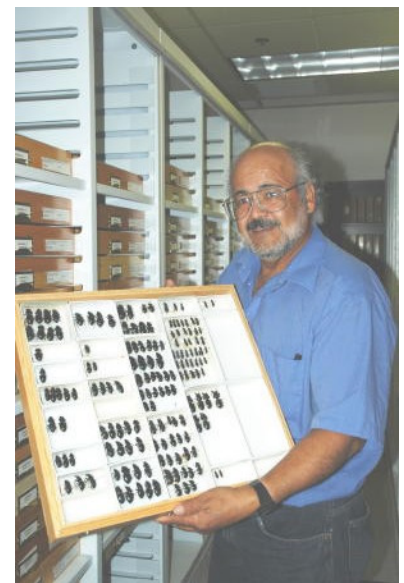
district director, Silver Medal Honoree, and has won the Overesch and Pavey national trophies.



Lew is also a Silver medal recipient as well as recent recipient of the Klima Award. He has focused primarily in the Ikenobo School of Japanese flower design and holds the teaching position of Assistant Professor of Ikenobo-Ikebana, 1st Level.

After lunch, **Baldo Villegas** will present a program on "Bugs and Roses." Baldo, affectionately called "Bugman" is a professional entomologist with the California State Department of Food and Agriculture.

He has received the NCNH district silver medal, been named outstanding Consulting Rosarian, and is a horticulture judge. Baldo is a



member of both the Sacramento and Sierra Foothills rose societies. He has served both as President and as newsletter editor of the Sacramento Rose Bulletin for 10 years. He has



five wasps and a caddisfly named for him. He definitely knows insects.

He also is a "computer bug" as webmaster for several sites, a nature photographer, and has traveled extensively.

Wrapping up the programs for the day is our own **Ted Mills**. Ted is a crown jewel of the district. A native of Tennessee, Ted served in the Army in Europe in World War II. He worked as a banker for 35 years and retired as a Senior Vice President of American National Bank of Chattanooga.

He has served as president of the Tri-State Rose Society of Chattanooga, Tenarky District Director, and member of the ARS Executive Committee. He is a prolific author and regular contributor to local, district, and national publications. He was honored with an ARS Presidential Citation, has been named outstanding Consulting Rosarian, and was the district's Silver Medal recipient in 2000.



Ted is probably best known for his development of Mills Magic Rose Mix and Mills Easy Feed. He grows 200 roses and loves to teach others about our great hobby. His program will teach us how to preserve our bare root auction roses until spring planting time.

## CR School Sunday February 20

On the Sunday following this year's mid-winter workshop, Tenarky will be hosting a Consulting Rosarian school for those wishing to become certified as consulting rosarians.

Currently, Tenarky boasts 109 consulting rosarians, 84 of whom are residents of Tennessee.

The school will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday morning, and run until noon. After lunch, the open book exam will begin.

Many have already begun the registration process for the school, but for those who haven't, these are the qualifications you must meet in order to be a Consulting Rosarian:

- 1) Be a member of the American Rose Society for three consecutive years.
- 2) Belong to a local society
- 3) Have grown roses of various types for five or more years.

If you meet these qualifications and are ready to become a CR, you should follow these procedures:

- 1) Fill out and submit a Consulting Rosarian School Application and mail to the District Director, Dr. Kent Campbell, 4358 Smallhouse Rd., Bowling Green, KY42104
- 2) You will then be sent a New

Consulting Rosarian Candidate Form and three copies of the Consulting Rosarian Candidate Letter of Recommendation Form.

The resume and the three letters of recommendation along with a check for \$10.00 (to cover the cost of the certificate) must be submitted to the Tenarky District Director at least 30 days before the school. All of the above forms are also available on the **T e n a r k y w e b s i t e**, <http://www.tenarky.org>.

- 3) Purchase a Manual for \$20.00 (includes binder and shipping fee) from ARS headquarters.
- 4) Attend the approved ARS school for Consulting Rosarians and complete an open book examination based on the material contained in the CR manual. Once you pass the exam, you do not have to take it again.

We have an excellent set of presenters for the school, including Mary Jane Utz, Peggy Utz, Patricia Steffen, Ted Mills, Jimmy Moser, Kent Campbell, and Noah Wilson.

For more information on the school, contact Donna Tarrant, [roselage@aol.com](mailto:roselage@aol.com), or Claire Campbell, [clairelc@aol.com](mailto:clairelc@aol.com).

## Roses in Review Results Available

Thank you to the 109 reporters who took the time to evaluate roses for the annual Roses in Review Survey.

Summary results have been compiled by Jeff Garrett and are available on the district website.

**Gemini** and **Marilyn Monroe**, both hybrid teas, were the most reported roses in the survey.

For garden ratings, **Butter Cream** was the most highly regarded miniflora, followed closely by **Memphis King**, **Coun drum**, and **Liberty Bell**. On the exhibition side, **Memphis King** rated highest.

For miniatures, **Bee's Knees** and **Tiny**

**Tot** rated highest in the garden, while **Bee's Knees** was the runaway favorite of exhibitors.

In the larger roses, the shrub **Griff's Red** received a single report of 9.6, making it the highest rated rose in Tenarky. As a group, the shrubs were very well liked by reviewers.

In hybrid teas, gardeners liked **Hot Princess** and **Radiant Perfume**, while exhibitors drooled over **Hot Princess** and **Pop Warner**.

The complete report is online, showing varieties, disease resistance, color, hardiness, fragrance, and grower comments.

## Spotlight Garden: Conclusion

home to our Koi, which are just like pets for us. Everyone enjoys looking at the Koi (Japanese Carp) and watching them eat. Some of them are 15-20 inches long. We also have a smaller pond with about 900 gallons that is home to Goldfish. Both ponds are also well stocked with water lilies.

“We also have a hobby greenhouse that we have lots of fun with. We use it to propagate roses. During the winter we usually have between 100 and 200 plants in it.”

Among their greatest pleasures in growing roses is “sharing the fruits of our labor with others. Give a beautiful bouquet of roses to someone and they’re your friend for life. Nothing cheers folks up like a rose.

“We also enjoy giving visitors to our garden a budded or own root plant. You never know who’s going to really get into this great hobby.”

Jeff and Cindy have been quite successful on the show tables as well. “Our first rose show was very memorable. We had been members about a year and decided to participate in the annual spring show. We didn’t have a clue what we were doing, and most of our roses looked like tulips on long stems. We did win the Novice Queen. What really made the show so memorable was that our good friends, Wayne and Joyce Widener, won their first (of many) Queen of Show with Gold Medal. We still talk about that show today.”

Since then they have gone on to win local, district, and national awards, including the national Phister Award with a spray of the pink blend grandiflora Rejoice. They have also won a number of district awards, including mini Queen and other awards at the 2003 District show in Nashville. “Perhaps our biggest blunder was the District Show in Nashville in 2003. We really wanted to win the Lester Smith District Award, as it was named in honor of our men-

tor. The entry requires three HT or GR all the same variety. We had cut at least 20 blooms of Moonstone during the week to make sure we could get a decent entry. During prep before the show I could only come up with about 8 blooms to choose from and they had short stems. In the end we used the Moonstone in an English Box and switched our Lester Smith entry to Marijke Koopman. During cleanup, we found a cooler full of Moonstone under our prep table. We were just sick. However all went well in the end as we were fortunate enough to win both entries.”



*Solid horticultural practices give the Garretts great roses.*

“Lester Smith was our mentor. He loved roses and cherished helping people get interested in them. He wrote articles and gave seminars throughout the community for years. He was never too busy to help with a problem or question. Lester also loved to try new products and roses. Lester taught us that you’re never too old to learn something new. He also taught us to share our hobby with others. When it came to growing roses, Lester was a strong advocate of routine. He had routine fertilizer and spray programs that he strongly adhered to.”

Outside their showing prowess, the Garretts are very generous with their time and energies, serving the Tri-State society in multiple capacities. Both have been President and Vice-President and served in other positions, including

newsletter editor. “We have really enjoyed watching our club grow from around 20 members to the roughly 135 members that we have now. .

For a novice wanting to grow better roses, Jeff and Cindy offer this advice: “Join a local society and find a mentor who you can bond with. Research what it takes to grow good roses in your area. Don’t start with too many roses, and select varieties that are recommended by your mentor.

“Site selection and soil are the foundations to a successful start. Make sure you have good drainage as all good rosarians water their roses often. Prepare a \$50 home for a \$10 plant!”

Also, they recommend to “always make sure you read the label and understand how fungicides and insecticides work. Too often we hear someone talk about a new product which we purchase at the first opportunity only to be disappointed with the results. Odds are we didn’t read the label to fully understand what the product was intended to do and how we should use it.

“Learn to take the glowing descriptions of the various rose varieties with a grain of salt. Remember they are out to sell you a plant. The only rose that we feel has lived up to its hype is Knock Out.”

More than trophies, blooms, or even a beautiful garden, the Garretts treasure relationships among their fellow rosarians. “During our years of growing roses we have discovered that rose people are truly the best in the world. We would encourage everyone to be active in their local club and join the American Rose Society. We have developed some great friendships with rose people from all over this great country. Some of our best friends are our rose friends.”

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# Rose Jumble

Last Quarter's Mystery rose was MOONSTONE.

This quarter, we will focus on **miniature** roses. Rearrange the letters of the anagrams below to generate a miniature rose name (no minifloras here). In each rose name is one circled letter. Rearrange the circled letters to form the name of this quarter's mystery rose at the bottom of the page.

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Ure a Logic Scam \_\_\_\_\_     ○     \_\_\_\_\_

Oh Ape Fir \_\_\_\_\_     ○     \_\_\_\_\_

Run a Mac \_\_\_\_\_     ○     \_\_\_\_\_

I Retire Bliss \_\_\_\_\_     ○     \_\_\_\_\_

Mr O So Daring \_\_\_\_\_     ○     \_\_\_\_\_

Trim It Vast \_\_\_\_\_     ○     \_\_\_\_\_

Gory Doll \_\_\_\_\_     ○     \_\_\_\_\_

Now Rearrange the circled letters to discover "The Mystery Rose:"

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# Tulsa Photos



**Chris Thorpe's winning Overesch Trophy Featuring Veteran's Honor. Photo courtesy Bob Thorpe.**



**Glenn Fuqua's Table Design. Photo Glenn Fuqua.**



**Paula and Don Adlong and their arsenal at Tulsa. Photo by Dale Ericson.**



**Jimmy Moser prepares roses for Tulsa. Photo by Dale Ericson.**



**Claire Campbell, Marilyn Wellan, and Glenda Whitaker in Tulsa. Photo Dale Ericson.**



**Carol Shockley's Big Time from Tulsa made the Court of Honor. Photo Sam Jones.**



# More Tulsa Photos



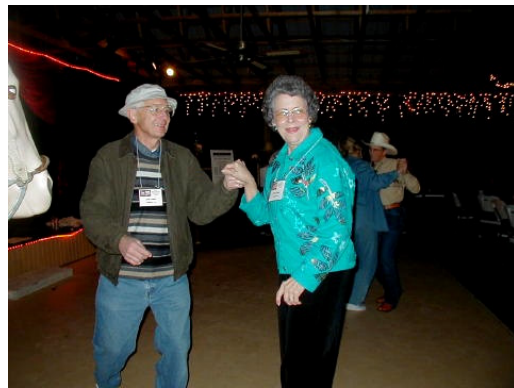
**Don and Paula Adlong's Mass Display of 12 hybrid teas. Photo Sam Jones.**



**Whit Wells shows off his seedlings in Tulsa. Photo Dale Ericson.**



**Magic Carousel from the garden of Bobby Palmer. Photo Sam Jones.**



**Nobody could keep up with the Joneses in Tulsa! Photo courtesy Sam Jones.**



**Sam and Nancy Jones, Glenn Fuqua, Barbara Olive, Kent and Claire Campbell, and Dale Ericson enjoy the convention. Photo courtesy Dale Ericson.**



**Dale Ericson's Fourth of July won best climber. Photo by Sam Jones.**

***Midwinter Meeting, February 18 -19, 2005***  
***Holiday Inn University Plaza and Sloan Convention Center***  
***Bowling Green, Kentucky***

**Friday, February 18, 2005**

**Registration: Lobby: 5:00 –**

**Hotel: Salon B**

6:30 Welcome Social (cash bar and hors d'oeuvres)

**Saturday, February 19, 2005**

**Hotel: Salon B**

8:00 - 8:30 Registration (coffee and soft drinks available)

8:30 - 9:30 David Clemons, **“The Royal Mini-flora”**

9:45 - 10.45 Pat Henry, **“Different and Beautiful”**

11:00 - 12:00 Gary Barlow and Lewis Shupe, **“Principles of Design”**

**12:00 - 1:30 Lunch on your own!**

1:30 - 2:45 Baldo Villegas, **“Bugs and Roses”**

3:00 - 3:45 Ted Mills, **“How to keep your new bare-roots safe  
until planting time”**

4:00 - 4:30 District Rose Meeting

**Convention Center (Adjoining the Hotel) Meeting Rooms 1 & 2**

6:30 - 7:00 Cocktails and open bar

7:00 **Banquet and Rose Auction**



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Registration fees are mandatory for all who attend. This covers the Friday night social, the Saturday Workshop, and the Saturday night banquet. Make checks payable to the TENARKY District Midwinter Workshop and mail with this form to:

Peggy Utz  
1328 Mill Lane  
New Albany, IN 47150

**PLEASE LIST ALL REGISTERING:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Society \_\_\_\_\_ Society \_\_\_\_\_

| <u>No. of People</u> | <u>Cost per Person</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|----------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| _____                | \$76.00                | _____        |

No money will be refunded if registrations are canceled on or after February 11<sup>th</sup>.

Make your own reservation with Holiday Inn, University Plaza, 1021 Wilkinson Trace, Bowling Green, KY 42103. Phone (270) 745-0088. Fax (270) 842-9585. Indicate that you are requesting the member's special rate for the TENARKY Rose Society. (The key word is "rose.") You must make your reservation by Wednesday, February 2, 2005, to get the special rate of \$82.00 per room (single, triple, or quad) plus 10.25% state and local taxes.

## **KATnips**

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see

[www.tenarky.org](http://www.tenarky.org)



**Whit Wells' seedling earned the RHA trophy. Photo Sam Jones.**

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