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By: Dr. Sam Jones

Dr. Keith Zary to speak at TENARKY Winter Workshop Banquet

Keith Zary, acclaimed hybridizer for 25 years with Jackson & Perkins, now at Gardens Alive! in Tipp City, Ohio, will speak at the TENARKY Winter Awards Banquet on February 18th, concerning "The Ever-Changing (And Shrinking!) World of Roses." Zary's latest and last hybrid tea phenomenon from J&P is 'Crescendo,' honoring the renowned Nashville Symphony Orchestra and displayed prominently in the Nashville Music Garden.

The 2012 TENARKY District Winter Workshop will begin Friday evening, February 17th, and end after noon Sunday, February 19th, 2012, held at the Marriott Hotel-Cool Springs in Franklin, Tennessee. Weekend events include an informative gardening talk Friday evening, seminars and lectures on Saturday, Zary's talk on Saturday evening, and a Sunday morning Consulting Rosarian School. A fundraising auction of classic varieties of two-

year old, bareroot roses will continue throughout the weekend.

Among the featured speakers on Saturday are Richard Anthony and Kristine Vance from the ARS Buckeye District in Ohio. Dedicated rosarians, the pair will share their extensive experience, enthusiasm, and knowledge of growing and showing roses in the sometimes difficult northern Ohio locale.

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By: Mary Bates

TENARKY District Convention and Rose Show Declared Success-

The Tennessee Rose Society celebrated its 65th Anniversary by hosting an exciting Tenarky District Convention and Rose Show in September at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, on the Agriculture Campus.

Attendees were greeted in the beautiful U.T. Gardens under the direction of Dr. Sue Hamilton. After a tour of the gardens including the lovely

Beall Family Rose Garden, the group enjoyed a picnic catered by the area's famous Buddy's BBQ. This was a great start to a great convention filled with roses and friends sharing the love of the rose and good rose information.

Early Saturday morning found exhibitors grooming their beautiful blooms in preparation for the rose show which

opened to the public at 1:00. Exhibitors from four states brought some of the finest examples of blooms and varieties of roses that are available in the Southeast--including beautiful hybrid teas, floribundas, minifloras, miniatures, easy-care shrub roses and old garden roses. Lovers and growers of roses, both beginners and veterans, had unique

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Upcoming Events

TENARKY

Winter Workshop
February 17-19

May 19, 2012 - Memphis Rose Show - Saturday
May 19th, 2012 - The Dixon Gardens tmanderson63@comcast.net)

May 19, 2012 - Bowling Green Rose Society Show - Legion Hall
(www.mhext.com)

March 1 - 4, 2012 - Nashville Lawn and Garden Show - TN Fairgrounds (nashvillelawnandgardenshow.com/)

June 1-3, 2012 - Regional ARS Arrangement Rose Show - Arrangement Judges School - Franklin, (sandyfdixon@comcast.net)

July 27-29, 2012 - ARS National Miniature Conference and Rose Show, Columbus, Ohio (Brian Burley, 614-846-9404)

September 27-30, 2012 - ARS Fall National Conference and Rose Show, San Ramon, CA (tvbolden@yahoo.com)

TENARKY District Convention and Rose Show 2011 Declared Success (Continued from page 1)

Dr. Kent Campbell and
Claire Campbell Receive
ARS Silver Honor Medal

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opportunities to be inspired, learn, and enjoy roses.

Co-Chairs, Kay Rodgers and Kathy Brennan, worked hard coordinating the event. Kay Rodgers was especially pleased that the rose show included a national challenge, district challenges, and a challenge for no-spray roses. Jeff and Jennifer Harvey created a beautiful artistic schedule and the show was rewarded with equally beautiful arrangement entries. The prestigious ARS National Betty Pavey Award, an American Rose Society revolving National Arrangement Award, was won by Connie Baird of the Nashville Rose Society using 'Louise Estes.'

The McFarland District Trophy was won by Bob and Chris Thorpe with 'Bride's Dream,' 'Hot Princess,' 'Veteran's Honor,' 'Arctic Circle,' and 'Mavrik' while the Queen of Show was won by Dr. Joseph Spruiell and Rhonda Spruiell with 'St. Patrick.'

A Rose Education Day on Saturday was open to TENARKY District attendees as well as the public and included six educational seminars. Committee Chair, Susie Epperson, did a great job planning the seminars to attract novice rose growers and provide interesting, down-to-earth information about growing garden roses. Six speakers – two seminars concurrently – gave attendees a choice of which seminar to attend for each time slot. Speakers included Noah Wilson – Getting Started with Roses, Tom Stebbins – Identifying Rose Insects & Diseases, Connie Baird – Arranging Roses, Jimmy Moser – Knockout Roses and Winterizing Roses, Sara Johnson – Johnson's Nursery and Susie Epperson – Fragrant Roses.

During the event, the Tennessee Rose Society raised funds for the American Rose Society by selling *Rose Gardening*, a new book from *Better Homes and Gardens Maga-*



Beall Family Rose Garden

zine. The book, full of gorgeous pictures as well as lots of information on growing roses including the history of roses, landscaping and garden design, types of roses, public rose gardens and most importantly the care and maintenance of roses, was well received by novice as well as experienced rose growers. A portion of the proceeds from each book went directly to American Rose Society to help offset expenses in this difficult market place.

The event concluded with a banquet at Four Points by Sheraton where Dr. Sam Jones, TENARKY District Director, stated this year's TENARKY District Convention and Rose Show were equal to any national show both in quality of roses exhibited and the organization of the event. The TENARKY District Silver Honor Medal was awarded to Dr. Kent Campbell and Claire Campbell, beloved rosarians of the Bowling Green Rose Society. The Outstanding Judge Award was presented to Howard Carmen by Dr. Joseph Spruiell, TENARKY District Judges Chair. Dr. Mark Wyndham addressed the rosarians about the future of the Beall Family Rose Garden and his new research program which is studying the influx of Rose Rosette Disease into our area.

A special "Thank You" to the Tennessee Rose Society for such a successful event.

Tenarky District Director Sam Jones presented ARS Silver Honor Medal Awards to Kent & Claire Campbell at the fall TENARKY District Convention in Knoxville, Tennessee. Claire Campbell accepted the awards on behalf of herself and Kent who passed away in May 2011. With Claire to accept the award were their children, Karen Long and Keith Campbell.

Dr. Campbell was involved in the Bowling Green Rose Society for many years serving as President, Co-Editor of the newsletter, and rose show co-chair. He judged many rose shows at the local, district, and national levels. He served as the Tenarky District Director from 2003-2009. Claire was Co-Editor of the local newsletter and has been the webmaster for the TENARKY District website for many years.

The ARS Silver Honor Medal is awarded to a district member who has provided meritorious service to the rose and its culture, for efforts expended in support of the American Rose Society and its objectives within the District. (www.ars.org)

In Memory of a Beloved Rosarian

Dr. Kent Campbell
4/13/31–5/11/2001

BGRS Member & President: 1997-98
Tenarky District Director: 2003-2009
Master Rosarian
ARS Outstanding Horticulture Judge: 2009
ARS Bronze Medal Winner: 2004
2000 ARS Consulting Rosarian Award

Director's Column By: Dr. Sam Jones, TENARKY District Director



Pictured: TENARKY District First Lady, Nancy Jones, and District Director, Dr. Sam Jones

ARS is celebrating an affirming anonymous gift of \$60,000 toward its Annual Fund. It is good to know that people who love roses want to give a welcome pat on the back to America's oldest continuing horticulture society. I can't think of a better way to spread joy than investing in roses—their promotion, growth, and education across our nation. Thanks Donor!

Thanks to Claire Campbell who continues doing a super job updating our TENARKY website, tenarky.org. Claire has recently moved from the country into town, next door to her daughter. How fortunate for both of them. We miss Kent's excellent leadership in the district, and are grateful that Claire continues contributing her skills toward our website.

As interest in arrangements grows steadily, there is more good news. ARS National Chair of Arrangement Judges Sandy Dixon and other national leaders are planning an "Arrangement Rose Show" that will be held in Nashville in late spring. It will be at the Cool Spring Marriott, June 1-3, 2012. Events include a judging school as well as a rose show featuring primarily arrangements, and plenty of activities and hands-on seminars for both beginning and advanced arrangers. Maybe you shy away from the competitive nature of rose shows? What about finding your creativity through arranging? You may have more

talent than you think.

We are grateful to Certified Roses, Inc. and their President and CEO Shirley Staples for generously donating to the TENARKY District 200 bareroot roses for our fundraiser auction during the Winter Workshop weekend, February 17-19! Located in Tyler Texas, this company is one of our nation's largest wholesale distributors of classic rose varieties from harvest in the fields of Arizona to retail nurseries in almost every state, and you will find them in garden centers as big as Wal-Mart, on down. Nancy and I got to tour the plant last October and see their amazing processing and cold storage facilities. Ted Mills has graciously arranged for this donation. Many, many thanks to you, Ted, and to President Shirley Staples.

We are still considering plans for our TENARKY District Rose Show for 2012. Although the subject was discussed in some length in Knoxville, no decision was made. Bowling Green Rose Society has offered to arrange facilities for the hotel and show at the Holiday Inn University Plaza & Convention Center, if each society in the district will step up and take on part of the responsibility for the show and seminars. How about it?

Perhaps this would be an ideal time to rethink our rose shows. Yes, shows are competitive, and prizes are awarded for the best roses, but our mission goes beyond winning prizes for grooming beautiful roses. We are primarily chartered as an educational organization for promoting the enjoyment of roses for the public. Why can't our rose shows help fulfill more of our main mission of education? How can that be done? One way would be to work with master gardeners, garden clubs, and horticulture groups who want more knowledge about roses.

Every show could place education as a major component, and the show is a perfect way to inform and inspire people to grow these beauties, hear their names, perhaps purchase bushes, and learn basic growing techniques.

We welcome our speakers to the Winter Workshop in February. Four years ago Keith Zary and his wife Debbie came to the winter gathering in Bowling Green, arranged by Kent Campbell. Keith and Debbie will inform us of the ongoing occurrences and "shrinkage" in the rose world. Richard Anthony and Kristine Vance, a dedicated pair of exhibitors and growers from northern Ohio, will share some of their enthusiasm and knowledge about roses. Robbie Tucker will bring us his latest efforts to improve our own enjoyment and success with roses. Whit Wells, popular breeder of show varieties and roses named for Nashville Celebrities, will tell us about his beautiful creations, many that are planted in the Nashville Music Garden. A main feature growing in that garden is one on the finest and last roses that Keith Zary bred at J&P: 'Crescendo.' It will be offered for sale this weekend as *the only location in the nation that this high-demand rose may currently be available for purchase.*

Carol Shockley, who wowed participants last year with her slides of new roses, will again give us a look at this year's prize roses from both amateurs and professionals. And at the beginning of the workshop on Friday evening, Cindy Shapton, writer and landscape designer, will inform and entertain us about why "A Rose is not just a Rose," but joins many "edible" garden herbs. She is author of *"The Cracked Pot Herb Book."*

Nancy and I look forward to seeing you soon in Nashville!

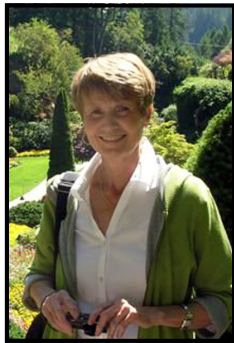
TENARKY Winter Workshop Speakers



**D r .
K e i t h
Z a r y**
Dr. Keith Zary is currently at Gardens Alive! in Tipp

City, Ohio. He served as Jackson & Perkins' rose breeder for 25 years, overseeing the company's research department, and winning numerous major awards for roses from trials in England, Spain, Holland, Belgium, France, Italy, Germany and Japan. He is only the second breeder from the United States ever to win the prestigious President's International Trophy of the Royal National Rose Society. Zary is also the first U.S. breeder since 1955 to be awarded the coveted Golden Rose of The Hague, The Netherlands. Zary's acclaimed All-America Rose Selections (AARS) awards include *Artistry* and *Timeless*, 1997; *Fame!* and *Opening Night*, 1998; *Candelabra*, 1999; *Gemini*, 2000; *Honey Perfume*, 2004; *Tahitian Sunset*, 2006; *Moondance*, 2007; *Mardi Gras*, 2008; most recently *Walking on Sunshine*, 2011. No living rose breeder has bred more AARS award-winning roses. Zary has also received the rose American Rose Society Award of Excellence for *Hot Tamale*, 1994; *Jingle Bells*, 1995; and *Baby Bloomers*, 2006. One of his top-rated and popular roses among gardeners and exhibitors is *Veterans Honor*, 1999. Zary recently developed a well-received rose in honor of the Nashville Symphony, an exquisite high-centered fragrant pink and cream hybrid tea rose, introduced by J&P in 2011 under the name *C r e s c e n d o*.

Zary has spent almost all of his adult life involved in various aspects of plant research and breeding. He received a Doctor of Philosophy–Horticulture from Texas A&M University in 1980 and then worked as a plant breeder for Sun Seeds in Minnesota, before joining Jackson & Perkins, the world's largest rose producer, in 1985. He joined Gardens Alive! in 2010, as Director of Research, Ornamentals, where he oversees breeding and trials programs focusing on Ansonia, Buddleia, Echinacea, Forsythia, Hibiscus, Hydrangea, Iris, Lilac, and Roses.



Carol Shockley

Carol Shockley grew her first rose garden 27 years ago, after a friend suggested that they would be easy and colorful. "They have

indeed been easy to love and added color to my life and to my garden," Carol recently wrote about growing roses, Carol says, "I love gardening and tending to the roses." Her garden now includes about 125 large roses (most are considered exhibition varieties); 225 minis and minifloras (ditto on the exhibition varieties). She particularly enjoys growing the newest varieties and sharing her thoughts about their exhibition potential. However, she says, "My roses share their garden with Japanese maples, succulents, perennials and hydrangeas and my newest love, elephant ears! I now have about a dozen varieties of elephant ears." Although she enjoys exhibiting, Carol says that "time constraints don't allow me to show as much as I'd like since fall means FOOTBALL. Our son coaches a college

team and we follow the team's games as avidly as I show roses." As an exhibitor, however, Carol says, "My roses win just enough to make it fun. If I can put roses in court and sneak a few into the 'big three' every year I'm a happy rose nut." But she says, "I wouldn't be able to show roses if I didn't have a best friend who travels with me and keeps me organized."

Carol has received the Silver Honor Medal and the Outstanding Consulting Rosarian award from the TENARKY District, and the Bronze Medal from her Central Arkansas Rose Society. She is a Master Rosarian. She has served as Editor both for the TENARKY *KATnips* newsletter and her CARS *Rosemite*; she has also served in various offices for CARS, including Rose Show Chair. "AND," she says, "special members of my family are my two Basset Hounds—*Duke* and *Rex*!!"



Robbie Tucker

Robbie Tucker is a nationally recognized amateur hybridizer of miniflora and miniature roses, including *Daddy Frank*, a deep red, exhibition miniflora that was awarded the 2010 Award of Excellence. He is the owner and creator of Rosemania.com, an online source for state-of-the-art chemicals and organic products for roses. Robbie's rose introductions include *Miss Flipfins*, *Cachet*, *Amy Grant*, *Ty*, *Dancing Flame* and *Conundrum*. He has won Queen at national rose shows four times. Robbie is an ARS Consulting Rosarian, Horticulture Judge, and past President of the Nashville Rose Society. He and his wife Marsha live in Thompson Station, Tennessee, south of Nashville, and are the parents of a son, Ty and a daughter, Kirstin.

TENARKY Winter Workshop Speakers



Cindy Shapton

Shapton is the past president of the Williamson County

Master Gardeners and the former owner of Hyssop Hill Herb Farm in Franklin, TN. In addition to garden designing, she is also a garden writer, speaker, and a contributing expert to Tractor Supply Company's "Know-How Central." She is the author of *The Cracked Pot Herb Book—Simple Ways to Incorporate Herbs into Everyday Life*. You may visit her website www.cindyshapton.com.

At the 2012 TENARKY Winter Workshop, Cindy Shapton will tell stories about roses and "many other herbs that are a great addition to the garden with simple but unfamiliar uses." Exploring the herbal possibilities of some of her favorite herbs, she will explain why "interspersing these easy-to-grow plants into your landscape and kitchen garden makes more than just scents." Her talk is scheduled at the workshop's beginning on Friday evening.



Whit Wells

Whit Wells began the legacy of Wells Mid-South

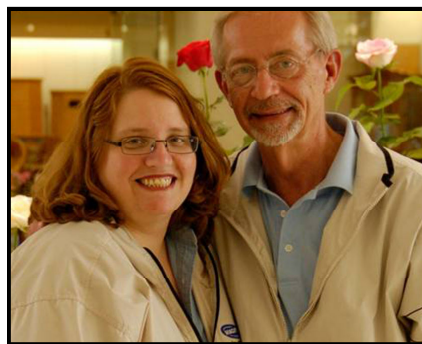
Roses 27 years ago in a small greenhouse located in his backyard. He grew and "designed" roses as a hobby for 25 years before the birth of Wells

Mid-South Roses. Since then he has received numerous awards and recognition for his rose creations. Wells Mid-South Roses is now known around the world for their unusual beauty, uniqueness, and distinction.

Wells Mid-South Roses has been featured in media venues such as the Volunteer Gardner (Episode 1610 in Sept 2007 & July 2008). Whit has also hybridized roses that have won top Rose Show awards. His roses are sold locally and nationally, individually and in bulk, to neighbors and celebrities alike.

Most recently Wells' roses named in honor of celebrities have been added to the Nashville Music Garden at the Country Music Hall of Fame. He also has roses exhibited at the Memphis Botanical Gardens.

Whit Wells is a long-time member of the American Rose Society and other rose societies nationwide. He was President of the Memphis Rose Society in 1972 and helped found the Jackson Rose Society. His first show rose, *Elvis*, was introduced that same year.



Richard Anthony and Kristine Vance

Richard Anthony has exhibited roses for over 10 years, and he and Kristine Vance have exhibited as partners for the past five years.

They are both accountants, as well as best friends. Together, they grow over 1,000 roses in Brimfield Township, Ohio (3 miles South of Kent State University). These include about 350 large roses (hybrid tea, floribunda, shrub, species and OGR's) and about 650 small roses (miniature and miniflora including more than 20 miniature "singles").

In addition to winning the Top Gun miniature Queen of Show with 'Bees Knees' in Delaware, Ohio, in July 2011, Richard and Kristine have won 82 Queens of Show with 3 National and 6 District Queens in the total. They have given over 20 presentations in the past three plus years to include 2 National and 3 District presentations. Many of their winning miniflora and miniature roses were hybridized by Tennesseans, Whit Wells and Robbie Tucker, with whom they maintain close contact and friendship.

Richard and Kristine have written numerous educational articles on various aspects of growing and exhibiting roses. They are currently writing a series of articles for the ARS Miniature and Miniflora Rose Bulletin directed at encouraging new rose growers to get involved and have fun exhibiting roses. They are indeed a "Have Program Will Travel" Team.

Don't miss this chance to hear these renown Rosarians. This is a rare opportunity!

Visit Old Rose Friends and Make New Ones!

Register today— Join the fun!

TENARKY District Winter Workshop Schedule

Hosted by the Nashville
Rose Society
February 17-19

Schedule of Events

Friday, February 17th

4:00–6:00– Registration at the
Hotel – Marriott–Cool Springs
Lobby

7:00–9:00–

Welcome Social/Supper – Mexi-
can Fajitas or Seafood Stir-Fry

* Speaker: Cindy Shapton – “A
Rose Isn’t Just a Rose”

Saturday, February 18th

8:00–8:30 Registration

Coffee and Cold Drinks
Available

8:30-9:30

“Choice Roses for 2012” –
Latest and Classic” – Carol
Shockley

9:45-10:45 *

“Growing & Showing Winning
Roses” – Richard Anthony

11:00-12:00 *

“Nashville Music Garden’s
Celebrity Roses” – Whit Wells

ONGOING: AUCTION!

Time-Honored Selections from
Certified Roses

Also: Crescendo – “The
Symphony Rose” – Available
Only Here!

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

1:30-2:30 *

“Exciting Updates from
Rosemania.com” – Robbie

Tucker

2:45-3:30

“A Rosy Future” – Speakers’
Panel Discussion

3:45-4:30

District Meeting and Feedback

6:30-8:30

Cash Bar Available

7:00-9:00

Banquet – * Speaker: Dr. Keith
Zary – Award-Winning
Hybridizer - “The Ever-
Changing (And Shrinking!)
World of Roses”

Sunday, February 19th

8:30-12:30

ARS Consulting Rosarian
School

ARS Lectures on Rose
Cultivation workshop

4 Hours Audit Credit for
Current CRs – Test for
Candidates

All workshop participants
welcome; CR test candidates must
have application and
approval.

Marriott Hotel – Cool
Springs – Franklin, TN

* For a complete schedule, in-
formation about the speakers,
list of bare root roses for auc-
tion, and REGISTRATION
Form visit:

www.tenarky.org

Rooms: A special Block of
rooms has been reserved at the
Marriott Hotel – Cool Springs,
Franklin, TN.

Please call 615-261-6100 for
reservations. Workshop rooms
(Double, Non-Smoking) are \$94
per night plus taxes (single or
double occupancy). Reserva-
tions made after February 3,
2012, are subject to availability.

You must mention TENARKY
District (American Rose
Society) to get the Workshop
rate of \$94.

For more information contact:

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Phone: 615-646-4138

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Directions: Marriott Hotel, 700
Cool Springs Boulevard, Frank-
lin, Tennessee 37067 – (615)
261-6100

From North: Take I-65
SOUTH, EXIT 68-A, (Right),
merge onto Cool Springs Blvd –
East. Hotel is on left
(approximately ½ mile from I-
65). Crossing Carothers Park-
way, turn left at the first left-
turn lane, cross over Cool
Springs Blvd–West and enter
the hotel driveway.

From South: Take I-65
NORTH, Exit 68-A, (Right),
merge onto Cool Springs Blvd –
East. Hotel is on left
(approximately ½ mile from I-
65). Crossing Carothers Park-
way, turn left at the first left-
turn lane, cross over Cool
Springs Blvd–West and enter
the hotel driveway.

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“We Want Your Rose Business to Succeed.”

Tri-State Rose Society

Ongoing during the 2012 TENARKY Winter Workshop weekend, 200 classic and time-honored rose bushes (20 varieties of 10 plants each) will be auctioned as a fundraiser. They have been generously donated by Certified Roses, Inc. of Tyler, Texas, one of the nation's largest distributors of roses that are widely grown by the American public. These time-honored varieties are consistent winners in rose shows.

Many thanks to Ted Mills of the Chattanooga Tri-State Rose Society, “Mr. Roses”—well-known ARS Rosarian, Judge, writer, and teacher—for arranging this bountiful gift, and to Shirley Staples, President of Certified Roses for her liberal contribution.

A major player in the wholesale rose market, Certified Roses began in 1949 as Co-Operative of Rose Growers and became an employee owned company in 1992. Although many changes have taken place in the wholesale rose industry through the years, many of the machines and techniques still used in the business started in Tyler, Texas, on Highway 69 North, at Certified Roses.

Certified Roses are grown in Arizona, California and Texas. It takes two years to produce a rose. Certified's growers are some of the finest farmers in the United States and they grow the best roses available. The company ships between two and three million roses from farm to market each year.

More than any other flower, Americans hold roses dear as sym-

bols of life and love. In 1986 Ronald Reagan officially declared the rose as America's national flower. Since they symbolize love, love of roses will continue for eternity.

More important than anything—for Certified Roses—are the retail nursery owners and managers, who are their primary customers. Although one of the nation's largest rose-shipping operations, Certified Roses manages to maintain their personal touch with clients. As the saying goes, “If our customers are successful, we will be successful. That is why our personal connection is so important.” The message is, “We want your rose bush business to succeed.”

American Rose Society Mission Statement:

The American Rose Society exists to promote the culture and appreciation of the rose, through education and research, to members, to local rose societies and their members, and to the public.

Please join today by visiting www.ars.org and support America's oldest single plant horticulture society-120 years and counting.

2011 was a busy year for the Tri-State Rose Society of Chattanooga.

We teamed up with CONTACT of Chattanooga to present the 2011 Tour of Roses. CONTACT is a faith based, non-denominational crisis prevention hotline for persons to call and talk with a trained person about their problems.

The rose tour featured eight gardens throughout the area and was held on May 14 and 15. We sold sponsorships and asked folks to donate \$1 per person at each garden they visited. The goal was to raise money through the sponsors and get lots of folks to attend with a minimal donation.

We were extremely pleased as the tour was very successful, as we had a large turnout which enabled us to share our great hobby with lots of folks. As a result of the tour, over \$11,000 was raised for CONTACT, which was the largest fundraiser in their long and storied history.

Due to the tremendous effort required to have the tour, we generally only have one about every three years.

We continued to focus on having interesting and informative programs at our monthly meetings. Some of our speakers included Beverly Rose Hopper from San Jose, CA, Gaye Hammond from Houston, TX, and Gary Rankin and Monica Valentovic from Huntington, WV.

We are again focusing on having good programs for 2012. So far we are scheduled to have a return visit from Beverly Rose Hopper, and Dr. Raymond Cloyd will be coming as well.

Jeff Garrett

TRS Raises Funds for 100 Grand Campaign-Fund selling Rose Gardening Book

The Tennessee Rose Society and the TENARKY District raised funds for the American Rose Society's 100 Grand Campaign by selling the new book from Better Homes and Gardens Magazine at the TENARKY District Convention held in Knoxville, TN on September 23, 24, and 25 at the University of Tennessee. Rose Gardening retailed for \$19.99 with a portion of the proceeds going to benefit ARS. The beautiful book was full of gorgeous pictures as well as lots of information on growing roses including the history of roses, landscaping and garden design, types of roses, public rose gardens, and most importantly, the care and maintenance of roses.

2011 Tenarky District Rose Show

Photos courtesy of Sam Jones



Betty Pavey Award– Baird



Mini Artist– Williams



Oriental Award– Jones



**Large Climber Spray-
'Rosarium Uetersen'-
Jones**



**Mini English Box -
'Mariotta'-
Hext**



**English Box-
'St Patrick'- Chappell**



McFarland Award —Thorpe



Ralph Moore Award – Sutherland

2011 Tenarky District Rose Show



**Hybrid Tea Queen- 'St Patrick'
Spruiell**



**Miniflora Queen-'Edisto'
Thorpe**



**Mini Queen-'Arcanum'
Carmen/ Williams**



**Mini-Artist Palette -
Baird**



Whitaker- Bates



Whit Wells-Thorpe



Artist Palette-Brennan



Lester Smith Award-Thorpe



Artist Award- Baird



**Oriental Freestyle Duke
Award and Silver Certifi-
cate 'St. Patrick' -**

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By Ted Mills, ARS Master Rosarian and Judge

Bears are Mother Nature's best weather forecasters. They know exactly when the best time for hibernation occurs. Unlike today's meteorologists, their forecasting is mistake-free. Searching out a place for winter protection becomes their goal at the right time. These furry creatures know the reason for hibernation. It is to give the body time for a well-deserved rest. In a few short weeks they will be faced with vigorous activity that guarantees food acquisition. Performing these duties well guarantees good health. And so it is with rose gardens. Let's talk about it.

Of course, our rose bushes can't move to the nearest cave of themselves. A dedicated rosarian stands ready to provide the warmth that is necessary for survival. Once dormancy sets in, the bushes must have protective devices applied without delay. This is no time to procrastinate.

Winterizing rose bushes differs geographically. Fortunately, the Tenarky District affords a simple application of insulating material. In the northern areas a more sophisticated method is used. Such things as Styrofoam boxes and rose cones are necessary for adequate protection. In the South simple forms of protection are the call.

A look at the procedures in the South finds the rosarian busily covering the bud union with a 12-inch mound of clean top soil. The addition of a 4-inch layer of pine needles will prevent soil erosion of the mound during the winter months. Some additional warmth is provided by this method. There are some preliminary actions that must be exerted prior to the insulating period. Let's talk about that.

Do not be too hasty in applying

winter protection. Allow the bushes to harden off. This usually commences around the first of the year in the Tenarky area. Keep an eye on the thermometer. If two freezes as low as 28 degrees Fahrenheit happens, it is a good wager that dormancy has arrived and winter protection can be installed.

Inspect the rose bushes closely and remove any diseased leaves or non-productive growth. Remove fallen leaves in the rose bed that are prone to attract blackspot spores. Such debris should be disposed of in the household garbage and never placed in a compost pile. Keep beds "hospital clean." It pays off to do so.

Prune to chest-high all canes that frequently waft in the wind. This movement causes scarred tissue of canes that frequently invites disease. Also, the rocking motion loosens the root system, thus inviting instability in the entire rose plant.

The removal of all leaves after dormancy has developed is debatable among rosarians. RoseDoc is a firm believer that removal makes for a cleaner condition. After all, the leaves have performed their duty of manufacturing food. Be not dismayed; a new crop of leaves will emerge once spring has arrived.

When dormancy is first prevalent and the leaves and twiggy growth have been removed, apply a liberal amount of dormant spray such as *Liquid Lime Sulfur*. This will help the bush guard against diseases. Follow this spraying with the application of *Volck* oil to combat insect invasion. This type of spraying should be repeated as soon as major pruning is completed in mid-March.

The arrival of balmy weather often creates a problem for rosarians. In their haste to grow a new rose

crop, eager rosarians remove winter protection too soon. They often carelessly remove the protection. Extra care should be practiced when the time is right and all frost and freeze days have come and gone. Underneath the blanket of protection there may be basal breaks that are coveted by all dedicated rosarians. It is the beginning of new canes. Remember – removal of winter protection too soon will often cause the rosarian the chore of restoring the protection. Added work.

A great number of rosarians use hardwood mulch since it is readily available at garden centers in bulk form. In RoseDoc's opinion, this practice is a no-no. Certain fungus-causing substances have been found in such mulch. Warning a neighbor about the practice did not prevent his using it as mulch. Sure enough, a white fungus formed on the rose canes, necessitating added work to eliminate it. A look at fallen dead oak trees reveals the malady in great fashion.

The long restful winter sleep of the bears enables them to energize their actions in spring with expertise. Rose bushes are no different. They are justified in resting during the winter months. Let us see that these great workers enjoy a needed rest and not be frozen during frigid weather. These bushes will awaken to a healthy state and be ready to produce a blue-ribbon crop of beauties come spring.

Even in dormancy, do not fail to water them if the soil becomes dry around the root system. Bushes with dry roots face disaster if left very long without moisture. Winter weather does not necessarily eliminate the need for irrigation.

By; Mary Bates, ARS Consulting Rosarian

For thousands of years gardens were created to cultivate useful plants while the purely ornamental garden is thought to be only centuries old. Is it possible that roses and herbs are natural companions? Have we as rosarians distanced ourselves from other herb lovers by the use of non-edible chemicals? Does every rose need these chemicals? Do we need to welcome herb lovers into our fold? Of course, we do. Everyone loves roses as proven by the recent announcement that the International Herb Society has named *Rosa* as the 2012 Herb of the Year.

What exactly is an herb? An herb is a plant or part of a plant valued for its medicinal, culinary or aromatic uses...A useful plant. The rose certainly seems to meet all the criteria.

Each year, the International Herb Association designates an official herb of the year. It is meant to educate the buying public about herbs. In order to be considered, the herb must be outstanding in at least two of the three categories: medicinal, culinary, or decorative.

Let's see how the rose fairs when judged by these three criteria. Although the rose is often thought of as being purely ornamental and is admired for its beautiful flowers, the rose has a long history in the preparation of food, remedies, and cosmetics.

- **Medicinal:** Rose oil has anti-fungal and antibacterial properties. *Rosa gallica officinalis*, often called the apothecary rose, has been used in astringents, antiseptics and for the treatment of pulmonary dis-

ease and sore throats for centuries.

- **Decorative and Crafts:** Everyone knows that the rose is a great fit with this category. The rose is perfect for growing in the garden, in bouquets, dried on wreaths, as well as using the beautiful fragrance and oils to enhance countless bath and household products. Many roses have provided fragrance for perfumes and potpourris. Roses are used in cosmetics including soaps, powders and skin care products as well as household products for scenting linens, candles and potpourri.
- **Culinary:** Rose water can be used in syrup, honey, jelly, cake, cookies and vinegar. Fresh petals can be used in salad or as a garnish. While rosarians and birds enjoy the autumn show of rose hips, many others enjoy them in teas, jams and jellies.

It seems our rose passed with flying colors. Congratulations *Rosa* !!

Why grow herbs? Healthy cooking using fresh herbs, treating minor ailments, "make your own gifts," attractive easy-to-grow landscape plants and attracting beneficial insects seem to be the top reasons for growing herbs.

In regard to adding roses to the garden, most rosarians would not recommend adding a rose into the middle of an existing herb garden as often the plants' needs are different. Some herbs are drought-tolerant and vigorous in their growth habit, which roses resent but roses do not have to be solitary creatures. Roses will happily combine with many other forms of garden flowers and herbs as long as the needs of the rose are met. Roses love a rich soil with lots of organics to feed the earthworms; and with today's easy-care roses,

adding roses to every garden becomes easier.

Perhaps we need to remember the words of common-sense rosarian, Howard Walters, who stated, "Keep your roses healthy and vigorous with good growing practices and give up a few blooms to the bugs once in a while. Kill off the natural predators and you'll have an even greater insect problem."

More importantly we need to remember Walters' words when he stated, "When rosarians get together, talk usually dwells on problems with roses—disease, insects, winterkill, and the necessity for magic potions for all occasions. Have you talked about the FUN of roses? As rose salesmen, we have the world's greatest product, provided we don't talk ourselves out of the sale. Make roses easy and fun and you won't be able to handle all of the memberships."

Perhaps it is time to welcome all rose lovers into our rose societies. There is room for advocates of organic as well as inorganic gardening. Our goal is to educate and promote the love of the rose. Becoming a rosarian makes one a better gardener! We are so fortunate to have the basics of good rose culture passed down to us from generations of rosarians. Perhaps it is time to share that beautiful knowledge which will benefit all gardeners.

Thank you International Herb Society for naming our beloved rose—2012 Herb of the Year.

Editor's note: Quotes from Howard Walters are from *Rosarian Ramblings* currently offered on the ARS website www.ars.org. This book includes 32 years of Walters' columns in the *American Rose* where he shared common-sense practices that he learned from experience through years of growing roses. This is a "must read" for all rose lovers.

By: Charles Griggs

Let's Build a Rose Bush

In the spring you can tell a good basal shoot because it will have red leaves. If the basal comes from below the ground level and the leaves are green, you can suspect it is a wild shoot from the root stock. If you have only one basal coming from the plant and the leaves are red, this can be developed into a good plant by the middle of the summer! Leave the basal to grow until the bottom three sets of leaves start to turn green. Then cut the top of the cane off leaving only the three sets of leaves on the bottom.

Almost immediately, the eyes on the top two sets of leaves will begin to grow. When these two canes set buds and the buds get to the size of a pea, prune out the tops of both canes to the first set of five leaflets. At this time, each of these canes will usually put two more canes at the top two eyes and normally there will be two eyes: one on each side of the main cane at the bud union. These will give you a plant with three good canes. Now you may let it bloom- this will be about the middle of July.

You have built yourself a bush! If you let the spring basal grow and bloom without cutting it off as I explained above, you will end up with only one cane with all the growth at the top. Give it a try.

Editors note:

This article was written by Larry Meyer of the Greater St. Louis Rose Society and published in the *Nashville Rose Leaf* May 2010 issue— Jim and Starla Harding, Editors. Original publication date unknown.

Jackson & Perkins

We kept hearing that J&P was bankrupt, but yet we were receiving their catalogs—so what is the story? I began to research the company on the internet and a call to J&P. I did not find much—so I wrote Jolene Adams, ARS Vice-President, asking her for information about the rose industry. She passed my request to Dr. Bruce M. Monroe, Chair, ARS Horticulture Judges.

Dr. Monroe sent me 3 1/2 pages of single space report on mainly Weeks and J&P. This report gives the history of the two companies plus some other companies involved. I will try to do a short summary of his report.

On April 2, 2010 J&P along with Parks Seed filed for bankruptcy in SC under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Act. Chapter 11 allows reorganization and continuation of business. Although, Park Seed and J&P were separate legal entities, the bankruptcy court found that their affairs were “hopelessly entangled” and consolidated the companies for sale. The combined companies were sold at auction for \$12.8 million in August 2010.

The winning bidder was J& P Park Acquisitions, a company owned by Blackstreet Capital. Blackstreet Capital appears to be a turn-around specialist. The J&P branch company of Blackstreet Capital now believes it is well positioned to grow and continue to provide its customers with the highest quality products.

I received a catalog from J&P a week or two ago. I called the company and asked if they would have roses? The person who answered my call readily admitted they went bankrupt and were now owned by Blackstreet; they have plenty of financial backing and will have roses. The answer to my question was, if you order now you will receive your roses by planting time.

Weeks Roses

Weeks' owners filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in Delaware on October 10, 2010. According to documents filed with the court, two of the contributing factors were the recession and the J & P bankruptcy. Weeks was purchased at auction on May 16, 2011 by a company owned by *Gardens Alive!*

As Dr. Monroe summarizes: “J&P and Weeks haven't gone out of business. Each is under a new owner. What changes the new owners will make to restore these companies to profitability and what effect this will have on the availability of rose plants and new rose varieties remains to be seen.

The above was from my research on the internet, an article by Dr. Bruce M. Monroe titled: **A LOOK AT THE JACKSON & PERKINS AND WEEKS BANKRUPTCIES**, and my phone call to J&P. **Note:** Dr. Keith Zary, long time hybridizer for J&P, is now working for Gardens Alive! He will be the speaker at the winter workshop in Nashville, Feb.17-19. (Article published January 17, 2012 in *The Holston Rose*, *Holston Rose Society*)

Keith Zary to Speak at TENARKY Winter Workshop Banquet

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Carol Shockley, noted rosarian and speaker from Conway, Arkansas, will show slide pictures and discuss new roses available from amateur and professional hybridizers. Shockley's annually assembled program on new introductions of roses is a popular feature at ARS District meetings for assisting rosarians in anticipating their garden plans for the upcoming season.

Whit Wells, a widely successful breeder of roses from Brighton, Tennessee, will speak about his creations, prominent among which are named for Nashville celebrities such as Brenda Lee, the Mandrell Family, Kitty Wells, and Manuel Cuevas. Wells' celebrity roses are featured in the Nashville Music Garden. He will have multiple varieties of roses available for sale during the weekend.

Robbie Tucker, Nashville's award-winning hybridizer of miniflora and miniature roses (mid-size and smaller blooms) will share the latest innovations, products, and roses available on his popular rosemania.com website. Tucker consistently produces winning show roses, introducing new color combinations, vigor, and strength in his popular varieties.

Garden designer and writer Cindy Shapton will present an informative and entertaining talk on Friday evening about roses as one of many useful and tasty garden plants. From her extensive gardening experience, she will describe how "A Rose Isn't Just a Rose," but also is "an herb that is often overlooked for its medicinal, aromatic and culinary properties."

On Sunday morning, a Consulting Rosarian School will be

held featuring lectures on ARS approved rose-cultivation topics leading to certification and updating of CR Credentials. All workshop attendees are invited to attend the school; however, individuals may become certified rose consultants after a minimum of three years of continuous membership in the American Rose Society, attending a CR school, and taking an open-book test on the required subjects.

Ongoing during the workshop, 200 classic and time-honored rose bushes (20 varieties of 10 plants each) will be auctioned for sale as a fundraiser for the TENARKY District. They have been graciously donated by Certified Roses, Inc. of Tyler, Texas, one of the nation's largest distributors of roses that are in demand among the American public. Many of these timeless varieties are standards in ARS members' gardens and their blooms consistently win prizes in rose shows. Thanks to Ted Mills for arranging this bountiful gift, and to Shirley Staples, President of Certified Roses for her generous contribution.

The public is welcomed to register and attend the workshop events, which involve members of the American Rose Society local affiliates in Tennessee, Arkansas, and Kentucky. The workshop schedule and registration form, including hotel information and the special convention room rate, may be downloaded from the **T E N A R K Y** website: www.tenarky.org.

Bowling Green Rose Society is planning an exciting **50th Rose Show** for May 19th, 2012 and hope that you will be able to come, bring roses and enjoy this fun event.

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Be Sure to take advantage of the opportunity to purchase these beautiful roses and support the Tenarky District !!

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12. **Graham Thomas (S-Deep Yellow 1983/8.2)**

13. **Rose-de-Rescht (P-Fuchsia Red c.1880/8.7)**

14. **Carefree Beauty (S-Clear Pink 1979/8.6)**

15. **Olympiad (HT-Bright Red 1983/8.5)**

16. **Playboy (F-Fame Orange/Yellow 1976/8.5)**

17. **Heritage (S-Light Pink/Fragrant 1985/8.4)**

18. **Zephirine Drouhin (Bourbon-Dark Pink 1968/8.0)**

19. **Pristine (HT-W Pearl Blend 1977/8.4)**

20. **Mister Lincoln (HT-Rich Velvety Red 1965/8.3)**

Repeat-flowering old roses toward the end of the Eighteenth century changed our garden roses forever with roses from China that offered repeat-flowering characteristics.

PORTLAND ROSES

Portland Roses are described as having a short period of popularity with only a handful surviving today. Portland roses are well suited to smaller gardens as they form small, compact shrubs. They retain the character of the truly old roses and have a strong damask fragrance. Most of them can be relied on to provide flowers later in the year.

‘Rose de Rescht’- an excellent all-round variety with beautiful bloom, strong fragrance, and good repeat-flowering with attractive rounded growth. The purplish-crimson blooms are double blooms with a delicious strong fragrance.

BOURBON ROSES

Described as the first real step towards the modern rose with flowers that retain the character of old roses with their strong fragrance and shrubby growth.

‘Zephirine Drouhin’- This beautiful Bourbon climbing rose was introduced in France in 1868 and is still popular today. The rose is free flowering with a wonderful fragrance and has no thorns. The blooms are bright pink, semi-double and are borne in large clusters with the character of old roses. This rose can reach up to 15 ft and will grow on a north-facing wall. This rose loves moisture.

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