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Bowling Green, Kentucky

Rosebuds

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Meeting: February 1
Mister B's

6 p.m. (if eating)

6:30 p.m. meeting

Program:

Buying Roses

TENARKY District Winter Workshop

The annual Tenarky District Winter Workshop will be held in February 8-10, 2013, in Franklin, Tennessee. Speakers include:

- Baldo Villegas from California, a leading expert on rose insects and diseases. He will discuss the management of beneficial and harmful insects and fungal diseases of roses.
- Carol Shockley has been growing roses for 27 years. She is a Silver Medal Recipient and Outstanding Consulting Rosarian.
- Robbie Tucker is a nationally recognized amateur hybridizer of miniflora and miniature roses and the owner of Rosmania.com, an online source for many rose products.
- Whit Wells, of Wells Mid-South Roses, is well known for the many roses he has hybridized. Many of us grow his roses and

we have a category for his roses at our rose show.

- Dr. Mark Windham, UT professor, will discuss his research into Rose Rosette Disease and other projects such as identifying disease resistant varieties and mechanisms of roses.



Pat Shanley, ARS VP

In addition to the lectures and a panel discussion on Saturday, there is a Friday night welcome supper with speaker, Tom Stebbins, playing "Sherlock Holmes in the Rose Garden." He will offer "clues" for identifying roses pests, both insects and diseases." At the Saturday night banquet, Pat Shanley, ARS Vice President will be the guest speaker. Her topics if "A Rosy Future for Gardners and the Industry."

During the workshop, bare-root

selections of old and new rose bushes will be auctioned for the annual fundraiser sale. On Sunday morning, there is the Consulting Rosarian School which is open for those who need the credit as well as anyone who wants to learn more about growing roses.

The schedule, registration information, and roses to be auctioned can be found at the Tenarky website: www.tenarky.org

So mark your calendars today and get registered to attend the 2013 Tenarky Winter Workshop in Franklin February 8-10.



New Meeting Location—February Meeting

Our February meeting will be at a new location. Mister B's Pizza and Wings restaurant is located at 1945 Scottsville Road, Suite 300., which is across the parking lot from Rafferty's on the right. Mister B's has operated in Henderson for over 20 years. It is locally owned and operated and the entire menu is prepared fresh daily. The menu offers a wide variety of options from pizza and pasta to salads and sandwiches and their famous wings.

If you plan to eat, please arrive by 6 p.m. to order your food and have social time prior to the meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. The restaurant has a meeting room which is able to accommodate our membership and also provides a projection TV for our programs.

We will decide at the meeting if we want to continue to hold our meetings at this location, so please plan to be present.

Ben Matus will present a program on Selecting New Roses.

REMINDER



Please plan to pay your BGRS 2013 dues at the February meeting or send to our treasurer, Ann Jacobs, by February 15 in order to be included in the 2013 BGRS Yearbook which will be distributed at the March meeting. Bring a friend with you!!!

From the President *by Brenda Coffey*



Still feeling somewhat like a "new comer" to the hobby of growing roses, I feel excited about seeing the approach of a new year and what I am sure will be many interesting new things to learn. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, my fellow Rose Society members, for allowing me to serve you as your president for 2013. It hasn't taken long to develop a great appreciation for the dedication and hard work of my predecessors as they have so ably guided our rose society for these past years.

The BGRS Board met January 12 and shared many interesting ide-

as. The implementation of some of these will begin this year and some are still in the discussion stage. A calendar is one of the new ideas and one in which we will need all of the members to assist. This will be discussed at our Feb. meeting. Our Rose Show Chairpersons (Bob Jacobs, Kathy Dodson, and Mary Ann Hext) are working diligently on preparing the 2013 show to make it the best ever. A show update will be given at our regular meeting. The letters to our previous sponsors have been mailed. Please be thinking of other sponsors that you might con-

tact. I will have letters that you may take to those individuals. Please bring any ideas on programs or areas of interest that you would like for us to consider this year.

Remember we will be meeting at Mr. B's on Scottsville Road for our February 1 meeting. The BGRS meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m., so if you are eating at Mr. B's please come early (6:00?) and place your order, so we may begin the meeting on time.

Thought for the Day: "God gave us memory so that we might have roses in December" - just change December to the winter.



'Hello Gorgeous'—M



'Not First Choice'—MF



'Patron'—MF



'Sandy's Pick'—MF

A New Source for Mini, Miniflora & Single Roses



Wells Mid-South Roses
ForLoveOfRoses.com

During the early 1970's, Verlie Whitson Wells, Jr., began hybridizing roses and has been operating his rose business as Wells Mid-South Roses since that time. Whit, as he is universally recognized, has registered close to 100 roses and has several minifloras rated in the top 25 exhibition roses with several more knocking on the door. Whit is generally considered to be the Dean of Hybridizers today. The octogenarian Wells plans to continue his award winning hybridizing efforts for many more years. He is planning on entering two new roses in the AOE two year test.

For Love Of Roses, LLC was formed in 2013 for the purpose of acquiring the assets of Wells Mid-South Roses. Richard J. Anthony is a national level exhibitor with 100 Queens of Show to his credit after 11 years of exhibiting roses. He has 3 National Queens and 7 District Queens as of the Fall of 2012 rose season. He has teamed up with his longtime friend and mentor to form a close rose alliance concentrating on miniature and miniflora exhibition and garden roses. Richard plans to continue exhibiting, hybridizing and bringing great roses to old friends and new together with Whit. The mission statement found on their website states: "Wells Mid-South Roses has long been recognized for high quality exhibition miniature and miniflora roses. Our mission at For Love Of Roses, LLC and Wells Mid-South Roses is to provide the highest quality exhibition and garden rose available today to all rose growers throughout the continental United States. The best quality rose at a fair price is our goal."

Check out their website: www.forloveofroses.com. There are many wonderful roses that may be ordered online. Some of the new introductions are shown above.

Rose Tips for January & February by Noah Wilson, CR, Holston RS (TN)

Things I will be doing to my roses in January-February:

1. If for some reason I have not gotten my roses cut back to about five feet high I will do this now. I don't want the winter winds to rock my bushes back and forth and create an air pocket at the base where rain could fill in around the base of the bush and freeze, which will kill my plant.
2. I will also get my winter mulch around each plant about a foot high. This will protect my bush from any extreme freezes that may injure the bush or even kill it, especially in the early spring when new growth comes out. I leave this in place until I know extreme winter is over. I don't mind temperatures getting down to upper 20's, but not lower without this protection.
3. I will use this time to replace roses or order for spring arrival. I may transplant roses from one location to another now, also. Be sure to do this when temperatures are not too bitter cold, and be sure to mulch well after transplanting.
4. I will spray at least 2 or 3 times with a dormant spray like Lime Sulfur. This helps in killing the left over black spot spores from last season. Spray as directed on the container. Mine says 8 tablespoons per gallon water.
5. Spray the bush and soil well and spray the bed area some 6 feet out from the bush to be sure you get any spores dropped to the ground.
6. I will also take a soil test to be sure my pH is within the desired range of 6.0 to 6.5. You can use a meter of your own to do this or, get a soil sample and send it off to be read for you. The University of Tennessee has a kit for this available at the UT Agriculture Agents offices.
7. Now is a good time to reflect back on all you wanted to do to and for your roses, but did not get around to.
8. Make notes on next years rose growing to become a better rosarian



BGRS Christmas Party



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We're on the Web!!

www.bowlinggreenrosesociety.org



Yvonne Wright's
'Easy Does It'

Beatty Fertilizer Order

If you are not attending the Tenarky workshop, please bring payment to the February meeting so someone can pick up your order.

TENARKY Winter Workshop Hosted by Nashville Rose Society

Franklin, Tennessee
February 8-10, 2013

registration and information at www.tenarky.org

IMPORTANT DATES - 2013

- Feb. 8-10: Tenarky Winter Workshop & CR School, Franklin, TN
- Feb. 28-March 3: Nashville Lawn & Garden Show
- March 2-4: Louisville Home, Gardening and Remodeling Show
- May 18: BGRS Rose Show
- Sept. 20-22: ARS Miniature Conference, Winston-Salem, NC
- October 4-5: Tenarky District Convention, Louisville, KY

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