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## Upcoming Events

### Tenarky Winter Workshop

February 18-20  
Marriott Hotel  
Cool Springs –  
Franklin, TN

### ARS Spring National Convention and Rose Show

June 2-6  
Winston-Salem,  
NC

### Tenarky Fall District Convention and Rose Show

September 23-25  
University of  
Tennessee Gardens  
Knoxville, TN

### ARS Fall National Convention and Rose Show

October 12-16  
Los Angeles, CA

By Sam Jones, Tenarky District Director

## “Beauty Abounding” at the Tenarky Winter Workshop

In the middle of winter rosarians will have plenty of opportunities to see beautiful images of the new and great roses from Weeks, including hybridizer Keith Zary’s mid-south sensation, ‘Crescendo,’ “The Nashville Symphony’s Rose.” Bidding on and purchasing favorites will occur during a Saturday afternoon Fundraising Auction. Jeff Ware, Executive Director of the American Rose Society will show enticing pictures of the “beauty abounding” of the roses and gardens of the American Rose Center in Shreveport, LA.

The Tenarky Winter Workshop, February 18-20, 2011, at the Franklin-Cool Springs Marriott Hotel, features Weeks roses for 2011, presented by Tom Seibert of Marietta, GA, Regional Representative for one of the nation’s top rose growers and distributors since 1938. Weeks is also the distributor for Jackson & Perkins roses that were grown for the 2011 season, including the ‘Crescendo’ “Symphony Rose,” honoring the Nashville Symphony. The rose occupies a major planting area of the Nashville Music Garden located in the heart of

Music City, directly across from the Schermerhorn Center and the Country Music Hall of Fame.

Fred Wright, winner of major national ARS trophies, including recently the Earl of Warwick Urn in Atlanta, will speak on his experiences of “Hybridizing, Growing, and Showing Winning Roses.” The Warwick prize is a collection of six hybrid tea specimens of different varieties. Fred and his brother Jack, both from North Carolina, have repeatedly won top prizes at major regional and

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By Mary Bates, KATnips Editor

## Robbie Tucker Receives Silver Honor Medal

Congratulations are in order to Robbie Tucker for receiving the Tenarky Silver Honor Medal. Dr. Sam Jones presented the prestigious award to Robbie and wife, Marsha at the Fall Tenarky District Convention Awards Banquet.

The annual Silver Honor Medal is the highest district award given by the American Rose Society and is one of three annual ARS Awards that may be

given to members: the Bronze, for local ARS society service, the Gold, for national ARS service, and the Silver for district ARS service.

Robbie has been a member of the American Rose Society for 17 years and has served as President of the Nashville Rose Society and Editor of the *The Rose Leaf*, the newsletter of the Nashville Rose Society. Robbie served as District

Director from 2000-2003 and Editor of the District newsletter, *KATnips*, 2000-2003. Robbie has also served as a member of the ARS Executive Committee and became a Master Rosarian in 2010. He has contributed articles to the *American Rose* magazine and has been a speaker at numerous gardening events. Robbie is owner of *Rosemania.com*, an online website for the latest

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# Tenarky Workshop Speakers



**Pat Shanley**

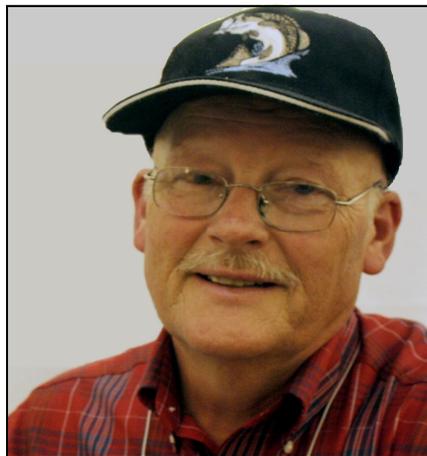
## “Big Apple Roses and Bigger ARS Challenges”

Chairman ARS Marketing & Membership Committee; ARS New York District Director; ARS Horticultural Judge; ARS Master Rosarian; Recipient of NYD Outstanding Consulting Rosarian Award; Recipient ARS Bronze Medal; Founding and Current President of the Manhattan Rose Society; Founding Chairman of the New York Metropolitan Rose Council; Member of the Steering Committee of the Great Rosarians of the World (GROW); Award Lectureship and organizer of GROW-East Event; Member Heritage Rose Foundation Board of Trustees; Member, Long Island Rose Society; Member, Southampton Rose Society; Member, Nashville Rose Society.



**Tom Seibert – Weeks Roses**  
“New and Great Roses for 2011”

Tom has been in horticulture for over 30 years. He graduated from Iowa State University with a degree in horticulture. He has spent time as a greenhouse grower, retail garden center manager, a broker for young plant and seed suppliers. For the last fourteen years, Tom has covered the southeastern U.S. for Weeks Roses. He maintains a small trial rose garden at his home. His beautiful wife, Carole, and Tom have six children and three grandchildren, so far, and live in Marietta, GA.



**Fred Wright**

## “Hybridizing, Growing, and Showing Winning Roses”

Fred has been growing roses over 20 years, and showing roses for over 15 years. He has won eleven national awards, and over fifty queens. Fred started hybridizing a few years ago and has already registered twelve hybrid tea roses and five miniflora roses.

Fred’s program will also include a new seedling slide show.



**Gary Rankin and  
Monica Valentovic**

## “Handy Products for Growing Good Roses”

### Gary O. Rankin, Ph.D.

Professor and Chair Department of Pharmacology, Physiology & Toxicology

Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine-Marshall University Research Area: Toxicology

Came to Marshall in 1978 when medical school was started.

### Monica A. Valentovic, Ph.D.

Professor Department of Pharmacology, Physiology & Toxicology

Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine

Marshall University Research Area: Toxicology

Came to Marshall in 1984.

### **Background in roses**

Gary and Monica had been growing a few roses for many years, but became active in the Huntington Rose Society (HRS) in the early 1990s. Since the early 90s, the number of roses that they grow has increased from about 25 to around 300 rose bushes. Gary and Monica have each been President of the HRS and Rose Show Chairs for the annual HRS Rose Show on several occasions, and have held a variety of other positions in the HRS. They have been the Editors for the HRS’s newsletter *Thorny Bush* for the last fourteen years. They are Consulting Rosarians for the American Rose Society, serve as Cyber CRs for the ARS, and were Colonial District CR Chairs for six years. They served as members of the American Rose Society’s Product Evaluation Committee to evaluate new rose care products for over eight years and have been Co-Chairs of the ARS Product Evaluation Committee since October, 2006. Gary and Monica have both received the Bronze Honor Medal from the Huntington Rose Society, the Silver Honor Medal from the Colonial District, and the Colonial District Outstanding Consulting Rosarian Award. They are also both Master Rosarians and enjoy exhibiting their roses at the local, District and National levels.

## Director's Column-

### Campaigning for the Grand American Rose Society By: Dr. Sam Jones



**Pictured: Tenarky District First Lady Nancy Jones and District Director Sam Jones**

What would the world be without bluebirds? Or the melodious songs of mocking birds, or the red flash of cardinals in winter? Where would we be without butterflies in the summer? Or hummingbirds?

Imagine a world without roses. Would any flower do as well to mark the birth of a child? Would a flower girl spread any other petals before a bride? Would any flower fare as well in the bouquet she holds? Could any flower speak of love like a dozen roses? Can any flower grace as much the celebration of 50 years of marriage? Can any flower inspire more excellence in achievement? Will any flower compel jockeys to race more than a "run for the roses?"

Roses deserve the Congressional declaration made in 1986 as America's national floral emblem, placed in the same company as the American flag and the national anthem. Roses celebrate almost every area, age, and stage of life in our nation and in the world. In 2012 the World Federation of Rose Societies will meet in South Africa, and roses will line streets and cover the gardens wherever the travelers roam.

The American Rose Society is the oldest single-plant horticultural society in America, founded in 1892. But roses were well established in the American landscape already, brought by immigrants from far away homelands, mixing with wild native varieties, until today we have more beautiful colors and forms than nature herself ever contemplated. Without the American Rose Society we would have roses, for they have

survived for millions of years and will continue, but not with the array of beauty and diversity that breeders have coaxed from this flower.

In return for the gifts roses offer, we should support America's love of roses in a grand way, and especially the institution that we may call the "Grand American Rose Society," for the pleasure of roses is grand in every way. It is fitting that our Society is engaged in a "grand campaign" in 2011 for raising, at least, "100 grand" in dollars for operations. It's a modest goal, but a step toward financial stability for such a grand organization so central to our culture. Every member, society, district, and region throughout the land is asked to join this "grand campaign." We will begin our campaign in a "grand way" in February at our Tenarky District Winter Workshop.

Jeff Ware, the American Rose Society's Executive Director, along with Pat Shanley, District Director from Long Island, NY (who for many years has been a member of the Nashville Rose Society, and is a key leader in promoting ARS membership, marketing, and publicity) will team up at our Winter Workshop to inspire us to work and contribute our efforts to make sure that the American Rose Society is firmly established on the sound financial footing it deserves. We look forward to their motivating presentations so that our members and societies may ensure that roses continue to play their vital role of floral inspiration in our lives.

The campaign among our 10 societies and nearly 1,000 members in the Tenarky District is a reachable goal of \$5,000. We should exceed this amount by a large margin if we take to heart the value we receive from roses from nature, our creator, and dedicated hybridizers. The grand American Rose Society campaign should be at the forefront of our meetings and activities this year, our rose shows, our garden tours, our seminars, our drives, our sales, our parties, picnics, and banquets.

ARS President Jeff Wykoff and his wife Kathy have led the way by

making a gift of \$5,000 themselves. The staff at the American Rose Center are doing their part. Can we do less? No. We have the resources, and we can do more. Here's a way: The gardens of our societies will be abounding in beautiful roses this summer. The public is clamoring for home-grown roses. They eagerly plant them hoping they can grow them successfully. They want roses and will buy them. How?

Each society during the season can have weekly rose sale days, with members volunteering for one or two hours on a Saturday. All the proceeds from selling fresh-grown roses can go to support the operations of our parent organization, the Grand American Rose Society. We can sell our roses to the public wherever people gather in towns, squares, strip malls, and box stores—wherever we can place a stand. Such an effort will make an impactful contribution to ARS, beginning right here in the middle south, among our own members and societies. The public eagerly responds and new members join when we have a mission. And our mission is to place the Grand American Rose Society on sound footing for now and the future. Let's support ARS for the grand society that it is, the premier rose organization in the world, with the potential of bringing the joy into every town and home in the land.

Speaking of beauty abounding, congratulations are in order for the fall rose show winners, beginning in September with the Louisville Rose Show and the Memphis-Tenarky District Show, and in October with the Nashville show and the "Great Roses in the South" (GRITS) show in Atlanta. But it was the mid-south roses that took most of the prizes in Atlanta, although deep-south roses held their own. By far, however, the outstanding winners were from North Carolina (the Wright brothers), North Alabama (David Clemons), East Tennessee (Bob and Chris Thorpe), and South Carolina (Satish and Vijaya Prabhu). Gold and Silver arrangement awards went to Paula Williams of

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## “Beauty Abounding” at the Tenarky Winter Workshop, cont.

## Ware to speak at Winter Workshop Page 4

national rose shows. At the Atlanta Show in October, Jack won the highest award, the McFarland Trophy, a collection of seven hybrid tea specimens of different varieties.

**Dr. Gary Rankin and his wife, Dr. Monica Valentovic** of Huntington, WV, will speak on “Handy Products for Growing Good Roses.” The couple hold professorships at Marshall University’s Department of Pharmacology and are co-chairs of the ARS Committee on Product Evaluation. They are ARS Master Rosarians and have been awarded both the ARS Bronze and Silver Honor Medals for outstanding service to the American Rose Society in local and district societies.

**Pat Shanley** of Long Island, NY, Director of the ARS New York District, will speak on the topic of “Big Apple Roses and Bigger ARS Challenges.” She will demonstrate how rosarians overcome challenges to grow roses on top of and through the sunny windows of New York skyscrapers. As the ARS Chair of Marketing and Membership, she will challenge rosarians in the Tenarky District of the sunny and agrarian mid-south to respond to even larger challenges of the American Rose Society’s current major funding campaign for putting the ARS operations on sound financial footing.

**ARS Executive Director, Jeff Ware**, of Shreveport, LA, will speak more specifically on financial “Campaigning for the Grand American Rose Society,” America’s oldest single-plant horticultural society, founded in 1892. He will outline strategies for local and district ARS societies and members to raise the needed funds for the on-going work of promoting roses, which have been declared by the U.S. Congress as America’s floral emblem, a flower, not unlike the Bald Eagle, that more than any other flower, represents the spirit and aspirations of the Ameri-

can people. The rose is a symbol of peace, celebration, recognition, achievement, and both romantic and spiritual love in all facets of the American culture.

The American Rose Society, with headquarters surrounded by numerous rose gardens and pine forests spanning 70 acres at the American Rose Center in Shreveport, LA, is an educational, non-profit organization dedicated exclusively to the cultivation and enjoyment of roses. Through more than 10,000 members in more than 300 local societies located in every state, including Alaska and Hawaii, ARS provides educational programs, training, publications, and research for growing roses. Its bi-monthly magazine, *American Rose*, is devoted exclusively to roses and rose culture.

Jeff Ware will also speak at the Workshop banquet Saturday evening on the beauty and gardens of roses at the American Rose Center. He will show pictures of the gardens in full bloom during the national rose show and convention recently held at the Center in the Spring of 2010.

Registration materials, hotel reservations, and additional information for the Tenarky Winter Workshop are on the District website, [www.tenarky.org](http://www.tenarky.org). The workshop begins on Friday evening, February 18, with a light welcome supper, after which a speaker from a popular nursery garden center will present a program on “Exciting Gardening in the Mid-South.” The Workshop concludes on Sunday, February 20, 12:30 PM, following a “Consulting Rosarian” School, offering four hours of continuing education credit to accredited ARS “rose-growing advisors,” knowledgeable individuals who assist other members and the general public in growing good roses. These services are offered voluntarily and are free to anyone desiring advice for growing roses.



Jeff Ware was born and raised in Hot Springs, Arkansas. He attended the University of Arkansas, and has a bachelor’s degree in Philosophy and a degree in Theology from the Baptist Seminary in Little Rock.

In the early 90’s, much like the *Beverly Hillbillies*, Jeff moved to California and found himself working in Beverly Hills. Unlike them, he wasn’t rich. People called him on the phone just to hear his Southern accent. While in Southern California, Jeff began a long public service career working for nonprofits. He was an executive with Boy Scouts of America in Los Angeles responsible for fundraising, recruitment of adult leaders and membership. Later, Jeff relocated to work with Nashville Public Television in Tennessee where he focused on developing corporate clients to sponsor public television programs as underwriters. Jeff has also worked with public radio in Austin, Texas.

Before moving to Shreveport in July to become Executive Director of The American Rose Society and the Gardens of the American Rose Center, Jeff was Executive Director of Triangle Impact in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina. Triangle Impact is the North Carolina affiliate of Points of Light Foundation and Hands On Network, that specializes in connecting corporate volunteers with meaningful service in the community.

**Tenarky By: Robert Sutherland, ARS Horticulture Judge, former *KATnips* editor and co-editor of *Rose Exhibitors' Quarterly***

Rose growers in our district grow some of the best roses in America. But the class where Tenarky outshines all others is in the arena of minifloras. But is that any surprise since three of the best hybridizers of miniflora roses live in and around the Tenarky district? If you look at a map of southern Tennessee and northern Alabama, draw a line from Brighton, Tennessee, to Franklin, Tennessee, to Grant, Alabama, then back to Brighton. The resulting triangle ties together arguably the three best miniflora hybridizers in the nation—Whit Wells, Robbie Tucker, and David Clemons.

The roses hybridized in this “Tenarky Triangle” account for about 15% of all the registered minifloras. As of September 30, 2010, there were 522 minifloras registered. Whit Wells has hybridized 48 of these, Robbie Tucker 22, and David Clemons 7. Though officially a member of the Deep South district and not Tenarky, David often shows (and wins) with his own creations in our district, and since he is just across the Tennessee border, we should confer him with the title of Honorary Tenarkian.

While the roses account for 15% of the total number of minifloras entered, they account for a disproportionate percentage of wins on the show table. For the most recent full year statistics, minifloras hybridized by these three men accounted for six of the top ten exhibition minifloras nationally as well as five of the top seven shown in our own Tenarky district.

At rose shows, the miniflora class is often the most interesting and exciting to judge. If you've ever judged a show in Memphis or a Tenarky District show where Whit Wells has brought seedlings, you have seen an amazing table full of dozens of seedlings. At shows in Nashville, you have been treated to first looks of roses like ‘Whirlaway’ and ‘Tabasco Cat’ shown by David Clemons. And at national shows, you've seen Robbie Tucker win Queen with his own creations multiple times.

And the one national challenge class calling for minifloras, the J. Benjamin Williams Miniflora Rose Challenge Trophy, calls for either two each of five varieties or one each of ten varieties. The last five times the trophy has been awarded, no less than 50% of the roses were hybridized by these three hybridiz-

ers. No time in the last five awards have fewer than two of the three had their roses in the winning entry, and the most recent winner, shown by Satish and Vijaya Prabhu at the Fall 2010 show in Atlanta, had varieties from all three of the hybridizers, which accounted for seven of the ten varieties in the trophy winning entry.

With only seven minifloras registered, David Clemons has just over one percent of the minifloras, but he has a great repertoire of show roses among them. David's first miniflora, ‘Ruffian’, has won multiple Queens. Its beautiful coral color is also very pretty in the garden. Since then, David has released more beautiful and even more competitive minifloras. ‘Charismatic’ is a beautiful white with deep pink edge that shows well and has been a banker in the last three national Williams trophy winners. ‘Foolish Pleasure’ is an incredible white with softer pink edge which wins Queens in show after show. It is ranked fifth nationally and second in the district on the show tables. It too has been part of the last three winning Williams entries.

Perhaps David's best rose is ‘Whirlaway’, the full white which holds its form forever. It is the top miniflora in Tenarky and the third ranked nationally, and has appeared in two of the past three national J. Benjamin Williams winners. And his ‘Unbridled’ has won Queen and was part of the most recent Williams entry. At this fall's show in Nashville, David showed his ‘Tabasco Cat’ and ‘Ghost Zapper’ and won Queen with the former and put the latter on court. Both look to have an excellent future.

While David is far from a prolific producer of minifloras, every one of them is a winner, either for Miniflora Queen or in a national trophy entry.

Robbie Tucker should receive a great deal of the credit for promoting the miniflora class and providing it with some outstanding roses. His first great miniflora was ‘Cachet’ which he showed and won national Miniature Queen with (before there was a separate class for Minifloras). That rose was the standard white miniflora until surpassed recently by ‘Whirlaway’ but is still a very good rose. Two roses that do outstandingly well in national trophies are ‘Lady E'owyn’ and ‘Class of '73’, each ap-

pearing twice in the last five J. Benjamin Williams winning entries. My personal favorite miniflora from Robbie is ‘Conundrum’ which is the second highest ranked miniflora nationally (the highest of any rose by these three hybridizers) and the third ranked miniflora in Tenarky. It has stunning color, grows vigorously, and wins often on the show table.

The most prolific miniflora hybridizer in Tenarky is Whit Wells, with 48 varieties to his credit. Whit's roses have appeared in each of the last five Williams winning entries—in fact at least two of his varieties have been a part of each of the past five winners. Whit brings a lot of variety in color, form, and growth habit to the class. His highest ranked rose nationally is ‘Louisville Lady’ while his highest in Tenarky is ‘Memphis King’. Both are essential for the Tenarky miniflora garden, and ‘Louisville Lady’ has been a part of each of the last five winning J. Benjamin Williams winners. The first time I saw ‘Louisville Lady’, it was an unregistered seedling from which Whit brought cut flowers to our Winter Workshop in Nashville in 2002. I remember drooling over that rose like nothing I had ever seen before, and I haven't fallen out of love with it since then. Neither have judges or exhibitors apparently.

In the last two years, I have fallen in love with ‘Baldo Villegas’, a miniflora cream with a beautiful cherry-red edge, somewhat reminiscent of a smaller ‘Double Delight’. And without a doubt, the most beautiful rose I saw all year was a specimen of ‘Shameless’ which won Miniflora Queen at Louisville in September.

So while we may not be able to claim the number one miniflora rose nationally (‘Butter Cream’ hybridized by Bob Martin), Tenarky can claim numbers two, three, five, six, eight, and ten. In addition, our hybridizers have produced exciting new roses that look to fare favorably on show tables and beautify gardens in the years to come. No other area of the country is even close to providing the quality of minifloras that are produced in and around our district—in the Tenarky Triangle.

# WITHSTANDING WINTRY WINDS

By: Ted Mills, ARS Master Rosarian and Judge

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Unless you live in tropical areas of the USA and never experience snow or icy conditions, there will come a time when arctic-type winds will prevail. As surely as Mallard ducks migrate southward each year, the wintry winds will visit most areas with wrath. Global warming advocates will try to dispel this belief, but experience tells us that we have always had a measure of frigid conditions. We may escape snow (which is a virtue to rose gardens) but the howling cold winds will surely return.

Just as bears prepare for hibernation by devouring extra food, so must the wise rosarian ready rose plants for the icy conditions ahead. And if not already completed, now is the last call for insulation work to be performed. With some far-north areas having experienced at least two subfreezing temperatures already (28 degrees F) it is imperative that winterizing be commenced.

Just how is winterizing accomplished? Which method is the simplest way to protect the plants? In mild-winter areas, usually a 12-inch mounding of clean top soil, covered with pine needles, applied around the bud union, is sufficient. Not only do pine needles provide extra insulation, they prevent the soil mound from eroding. Also, they allow water and air passage to the root system. These two items are essential to plant health, even in plant dormancy. This mounding action provides the rosarian with the simplest method of insulating rose plants.

Additional winterizing can be accomplished by spraying the bushes with a product called *Cloud Cover*. This helps prevent damage caused by winter winds, as it seals the entire bush with a protective coating.

Before any winter protection is applied, the crafty rosarian will spray the bushes with a product called *Lime Sulfur*. This will usually eradicate any disease spores that are lingering on the plants. Apply this product again just after major spring pruning is performed. Use of a highly refined oily product called *Volck Oil*, will control any insects that may be wintering over. The use of a hose-end sprayer works best. It allows a heavy drenching of the soil at the base of the plant where hidden leaves that have fallen may be harboring disease spores. The entire plant should be sprayed generously. Once the spraying is completed, winter protection can be applied or placed back if it has been temporarily removed to allow spraying.

Once dormancy is prevalent, it is RoseDoc's recommendation that remaining leaves be stripped from the bush. There is debate among rosarians as to the wisdom of leaf removal. However, since the leaves have performed their work for the year, it makes for easier overall-care to remove them. In fact, their removal eliminates the possibility of disease-laden leaves being strewn on the garden. A rose bed should always be hospital clean.

There are several other winter protection methods such as shredded leaves in collars, rose cones, Styrofoam boxes, etc. It depends on the harshness of the winter as to which material is used. In far northern areas the insulating procedure is more complex. Whichever method is used, it is imperative to proceed if two hard freezes, (28 degrees F.) have occurred.

Some rosarians have questioned the various materials used for insulation. Several forms of mulch are advisable. However, it is RoseDoc's recommendation that hardwood mulch not be used. This type mulch often harbors harmful bacteria that can cause injury to the plants. The malady appears as parasitic or extraneous growth on the canes. One can view this condition on fallen oak trees that are decaying in forest areas.

As to RoseDoc's rose garden, mushroom compost that is mixed with finely ground pine bark is used to best advantage. This gives adequate protection against the cold and furnishes a degree of fertilization as well. When spring arrives and all danger of frost and freeze is passed, the mulch is spread over the rose bed. A word of caution is advisable. Do not be too hasty in removing winter protection. If it is raked away, leave it near the plant so that it can be hastily applied again. Remember- the weather man often makes mistakes in forecasting.

## From our local societies.....

The Tennessee Rose Society is celebrating its 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and planning an exciting Tenarky District Convention and Rose Show for September 23<sup>rd</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, TN. Come enjoy the beautiful UT Gardens and visit the new Beall Family Rose Garden. For more information, please e-mail Kay Rodgers at [corgiper-son@comcast.net](mailto:corgiper-son@comcast.net) or Kathy Brennan at [kbrennan@tds.net](mailto:kbrennan@tds.net).

## The Memphis and Dixie clubs have combined into one club

The new name is The Memphis and Dixie Rose Society. Jimmy Moser is the President.

## A Challenge to Local Societies from Our Tenarky Membership Chairman

As the Chairman of Membership for Tenarky I am suggesting that each club contribute \$5.00 of each local membership renewal to be used to subscribe to the trial membership in ARS. This will gain more members in ARS. Thank You, Jimmy Moser

## What qualifications must I have to become a Consulting Rosarian?

- 1) Must be a member of the American Rose Society for three consecutive years.
- 2) Must be an active member of a local rose society.
- 3) Must have grown roses of various types for at least five years and should be knowledgeable in all equipment and materials related to rose culture.

## How do I go about becoming a Consulting Rosarian?

- 1) Fill out and submit a **Consulting Rosarian School Application** and mail to the District Consulting Rosarian Chair:

Dan Brickman, 5752 Sarah Drive, Ooltewah, TN 37363

- 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 made payable to the ARS (to cover the cost of the certificate) **must be submitted to the Tenarky District CR Chair at least 30 days before the school. All of the above forms are also available on the Tenarky Website.**

- 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.

## Once I have become a certified Consulting Rosarian, what do I need to do to maintain this status?

- 1) **Must be recertified every four years.** A CR must accumulate 4 credits before December 31, 2013, if

he/she becomes a CR in 2009. Attendance at a CR school for new CRs earns 4 credits for recertification. A CR seminar at a district or national ARS event earns 1-4 credits. One hour of training is approximately equivalent to 1 credit.

- 2) **Must submit a Roses in Review Report to the RIR District Coordinator each year.** If no report is submitted for two consecutive years, the CR will be removed from the program.

- 3) **Must submit a District CR report each year.** The form of this report may vary with each district and the needs of that district. It is possible to have a different form each year.

We would like to invite everyone to attend the Tenarky District Consulting Rosarian School to be held on February 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-12:30.

This is a great opportunity for everyone to learn more about growing roses from the masters!! Guest speakers include noted rosarians Noah Wilson, Dan Brickman, Fred Wright, Monica Valentovic and Gary Rankin.

While all workshop attendees are invited to attend, we would like to encourage those who meet the ARS requirements to become Consulting Rosarians. A copy of the application and additional information is available on the Tenarky website.

If you are planning to sit for the exam, be sure to complete all required forms in a timely manner and send them to Dan Brickman along with your check for \$15.00 made out to ARS. You may order the CR Manual from the American Rose Society. The manuals will not be available at the school so be sure to order yours now.

**For additional information, please visit <http://www.tenarky.org>**

rose-growing products, articles and internet links for helpful rose-growing information. Robbie is an award-winning hybridizer of numerous popular miniature and miniflora show roses including 'Miss Flippers', 'Daddy Frank', 'Cachet', 'Conundrum', 'Dancing Flame', 'Ty', and many more.

Robbie has made outstanding contributions to rose gardening on all levels-local society, district and national and is very deserving of the Tenarky Silver Honor Medal. Some of the improvements he made while serving at the local and district levels are ongoing and have proven to be very successful.

Congratulations, Robbie, for all that you have done and continue to do to promote our beloved rose. We are so proud that you are a member of our Tenarky District!

## 'Crescendo' now available

'Crescendo,' the beautiful hybrid tea honoring the Nashville Symphony, is now available from Jackson & Perkins and is featured on the back cover of their latest Spring catalogue.

This exciting rose developed from 'Gemini' and 'New Zealand.' is a soft pink and white blend with good HT form. An added bonus is the strong spicy fragrance and dark green glossy foliage.

Describing 'Crescendo', Pat Bullard, Nashville Music Garden founder, says, "The fragrance is strong enough to fill a room from a single bloom and memorable enough to never be confused with any other rose."

Our own Tenarky District Director, Dr. Sam Jones describes the rose by saying, "Crescendo's blend of beauty symbolizes the pleasing strains of enduring classical music."

Don't miss this special rose!!

# 2010 ARS National Rose Show Tenarky Winners

visit [www.roseshow.com](http://www.roseshow.com) for complete show results—photography by Sam Jones



Large Rose in a Bowl-  
'Marilyn Wellan'-Brickman



Miniflora Court - 'Unbridled'-  
Michael and Mary Bates



Judge's Award- 'Whirlaway'  
Howard Carmen



Miniature Court- 'Saluda'  
Dan & Barbara Brickman



HT English Box- Bob & Chris Thorpe



King- 'Parole'-  
Bob & Chris Thorpe



Large Rose Tin Can- Brickman



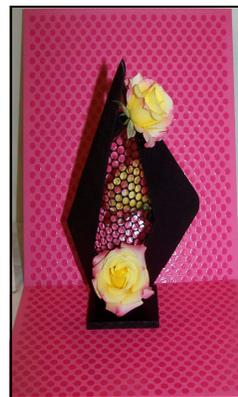
Best Judges Arrangement  
'Chihuly' & 'Autumn Splendor'-  
Sam Jones



Oriental Free Style  
'Hot Tamale' -  
Paula Williams



Miniature Gold  
'Memphis King' -  
Paula Williams



Miniature Silver  
'Bee's Knees' -  
Paula Williams



Duke of Arrangements  
'Veterans' Honor' -  
Paula Williams



Miniflora in a Bowl-  
'Whirlaway'- Thorpe



National McFarland 3rd place received two of 9 votes  
Dan and Barbara Brickman



Large Flowered Climber-  
'Altissimo'- Bates

# 2010 Tenarky District Rose Show and Garden Tour



Miniflora Queen  
'Whirlaway' B.J. Bingham



Hybrid Tea Queen  
'Pop Warner' Tammy Manderson



Miniature Queen  
'Best of 04' Lavonne Glover



Robbie Tucker receives Silver Honor Medal  
Pictured: Marsha and Robbie Tucker and Dr. Sam Jones



McFarland District Award—  
'Let Freedom Ring', 'Cajun Moon', 'Louise Estes', 'Veterans' Honor' and 'Crystalline'  
Michael and Mary Bates



Tammy Manderson, Barbara Olive and Jimmy Moser made a great team!!



Garden Tour-  
Murray and Karen Creasy



Garden Tour-  
Tammy Manderson



Garden Tour- Don Wear

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**Director's Column, cont.**

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of Louisville, and national awards went to Mary and Michael Bates from Knoxville and to Dan Barbara Brickman from Chattanooga.

Roses grow beautifully throughout the Tenarky District, and we have lush gardens to testify, not to mention talented growers and exhibitors. The Atlanta queens and their courts were wonderful, but more than one spectator said to me, "be sure to see the most beautiful bloom in the show, the 'Marilyn Wellan' rose-in-a-bowl shown by Dan and Barbara Brickman.

For some entering their first national show, Tenarky members made an impression.

Speaking of mid-south roses, make your plans to see a super abundance of blooms and gardens at the spring **ARS Convention and Rose Show in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Thursday, June 2, through Monday, June 6, 2011.** North Carolina is the home territory of the outstanding exhibitors, the Wright brothers Fred and Jack. Seminar speakers in Winston-Salem include Pat Henry, Bob Martin, Jim Hering, Don Myers, Sandy Lundberg, Satish Prabhu, and Paul Blankenship, who is conducting an Introduction to Exhibiting. It's not a bad drive, and what an opportunity to tour the Sarah P. Duke and Witherspoon Gardens in Durham, NC, and the Wake Forest University's Reynolda Garden in Winston-Salem. A topping to the cake is a tour of the Biltmore House and the AARS Rose Garden in Asheville, in its late-spring flourish.

Can't take off in June? Then set your site on the **Fall ARS Rose Show and Convention in Los Angeles, October 12-16, 2011,** hosted by the Tinseltown Rose Society, co-chaired by Dr. Tommy Cairns and Marcia Sanchez-Walsh. It is prime rose time in southern California, and the Los Angeles Society will awe you with the size and breath-taking beauty of roses. Go to Los Angeles if you can possibly swing it. It will be a once-in-a-life experience of rose memories. Be sure your 2011 rose show schedule includes **Bowling**

**Green**, a beautiful show which gets better every year. The date is **May 21**, at peak blooming for many Nashville roses that will be aching to be shown, whether in the novice or veteran category. Crescendo blooms, especially, should be in high quality by that time. This is a great show to enter for the first time, if you have been thinking about it! Now is the time!

The next Tenarky District Show will be in Knoxville, September 23-25, where the committees are already working under the great leadership of Kathy Brennan and John and Kay Rodgers.

Our District condolences and sympathies are with Helen Almond over Roy's recent death, and to Kathy Brennan, who recently lost her husband, Jim.

We are looking forward to seeing you all in a grand gathering at the Winter Workshop, a time for all of us who long for the coming spring and wonderful blooms returning. Winter is a time for inspiration and anticipating a great season ahead.

**A special thank you to Weeks and Tom Seibert for providing roses for our auction.**

**Please visit our website for photos and information on the rootstock of these beautiful roses.**

**Select your favorite and support our Tenarky District by bidding!!**

1. 'Dick Clark'
2. 'Dream Come True'
3. 'Wild Blue Yonder'
4. 'Fourth of July'
5. 'Home Run'
6. 'Julia Child'
7. 'Let Freedom Ring'
8. 'Memorial Day'
9. 'St. Patrick'
10. 'Moonstone'
11. 'White Licorice'

**Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**

- **Welcome/Supper**
- "Exciting Gardening in the Mid-South"

**Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**

- **Seminar/Lectures:**  
**Tom Seibert – GA**  
**Fred Wright – NC**  
**Gary Rankin – WV**  
**Monica Valentovic-WV**  
**Pat Shanley – NY**

- **Speakers Panel**
- **Tenarky Business Meeting**
- **Rose Auction: Weeks Roses**
- **Banquet – Speaker: Jeff Ware**

**Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**

- **CR School -**  
 Sunday 8:30-12:30  
 Lectures on Rose Cultivation  
 All Workshop Participants Welcome  
 4 Hours CR Credit

Test for new candidates to follow (Candidates must have application and approval.)

For a complete schedule, information about the speakers, list of bare root roses for auction, etc. visit: [www.tenarky.org](http://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 \$91 per night plus taxes (single or double occupancy). Reservations made after **February 2, 2010**, are subject to availability. You must mention **TENARKY District (American Rose Society)** to get the Workshop rate of \$91.

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## Tennessee Rose Society Announces 2011 Tenarky District Convention

By: Kathy Brennan

## A Rose Garden for the University of Tennessee

By: Kathy Brennan, ARS Consulting Rosarian, TRS President

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Tennessee Rose Society is hosting the Tenarky District Show and Convention 2011 in September. 2011 is our 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary and what better way to celebrate than with our rose friends. Everyone is invited to join us in celebration.

We started our planning in July with several preliminary meetings to appoint committee chairmen and co-chairs. Martin Skinner has offered Holston Rose Society's help wherever we may need it. This is a very generous offer.

Dr. Mark Windham has secured enough rooms on the Agricultural Campus of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, to accommodate the convention. We plan to have the Registration and Friday evening gathering in the rose garden situated within the University's Flower Gardens on the Agricultural Campus.

John Rodgers is working on making the show user friendly for everyone on any exhibiting level. John has had many years of experience with rose shows both as exhibitor and most note worthy as a Judge representing Tenarky District.

Susie Epperson is obtaining expert speakers on specific rose related topics for our convention. These topics will include information to spark the interest of all attendees from beginners to well learned gardeners.

As co-chairs of the convention, Kay Rodgers and I plan to meet with our treasurer, Libby Alexander, and the committees to set the budget. Our goal is to keep all costs as low as possible to still be comfortable and have a good time. We are also planning to have available on Sunday 3-5 local gardens to visit before you head home.

With the help of our many chairmen, co-chairs and busy bees, there will be more news coming out from each meeting. We will be updating you in the next *KATnips* on reservations for the show and convention and info on hotels within close proximity of the University.

The dates are September 23, 24, 25. Put these important dates on your 2011 rose calendar. For more information, you may e-mail Kay Rodgers at [corgiper-son@comcast.net](mailto:corgiper-son@comcast.net) or Kathy Brennan at [kbrennan@tds.net](mailto:kbrennan@tds.net).

Sam Beall attended the biannual Rose Seminar at the University of Tennessee hosted by Tennessee Rose Society and Holston Rose Society in February of 2008. He sat on the front row, dressed in a three piece suit and tie, listening and hanging on every word.

Sam gathered up all his newly found information and took it home to his wife, Mary Ann, who has always loved roses. Together they decided to give back to the University (both being graduates of the institution) with the gift of a rose garden. However, it was not that simple; there were hurdles to clear with lots of approval since the property where they wanted the garden belonged to the University.



The Bealls wanted their rose garden gift to be situated within the Open Gardens on the Agriculture Campus. In order for this to happen an endowment needed to be set up to pay for an intern's scholarship and general maintenance of the garden. This year (2010) the endowment paid for not one but two interns.

After a couple of lengthy meetings with the University Board, the first hurdle was cleared with the approval of the Board. Next, there was a meeting with the Director of the gardens, Dr. Sue Hamilton; Dr. Mark Windham, Professor; and Mark Clark, Associate Development Director, Office of Agricultural Development; plus some of the garden staff to decide where the garden should be placed. Together they decided on a lovely area in the middle of the gardens. Second hurdle was cleared.

Since the Bealls were paying for the rose garden, the landscaping and design did not have to go out for bids. This allowed the Bealls to use their Landscape/Designer, Mark Fhurman, a well

known landscaper with 30 years experience in the Knoxville area. Third hurdle was cleared.

The fourth and final hurdle was to get the job done and finished in time for planting. Together they went to work on designs choosing a design incorporating a large anchoring gazebo; water falls with Koi fish ponds and stone steps. They used large stone rocks around the water features. Later, a large pergola was added for climbing roses anchoring the opposite end of the garden from the gazebo.

It took a year to complete and readied for planting of the roses, a job for Dr. Mark Windham, Professor in Plant Pathology and Entomology at the University. Dr. Windham's objectives were to increase rose awareness and boost rose sales to the public and make sure roses in the garden have fragrance.

In accomplishing this task, Dr. Windham chose over 100 roses using fragrant easy care roses of all colors from hybrid teas, floribundas, shrubs and miniatures. He incorporated the no-spray roses around the water features, so as not to harm the Koi fish in the ponds from the chemicals. Climbing roses will be added next year, 2011, on the pergola.

Dr. Windham is also instructing the Interns and staff to use all products bought from local nurseries and stores. He wants the public to be aware of buying roses and products at their neighborhood stores, while teaching them how to have a beautiful garden with roses and the easy way to care for it.

The gardens have become an attraction for local and regional gardeners to stroll, eat boxed lunches and hold monthly meetings. It is not unusual to see students and others in the garden eating their lunch while listening to the birds chirping, watching butterflies flutter by, and being amused by the bees earnestly shaking the flowers searching for nectar.

"I am proud that we can host a beautiful and educational rose garden that the public can visit and enjoy," says Dr. Sue Hamilton, U.T. Gardens Director. The gardens are located in front of the Agricultural Campus facing Neyland Drive. Website:

<http://www.utgardens.tennessee.edu>

# The Power of Roses

By: Dr. Kent Campbell  
Past Tenarky District Director--ARS Master Rosarian and Judge

At a certain point in life, birthdays cause celebrants to look backward rather than forward as they once did. Our Bowling Green, Kentucky, Rose Society is currently celebrating its fiftieth year, having had its origins in 1960. Yes, in this case fifty is certainly "food for thought." However, my thoughts about our Rose Society, not just the local group, but also nationally, have led me along both bright and dark pathways.

Social scientists maintain that institutions, clubs, churches, businesses, governments with all their functions, and the like, undergo life cycles, much as living organisms. They are born, mature, grow old, and eventually pass away. This is a sobering thought indeed, but history is replete with examples of this phenomenon.

Of course, some lives are longer than others. Our beloved United States is a bit over 230 years of age. And, of course, there are other institutions that are much older and are still vital forces in people's lives throughout the world. The Roman Catholic Church is one example.

The question then arises, how do some institutions and individuals live longer than others. In some cases, it is simply "in the genes!" With individuals it is biological. With institutions it means, perhaps, that they were founded on workable principles and good intentions. Institutions based upon the well-being of some at the detriment, or even enslavement, of others have been proven never to last. Some who are reading this are old enough to remember Adolf Hitler's boast that the Third Reich (Nazi Germany) would last a thousand years.

Then, as too often occurs to individuals, a tragedy shortens life. The Aztec civilization, for example, was destroyed at its height by Spanish explorers searching for riches. On a much smaller scale, (a non-workable idea in action,) the Shaker sect were not allowed by their religious dogmas to marry and reproduce, an idea that had little appeal to outsiders they needed to recruit. They were soon all but extinct.

Obviously, there are multiple factors involved in the on-going existence of any entity, some of which are beyond the control of those being affected. The question therefore turns to what are some things that contribute to longevity that can be controlled?

As children we are besieged by parents and teachers about the many aspects of healthy living, and as we mature the vast media outlets take up the cause. Our government, from local to national, includes agencies charged with the health and safety of the people. Also, there are a large number of marvelous volunteer organizations dedicated to fighting a societal ill and keeping the public aware of the problem.

It must be mentioned here as part of this subject that we have the best, most accessible health care in the world. It is surprising that we all don't live to be very, very old. However, we, as a whole, are living much, much longer than our ancestors of only a few generations back.

Some of the birthday mental ramblings by this writer kept turning to one point. Is there any way we can apply what we know about our own health to the well-being and continued important existence of our American Rose Society and all its regional and local constituents? Let's give it a try!

Following, then, is a listing of principles, axioms, or "rules" if you wish, recalled from our "growing up" days that deal with good health and thus longevity of life. It is very important to those who read further that certain words are interchangeable. **The word BODY can be read SOCIETY. The words YOU or INDIVIDUAL can be read GROUP. Also, the pronoun YOU can be both SINGULAR and PLURAL.**

1. Think of your body as being your temple. Treat it with respect and avoid activities that are harmful.
2. Good mental health is vitally important to your well-

being. Stay active and be happy in your pursuits, but find time for rest and contemplation.

3. Whatever you do, give it your very best, so you can find joy and take pride in your achievements.
4. Most individuals do not function at their best as solitary, lonely units. Humans, as all species, tend to seek others of the same kind and the same bent, forming successively larger and larger units. Eventually the system becomes interdependent to the point that good health, or problems that beset some, affects all!
5. The joy and pride you exhibit as you create beautiful floral areas are "catching." You will feel a reverence and closeness to God when on your hands and knees working in the dirt and it will show in your demeanor. Others will want to partake of the joy you exhibit in growing, showing, and sharing roses!

Much of what has been said comes down to this basic fact: Institutions are comprised of people. People conceive them, people bring them into existence, nurture them, help them grow, and unfortunately, when it happens, it is people who "do them in." Hopefully, this thought will goad many who read this into action. If you love your rose society, or even simply look upon it with favor, help recruit new members. Join in the great fun and satisfaction of doing the things our hobby provides and be a mentor to those you recruit.

Finally, and above all, be concerned about the leadership of your society, locally, regionally, and nationally. A weak regime can do immense damage at any level. Our society is on the move upward again after some devastating setbacks that occurred a few years ago. Let's keep moving forward! Roses do have the power to uplift the human spirit! What we must do is provide them the means to use that power.

# What's the Benefit?

By: Jeff Garrett ARS Master Rosarian

We recently were visiting with the owner of one of our leading local nurseries. We were talking about the tough economy and the effect it was having on the rose business. He informed us that not only has the rose business been hit, but the entire nursery business was in a mess, particularly wholesalers. When we first started growing roses in the early eighties, there were so many miniature rose nurseries that you could hardly keep up. Slowly over the past several years, we have seen many of them cease operation to the point that it now seems we only have a handful of miniature rose suppliers. If that weren't bad enough, just this past year we saw Jackson & Perkins, perhaps the most famous rose supplier of all time, go bankrupt. In the past couple of months, Arena Roses has stated their intent to cease growing roses for sale and instead focus their attention on breeding new varieties. In spite of the popularity of the Knock Out roses, there are fewer and fewer roses being grown in the United States each year. Times are tough!

Membership in the American Rose Society (ARS) has also been in decline. In fact, ARS membership is currently about half of what it once was. Many of our local societies have also experienced a decline in membership. We are not alone when it comes to membership issues, as many other horticultural societies are also in decline. I don't know about you, but this is depressing me!

So what can we do to help reverse this negative trend that roses are experiencing? I feel there are two areas we can focus on to help promote the rose and at the same time, membership in our societies. The first area is to do all we can to help people be successful at growing roses. If a person buys a rose and has success with

it, chances are really good that they will be inclined to try a few more. The opposite will surely come true if they fail. So how can we help people be successful with roses? We've got to get the word out about how to prepare the soil and care for roses. Our societies need to seek opportunities to speak at garden clubs, Master Gardener meetings, and local nurseries, just to mention a few. Some societies have rose seminars that help people get started on the right foot. Other societies work with local nurseries and set up an information table on a Saturday morning and help folks select roses. This is a great opportunity to distribute a flyer with basic information on growing roses. Be sure to also have information on the handout relative to your society meetings and membership. The possibilities to share are out there if only we will look for them and respond accordingly. Regardless of the avenue you take to educate folks, we must remember to KEEP IT SIMPLE! Roses are not hard to grow, however they do take some effort. Don't try to impress people with how much you know, but rather stick to the basics. Be sure to stress the importance of proper soil preparation, which is perhaps the most common reason that people fail with roses.

The second area we need to address is growing and retaining membership. No doubt the poor economy is having an effect on our membership. This is a fact that we must all recognize and come to terms with. During these trying economic times, people are looking for bargains. They want the most "bang for the buck" so to speak. Membership in our societies is competing for people's expendable income. The cost of membership in the ARS may in some instances be too much for the casual rose grower. A person growing 5 to 20 roses may be reluctant to spend upwards of \$50 a year to be an ARS member. This does not have to be the case for our

local societies. Let's do all we can to keep our membership dues to a minimum. I realize it takes some monies to fund a club, but there are many ways to raise funds other than membership dues.

If a prospective member were to ask you, "What is the benefit of membership in your club?", how would you respond? Other than an informative program and nice people, what does your society have to offer? If you're struggling to answer this question, then perhaps your club has some work to do. People are looking for concrete monetary benefits and we must be prepared to offer them. Some clubs work with local suppliers to offer discounts to members. Others organize group orders of roses and supplies to obtain discounts. Again, there are many ways you can go about developing benefits and each society will have to find its own niche.

Take a hard look and make sure your monthly meetings offer informative programs. Not only do people have less money to spend, they are also crunched for time. Make sure your meetings focus on helping people grow better roses. A good format for an ideal monthly meeting is that it starts on time, offers pertinent announcements, has an appropriate and informative program, and perhaps concludes with some light refreshments to offer folks a chance to mingle and connect. Let your board of directors handle the business of the society.

As we begin a new rose year, let's be about the business of helping people be successful with roses. Whenever you get the opportunity to share your knowledge, be sure and include information about joining your society and all the wonderful benefits your society has to offer. Be ready with a good answer when asked, "What's the benefit?"

**You're invited:** Bowling Green Rose Show, Saturday, May 21, 2011, at the American Legion Hall, Bowling Green, KY  
Chairpersons: Robert Jacobs, Kathy Dodson and Mary Ann Hext; visit <http://www.tenarky.org> for more information

**Virgil Leroy Almond – April 17, 1916 – November 20, 2010**

The rose world has lost another of its giants. Roy Almond passed away November 20, 2010, at the age of 94. Roy had a number of affiliations, and a lengthy piece could be written about how much he gave and achieved in each.

As most men his age, he was a WWII veteran. He served in the Pacific in Army Air Force Ordinance and was discharged with the rank of Captain.

After a few years in private business, he came back to his home town of Bowling Green, KY, as a Professor of Marketing at Western Kentucky University. He had acquired his MBA at Harvard Law School, and taught at Western until his retirement in 1980.

He was a member of State Street Methodist Church of Bowling Green, having joined in childhood, and accepted various responsibilities over the years for the church and its congregation. Likewise, he was a long-time member of the Kiwanis Club, receiving several awards for service to and with that group.

However, it was with the world of roses that most of us reading this publication knew Roy and his wife, Helen, and considered them dear friends. He and Helen attended their first rose show in Thomasville, Geor-

gia, when stationed near there briefly during WWII. Later, in the early 50's, Roy built his first rose bed in their small yard in Springfield, MO. After moving to Bowling Green, they became members of the Rose Society and developed a good-sized garden and began learning, growing, and showing good roses. He and Helen always worked as a team, becoming Consulting Rosarians, Horticulture Judges, and eventually, Arrangement Judges. Roy wrote the **Judges' Corner** column in the Bowling Green newsletter for many years. He acquired a florist's cooler somewhere and was able to keep his roses for longer periods. He made a significant amount of money over the years for the rose society, selling roses for various events.

All the while, they were active in Tenarky, loyally attending all those events, as well as several nationals.

Roy served as Tenarky Treasurer when Ted Mills was Director. He and Helen were rewarded for their many aspects of service by being presented every citation a district can bestow: Outstanding Consulting Rosarians, 1986, and Outstanding Judges, 1996. They were eventually presented the highest honor a district can bestow on any member, the Silver Medal in 1997.

I have always felt that the world can be divided into two kinds of people, givers and takers. Roy Almond was a stalwart among the greatest of "givers." ----- **Kent Campbell**

**Horticulture Judging School at the Tenarky Convention**

The school for horticulture judges held September 26, 2010 at the Hilton Hotel in Memphis was a notable success. The lectures by noted ARS Judges were enjoyable and included "Basics of Judging Roses," "Judging Sprays and Floribundas," "Judging Miniatures and Minifloras," "Judging Species, OGR's, and Shrub Roses" and "Judging Challenge Classes and the Court."

More than thirty persons attended the school. Twenty-two current judges audited the school and received an extension of their active judging status through 2014. Of these, seventeen were from the Tenarky district and five were from other districts.

Two candidates for apprentice judge took the exam. Both passed it. ARS has now certified both Mary Bates and Kathy Dodson as apprentice judges. We need to invite these and other apprentice judges (see the list on the Tenarky website) to judge our shows so that they can be certified as ARS Horticulture Judges. This is especially important in view of several requests for current judges to change their status to Emeritus Judge.

The faculty and staff for the school included Kent Campbell, Terry Lee, Robert Sutherland, Noah Wilson, John Rodgers, Kay Rodgers, Barbara Olive, Joe Spruiell and Rhonda Spruiell. The convention chairpersons, Tammy Manderson and Barbara Olive deserve our sincere gratitude for arranging the excellent facilities for the school.

Dr. Joe Spruiell, ARS Master Rosarian and Judge

**The Perfect Time to Join the American Rose Society**

The American Rose Society has so many benefits to offer its members and everyone who grows and loves roses! Be sure to note the following promotions:

- The Free 4-Month ARS Trial Membership Program for **new** non-ARS local society members.
- The \$5.00 4-Month Trial Membership for existing local society non-ARS members.
- The \$10.00 4-Month Trial Membership for any person interested in growing roses but who is not yet a member of a local rose society.

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**'Millie Walters'**



**'Bees Knees'**



# The Gardens of Kent and Claire Campbell

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*A Special Thank You to Kent and Claire Campbell for sharing these beautiful photos of their garden.*



**'Golden Wings'**



**'Home Run'**



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