
The Rose Beacon

OCTOBER 2009 newsletter

LOWER CAPE ROSE SOCIETY

*** NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 17, 2009 10 A.M. ***

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Where did the summer go? However these early days of fall have been spectacular. The days have been crystal clear if you discount the rainy weekends. The roses seem to like this change also. Cathy and I are still getting some nice blossoms on our plants and in particular the New Dawn climber located between the garage and house. This AM I went outside and counted fifteen new blossoms and numerous buds yet to bloom. Keep it up Mother Nature. My question is why have so many of the rose bushes lost foliage on the lower half of the bush yet the top portion of the bush is still producing blooms and new foliage?

Membership List: Many members have asked me if the membership list containing the members name, address, phone number and e-mail address could be made available to the membership as a whole. There was some concern on the part of some board members because the list did contain the email address for those members who received the newsletter via email. And whether these members would want their email address contained on the list when passed out to the LCRS membership as a whole. I did a quick survey of the members who attended and LCRS picnic to see if anyone had any objections. There were no objections. I have therefore printed up copies of the membership list to be available at the October 17th meeting. In the meantime if you do not want your email address contained within the membership list call me at 508-432-7485 and I will blacken your email address only. The membership list is not being shared with outside vendors or being sold. The list is only for the use and reference by the LCRS membership.

Photo Contest: The contest is in high gear. Clem Smith the Chairperson and Julie Gammon Asst. Chairperson have put together the rules etc for the contest. They will be available I believe in this issue of the newsletter. If not then applications and all necessary information will be available at the October 17th meeting. The date of the contest is November 14th at the Harwich Community Center. Get snapping.

O'Neill Garden: Greg and his team have done a great job this summer. The club owes him and his volunteers a Thank You. If you have an hour on a Thursday night (5:30) please join Greg and his team and help get the garden ready to be put to bed for the winter.

Newsletter: Audrey is always in need of article for the newsletter. The article does not have to be an original creation. If you come across an interesting article or story relating to roses in particular or gardening in general and think it is worth sharing please email it or mail it to Audrey. Maybe you found a secret recipe for ridding rose bushes of black spot or at least keeping the results of this dreaded rose menace to a minimum please don't keep it a secret share it with you fellow members.

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CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR NEWEST
CONSULTING
ROSARIANS!!

Cindy Ehrenreich
Laurel Swanson
Phil DeNegri

They attended the
Yankee District
Consulting Rosarian
School in September
and passed the test!



Hospitality needs for October 17th meeting 10AM

Ann Marie and Juell have reminded me that coffee and tea is always available at our meetings. Members with last names A-L are asked to bring goodies for the table. Thanks



Current Thinking on the Black Spot Dilemma for Rose Growers

By Laurel Swanson

Recently I read two articles by Robin Lane Fox from Sept. 25, GARDENS SECTION, in the Financial Times. They were a comparison of the techniques and methodologies used in both the United States and England for dealing with the ongoing issue of blackspot on roses. Here is an outline of her analysis. In England the emphasis is still on prevention. Peter Beales, world famous rosarian, has pushed toward watering with irrigation systems or hand watering in the middle of the day whereby the heat of the sun can dry out the moisture more quickly and therefore kill the spores that grow in the dampness left on leaves from morning or evening watering. Mulching and composting are highly recommended as the black spot spore decomposes more quickly in a rich blanket of either of these protectors. Cleaning out debris underneath the rose and pulling leaves off the rose at least an inch from the bottom, also can contribute to a lessening of the black spot spore. Spraying with sythane and feeding the roses early and late in the season with Uncle Tom's Rose Tonic or Maxicrop will also promote healthier roses and hopefully keep black spot at bay. All are still preventive techniques continually being used in England to prevent disease from ruining the rose leaves. In the United States, specifically at the New York Botanical Garden, there is a more upbeat message for rose growers of the world. With the serious effects chemical spraying has on the environment, especially in areas with high populations of people, the government of Manhattan has banned the use of all chemical spraying on plants. Though the New York Botanical Garden is outside the boundaries of Manhattan in an area of the Bronx, Peter Kukielski, curator, has taken the approach that chemical use is a thing of the past and green gardening is more friendly and safe. We cannot ignore the climate problems and the climate of opinion on chemical use, therefore, he has decided to change the image of rose growing in the famous Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden. Last year he removed 1300 of the most disease prone varieties and replaced them with 900 of the most disease resistant varieties throughout the world. Included are now Bailey Nurseries Easy Elegant Series which offer a two year guarantee of disease resistance. In a trial garden set aside for Earth Kind Roses, this autumn, roses recommended by the Texas Agrilife Extension Service will be planted. Among these roses will be a new variety called Belinda's Favourite with tea shaped blooms and a raspberry fragrance. Kordes of Germany will offer roses from its Fairy Tale Series including white Elegant Fairy Tale and an apricot yellow climber called Moonlight. In France, Meilland will contribute Easter Basket, a pale yellow with lavender edge and a beautiful pink with apple scent called Traviata. A popular light pink ground cover added to the garden will be Larissa. Though Bill Radler's Knock Out roses are disease resistant and have sold more than 12 million plants since the first red was introduced 8 years ago in the U. S; worldwide gardeners are questioning whether its flowers are sufficiently refined enough. Some may be included in the new display. In June of 2010 the Great Rosarians of the World will meet in New York for a World Event. Included will be growers from India, New Zealand, Germany France and Great Britain as well as the U. S. All this bodes well for rose growers. With this proactive approach to fighting blackspot and developing disease resistant varieties, the world of roses can be looking toward the future. David Austin has offered newer varieties like pink Gentile Hermione, apricot yellow Port Sunlight, dark red Munstead Wood and Darcey Bussell and the beautiful orange Lady of Shalott. The author laments not to forget the older disease resistant roses as well like Rose de Rescht, Jacques Cartier, climber Long John Silver, and single bloomers Rose d'Amour and Rose d'Osay. The future however, does belong to those roses that can measure up in disease resistance and the U.S. has taken the first large step toward reducing black spot and the use of chemical sprays at the same time. The U. S. has led in this direction so all can continue to enjoy roses and also have a totally green future.

Photo Contest Update

Attention Cape Rose Society Members: at the October 17th meeting we will be accepting submissions for the photo contest to be held in November on the 14th. Also at the October meeting we will assist you with matting and filling out submission tags. We will even supply photo mats at a low dollar amount at the meeting. No frames please. Please bring your 8 x 10 photo in a mat, at this time. We will also be accepting entries up until, but not after the 10th of November.

This will be a judged competition. The judges will be following simple guidelines to assess the quality and merit of each entry. The following criteria have been established to help guide you in the process:

How well does the entry match the category for which it was submitted

How well does the entry reflect: quality of the image, light, texture and composition

How well does the submission reflect the nature of its subject matter – what makes this subject unique and interesting.

Photos will be judged on a scale of 1 to 5 (five being the highest).

One best photo will be chosen among the entries for a specific category. From the five best, one best and one second place will be chosen. Prizes will be awarded for each winner!!!

There will be a panel of two judges: Barbara Kodak, Pres. Harwich Women's Garden Club and Tom Noonan, Photographer.

Get busy now – for society members we would like to get a minimum of 20 entries catalogued at the October meeting. Donna Tunney in conjunction with the **Harwich Oracle** is going to help us spread the word. The fee again is a one time only \$10 – you can enter as many categories as you wish!

Thanks again,

Clement Smith / Chairperson (Cell 508-221-0865)

Julie Gammons/ Asst. Chairperson (Cell 774-212-1202)

LCRS First Annual Photo Contest

Who may enter: any society member or interested gardener!

Fee: \$10 to help process entry and provide prizes for category winners!

Categories:

Full garden landscape (need not have roses present).

Best individual rose, any variety.

Best Climber

Best bush/shrub rose

Best garden ornamental feature (pool, statue, bench, etc... need not have roses present)

Submission: you may enter one photo for as many categories as you wish, (for a total of 5 submissions) all for \$10! Your photo must be at least 8x10 or larger with photo mat please no frames.



RAMBLING WITH OZ

Early October mornings present perhaps the nicest time of the year in the gardens. The air is crisp and inviting, introducing a slight moisture on the leaves as a sometimes fog lifts away to reveal a glaring Libra's sunshine. Roses are working overtime, urging their final buds to develop into deeper colored, longer lasting, and in many cases, perfectly shaped blooms. In return for this summer's curtain call and promising encore performance, the rose makes several demands on us as payment for their excellence. It is a fact of rose culture that strong healthy plants will best survive the cruel demanding winter months. It should be our duty as a faithful guardian against diseases and insects to give our dependent bushes their best chance of survival. The unusual rainy season has brought a double-edged sword to the garden. The rain came in timely intervals that saved many of you "probable" waterers, "It is probably going rain the day after tomorrow, so I probably will not have to water until four or five days from now!". However, all that wetness presented all kinds of problems for your rose leaves, and only the strong survived. The words, black spot, downey mildew and powdery mildew became all too familiar among even the most experienced rose growers. Mushy lumps sat on rose canes where promising buds should have grown. These long lasting abominations of nature were the result of the outer layer of water soaked petals being allowed to dry and harden into non blooming pretenders, cut them off, of course. Its not that I sympathize or empathize with your reasons for not making the October meeting, but in the interest of helping everyone grow better roses, I will mention what should be done at this time of year. In spite of the rain (by Oct 10, 2.17", normal 1.08") be sure that all your newly planted roses are receiving sufficient water, also continue to water any roses that you are growing in pots. It is important that all roses receive enough water during the autumn season as their roots are preparing for the winter months. But, with all this water happening, you need to continue your spray program. A topical spray is probably best now, Mancozeb or Daconil will attack problems on the leaves and prevent them from spreading. If you have ordered any bare root roses, at this time of year, plant or heel them in while the ground is still workable. Now is a great time to prepare new garden sites for your spring planting. After turning over the soil be sure to add plenty of organics in the form of manure, mulch and compost. Keep all your existing garden beds clean, take off the spotted leaves that will soon fall, remove any spent blooms, clear out the fallen debris, and weed weed weed . In regard to removing those spent blooms, you can simply pick off the petals keeping the hip on the stem. You can also use your pruners, but cut the blooms high just above the first set of leaves. Finally some good news for our do nothing members, stop fertilizing which will stimulate new tender growth that will die back as colder weather approaches. That's it ! Its a good feeling to walk through the gardens, feel the soft autumn sunshine, and know that the roses are trying to say "Good job, Aud and Oz, thanks for all your help, we'll see you next spring". The Yankee District had a spectacular weekend on the Cape during September. An informative and entertaining Consulting Rosarian School that gave ARS certification to LCRS members Cindy Ehrenreich and Laurel Swanson. A District Rose Show that featured John Mattia winning the Horace McFarland Challenge, the AARS Challenge and the Hybrid Tea Queen of the Show trophies. Dave Ciak was the winner of the Yankee District Mini-Flora Trophy, while Audrey and I captured our third consecutive Yankee Rosarian Trophy. The festivities ended Saturday with a lobster-fest on Gray's Beach. We were very fortunate to have ARS President-elect, Jolene Adams, take an active role in all of the weekend's functions. We were additionally fortunate to have Baldo Villegas, the National Chair of Consulting Rosarians play a major part in the Convention. Jolene and Baldo flew in from California to share their knowledge and fellowship, sorry that you missed them. It was wonderful to socialize with old and new Rosarians from Maine, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Rhode Island, other parts of Massachusetts and the Lower Cape Rose Society. Its all about the roses!

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OUT IN THE GARDEN WITH AUDREY

Walking around the garden, one realizes that it is time to wrap up this year's gardening season. To me it seems that summer never really arrived, and when it did, poof, it was gone. It was actually a great season for transplanting - if you forgot to water, Mother Nature took care of it for you! This was the good part of the summer rains - no dried out roses!

Our garden shed is where Fall and Winter take over. After tidying the shed and making room for statuary and clay pots, my focus is on garden tools. I think after buying books, purchasing garden tools is a favorite pass time. This is a great time to organize your garden tools and see what you need to add or replace: Leather rose gloves

a Trake - is it a trowel or a rake?



Stock up on
plant tags

and Don't forget the birds!



I found this at a flower show a few years ago and just love it! I know The Rose Man bought one also - very useful - A rollable Giant Leaf Collection Bag

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Treasurer position: I am happy to announce that Diane Goers has stepped forward and has volunteered to assume the duties of treasurer for the LCRS. Thank You Diane.

Yankee District and LCRS Lobster bake: For those members of the society that did not attend you missed a great time. Yes it did rain but it did not have any negative impact on the festivities. The caterer once again did a great job. The lobsters were cooked to perfection. The rains stopped and we all took a walk on the boardwalk and enjoyed the setting sun. It was setting somewhere.



Meeting date schedule: The October meeting date is October 17.. For November the regular meeting date is November 21, and the photo contest date is November 14th. The December meeting date is December 12. This will be our Christmas party start planning on those casseroles.



50 - 50 RAFFLE !!!

AT THE OCTOBER MEETING JOIN THE FUN, HELP THE CLUB, BUY A RAFFLE TICKET FOR THE 50-50 DRAWING

REDISCOVER ROSES

Check out these new roses that don't require constant care.

By A.W. Nelson and C.E. Swift, Courtesy University of Colorado Extension Service

'Carefree Delight' covers itself with masses of small, cream-centered pink flowers. Best used en masse as a hedge.



Whether your passions are stirred by their beauty, scent or their place in history, roses represent different things to all of us. A crimson bouquet is a statement of devotion from a significant other, while a close friend or relative may congratulate you on your promotion with some sunny yellow blooms. Their virtues have been celebrated in literature and song and their appeal is universal. With their brilliant colors, sensual shapes and sweet scents, roses are a sweeping symbol of romantic love and beauty. They tempt and entice even their most ardent opponents. If you've resisted their charms because they're too high-maintenance for your garden, think again! With a few simple guidelines and the right conditions, you'll spend more time admiring than caring for your roses.

IN A CLASS BY THEMSELVES

The American Rose Society lists 48 classifications for roses, but roses can generally be said to fall into one of the following types: hybrid tea, miniature, floribunda, grandiflora, climber, polyantha, shrub and Old Garden Rose (OGR).

The hybrid tea, originally a cross between a tea rose and a hybrid perpetual, is the most popular garden rose.

▼ 'Pearl Sevillana' is a shrub rose from Conard-Pyle that reaches 4'-6' in height.





Flower Carpet White



'Fire Meidiland'



'Abbaye De Cluny'



'Auguste Renoir'

Generally, they produce large blooms on long stems and are preferred for exhibition and cut flowers. Miniatures are naturally dwarf roses and are rapidly gaining in popularity. With proper care, they are a good choice for potted indoor culture. Because of their hardiness, they are excellent for outdoor use.

The first floribunda was produced from a cross between a hybrid tea and a polyantha. These roses usually have more but smaller blooms than hybrid teas. They are somewhat harder than grandifloras and hybrid teas.

The original grandiflora was produced from a cross between a hybrid tea and a floribunda. This plant is similar in size to the hybrid tea but usually has more, but slightly smaller, blossoms.

The climbing hybrid teas and climbing grandifloras are not recommended for most harsh winter areas because most will bloom only on the previous year's growth. During severe winters, the previous year's growth on these climbers is damaged by cold temperatures and drying. This results in little or no bloom or blooms of poor quality the following season. Most of these climbers will bloom on the current year's growth (new wood) and repeat bloom.

The term "shrub rose" is used loosely to cover roses not previously mentioned. Some of the hardiest of all roses can be found in this group. With its beauty, perfume and history, the shrub rose can be a satisfactory part of the landscape. Included in this group are the English roses developed by David Austin. There are more than 100 varieties and most are repeat flowering and fragrant with the flower form of the Old Garden Roses.

Old Garden Roses (OGR) are roses whose class or type were introduced prior to 1867. Most but not all are once-blooming varieties and winter hardy

HOW TO PLANT ROSES

- For bare-root roses, spring planting is preferred over fall. A good planting time is six to seven weeks before the last killing spring frost.
- Prepare rose beds or planting holes prior to receiving the roses. If bare-root and packaged plants appear dry when they are received, soak them in a bucket of water overnight. Do not leave them in water for more than 24 hours.
- If planting in a previously prepared bed, dig the hole so it accommodates the root system, usually about 18 inches in diameter and 12 inches deep. If the roses are planted in soil that has not been prepared in advance, dig the hole at least that large. If the soil is compacted or needs improving, the planting hole may be as large as 36 inches in diameter and 18 inches deep.
- If the subsoil in the bottom of the planting hole or rose bed is heavy clay, it may be desirable to replace a portion of this subsoil with a good grade of peat moss or compost. Thoroughly mix the peat moss or compost (equal in volume to one-third to one-half of the kept soil) with the good soil.
- Never allow the plants to dry out. They may be kept in a bucket of water

while the hole is being prepared. When the hole is ready, prepare the plant by pruning any damaged or broken roots. Excessively long roots may be shortened, but leave 8 to 10 inches of healthy root if possible.

● While planting, support the plant so the bud union is at or slightly below ground level. Do not pack the soil around the roots. Firm with your hands or let water from the hose settle the soil. It is important to water deeply at this time, but do not puddle the soil as this tends to separate the soil components.

● Because the plant was probably topped by machine, with no consideration for proper pruning, prune the canes. Make the pruning cuts at a 30 to 45 degree angle, 1/4 inch above a bud eye, leaving about 6 to 8 inches of the cane. In order to keep the center of the plant open for air circulation and light penetration, these cuts should be made to an outward facing bud eye.

● Next, cover the entire plant with loose, loamy, moist soil. This will keep the canes from drying out while a root system is being established and will help protect the plant from possible late frost damage.



Plant roses so the bud union is at ground level.



Firm the earth down and cover with mulch.



Water the rose generously after planting.

REDISCOVER ROSES

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Their culture would be about the same as the shrub rose. These roses do very well in harsh climates with a minimum of care.

SELECTING PLANTS

Roses are sold through mail-order nurseries, local garden and nursery outlets, retail departments and grocery stores. Generally, mail-order nurseries handle bare-root, dormant roses. Local nurseries usually handle potted roses. Department and grocery stores may offer packaged or potted roses or both.

Most experienced rose growers prefer the bare-root, dormant plant from a reputable nursery. Potted roses are a viable choice only when the nursery has used good culture in the potting and care of the plants. Make sure a packaged rose is purchased before it has had a chance to dry out and deteriorate on the shelf.

THE RIGHT LOCATION

Site selection is important. A good choice is an area that gets full sun and good air circulation. In areas where there is a problem with winds, protect the roses from the prevailing wind.

A good second choice is a location that gets full sun during the early morning hours. This might be on the east side of buildings or an area that is shaded by trees in the afternoon. Locate the plants so they receive a minimum of five to six hours of sunshine. Early sun will dry off the plants and help prevent diseases.

When choosing a location, avoid places where the roses have to compete with tree or shrub roots for water and nutrients. Good drainage is also a factor in site selection.



Tequila Rose

1.5 oz or, to taste Grenadine
grapefruit juice

1.5 oz Hornitos Tequila

1.0 splash or, to taste Triple sec
lime as garnish

Directions: Rim the drink with a sugar rimmer by 1st wetting the rim of the glass so that the sugar will stick, then dip the rim into the sugar. Next, mix all ingredients in a shaker with ice and strain into a 6-7 oz glass with ice in it. Garnish with a lime. be sure to lick the rim to taste the sugar with every sip; or, if you prefer to skip the sugar you can, but the sugar is half the fun!



Calendar

October 17, 2009 - 10 AM

Fall in the Rose Garden
Good Rose - Bad Rose
Photo Contest Assistance

November 10, 2009

Deadline for submission of photos

November 14, 2009

Photo Contest - Harwich Community Center. Public viewing 2-3:30P.M.

November 21, 2009 - 10 AM

Winter protection of the rose garden

December 12, 2009 11AM setup

LCRS Holiday Party - Potluck-Yankee Swap

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Photo Contest - Clem Smith, Julie Gammon

Out in the Garden in Fall - Audrey Osborn

Rediscover Roses - Ann Marie Girardi

Tequila Rose - Jeanne Tassinari

Ramblings with Oz - Oz Osborn

Thank you so much for those who have submitted articles for this newsletter. I always need articles for the newsletter to make it interesting and informative.

Please send your rose related articles to me at caperose@gmail.com Thanks so much.

Audrey Osborn, Editor, The Rose Beacon