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Rose Society Newsletter

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Welcome! to the Wilmington Cape Fear Rose Society (WCFRS) newsletter, *The Coastal Rose* with articles about growing and enjoying roses in the coastal North Carolina area.

Check out our group page offering links to rose-related sites, chats and messaging is located on the Internet at:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WCFNCRS> .

President's Message

Hi there Rose Buds!

Plans continue to come together for the Carolina District conference which will be held Friday, Jan. 20 through Sunday Jan. 22, 2006, at the Shell Island Resort. We need all the help that we can get from you, so don't be shy about volunteering. There will be something of interest to everyone and lots of opportunities to become involved, so I hope you can take advantage of having the meeting here in the Wilmington area. I promise it will be fun!

At our last meeting we decided to hold a yard sale at our house in place of the **October 15th** meeting. Please go through your attics and storage areas for items you wish to get rid of to help us raise funds for the society. Please note, however, that we do not wish to include clothing, but any other items are welcomed.

The yard sale will be in our driveway (at the Hartzell's house) from 7A.M. until noon. And while you are cleaning house, you might want to collect any nice items we can give away at the Carolina District conference in January.

Lastly, don't forget to let us know if you have any garden items or plants for sale or free. We would be thrilled to publish your information in our newsletter. This includes "Wanted" items, too.

HAPPY GARDENING!

Patti

Thanks to everyone for participating and helping to make WCFRS such a successful rose society!

**Reviewing Roses
REMINDER**

Don't forget that the American Rose Society is asking everyone to participate in reviewing roses. The more information they have, the more accurate their rating will be and we will all benefit since these ratings can help new and seasoned rose growers alike in selecting the best roses for their garden. You don't have to be a member of ARS to rate roses, nor do you have to grow the "latest and greatest". There are numerous roses on the 'Special Review' list which are old favorites and yet still need to be rated.

Please take the time to rate your roses, if you are growing any on the list. Our rose society will benefit not only from the increase in information, but the Carolina District will contribute \$70 to the local rose society which contributes the most ratings!

This year it is even easier for computer owners to rate roses. The following web link will take them to a site which will allow them to rate their roses, online:

<http://www.stsrv.com/rir/rirsplsh.htm>

Reviews must be submitted by September 25, 2005. Your reports will be automatically sent to your District coordinator if you submit the report online at the web link indicated in the beginning of this article.

If you wish to mail in your review(s), they may be mailed to:

**Richard Donovan
436 East Second Street
Ocean Isle Beach, NC 28469**

Fall is a Great Time to Order Roses
By Amy Padgett

Fall is a wonderful time to order and plant roses. As the weather cools, you can start thinking about what new roses you'd like to see blooming in the spring. By ordering--and planting--in the fall, you give your roses a chance to "dig in" and get settled over the winter in their new location. When spring arrives, they will be ready to put on a wonderful show for you.

In North Carolina, fall planting has an additional benefit in that we often start getting a great deal more rainfall. This rain and the cooler weather will help your roses put down good roots to support extra blooms when the weather warms up in March and April.

If you're considering taking this advice, there is a new category of "Earth Kind Roses" that Texas A&M University has been using to designate roses which stand up to insects, widely varying soil conditions, and minimal care. The program has been used to find roses which can be used in areas, such as between roadways, where they will have to survive with very little cossetting.

A few of the roses identified as EarthKind follow. They span a range of rose classifications and there are sure to be some which would do very well in your garden.

Belinda's Dream: Shrub rose with medium pink, very double flowers. ARS rating of 8.4

Caldwell Pink: Polyantha rose with lilac pink flowers, height up to 4'.

Else Poulsen: Floribunda, medium pink, semi-double with 10 petals. ARS rating of 8.1.

Katy Road Pink: Also called **Carefree Beauty**, Shrub rose with medium pink blooms of 15-20 petals. ARS rating of 8.7.

Knock Out: Shrub with blooms that are a red blend, single flowers. ARS rating of 8.6.

Marie Daly: Polyantha rose in medium pink with an ARS rating of 7.6.

Mutabilis: Hybrid China rose with single flowers (5 petals) that start out pale yellow and age through pink to deep rose. ARS rating of 8.9.

Perle d'Or: Polyantha rose with double flowers that are a yellow blend. ARS rating of 8.4.

Sea Foam: Shrub rose with white flowers which are double ARS rating of 8.1.

The Fairy: Polyantha rose with light pink, double blooms. It has some (slight) fragrance. ARS rating of 8.7.

The list of EarthKind roses has been expanding recently to include the following roses, as well:

Cecile Brunner: Polyantha with double, light pink flowers. ARS rating of 8.4.

Comtesse du Cayla: Hybrid China rose with semi-double blooms that are an orange and pink blend. ARS rating of 7.0.

Duchesse de Brabant: Tea rose with light pink flowers consisting of approximately 45 petals. ARS rating of 8.6.

Marchesa Boccella: Hybrid Perpetual rose with light pink blooms that are very fragrant. ARS rating of 9.1.

Marie Pavie: Polyantha rose with white flowers which are double. ARS rating of 8.9.

Mrs. Dudley Cross: Tea rose with double flowers in a yellow and pink blend. ARS rating of 8.3. In North Carolina, this rose can grow into a very large and well-formed bush, about 6' by 6'.

Reve d'Or: Noisette rose (that in my personal experience can very well take over a small building in one season). The blooms are pale yellow and double. It has an ARS rating of 9.4.

Souvenir de St. Anne's: Bourbon rose with light pink, fragrant blooms.

Spice: China rose classified as an Old Garden Rose. Spice is blush pink and is very fragrant. It grows from 3 to 5' in height.

Planting Roses

Planting roses in the fall is really not much different from planting in the spring, except you do want to ensure you use a good, thick coat of mulch.

Select a site which has both good air circulation and at least six hours of sunshine. There are a few roses, such as **Rambling Rector** which will grow into trees and can withstand some shade, but they are the exception and even they will do better with more sunshine!

Make sure you prepare your beds while you wait for your roses to be delivered. It is never too soon to prepare a bed since having good soil is a key element to healthy roses. If you can, get the Agriculture Extension Office to test some soil samples to make sure you use the proper amendments. *Good drainage is critical.* No roses like to stand in water. If you have clay or slow-draining soil, you can add organic matter and gypsum to help condition the soil.

When you get your roses, be sure to water them well. Dig a hole twice as deep and twice as wide as the container in which they are growing. Plant your roses at the same depth in the ground as they were in their container.

After you dig the hole, mix the soil you removed fifty/fifty with organic matter and soil conditioners, such as alfalfa meal or cottonseed meal and gypsum. You can also use the fine, bark-like soil conditioners to break up clay soil.

Trim back any broken or damaged stems, but leave healthy leaves if you plant before November.

Top dress with three to four inches of mulch to allow for good drainage, moisture retention, and weed control.

Once your roses are planted, don't forget to water them (unless the winter rains have already begun, in which case you can sit back and relax). Water deeply at least once a week; two to three inches of water is recommended. Try not to get the leaves wet when you water, particularly in the fall as the cooler nights can promote diseases such as black spot.

You will not need to fertilize your roses in the fall, that task can wait until spring.



Duchesse de Brabant, a Tea rose and one of the EarthKind roses that do well in the

North Carolina area. *“No spraying required!”*

Interestingly enough, **Duchesse de Brabant** was one of Teddy Roosevelt's favorite roses, and he frequently wore a bloom from this wonderful rose in his lapel.

Purchasing Roses

We are moving our list of rose vendor Internet links to our yahoo groups web site at:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WCFNCRS/links> to save us some room in our newsletter. I'll be gradually building the list and if there are any rose vendors or other rose supply vendors you wish to add, please send the information to Amy Padgett at amy@amypadgett.com. Thank you!

Note: As I add the vendors, they will be dropped from this list and added to the links section of our web site.

US Vendors

Almost Heaven Roses - www.almostheavenroses.com

Arena Rose Company - Paso Robles, CA

Armstrong Garden Centers - Glendora, CA

Bay Laurel Nursery - Atascadero, CA

Bracken Garden Center - Redding, CA

The Cabbage Rose - Clermont, FL

Carlton Roses - Carlton, OR

Countryside Roses - Hattiesburg, MS

Edmunds Roses - Wilsonville, OR

Garden Valley Roses - Petaluma, CA

Fork and Spade - formerly Grow Spot .com- Modesto. Ca

Heirloom Roses - St. Paul, OR

High Country Roses - Jensen, UT

J&P Greenhouse Roses

K&M Nursery - Buckatunna, Ms.39322

Ph - 601-648-2908

Landscape USA - Salem, OR

Liggett's Rose Nursery - San Jose, CA

Limberlost Nursery - Van Nuys, CA

Linda's Antique Roses - San Marcos, TX

Mary's Plant Farm - Hamilton, OH

Melrose Plantation - Lancaster, VA

Michael's Premier Roses - Sacramento, CA

Mission Hills Nursery - San Diego, CA

Montgomery Rose Company - Hadley, MA

Muncy's Florida Rose Emporium - Sarasota, FL

Nelson's Florida Roses - Apopka, FL

Nor'East Miniature Roses - Rowley, MA

Northland Rosarium - Spokane, WA

Old Sheep Meadows Nursery - Alfred, ME

Orion Farm - Waverly, MN

Otto & Sons Nursery - Fillmore, CA

Peaceful Habitations Rose Gardens - Boerne, TX

Petaluma Rose Company - Petaluma, CA

Ralph Moore's Sequoia Nursery - Visalia, CA

Regan Nursery - Fremont, CA

Rose Fire, Ltd. - Edon, OH

Rose Hill Garden - Ethel, LA

Rose King Gardens - West Palm Beach, FL

Roseraie at Bayfields - Waldoboro, ME

Roses of Yesterday and Today - Watsonville, CA

S&W Greenhouse - White House, TN

Sam Kedem Roses - Hastings, MN

Spring Valley Roses - Spring Valley, WI

Teas Nursery - Houston, TX

Tiny Petals Nursery - Chula Vista, CA

Vintage Gardens - Sebastopol, CA

Weeks Roses - Upland, CA

White Rabbit Roses - Elk, CA

Windswept Gardens - Bangor, ME

Rosey Events: 2005 Schedule

Wilmington Cape Fear Rose Society Meeting Schedule. All meetings run from **10AM-12 (noon)** unless otherwise noted.

July 16 th	Refreshments: Lorraine Carter
August 27 th	Refreshments: Amy Padgett
September 17 th	CANCELLED
October 15 th	Refreshments: Arlene Nazario
November 19 th	Refreshments: Amy Padgett
December 17 th	Holiday Party Potluck

Dates are subject to change due to events such as Rose Garden tours. Meetings will be in the auditorium at the Arboretum unless specified.

Officers: Please plan to meet before the regular meetings, at 9:30AM.

All checks for membership in the society should be made out to the "Wilmington Cape Fear Rose Society".

Other 2005 Rose Events - Carolina District

September 17 – Raleigh

September 24 - Cleveland-Lincoln Counties

October 8 – Charlotte & District Show

October 14 - Friday, South Carolina RS and
Greater Columbia RS

October 21-23 – Augusta & Deep South

October 29 – Charleston Low Country

District Meetings

2006 - Wilmington, North Carolina

2007 - Greater Greenville & District Rose Show

2008 - Charleston Low Country

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Thanks to Our Members

Thanks to all the members of WCFRS who have made this society so successful. Please make sure Bill or Carlos have your emails or current address so that we can get in touch with you about the upcoming 2005 meetings!

American Rose Magazine

Anyone interested in joining the American Rose Society (includes the *American Rose* magazine subscription) should mail our treasurer, Carlos Nazario, their subscription request and a check made out to "Wilmington Cape Fear Rose Society" so that Wilmington Cape Fear Rose society will receive \$5.00. If the subscription is sent directly to ARS, we will not receive the donation from American Rose Society.