

THE ROSE PETAL

A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY



CALENDAR

LOCAL EVENTS

Sept. 27, 7:00 pm Mounts Auditorium, Dr. Lance Osborne on Chilli Thrips

Oct. 25, 7 p.m. Consulting Rosarian Panel

Nov. 22, 7 p.m. Rose Petals Nursery presentation

Dec. 6, 6:00 p.m. GPBRS Holiday Party

NATIONAL EVENTS

Sept. 10-14, ARS National Conference & Miniature Rose Show, Milwaukee WI
www.creamcityroses.org

DISTRICT EVENTS

Oct. 15-17 - Gainesville FL, DSD Conference & Rose Show, host: Gainesville RS

Jan 21-23, 2022, Gainesville FL, DSD Midwinter Meeting, host: Thomasville Rose Society

A Message from our Presidents, Debbie and Geoff Coolidge



Good afternoon Rose Friends! We can meet in person finally... I cannot wait to see everyone!

Here are a few dates to save on your calendar:

September 27 @ 7 p.m. "Those Darn Chilli Thrips" with Dr. Lance Osborne

Saturday October 2, Mounts Rose Garden Cleanup. Learn how to refresh your garden after summer's heat. Bring garden gloves and pruning shears, and maybe a weeding tool.

October 15-17, Deep South District Fall conference, Gainesville, FL

November 6, 7, Mounts Fall Plant Sale. The GPBRS will have an information table, as always, and volunteers are needed. Please contact Bill Langford to sign up for a couple of hours.

Bring a friend to our September meeting and get a free raffle ticket to win a rose bush.

See you soon, Debbie

EDITOR'S NOTE

This month's newsletter will look a little different as I am traveling with family. As a result it is being created on an iPad, and there are some limitations in what I can do, (mainly because I've never done it this way before.) so my formatting may lack style, but it's a real learning experience for me. As usual, I'm reading other newsletters to find articles of interest or usefulness to our fellow rose gardeners here in Southeast Florida. The article on page 8 is a screen shot taken from the Tampa Rose Society's newsletter. I hope you enjoy it!

IN PERSON AT LAST !

Fall 2021 Meeting Schedule:

September 27 - Dr. Lance Osborne will speak about dealing with chilli thrips.

October 25 - Our four Consulting Rosarians will form a panel to answer questions and offer advice.

November 22 - Art and Cydney Wade of Rose Petals Nursery will be our speakers. They specialize in Antique, Heritage and Old Garden roses. Members can pre-order roses on their website for delivery at this meeting.
www.rosepetalsnursery.com.

December 6 - ***GPBRS Holiday Party... SAVE THE DATE***

Mounts Auditorium, 6 - 8 p.m.



Save Your Rose Petals for Potpourri

Now is a good time to save your rose petals to make potpourri. It's a nice way to extend the enjoyment of your roses or give as a birthday or holiday gift.

First collect petals from the roses as they reach maturity but before they start to fall.

Spread them out in a single layer and dry them until crisp on a screen, cookie sheet, shallow cardboard box or any flat surface. This might take several days to 2 weeks.

Gently mix the following in a large bowl 3 cups dried rose petals

1 cup dried small rose buds

1/2 cup dried rose leaves

Separately mix 6 tablespoons of crushed orris root (fixative for holding fragrance), 3 broken cinnamon sticks, 1 tablespoon whole allspice, 3 tablespoons dried lemon verbena leaves and 6 tablespoons dried rose geranium leaves. Add these spices to the petals. Scatter 12 drops of essential rose oil and 8 drops of essential jasmine oil over the top of the petals. Place the mixture in a tightly sealed container, shake it thoroughly and place in a cool, dry place out of strong light. Shake it daily for a month and it's ready to use.

Potpourri ingredients are available through catalogs, craft stores or where herbs are sold, i.e. health food stores. Orris root is considered the best fixative but there are other products that can be used if you can't find it. If you have internet, google the word potpourri and it will give you a ton of information about it.

And now for some Florida rose history:

THE RIDGELL ROSE **By Marvin A. Brooker**

Don Fernando De La Maza Arrendondo landed in the new world at St. Augustine from Spain about 1778. After several years, he moved to the Island of Cuba. There on November 12, 1816, on or before, the King of Spain gave a grant of land of inland territory of Florida, called the Fernando De La Maza Arrendondo Grant. This was known as the “Arrendondo Grant” being a tract of the Great Seminole Indian Nation; now called Micanopy, Florida. Fernando, by orders from the King was to make up smaller grants from the big grant for colonization purposes only. Fernando did carry out these orders in later years. During that time, Fernando asked the King and Queen to send him some Spanish Rose plants by way of the next Spanish ships to sail to the new world. He wanted these roses to plant on his Grant and the Island of Cuba. Some were planted at a Micanopy settlement on the northwest side of Tusawilla Prairie. About 1925, my dad (Tom Ridgell) made a weekend fishing and hunting trip to Tusawilla Prairie. On his way back he stopped at an old home to get some water for his Model T Ford radiator which was running hot. The old woman in the yard said to help himself to the well water that was in the front yard. My dad told me the woman looked to be over a hundred years old and half Indian. While getting the water he noticed some big red rose bushes around the home near the kitchen that was built out from the house and connected to the house by an open porch. He said to the old woman that he would give her a mess of fish for one of those rose bushes. The old woman swapped the rose bush for a mess of fish. She told my dad that a Spaniard planted

the roses years ago and that they came from Spain. Her husband, she said, a Spaniard and he was buried over there under an old oak tree. My dad looked at the grave which had an old wooden cross as a marker.

The two fishing partners with him were George Evans and J.R. Fowler. They also traded some ducks for a rose bush. In those days they had to travel around Payne's Prairie on the Wacahoota Road back to Gainesville. When he returned home the next night, he gave the rose bush to my mother and told her the story. My mother planted it near the driveway in the front yard. During those long years it was run over, backed over, and knocked down many times, and it never grew too much.

After joining the Service and after World War II, I returned home and noticed the rose was still there. After long years my mother always cared for it. After my mother and father passed on, I came into possession of the old home place. One day in 1972, my wife Rose said, let's move the rose bush and plant it at the office building where we can take care of it. So we moved it and fertilized it with cow manure. This bush grew into one of the most beautiful rose bushes I have ever seen, and of the biggest (12' wide and 7' tall). When it blooms it has hundreds of red roses on it.

With this story and long history of this great Spanish rose being over fifty years old, and born from one of the original plants from Spain, I am now naming it "The Ridgell Rose". Editor's Note: We now know that "The Ridgell Rose" is 'Cramoisi Superieur'. The author of this charming story, Marvin A. Brooker, passed away in 2012. A respected member of the Gainesville community and an Army veteran, he was an active member of the Gainesville Garden Club. Marvin was President of the Alachua County Abstract Company and retired after 50 years. He was also active in the Kiwanis Club, where he served as President of the Gainesville Kiwanis Club and as Lt. Governor. Special thanks to Cydney and Art Wade of Rose Petals Nursery who provided me

this article and map of how a China rose came into the Gainesville area by way of Spain, which Art and Cydney received from Marvin's wife, Inez Brooker. Also special thanks to Maureen Dawson, Editor of the Seedling, the newsletter of the Gainesville Garden Club, for allowing me to republish this article.



**Cramoisi Superieur
(From Kathy and Bob Rose's garden)**

This article was reprinted from the September 2021 issue of The Cherokee Rose, newsletter of the Central Florida Heritage Rose Society, editor Ken Buchman. Thanks to Bill Langford for bringing the article to my attention.....Kathy Rose

**IT'S TIME TO
SUBMIT YOUR REVIEWS**

Roses in Review 2021

DUE DATE

September 26, 2021 5:00 p.m. (PST)

WEBSITE

[Click Here](#)

QUESTIONS??

Email: executivedirector@rose.org

Your help is needed to evaluate new roses! Please participate in Roses in Review 2021.

Go to www.rose.org and click on the pink box in the upper right hand corner labeled Roses in Review 2021 to begin!

Please **read the directions carefully** to learn how the system works. You can download the instructions.

The online survey at www.rose.org will close on September 26, 2021 at 5:00 PM (PST). Any paper forms submitted must also be in the hands of our district coordinator by that date. We urge you to use the online system - it's easy and it saves from having to transcribe written forms. Please take the time to report on all the varieties you grow listed on the **Roses in Review** survey list.

Below you will find links to:

- [Download the instructions](#)
- [Begin reviewing roses](#)
- [Download the Roses in Review paper form](#)
- View/download the [list of 2021 roses](#)

A broad base of participation is needed to make this project worthwhile. We need your evaluations, whether you grow one of the varieties on the survey list, or dozens of them. We welcome evaluations from you whether you are new rose-grower, a "garden" rose-grower or a seasoned veteran grower, whether you grow roses for your landscape and garden, or if you also grow them to exhibit or arrange. We are happy to get reports from non-ARS members as well, so please forward a copy of this email along to all of your rose-growing friends (and encourage them to try an ARS Trial Membership as well).

Results of the survey will be included in the January/February 2022 issue of *American Rose* magazine and will determine ratings in the ARS **Handbook for Selecting Roses** as well. For these results to be meaningful, we need everyone to participate. Please take a few minutes of your time to evaluate your newer roses.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jon Corkern, ARS Executive Director at executivedirector@rose.org.



Visit Tampa Rose Society's Facebook Group and www.tamparosesociety.com!



In Your Garden By Mark Prue, Consulting Rosarian

Had enough of summer yet? Remember, summer and roses are about one thing – survival. Hang on, more temperate conditions will be here before we know it. If your bushes are without blackspot, consider yourself blessed! It has also been a strange summer in that I have helped some rosarians with a tricky problem.....some have had bushes that at first glance look like they are suffering from a lack of water....yellowing leaves that are dropping off the stems and canes! Use caution, this is most likely *not* the usual problem of too little water, it is *too much* water. With the rain my garden has been subject to over the last month, I have witnessed this first-hand. Adjust your sprinkling system accordingly!!

September is the month where you should be doing some chores you've probably avoided in your garden because of the heat and humidity.

1. Light pruning/shaping, not winter-style pruning. Clip out straggly and spindly growth. Any diseased or dying canes should be removed. Try to keep the center of the bush free from growth if possible to help promote air circulation (to prevent fungus growth) Stay on top of your deadheading chores – remove blooms that have blown on a regular basis.

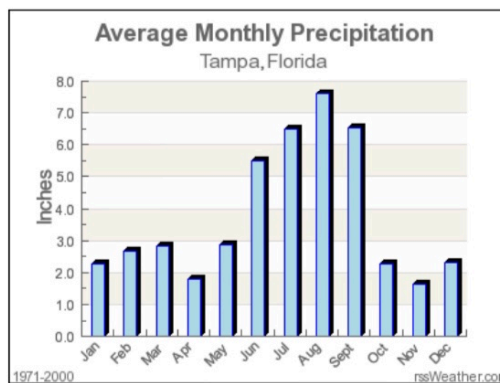
2. Refresh mulch. Whether you use pine bark or other type of mulch, it is probably not thick enough. Two to three inches is the minimum. This lowers the soil temperature and helps prevent weeds. With our regular downpours, you may find that your mulch likes to travel. Mine ends up all over the place. I have to invest in new pine bark this time every year. Once it is in place, it gives your garden a good look and a healthier soil.

3. Feed! The summer rains have also depleted a necessary nutrient that is essential to the health of your bushes. Pick up a bag of SPM, also known as Sul-Po-Mag which is short for Sulphate of Potash Magnesium. I like to add about a cup of SPM for a mature bush spread around the dripline. You should notice your leaves looking better in a couple of weeks. A good sign that your roses are craving this nutrient is a browning and yellowing of your leaves.

4. Watch how much water your roses are getting. For those of you relying on Mother Nature to supply water to your bushes, a word of caution. With our late summer hit-or-miss thunderstorms, your roses may be getting a good soaking on a Monday and then nothing for a week or more. If you haven't installed a micro-irrigation system to regularly water your bushes, put it on your to-do list for when fall finally arrives. As with most things, your roses will be their best when you regularly irrigate and are sure your garden is **getting about three inches per week.**

5. Fertilize! Roses are voracious feeders. A cup of a good rose mixture Growers 12-6-8 or the like once a month around the dripline will provide the essential nutrients. For younger bushes or minis, cut the amount back by about half. Remember to water well the day before and after to allow your bushes access to the food.

6. Spray! A newsletter cannot go by without my regular diatribe on spraying your roses. If you want show quality blooms that amaze and astound, you really do need to spray with as much regularity as you can muster. I know it can be difficult with the oppressive heat and humidity, but if you can keep the blackspot fungus to a minimum, you will have removed a major "stressor" from your rose bushes. I fill my spray tank with water and add 1 tablespoon of Dithane M-45 per gallon. To this I add ½ teaspoon per gallon of Honor Guard. I then add 1 ½ tablespoon per gallon of Thuricide to control caterpillars and other chewing insects. My second-to-last ingredient is a liquid seaweed (Beatty's Liquid Seaweed) – 1 teaspoon per gallon. Finally, add enough Indicate 5 or Scarlet to turn your mixture a light pink color. You're ready to go. Coat both the underside and the tops of your leaves. Try to spray at the coolest part of the day to avoid spray burn. This concoction will help to alleviate a great deal of issues that might be affecting your bushes. Every ten to fourteen days this spray needs to be applied. While you are deadheading, try to remove any leaves that may have blackspot and dispose of them.



Nature's Garden

Make Home Remedies for Pests & Diseases—

What can you spray on roses to keep bugs off?

Soap Spray – Mix ½ teaspoon mild dish soap and 1 teaspoon cooking oil in a 1-quart sprayer filled with water. Spray liberally over entire plant.

Bring in Ladybugs – To keep aphids in check, re-lease ladybugs on the affected plant. They will stay as long as there is shelter and host bugs to feed on.

Blast with Water – Aphids may also be dislodged by a strong jet of water.

Orange Oil Cleaner – Dilute 1 teaspoon per gallon of water. Use as needed by spraying on leaves. Good coverage is important: Wet leaf surfaces to the point of drip.

Why Are Roses So Scarce? Reprinted from The Shreveport Rose, newsletter of the Shreveport-Bossier Rose Society in Shreveport, LA. Editor - Connie Reeve

We've all noticed that nurseries are quickly selling out of roses and all plants for that matter. This started when Covid began to become widespread last year and has not slowed down. A recent study found that from March of last year to March of this year the United States added some 20 million new gardeners. That's right, 20 million! That's a lot of plants

Roses sold as fast as everything else. Because it can take a year or two to build up a crop, nurseries were totally caught off guard. There is more inventory out there but order quickly. Fall shopping is going on now so jump on it for fall planting



“We are all dreaming of some magical rose garden over the horizon instead of enjoying the roses blooming outside our windows today.”

– Dale Carnegie

2021 Deep South District Rose Show & Convention

WHEN: October 15-17, 2021 WHERE: Best Western-Gateway

Gainesville, Florida Registration: \$45 per person

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

DSD-GRS Schedule of Events 2021

REGISTRATION:

Registration 2021 DSD-GRS Convention & Rose Show

Friday: Arrangement Workshop. 1- 3 pm: \$15 Saturday: Workshops, Rose Show, Raffle, Dinner Sunday: Drive yourself tours – Kanapaha Botanical Garden, the Butterfly Rainforest @ UF and @ Ralph and Jean Stream's home and garden – Micanopy, 10 am – 3pm

Why attend? Many interesting workshops to choose from! Socialize with other rose growers! You have the opportunity to pick up special roses that are pre- ordered from K and M Roses and other vendors.

More Information @ <https://deepsouthdistrict.org/>



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