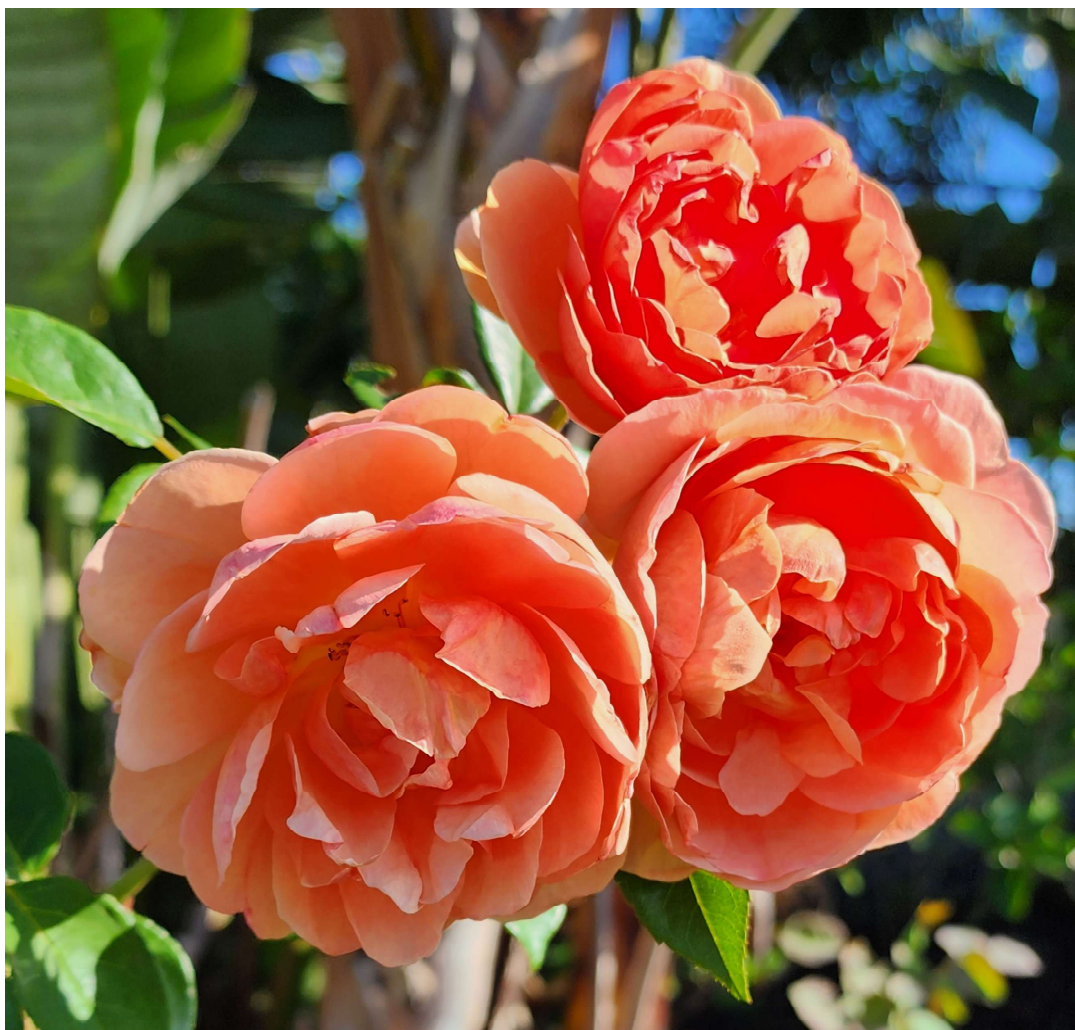




Greater Palm Beach Rose Society

October 2024 Newsletter

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Special Zoom Program Opportunity - Sign up now

THIS Sunday! Choose the RIGHT ROSE...EVERY TIME!

If shovel pruning has become standard practice, and you're tired of investing time and energy into roses that NEVER perform, then

mark your calendar for **Sunday October 20 at 2:00 pm, when PRS will welcome back via Zoom our good friend, former American Rose Society President and the Chairperson of the The American Garden Rose Selections™ Executive Board, Pat Shanley.**

As we all know, growing roses in the hot and humid MidAtlantic region has many challenges, and plant selection is THE critical factor in determining whether or not your rose garden dreams will come true. The AGRS™ designation takes the guesswork out of selecting roses, using a rigorous trial process which evaluates the performance of rose varieties in gardens all over the United States.

During her presentation, Pat will explain the AGRS™ Program, how and where roses are selected and trialed, and how that translates into fulfillment of your rose garden dreams. Pat will also introduce us to recent winners of the AGRS™ Award, AND she has agreed to give us another peek into her personal rose paradise, where she grows approximately 250 roses in her no-spray, sustainable garden in Glen Cove, NY.

Attendance for this program is limited to 100, so be sure to REGISTER TODAY!

Zoom links will be distributed to registrants closer to the date.

<https://potomacrose.org/event-5886623>

Just Forget Everything We Learned

by Denise Abruzzese, Consulting Rosarian

Well, I just don't really even know what to say except during the presentation, I knew most of our members were "twitching". Dr. Kimberly Anne Moore's presentation to us was eye opening to say the least. Dr. Moore is an Environmental Horticulturist, Associate Center Director and Professor, UF/IF at Fort Lauderdale Research and Education Center. She is heading the South Florida New Rose Sustainability Trials. So basically the center trials anonymously new and/or unreleased roses, some of which are from Star roses. Let's take you through the basics.

Star Roses sends new roses in batches of 5 of each. The roses, sent in January or February, are bare root and are marked by a number. They are planted directly into Florida sandy soil. There are no amendments added. There is no fertilizer. There is no spraying or any type of pest or disease control. The roses are hand watered for the first

month or two until the rose roots are established. That's it! No other water. They go through an entire drought season without water. They have been flooded for days with rain. Pruning is allowed once a year. There is no deadheading nor is there cutting off of any dieback canes. Some roses die, some stay small and few thrive. Those roses that thrive are the ones that we want in our gardens.

Data, such as rating on blooms, diseases, pests, growth, etc. is collected and sent to Star Roses along with the weather reports from the facility. The roses are rotated out for new roses every two years.

Now I understand why a Star Rose, like Kordes' Raspberry Cupcake thrives here. Mine is literally planted 1 foot from a Palm tree competing with roots and blooms nonstop. It never got chili thrips this year and zero blackspot and I am a no spray garden.

What is the lesson learned here??? Dr. Moore reminded us to go back to the core basics. Let's make our life easier and buy roses that are grown and tested rigorously in south Florida. If we can spend less time fertilizing and spraying, there's more time to smell the roses!

We are planning a field trip to see Dr. Moore's rose gardens and the other facilities at the research center. We will keep you informed as to the date!



The Greater Palm Beach Rose Society



Treasure Coast Agri-Science & Fall Fest

Pathways to a Green Future

presented by UF/IFAS Extension St. Lucie County and UF/IFAS Indian River Research & Education Center

Saturday, October 19, 2024 | 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Two Locations

UF/IFAS Extension St. Lucie County
8400 Picos Road, Fort Pierce, FL 34945

UF/IFAS Indian River Research & Education Center
2199 S. Rock Road, Fort Pierce, FL 34945

Shuttle Service Available Between Locations
Participants are welcome to start at either location and use the shuttle service to travel between the two sites throughout the event, if preferred.

Activities at UF/IFAS Extension St. Lucie County

- Florida Master Gardener St. Lucie County Plant Sale
- Educational Workshops
- Petting Zoo
- Raffles
- Crafts

Activities at IRREC Open House

- Plant & Herb Vendors
- Scavenger Hunt
- Kids Garden Activities
- Manure for Sale
- Food Trucks



Accessibility Assistance Day for Plant Sale
Friday, October 18, 2024 | 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

UF/IFAS Extension St. Lucie County

This day is dedicated to providing assistance for participants using scooters, wheelchairs, walkers, or needing extra help during the Florida Master Gardener Volunteer Plant Sale.

The University of Florida is committed to providing universal access to all of our events. For disability accommodations such as sign language interpreters, hearing devices, and alternate formats of written material, please contact Danielle Shalgiewicz, DShalgiewicz@ufl.edu, Call 772-330-1053, Office 772-463-3445 at least 2 weeks in advance. Advance notice is necessary to arrange for some accessibility needs.



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Fun day in St. Lucie County! The festival showcases three attractions: the UF/IFAS Extension, St. Lucie County, 8400 Picos Road; the UF/IFAS Indian River Research and Education Center, 2199 South Rock Road; and the UF/IFAS Aquaculture Demonstration Facility, at 5800 Picos Road, each within a mile loop on Rock and Picos roads. Attendees may park and ride in an American with Disabilities Act-certified shuttle between the three locations, which will operate for the duration of the event, and a half hour after the event closes. Attendees will park their personal vehicles and ride to separate locations. Program through their link.

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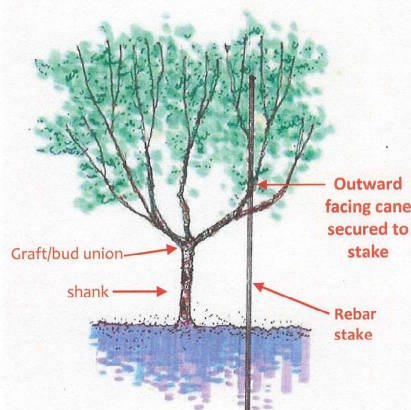
Staking Fortuniana Grafted Roses

Marty Pawlikowski, CFRS Master Rosarian

Fortuniana is considered the best rootstock choice for Florida. It performs extremely well in our sandy soils, is nematode resistant, and more resistant to gall, stem dieback, and to root diseases. In addition, it is more drought-tolerant than any other common rootstocks, and is able to extract fertilizer nutrients from a wide variety of soils. Fortuniana is comprised of many fine feeder roots that are generally in the top 14 inches of the soil extending out many feet from the bush in all directions. This allows for greater adsorption of water and soluble minerals. Until established, these fine feeder roots do not provide adequate stability for the top-heavy upper portion of the plant. As the bush matures over a few years time, these feeder roots will become a large enough mass throughout the bed to provide needed support.

Young Fortuniana grafted roses should be securely staked. If left un-staked, bushes can blow over in a storm, become uprooted and also possibly break off at the graft. On young bushes the section of Fortuniana between the graft (aka bud union) and the ground is flexible. The graft may not be completely healed/fused. Therefore, when a new bush is planted in the garden it is important to provide support for the top portion of the bush and also prevent the graft from breaking. In addition to keeping the root ball firmly in the ground, staking will also keep the plant and the graft in an upward position, encouraging new canes to grow uniformly from all areas of the graft. As the plant matures, the stake provides additional support while the roots develop to provide a firm foundation in the soil. Given to these purposes, little instruction can be found on how to best stake a rose bush, and typical of rose growing, there are multiple opinions on the technique of staking. Over many years, while visiting numerous rose gardens, I have observed various methods of staking Fortuniana grafted roses. Whatever method is used, the desired result is to keep the bush standing upright while providing support for the top of the bush above the graft, and lessening any tension on the graft so the bud union can grow smoothly to allow new canes to emerge. One staking method which seems very popular is to tie the shank of the rose bush (main "trunk" below the graft) to a stake placed inches away from the shank. This method DOES NOT provide adequate support for the top of the bush or the bud union.

When staking a bush, I look for one of the sturdier canes, (even on a young bush), that is growing in an outward direction away from the bud union. It is important to note that this is a sacrificial cane, as over time it usually will deteriorate. We are not concerned that the cane used for staking will produce blooms, but rather it is used to only support the bush. Very young bushes can be temporarily staked with a piece of sturdy bamboo or a standard garden stake. As the bush matures, we recommend a much more substantial stake utilizing a section of 1/2 to 3/8 inch diameter rebar that is 3 1/2 to 4 feet long. Once the "staking" cane has been identified, the rebar is placed where it is to be tied to the "staking" cane insuring the plant is standing straight and not leaning. The rebar is then hammered into the ground a minimum of one foot. A section of PVC pipe or old garden hose is then slipped over the above ground portion of rebar. This covering keeps the cane from rubbing against the rebar and serves as insulation from the heat absorbed by the rebar from the sun. Using stretchy vinyl "plant tie tape", pull off a length sufficient to double the tape (fold in half) and wrap snugly around the cane and the stake two times and tie in a knot. It is not recommended to use wire (or similar) to tie the cane to the stake, but rather something that will stretch and not cut into the cane as it grows. Only one stake per plant will be required. The staking to the sacrificial cane remains until the cane breaks or no longer can support the plant.



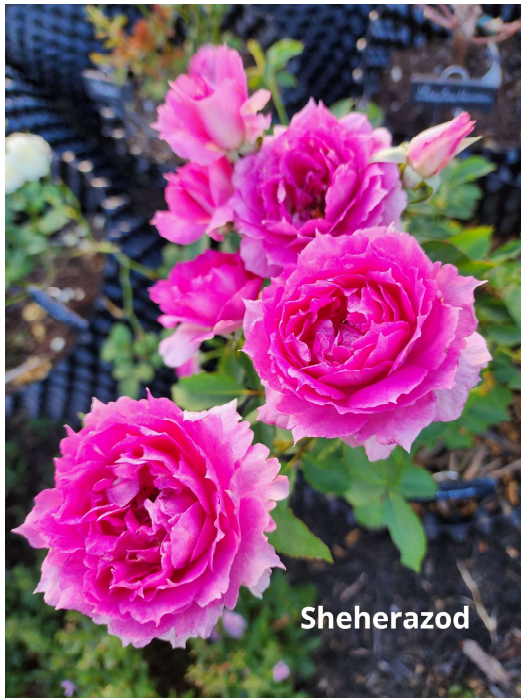
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WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Greater Palm Beach Rose Society is assisting Tropical Rose Society in planning the Deep South District Conference, February 28 - March 1, 2025 in Gainesville, FL. We have spectacular speakers planned and it's always a fun event! We need assistance with the raffle prizes! We would appreciate anyone who would like to make a basket or solicit gift certificates or donate anything that would be appropriate! Please contact any of our board members!!!



ROSE SHOW!!!! SAVE THE DATE! FEBRUARY 9, 2025 we will be hosting a Rose Show at Mounts Botanical Gardens Plantapaloosa. Enter your roses!!! Beginners are always welcome! We will be giving tips and tricks at each meeting from now until the Rose Show. Just bring a rose and one of our Rosarian Judges will evaluate it for you!



TICKETS ON SALE NOW! Our Partner Ballet Palm Beach

Ballet Palm Beach season performances have become available! To get more information on the performances or to purchase tickets: [Ballet Palm Beach](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS!!!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS!

October 11-13, 2024: DEEP SOUTH DISTRICT FALL CONFERENCE & ROSE SHOW - Gainesville, FL. Hosted by the Gainesville and Marion County Rose Societies.

October 28, 2024, 7:00 pm, Mounts: Back by popular demand...Rose Propagation with ARS Consulting Rosarian, Denise Abruzzese. Learn to propagate roses using several different methods and go home with your propagations! **Bring a rose for the Rose Show evaluation!!!**

November 25, 2024, 7:00 pm, Mounts: Q & A and Pruning Roses Class and a Report from the American Rose Society's National Convention in Rhode

Island” with our very own Master Consulting Rosarian, Mike Becker. Mike will fill us in on everything he learned! **Bring a rose for the Rose Show evaluation!!!**

December 5, 2024: Holiday Party at Mounts Botanical Gardens

January 27, 2024, 7:00 pm, Mounts: Preparing your roses to enter into a rose show. Bill Langford, Consulting Rosarian and Mike Becker, Master Rosarian, will give a hands on lecture on pruning your rose and preparing it for entry into a rose show. They will give you insight into what the judges are looking for!

February 9, 2025: Rose Show at Mounts Botanical Gardens. Please bring your roses for the competition and potentially win! There will be a classification for first time competitors as well!

February 28 - March 2, 2025: Deep South District Meeting - Gainesville, FL. Hosted by Tropical Rose Society and assisted by Greater Palm Beach Rose Society.

I can't wait to see you all!!!

Denise Abruzzese, Consulting Rosarian, Editor, Treasurer

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