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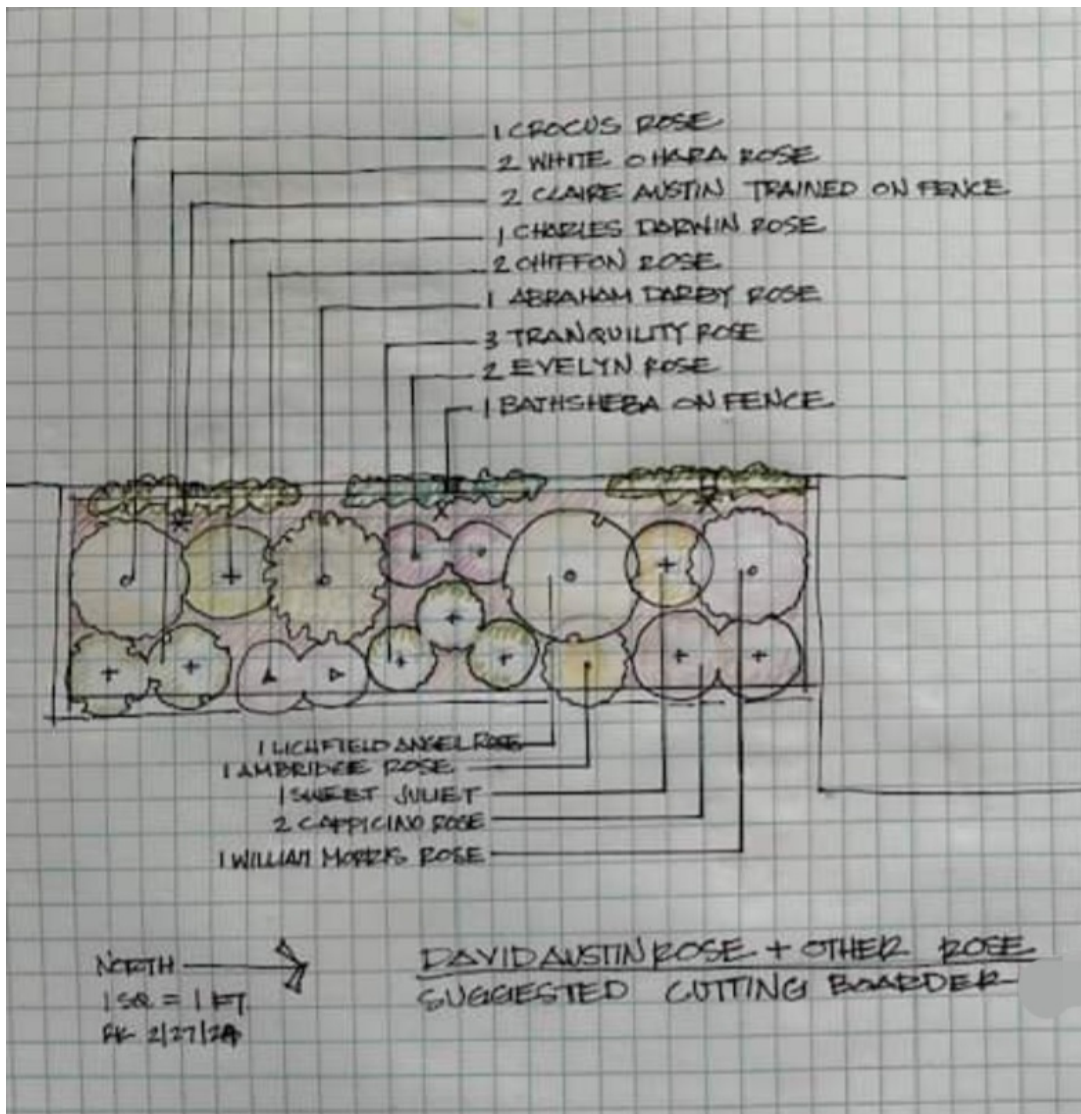
It's that time of year where the heavy rains wash out our soil's nutrients. The leaves may look washed out and pale yellow. Now is a good time to give a little, epsom salt, corn meal and composted manure!

WOULD YOU LIKE A FREE ROSE GARDEN DESIGN???

Well, David Austin will do a rose layout for you for roses you bought from them, are buying from them or have existing in your garden even the non David Austin roses. Here is one they did for one of my Facebook friends (who gives us permission to reprint it but wants to remain anonymous). There is a link on their main page:

<https://www.davidaustinroses.com/pages/rose-garden-design-se...>

You have to send them a picture of the area, the dimensions and the list of roses. Easy peasy! You have to design your own companion plants but it helps put things in perspective for Give it a try!



Yep! You have Sawfly!



If this is what your leaves look like, you have Rose Sawfly! It's that time of year. You probably won't see the actual little green worms unless you go out at night with a flash light. What to do? Let's get rid of them! Spray with BT or Captain Jacks Dead Bug Spray. Make sure to get the underside of the leaves. It's too hot for neem oil but that generally works as well. I usually remove the bad leaves. It may take a few days, but they will die.

OUR YEAR IN REVIEW

Editor's Note

We had a lot of fun educational and social events this year. So let's do a little review of some of the events we had and give us your input on what you liked and what you would like to see changed!

September 2023: We started out in September with a seminar on organic gardening presented by Pam Greenewald from Angel Gardens, where we learned that we can have beautiful healthy roses and keep the bees happy. We learned that we CAN grow certain own root roses in the ground with very heavy amendments and organic gardening. And we learned about beneficial insects and organic matter for the healthy living soil. What an eye opener!

October 2023: Companion Planting for Roses and Landscape Design was the interesting topic for this month's meeting presented by Master Gardener, Landscape Designer, Author and Board

Member Victor Lazzari. We learned so much about color, form, design and what colors compliment, etc. All my gardens need to be redone!

November 2023: We learned how to hybridize roses and the facts and steps to get rose hips to grow into roses. I don't think any of us had success with the rose hips provided, but I took what I learned and did a re-do with rose hips from my gardens. I currently have a few seedlings "hatched" in my ziplock bag! Next step is to carefully plant these babies in a humidity dome without killing them. If they live, it will be very exciting to see a brand new rose that no one else has!

December 2023: We had our annual holiday feast at Mount's Botanical Gardens. We decorated the room, turned out the lights and ate by candlelight to holiday music. I cooked the ham and everyone brought a side dish or dessert. It really was a magical night and we decided to do the exact same thing for December 2024!

January 2024: We started the new year with a BANG!!! Our outing at White Trails Flower Farm was a lot of fun. We toured the beautiful grounds and rose gardens, we bought roses, we tasted the most delicious Rose Proseco punch and saw adorable farm animals. It was overall such a nice day hanging out with everyone despite the drizzling rain.

January's class was pruning lesson by the Master and Consulting Rosarians! We brought in roses and we asked everyone else to bring a rose if they wanted. We trained on pruning and answered many questions on the appropriate place to prune and what we do for fertilizing right after the pruning. The feedback on this class was phenomenal and everyone learned a lot! It's always best to do a "hand on" class rather than a boring lecture! We try to do this at every class if possible.

Also in January, some of us went to the Deep south District Convention. What a great event! I bought roses, bought a painted rose apron and hat, attended rose related seminars and won several raffle prizes! The food was good and being in the company of gifted life long rosarians was the icing on the cake! It was a great weekend and I am looking forward to next year's event which will be hosted by The Tropical Rose Society. I am on the committee and our rose society will be assisting Adrian at Tropic. Anyone who would like to help, please feel free to reach out to me!

February 2024: And giving back to the community is important. As a GPBRS Consulting Rosarian, I did a seminar for the volunteers at Mounts Botanical Gardens on Basic Rose Care. The volunteers asked really good questions and were appreciative of our help!

March 2024: What an honor to have a very special speaker during March. Dr. Malcolm Manners, Professor at Florida Southern University spoke on the roses of MS Viraraghavan for Florida rose growers. These roses were bred for hot humid climates. Dr. Manners was named 2013 Great Rosarian of the World and has served on ARS committee on rose classification, OGRs and Shrubs Committee. He is an active member of the Central Florida Heritage Rose Society and a Trustee of the Heritage Rose Foundation. When he's not teaching science classes, he can be found in the University's greenhouse working on these roses.

April 2024: We had quite a few events during April!

We had our most successful fundraiser for our Rambling Rose Tour. Three beautiful houses (all with different style gardens) were on the tour. We had approximately 65 people tour the gardens of the gracious hosts and guests were able to buy roses on fortune-telling from Debbie and Geoff Coolidge! We hope we can make this an annual event! We shall see!!!

Our regular April meeting was really a lot of fun. We had a professional flower designer come in with flowers for all of us to practice arranging on. We learned the “star” method and truthfully, I can no longer say I suck at making arrangements. I’m not good but at least I don’t suck! And we got to keep our arrangements.

April 27th, Mounts had their plant sale and our own Victor Lazzari gave a wonderful seminar on Roses in Central Florida. He spoke to a packed house. Victor’s seminars are ALWAYS very entertaining.

April 28th, Consulting Rosarian Bill Langford did a rose care seminar at the Jupiter Branch Public Library! Bill is such a wealth of information. He always knows the answer and I have learned so much from him.

May 2024: Ask the Experts! This was a “no holds barred” asked the master and consulting rosarians any rose questions you could muster up! There were so many questions that we ran into overtime! It is our pleasure to assist. Thank you to our Rosarians for taking the time to do this much needed session!

So that’s it in a nutshell. An exciting past..... but look what’s up next? Well so far:

June 23, 2024 at Noon: will be our annual barbecue/pool party for members and families at my home. And yes, of course, the roses are still all blooming! Please bring a side dish or dessert (or something to drink) and RSVP to me directly at foxviewroses@gmail.com or 631-988-5244. The address is 4680 Foxview Place, Lake Worth FL 33467. I hope to see every one of you there!!!

June 27, 2024, 6:30 pm: The GPBRS sponsorship of Ballet Palm Beach kicks off with a Summer Soiree. Join us at their headquarters for Lite Bites followed by a performance by Ballet Palm Beach! To purchase tickets: [Ballet Palm Beach](#)

July 2, 2024, 2pm: Growing Roses in South Florida. Public Rose Seminar by Consulting Rosarian, Denise Abruzzese at the West

Boynton Beach Public Library. RSVP not required. Just show up and bring a friend.

July 13, 2024: Rose Grower's Forum: to be held at the Goodwood Museum and Gardens in Tallahassee.

An exciting lineup of speakers is planned, so please spread the word, mark your calendar for lucky July 13, and watch for more information! Check the Deep South District's webpage for more info: <https://deepsouthdistrict.org/>

September 9 - 13, 2024: Sailing on a Sea of Roses, American Rose Society 2024 National Convention, Crowne Plaza Hotel in Warwick, Rhode Island

September 23, 2024, 7:00 pm, Mounts: Rejoin your friends at our monthly meeting at Mounts Botanical Garden. This speaker will educate and entertain you. "New Rose Sustainability Trials in South Florida" with Dr. Kimberly Anne Moore, Environmental Horticulturist, Associate Center Director and Professor, UF/IF AS, Ft. Lauderdale Research and Education Center.

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

November 25, 2024, 7:00 pm, Mounts: Report from the American Rose Society's National Convention in Rhode Island" with our very own Master Consulting Rosarian, Mike Becker. Mike will attend the convention and fill us in on everything he learned!

December 5, 2024: Holiday Party at Mount's Botanical Gardens

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

Denise Abruzzese, Consulting Rosarian, Editor, Treasurer

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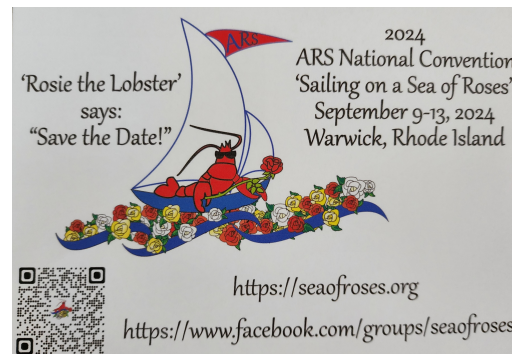
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