

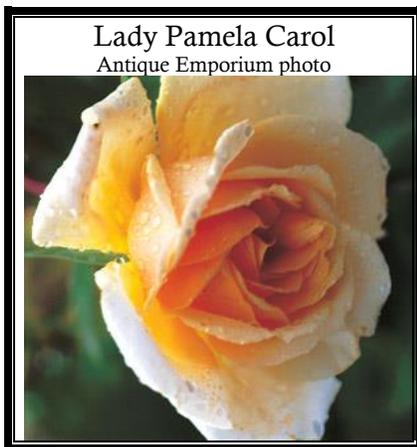


A local, nonprofit organization affiliated with the American Rose Society (ARS) and dedicated to the study, enjoyment, enhancement, cultivation and promotion of the Rose.

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2009 and 2010 ARS Bulletin Contest Gold Medal Winner



President Message

Sandra Hagnes

It's cold outside as I write this message. The question is: Will we have kinder memories of these cold days and frigid nights next summer when the heat is high and the ground has bigger cracks.

The rose above, Lady Pamela Carol, is a rose to consider as you dream about your old or new rose beds. It was bred by Mike Shoup and is yellow, moderately fragrant, a medium, bushy shrub with semi-glossy leaves, and almost thornless. It has very attractive orange hips and blooms throughout the growing season. It is one of my favorite roses. The Pamela part of this rose's name is in honor of our own Pamela Graves.

At our last RRRS meeting, we discussed the spring Rose Sale, our principal fund raiser. We have had a dedicated group of members who have driven down to Tyler every year to bring back roses for our spring rose sale. Many of these hard workers are not able to continue this task and we now need other members to step up and help.

The money earned is what we pay our wonderful speakers for their dinner and gas money. We have a group of great rosarians who have volunteered to put together a list of roses to order: Terry Irvin, Lacy Price, Karen Page, Phyllis Lawrence, and Kathy Rogers. We will need a group of wonderful rosarians to help bring the roses back up from Chamblaz's. Please let Terry or myself know if you can help bring the roses up to Sherman for the Rose Sale.





On February 18th at the newly renovated Denison Library

The RRRS will meet at 6:30 p.m.

Billy Walters will speak on

Birds for your Backyard

Please join us at 4:45 p.m. for dinner

at the North Grill Rig

In Denison off of 75.



James Alexander Gamble Fragrance Award

In 1961, the American Rose Society (ARS) created the prestigious James Alexander Gamble Fragrance Award to recognize outstanding new and "classic" very fragrant roses. The ARS Prizes and Awards Committee selects the winners and this award is not always given annually. A rose chosen to receive this medal is considered the most fragrant in both municipal and private gardens throughout the United States and Canada over a five year period. To receive this honor, a rose must be registered with the ARS and have a rating of 7.5 or greater. A rose researcher, Mr. Gamble tested more than 3,000 hybrid tea roses for fragrance. He gave \$25,000 to the ARS to support both rose research and to recognize very fragrant new rose introductions. It is in recognition of his work that the Gamble Fragrance Award was initiated.

The Gamble Fragrance Award has only been awarded 20 times in the past 52 years. This year's winner of the James Alexander Gamble Fragrance Award is Tom Carruth, Curator of the Rose Gardens at Huntington Library, for "Wild Blue Yonder", a rose he hybridized while at Weeks Roses in 2006. The rose

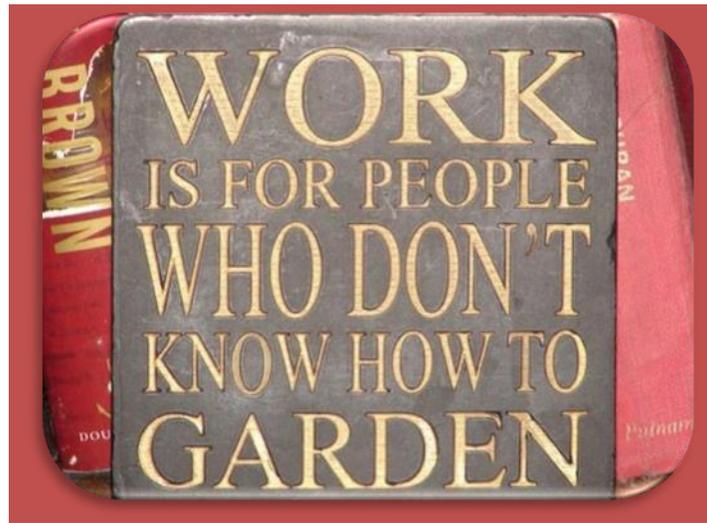
is a dark lavender grandiflora which is at its most beautiful stage when it is fully open, and also seems to release its very potent fragrance at the same time. When Edmunds' Roses first introduced this rose to the public, we had some plants forced into bloom for the 1996 Oregon Association of Nurserymen's show. In response to what the public told us, some people wanted to rename it "Omygod". Almost every person who plunged their nose into the blooming flowers at the show stood back up and uttered "Omygod". It was almost humorous that so many people would respond to its fragrance in the same way. But Weeks roses preferred that we keep the name "wild Blue Yonder" and we did.



Wild Blue Yonder

Grandiflora.

The petals are mauve or purple blend with red edges. It has a strong, citrus, rose, spice fragrance. Medium to large, double flowers (17-25 petals), bloom in large clusters in flushes throughout the season. It has a medium 4' to 5' upright bushy form with semi-glossy, dark green foliage. It's heat tolerant, and dead-heading spent bloom encourages reblooming. In the spring, remove old canes and dead, diseased or crossed canes.



Moon Flower – a Buck Rose

Early February is the time to double check your garden tools.

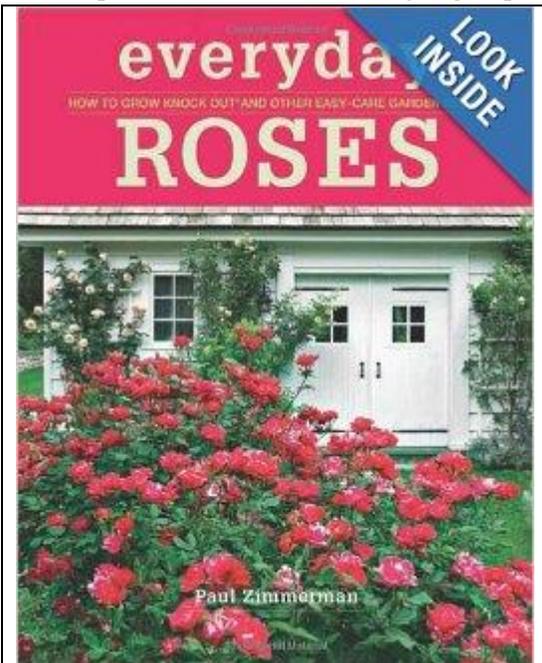
If your pruners need some attention bring them to the February Meeting.

For sharpening pruners Joe Abernathy is the Best.
Just a \$5 donation to the RRRS and
Your pruners will look and prune like they are new.

A Book Review:

everyday ROSES How to grow Knock Out and other Easy-care Roses
by
Paul Zimmerman

Everyday ROSES is a book for people who love roses and grow them for their beauty and want the healthiest roses, easiest to care method, and to enjoy the whole process. Zimmerman believes that healthy roses stay healthy. He helps the gardener have success and the process itself is a satisfying experience.



He has many great tips on every page. Then tells you the easy method to achieve the tip and why you should do it. He also does some myth busters. The pictures are lovely with good ideas. The order of the book is easy to use and easy to understand. This book is written to offer information about growing roses as garden plants rather than high maintenance, have to be sprayed with chemicals, divas. It is written in an easy to read, informative and humorous manner that will keep you interested and reading to the very last page. Easy to understand information is given (as well as demonstrated) about planting, pruning, feeding, and training all the different types of roses. Emphasis is placed on growing roses using natural products instead of chemicals. If you think that roses are hard to grow, you need this book.

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Consulting Rosarians are rose growers who have met the qualifications set by the ARS and are there to help you with your rose growing questions. Call on them when you have a need!

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Subscriptions are available through membership in the Society. Membership is available to any person interested in growing roses. The newsletter is published 4 times a year and is emailed to all members. Monthly meetings are held in the Denison Public Library, 300 W Gandy, Denison, TX 75020 (903-465-1797) at 6:30pm.

Dues are \$20.00 per household per calendar year and checks should be made out to the Red River Rose Society.