



*Roses on the Red*  
Red River Rose Society

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## President's Corner

Sandra Hagnæs

What a lovely summer. The cooler days and the rain have produced flowers, flowers, and more flowers, especially the roses. Wouldn't it be wonderful if all the summers in years to come are just as nice as this summer has been?

I am not thinking of the last two weeks in August. When you live in the south, heat is a part of life. And two weeks of hot humid days, I can accept.

Our speaker in September is Carol Mainwaring. Are your gardening practices based on scientifically validated information or common horticulture myths, misconceptions and anecdotes? Test your home gardening knowledge during this presentation by actively participating as a member of a team. Bring an open mind and a

Fire Opal Kolorscape – Kordes  
Photo by Chamblee's Nursery



spirit of fun as we bust some myths! Her talk will be informative, enlightening, plus entertaining. You will certainly not want to miss this meeting.

September in the Rose Garden  
Consulting Rosarian Report  
Sandra Haynes

We often think of September as a transitional month from summer to fall. But as long as the hot, hot heat continues, think of this weather as an extension of summer with fall just around the corner. When the temperatures begin to drop and it feels cooler (finally), it is time to do some light pruning (not the heavy pruning of spring). Hopefully, this will happen during the second week of September so your bushes will be loaded with large blooms (cool weather brings larger blooms) from the middle of October until the first frost.

Dead head all spent blooms down to the second bud eye and prune diseased, dead, damaged, directionally-challenged and the dinky small canes. (The five D's) In other words, clean up your rose bushes. After the light pruning, reapply your compost and mulch around each plant. A week later apply some of the excellent liquid-soluble fertilizer RRRS sold last spring. (We have a couple of bags left...) Then get your mint julep and enjoy your beautiful roses when they burst out in color once more.

Caldwell Pink roses in the fall



Photo by Gerald Frimann



*La France*

Thought to be the first Hybrid Tea. Bred in 1867 by Guillot & Fils of Lyon  
Lovely fragrance, but it hates the rain and is prone to black spot.

**CHECK YOUR PRUNERS AND IF DULL,  
GET THEM TO JOE ABERNATHY'S  
PRUNER SHARPENING SERVICE. ONLY  
\$5.00**



RRRS September 16th Meeting

Denison Library at 6:30 p.m.

**Carole Mainwaring**

**The Informed Gardener-**

***Are You Really?***



Join us for dinner at

The North Rig Grill at 4:45p.m.

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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 made out to the River Red Rose Society.