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President's Message

Here comes October and time seems to be just flying by. The cooler weather is just around the corner and bringing the October flush of blooming roses. I plan to sit outside with a mint julep and admire my roses for a full day. This has been another bad year for Rose Rosette Virus for Jerry and me.

At our last meeting Carol Mainwaring helped us see how much we base our gardening practices on myths, or maybe old wives tales. I know I learned new information and found out what misinformation I had.

If you want to improve your photographic skills in your rose garden, you are in luck. Jay Good, who has won several awards with his photos, will be our presenter at our October meeting. If you want to improve your photographic abilities and learn some of the secrets of taking good pictures with the smart phones and small cameras, be at the October 21st meeting at the Denison Library.

The above rose is Sentimental, one of the most fragrant roses.





On Tuesday, October 21st, at the
Denison Library

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

Jay Goode will speak about
Photography In the Garden

Please join us at 5 p.m. for dinner
At the Tuscan Slice on Rt.82 and 75.



RRRS needs some people to volunteer to serve on the RRRS Board. Have you considered serving as treasurer or secretary or president? We have had some outstanding officers since the beginning of the RRRS, and I know that they all would help and advise you. So please consider taking a turn. We have such great members that anyone could be in one of these positions. When we all take turns with the chores, every-one will benefit.



Farmers Branch Celebration of Roses

Saturday, October 18
10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Farmers Branch City Hall
Free Admission

Farmers Branch will celebrate roses in the gardens with an exceptional slate of speakers in the council chambers:

- Mike Shoup of The Antique Rose Emporium will spotlight “The Pioneer Roses”.
- Scott Ogden, garden designer, international lecturer, and author, will speak on “The Moonlit Garden”.
- Cody Hoya, General Manager of Northaven Gardens, will share his ideas and inspirations on “Container Gardening”.

In the gardens, many new additions have been planted, including the David Austin Rose Trail. Shuttles will provide easy access to the roses, as well as to the Bluegrass music at the Historical Park.

For hands-on experience, there will be an opportunity to participate in a session to create Shadow Box Arrangements. The Farmers Branch Rose Show will be held in City Hall.



*The Antique Rose Emporium
26th Annual Fall Festival*

*Friday, October 31
Saturday, November 1
Sunday, November 2*

*The Antique Emporium
Independence Display Gardens*

*10000 FM 50
Brenham, TX
1-800-441-0002*



Ann's Beautiful Daughter



**Field Roebuck
Pioneer Roses**



Forever Irene

Growing Healthy Roses [In October]

By Ed Bradley

Full article found in the American Rose Magazine, September/October 2014 issue

After a hostile and brutal summer, it is always a pleasure to welcome October and the fall season. We can anticipate some of the best roses of the year. Cooler temperatures mean bigger blooms, more vivid colors and an extended blooming season.

Feeding: Do not feed the roses beyond mid-October. Although well-fed and healthy rosebushes will continue to bloom through November and into December, rosebushes should be ready to go dormant as cold weather arrives. Succulent, new growth can be freeze-damaged or killed and could cause damage to the mature growth.

Water: For ideal growth in roses, we need to keep the moisture consistent – especially to produce those large, beautiful blooms. Water wisely but consistently. All nutrients must be in a liquid form to be taken up and used by the plant.

Pest Control: With cooler temperatures now, along with increased moisture, blackspot and mildew will make a comeback. Alternate the spraying with effective fungicides. Spider mites and thrips will also continue to be a threat.

Editor - If you are using gardening organically, adding more compost and mulch around your roses at the end of October or even November is a good idea. If you are not spraying a chemical pest control, you should still have some helpful insects to prey on red spider mites and thrips.



Frontier Twirl

Wild Ginger

Distant Drums - Buck Roses

What is a Cottage garden?

A cottage garden can be any kind of garden you want. Some are fairly formal with plants arranged in groups that complement each other. While another type of cottage garden is full of sweet-scented herbs and scented flowers, roses and fragrant foliage. It may look unsophisticated with its vegetables and fruit growing next to Shasta daisies, and climbing roses mixed with clematis and lilies, irises, and daylilies all scattered around. You may choose to plant a wide variety in your cottage garden, so whatever season, flowers are blooming and all seems right with the world.



**Your Fall tasks in the Garden
Will be easier and faster
If you first send your
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To
Joe Abernathy's
Tool Sharpener Service
For just a \$5.00 donation to the
RRRS**

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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 8 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, should be sent to Harriet Steward, 801 Holland Dr., Denison, TX 75020.