



The Petal

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June 2009



WRS Summer Garden Tours

Tuesday, June 9th

The home of Cindi McMurray

Members are invited to come for a FUN meeting. Hamburgers and drinks will be provided. We ask you to bring a dish to share according to the following schedule:

A – J Bring a Dessert of your choice (enough for 10 people)

K – Z Bring a Salad or Side Dish (enough for 10 people)

Bring Lawn chairs for you and your family. Please let Cindi know by Monday, June 8th if you will attend and how many will be with you (headcount for the meat or if you need additional directions). Her phone number is

The meeting will be held rain or shine.

Map Not Available

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Calendar of WRS Events

Tuesday, June 9

7:00 PM

WRS Summer Garden Tour
Home of Cindi McMurray

Sunday, June 21

Father's Day

Thursday, June 25

6:30 p.m.

Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 14

WRS Summer Picnic
Botanica

Saturday, July 25

Tomato Day
Sedgwick County Extension Offc.

**ANY MEMBER CAN ATTEND
WRS BOARD MEETINGS!**

Check the latest edition of
The Petal for time and
location.

Meeting Brief

TUESDAY, JUNE 9TH

• 7 PM WRS Summer Garden Tour held at the home of Cindi McMurray.

ARS Trial Membership

ARS is offering a 4 month trial membership in ARS to each new member joining WRS.

During the 4 months, they will receive two issues of the American Rose magazine. At the end of this period, they will be invited to join ARS as a paying member. If they do renew, they will receive the 2009 Handbook for Selecting Roses, along with a coupon for a free miniature rosebush from Nor'East Nurseries.

Invite someone to meetings with you and to join WRS!

WRS Summer Picnic

2009 Table Contest Theme is

"ROSE ARRANGEMENTS"

Tuesday, July 14

7 PM

6-6:30 PM if you sign up to decorate a table.

Botanica Gardens in the Fireside Room.

Please bring either a meat or main dish, side dish, salads or desserts.

Please call Wayne Piersel 218.0917 if you plan to decorate a table AND let him what covered dish(es) you plan to bring.

This year – unlike past years, there will not be an installation of officers, as we voted in April to change the term of office to match the calendar year.

The business meeting will be short.



- A 3-plant minimum applies to all orders.
- The 50% discount offer is valid on orders placed after May 20, 2009 (date was moved up from 5/25/09). No other discounts or coupons may be applied.
- Offer not valid on previously placed orders.
- ARS new member coupons may not be applied to offer.
- Valid gift certificates may still be applied during check-out.
- Offer valid on orders shipped between June 1 to June 30, 2009.
- Due to the closing of our retail services, plants shipped after May 25, 2009 will no longer be covered under the 90-day plant guarantee.
- The 50% discount is valid only on plants and does not apply to shipping charges. Normal shipping rates apply.
- Offer valid while supplies last.

Due to the extreme blow-out pricing, we strongly recommend listing 1 to 3 substitutes during your check-out process should your requested varieties be out of stock at the time of shipping.

To order or for more information please visit their site:

<http://www.noreast-miniroses.com/>

Articles for the July issue of *The Petal* must be submitted by June 17th to be published.

Send to: Sally Duncan

315 North Oakwood Drive

Wichita, Kansas 67208

Or email ThePetal@cox.net

Growing Tips for Earth Kind Roses

For these roses to be as carefree as promised, it is crucial that they receive the following basic care:

Planting Site:

Be planted in locations where they receive direct sunlight for eight hours or more each day. Have good air movement over their leaves (i.e. do not plant in enclosed areas like courtyards or small backyards which are ringed by 8' fences). No overhead irrigation during the evening hours or at night.

Bed Preparation:

Roses really respond to well-drained soils. Thus, here are the bed preparation recommendations for the 2 major soil types:

Sandy and loam soils: Incorporate 3-6 inches of organic matter such as compost.

Clay soils: Incorporate 3 inches of organic matter (e.g. compost) and 3 inches of expanded shale. Plant on raised beds that are at least 4-6 inches above the surrounding soil.

Fertilization:

Roses also like high levels of fertility, especially nitrogen. Thus, they need to be fertilized in March, June and lightly in late August.

Base your selection of fertilizer analysis on the results of a soil test. For the March and June feedings, utilize fertilizers in which at least half of the nitrogen is in the slow release or slowly available form. In late August, apply fertilizers in which the nitrogen is readily available.

Maintenance:

Regardless of soil type, roses need to be protected year-round with a layer of organic mulch (e.g. cypress bark, tree leaves) 3-4 inches thick. In areas of the state plagued by salty irrigation water, it is very important to drip irrigate roses. Salty water applied to the leaves can burn the foliage badly.

Winterizing Survey—LAST CHANCE!

Please send your survey reports for your roses to:

Bob Burrill,
11725 Alderny Ct. #27,
Wichita, KS 67212.



I know that some of us lost roses to the late freezes again this year. Bob plans to compile the survey results on which winterization techniques worked for Kansas winters.

Door Prizes!

Are Given Away at EVERY Meeting



*You must be present
to win !!!*



Charles Case
*won the door prize at the
May meeting—a ½ gallon
of Mills Magic Easy Feed!*

*Be the next to win at
the June meeting!*

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- Bring your potted roses or perennials you need to relocate to a new home for the Plant Exchange in the spring and summer months.
- Be sure to only donate HEALTHY disease free plants, please!

Plant Exchange

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