

NEXT MEETING: JAN. 14 AT MACARONI GRILL, 5005 W. PARK BLVD, PLANO

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# Petals & Thorns

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## Cindy shares rose resolutions

By Cindy Graham  
Society President



Cindy Graham

I am honored and delighted to have been elected president of Col- lin County Rose Soci- ety. At our very first meet- ing, Dave and I knew we were going to like this group, and we were thrilled to be so warmly wel- comed. Over the years, our rose garden has grown and expanded into almost

every spot of dirt in the yard that gets even a frac- tion of the six-hours of sun that roses need to thrive.

For the first president's message of the new year, I would like to share my 2011 Rose Resolutions with you and, where appropri- ate, enlist your help in mak- ing them happen.

### Work in my garden on a regular basis

Any job is easier if you take it in bite size pieces. This year I resolve to do a little

bit each weekend so that the garden is in good shape when that first flush of bloom appears in April and keep up with it for the rest of the year.

### Build partnerships

Cultivating relationships and partnerships with rose and garden groups in the Metroplex and beyond will help to strengthen the Col- lin County Rose Society and bring new friends and ideas into our net-

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## New year and new newsletter

*Petals & Thorns* enters its 17th year of publication, and your newsletter edi- tor has decided to roll out a new format.

Format changes help me

freshen my enthusiasm and stimulates interest. The goal is to make "The Thorns" more in- teresting both visually and in content. The

new format came with my Microsoft Publisher 2010. I like the rounded corners and new font set lighter colors. The

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## Opportunities for the New Year

work. Please help me with this one. I know many of you are active in the South Central District, the ARS, the Heritage Rose Society and many local and national garden clubs. Let's think of ways we can all work together.

### Seek new ways to introduce others to roses

Our annual garden tour and Live Green have been great vehicles to introduce others to roses and rose growing. Nothing is more inspiring than to see our members gardens in full bloom at the annual garden tour. In addition, we have reached hun-

dreds more potential rose growers at the Annual Live Green in Plano Expo.

With your help we can make these even more effective and continue our outreach efforts all year.

### Learn more

Our Program Vice President has put together another great line-up of speakers for 2011. In addition, several other local groups present outstanding programs throughout the year including Rose Dango, the Farmers' Branch "Landscaping With Roses" series, Northaven Gardens' Rose Weekend, the

Dallas Rose Show, and the South Central District and ARS Conferences.

### Enjoy roses every day

Could there be a better way to start or end the day than a stroll through the garden? This seems so obvious, but sometimes we just don't take the time to "stop and smell the roses."

So there you have it: five short, achievable resolutions for 2011. I wish the best for you all for the new year and hope to see you at our annual dinner at Macaroni Grill on Friday, Jan. 14.

## New calendar to show area events

style will allow more white space, but hopefully still retain space for the same amount of information.

Meanwhile, the web site will feature a new

calendar. It is the VT Calendar offered free of charge by Virginia Tech University in Blacksburg, Virginia. This calendar will allow the web site to carry

information on all the area rose activities plus the American Rose Society and the South Central District.



## First 2011 gathering at the Macaroni Grill

The Collin County Rose Society will kick off 2011 with a dinner at the Macaroni Grill at 5005 W. Park Blvd., Plano.

The meeting will be on Jan. 14.

It's a time to reflect on the past year and swap yarns



Dinner at the Macaroni Grill

about those big Christmas Day blooms.

The location is just west of Preston Road.

Please RSVP to **Dave Graham** at 972-403-0027 or email Dave at [dave1graham@verizon.net](mailto:dave1graham@verizon.net).

The grill serves Italian style cuisine.



## Time to renew your CCRS membership

It is time to renew your CCRS, American Rose Society, and South Central District memberships.

The quickest way to renew is to go to the web site, [www.collincountyrosesociety.org](http://www.collincountyrosesociety.org). Then pay online.

If you rather use hard copy, then click on the membership form, fill it out, and mail it in. You may wait

for the next meeting.

Remember, it is cheaper to purchase your American Rose Society membership through the CCRS.

The membership dues go to secure a meeting site at the Collin County Community College, pay for the web site, and to pay for the newsletters printed on hard copy.

In addition, the South Central Dis-

trict could use money to keep their programs going. They get no money from the ARS. They publish a newsletter and sponsor several vital ARS events. One of those is the Consulting Rosarians schools.

The next SCD sponsored CR school will be Feb. 4-5 in Sherman, Texas.

Please come back.

*“Use the online feature on the web site to renew your CCRS membership.”*

## Roses bloom on Christmas Day

Almost everyone reported that their roses were blooming on Christmas Day.

Were your roses blooming?

I asked that question in a email blast and several people mailed me a picture.

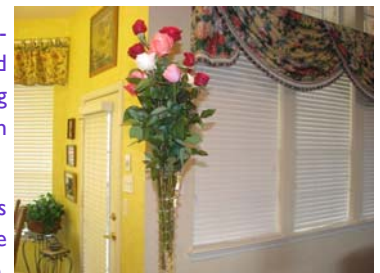
**James Herbison** cut roses from his garden for his home. See image

at right. He snapped a photo and mailed an image.

My roses stopped putting out new growth after the first hard freeze in mid-December. The blooms remained on the buses and kept bloom. It was like slow motion. The buds slowly opened in the late afternoon sunshine until they reached full bloom.

Let's hope that Christmas Roses means good luck for the coming growing season in Collin County.

I still have a 'Veterans Honor' bloom on the south side of my home.  
— **Jay Goode**



Christmas roses at the Herbison home

Two 'Double Knock-Outs' on neighbor's house.



*"Despite that two times the temperature has hit the freezing mark; some roses are still blooming."*

# Roses for December

**By Gail Bialis  
Consulting Rosarian**

"God gave us memories that we might have roses in December," said James M. Barrie. In Collin County we really DO have roses in December and not just in our memories but alive in our gardens! See the photos accompa-

nying this story for a look at holiday decorations mixed with blooming roses!

Despite that two times the temperature has hit the freezing mark; some of our roses are still blooming. And as much as we may enjoy having those blooms, we should not encourage it by deadheading

because it is time for the roses to make their hips and get ready for winter.

Hopefully by now, you have mulched your roses around the base to prepare them for winter. And remember just because your roses may look dead once they finally lose their leaves as we go deeper into winter, they are not dead. They still need regular watering and attention to disease if present.

We have gathered a few of our roses in pots which usually adorn our pool deck into a group and covered the base of the pots in mulch. This technique usually sees all of them safely through the winter.

Once the holiday rush

has subsided and the roses are truly dormant, you can use the time you spent working in the garden to do a little dreaming. Picture your garden as it was for this season and imagine how you want it to look next year. In our case, we are planning on shovel pruning one rose that has simply grown too wildly and not too well. We are planning on replacing it with a St. Patrick's rose, one of the hybrid teas that **Claude Graves** has included in his "Easy Teas" study, because despite its hybrid rose status, it holds up well against black spot and has the uncanny ability to bloom like crazy even when the temperature surpasses 100 degrees in the shade. You probably have a dream or two of your own you may wish to mull over the winter.

But remember, even when our roses finally stop blooming, we will still have roses in our memories.



The single rose is a Don Juan climber blooming in our garden in West Plano.

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## Volunteers Needed

Volunteers will be needed for the Northhaven Gardens Rose Weekend, Live Green in Plano, and the Annual Garden Tour in April. See you at the Macaroni Grill on Jan. 14 in

*“New president, Cindy Graham, is a Master Gardener and a leader in CCRS activities.”*

## Our new president, Cindy Graham

She was secretary last year. You know her.

**Cindy Graham** is the new Collin County Rose Society president.

You may know that Cindy is a master gardener. She is also an attorney for a

major theater chain headquartered in Plano.

Their home in west Plano has been open for CCRS board meetings for the past two years. Cindy has been a hard worker and a leader in the society. She

has worked on the Northhaven Garden Rose Weekend, Live Green, and the CCRS annual garden tour.

Cindy is currently vacationing in Egypt and will return with new vigor.

## Consulting rosarians, judges, garden tour panel

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## December pest alert

By **Kimberly Schofield**  
Program Specialist-Urban  
IPM

**Squash vine borers** are the most common and can be the most damaging pests of squash. The larvae tunnel into the stems of squash and other plants, including melons and cucumbers.

This causes the stems to wilt and die. The adult moths resemble a wasp, with a red abdomen surrounded with black bands

at each segment; their front wings are covered with metallic brown scales and their back wings are clear with a brown band. Adult females lay eggs on the leaves and stems of primarily squash. The larvae hatch and begin burrowing into host plant stems. The larvae are white in color with a brown head and they grow to be an inch in length. The larvae will produce sawdust like frass near the base of the plant as

they tunnel and then climb from the stem to pupate in the soil.

### Non-Chemical

Keep natural enemies in the garden such as parasitic wasps.

### Chemical Controls

Some chemical suggestions include using such active ingredients as pyrethrins, permethrin, or carbaryl.

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Beetles attacking stem

*“This lady beetle is still a good predator of landscape pests, such as aphids and scales but it likes to congregate in large numbers ...”*

## Where ladybeetles spend winter

The multi-colored Asian ladybeetle is an introduced insect from Asia which has established itself in many areas of the U.S.

This lady beetle is still a good predator of

landscape pests, such as aphids and scales but it likes to congregate in large numbers around buildings as they overwinter. This can cause them to move indoors in the cooler months.

They will exude a yellowish liquid when disturbed (reflux bleeding), which can stain fabric and can cause skin irritation. They can also bite since they

have chewing mouthparts.

Exclusion practices should be used to prevent these ladybeetles from entering into buildings. All cracks and crevices, such as around windows, doors, air conditioners, and utility pipes should be sealed in late summer and fall. Since they are predators of other insects, chemical controls are not needed — **Kimberly Schofield**



## Schedule of Events

- } Jan 11— Landscaping with Roses by Pam Smith, Farmers Branch horticulturalist. Taught at 14050 Heartside PL, in Farmers Branch. Starts at 7 p.m.
- } Jan 14 — CCRS dinner at the Macaroni Grill, 5005 W. Park Blvd west of Preston RD. RSVP Dave Graham at 972-403-0027 or email Dave at [dave.graham@verizon.net](mailto:dave.graham@verizon.net).
- } Jan. 18 — Lessons from the Garden, taught by Dr. Steve George. This is a second of series of seminars at Farmers Branch. Starts at 7 p.m.
- } Jan. 22 — Building a raised bed at Marci Haas' home.
- } Jan. 25 — Dr. Greg Church speaking on Perennials for the EarthKind Garden. This is the third in a series of seminars at Farmers Branch. Starts at 7 p.m.

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## Farmers Branch to host rose seminars

Free **Landscaping with Roses Classes** in 2011.

Participants who attend all five classes and the pruning clinic will be eligible for a 30 minute personal landscape consultation by Dr. Steve George (3 random winners) or Pam Smith.

Classes are co-sponsored by the Farmers Branch Parks and Recreation De-

partment, Dallas Rose Society and the Dallas Area Historical Rose Society.

The classes will run from Jan. 11 through Feb. 15. Featured speakers include Pam Smith, Farmers Branch horticulturalist; Dr. Stephen George, head of the EarthKind program; Jerry Haynes, consulting Rosarian; and Carole Mainwar-

ing, noted Rosarian and Red River Rose Society's award-winning newsletter editor.

See the calendar on the CCRS web site. The web site contains a link to the Farmers Branch web for a complete agenda in pdf format to print out.

Cost is FREE!



**Farmers Branch  
Rose Gardens**

## Calendar of Events

**Jan. 11** — Series of seminars begin on Landscaping with Roses. Sponsored by the Farmers Branch recreation department. Seminars run through Feb. 15. [See web site.](#)

**Jan. 14** — CCRS meets at the Macaroni Grill. See inside story.

**Jan. 22** — We will build a raised bed at Marci Hass' home.

**Feb. 4-5** — CR training school in Sherman, Texas. [See web site for more details.](#)

## Meeting Information

The Collin County Rose Society (CCRS) meets on the **first Friday** of most months at Collin County Community College—Spring Creek Campus.

The address is 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway, Plano, Texas. This is near the intersection of Spring Creek Parkway and Jupiter Road. The meeting site has been changed. The room is B124.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with social time and light refreshments; the meeting begins at 7:15 p.m.

Enter the building on the Jupiter Road side by the fountains and go to the first hallway to the left inside the front doors, past the auditorium.

*No meetings in January, July, and August.*



Veterans Honor

Photo by Jay Goode

'Veterans Honor' blooming on Christmas Day.