

The Rose Letter

Garden State Rose Club

An Affiliate of the American Rose Society

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Perfection is a Rose

A red, red rose,

posing in the vase on the counter

a reminder of the beauty of summer

of the smell of a full bouquet

the effortless, flawlessness

the perfection of a rose

supple petals, thorns to protect

even color, deep burgundy red

rich saturation of red

soothing red, passionate red

enshrined in the bloom

the bud opening in its glory

look at me!

Raymond A. Foss Due to last months News Letter glitch in transmission, (Mea Culpa; I didn't hit send for everyone on the E-Mail list. - Do you remember Maurice Chevalier singing to Hermione Gingold in the movie Gigi "Am I Growing Old"?) most members missed the October meeting so we are repeating this program.

This month's program will be a session discussing what to do as our roses are getting ready for winter which is important in view of having such a stressful summer. It also seems evident that many of us

because our bushes are still budding and blooming with an abundance of roses are still unsure about pruning in preparation for the winter, and that many questions need to be answered, so we will address these subjects in full. We need all of you long timers to attend to give us the benefit of your knowledge and experience.

From the ARS & YOU American Rose Society newsletter for local Rose Society members

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ARS Trial Membership Programs

The Free 4-Month Trial Membership - is for new Non-ARS, local society members. "New" is the key word here. Every member that joins a local society and is not an ARS member, receives a FREE 4-month Trial Membership to ARS.

"Join our society today and receive a FREE 4-month trial membership to the American Rose Society!!"

The local society is NOT charged for this. It is FREE!! The society MUST send the contact information, including e-mail address, to Laura Pfender laura@ars-hq.org, at Headquarters.

The \$5.00 4-Month Trial Membership – is available for existing local society, non-ARS members. The \$5.00 fee offsets processing and mailing costs. ARS does not make money on this offer. For this small fee, any local society member who is not already an ARS member can try ARS out and hopefully, enjoy ARS enough to renew at the full membership rate when the trial membership expires.

What a great holiday gift!!! Lets Sign up our members!

Here are some helpful tips By Phil Paul which I edited from the ARS news letter to help me with our letter that that are pertinent to our club's bulletin. These are a mix of Phil's excellent suggestions and my applying some of his ideas to fit our specific needs. Thanks Phil and please forgive the editing.

E-mail me pictures of your gardens, your roses, trips or any thing that may be of interest to our members.

How about one at a time some our members sending me a list of things to do in the garden each month. Many societies do this. A short, sweet and to the point article (typically one page) is ALWAYS just what the doctor ordered for members to be successful in their own gardens.

And perhaps our CRs can alternate to contribute an article. Just once a year per CR is all that is needed. This is essential because this is where much of the knowledge exists. It also solves the problem of having only the editor's thoughts in print.

This applies to our knowledgeable non-CRs as well. Send me your thoughts, it does not matter if they are long or short, we need your contributions. Questions are often asked at meetings that recur repeatedly over time which you experienced members could address in a note or short article on the problem which will always be available for reference in our computer files.

We share our newsletters across the district and they have begun to be exchanged nation wide so that any editor can use material back and forth just by crediting the source. PLEASE send me any bulletins or letters you may get so I can expand my resources. If you want these letters to contain more pertinent rose information you must help by contributing input of all kinds.

[Your comments and suggestions to improve our newsletter are always welcome and if you have an idea or article to share - contact me. Joseph.]

If any of the following programs prove to be of interest to you, let me know.

PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS

Is your society having a problem getting good speakers for your meetings? How would you like some renowned rosarians to give a program at your meeting? Well, here is an idea for you that will solve that problem. Below are some great Power Point programs available from ARS created by nationally known rosarians.

Rose Trivia Games - Created by Steve Jones for the ARS Program Services Committee (zipped file) 53 KB

Roses for Beginners - Created by Kitty Belendez for the ARS Program Services Committee (zipped file) 1

MB

Roses That Climb - Created by Steve Jones for the ARS Program Services Committee (zipped file) 5.47 MB

IPM in the Rose Garden - Created by Baldo Villegas for the ARS Program Services Committee (zipped file)

750 KB

IPM of Rose Diseases - Created by Baldo Villegas for the ARS Program Services Committee (zipped file)

1.35 MB

IPM of Rose Pests - Created by Baldo Villegas for the ARS Program Services Committee (zipped file) 2.11

MB

Chemical Safety - Created by Steve Jones for the ARS Program Services Committee (zipped file) 2.32 MB

Script (PDF)

Classic Shrubs - Created by Jolene Adams for the ARS Program Services Committee (zipped file) 1.62 MB

Script (PDF)

David Austin English Roses - Created by Pat Hibbard for the ARS Program Services Committee (zipped file)

4.85 MB

David Austin English Roses for the North - Created by Mary Peterson for the ARS Program Services Committee (zipped file) 2.32 MB Script (PDF)

Earthkind Roses - Created by Gaye Hammond for the ARS Program Services Committee (zipped file) 1.28 MB Script (PDF)

Fabulous Floribundas - Created by Kitty Belendez for the ARS Program Services Committee (zipped file)

3.88 MB

I thank you Louise for your great newsletter. JLB

Roses by George Eliot
You love the roses - so do I. I wish

The sky would rain down roses, as they rain

From off the shaken bush. Why will it not?

Then all the valley would be pink and white

And soft to tread on. They would fall as light

As feathers, smelling sweet; and it would be

Like sleeping and like waking, all at once!

Here is the recipe I promised last month for living with ROSES: Rose Petal Vinegar Recipe From TIPNUT
Ingredients:

2 cups white wine vinegar (heat to near boil)

1 cup rose petals

3 or 4 whole cloves

Gently wash and drain rose petals thoroughly. Carefully remove the white/yellow part of the petals and gently crush the petals to bruise a bit.

In a clean jar, place the rose petals and cloves. Pour hot vinegar over top, roughly mash the petals a bit with a wooden spoon and seal immediately.

Set aside for 10 days (room temperature and dark). Shake occasionally.

Strain vinegar and discard the cloves and rose petals.

Next month: Homemade Rose Bath Oil

--Fill the bowl with rosy wine,

while around our temples roses twine,

And let us cheerfully awhile,

like wine and roses, smile. Anonymous.

In response to requests, I am reprinting the following:

Directions on how to make your own ROSE PETAL BEADS

The heat of your body causes the beads to give off the fragrance of the roses.

In enamel pan place one pound of red rose petals with just enough water to cover.

Simmer very slowly for one hour but do not boil. Cover and let stand overnight.

Repeat these steps three more times.

By the fourth day, the petals and water will have become a smooth paste.

Take a small amount and roll it between your palms, forming beads 1/4 inch in diameter.

Pierce each ball with a needle for stringing and let the beads dry on newspaper in a warm closet.

Thread the beads onto silk thread for your necklace.

These beads are sturdier than you would think, lasting several years and keeping their fragrance. They turn a polished red Sienna color.

Looking forward to seeing you ALL at the meeting, and don't forget the goodies. J.