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Master Rosarian, Marin County Rose Society

Preparing the site;

benefits. The things to consider in planting your new rose:

'Veterans' Honor', Queen at the Desert Show in 2013, Photo Dona Martin FROM THE EDITOR Our Beloved Rose It is universally known that roses speak the language of love. The ancient Greeks and Romans identified the rose with their goddesses of love, Aphrodite and Venus. Poets and authors through the centuries have revered the rose as a symbol of love. And it is not just humans that adore the rose. An Arabic love legend tells us all roses were originally white but became colored red forever when a nightingale, falling in love with the rose, pressed itself to the flower and pierced its heart with the thorns. Today the rose is the traditional Valentine's Day gift. Of course, we rosarians do not and could not possibly limit roses to a day or a month. We have the right approach: an avid passion for roses every day of the year.

Our writers this month are Jolene Adams, Nanette Londeree, Gaye Hammond, Elizabeth Eickhof, Mary Fulgam and Suzanne Horn.

So with our hearts so wonderfully captured we find we have no choice but to consider and dwell on all things roses: buying them, planting them, selecting them, labeling them and designing our gardens with them.

Love makes the world go round. How fitting that our beloved rose is the face and emblem of love! Rita Perwich Roses & You Editor PLANT ME RIGHT **BUY IT NAKED!**

ARS Past President, Master Rosarian, NCNH District This article is an Award of Merit winner Many bare-root roses are available now through late winter in retail nurseries, by mail-order catalogs and online. Venturing out on a cold, drizzly winter day to set out bare-root plants is worth the effort. The advantages of buying bare-root roses more than make up for the discomfort of wintertime planting. Bare-root plants will typically cost 40 percent to 70 percent less than the same plants purchased in

containers a few months from now. Some rarer varieties of roses are only available bare-root from catalogs. In addition to price, selection and availability, bare-root plants establish more quickly than container plants. This is partly due to the plant's roots growing in just one kind of soil - your soil. The soil in containers is always a different texture than garden soil. The presence of two different soil types makes it difficult for water to uniformly penetrate the root zone. In fact, some rose growers say bare-root planting produces better roses and you should go to the

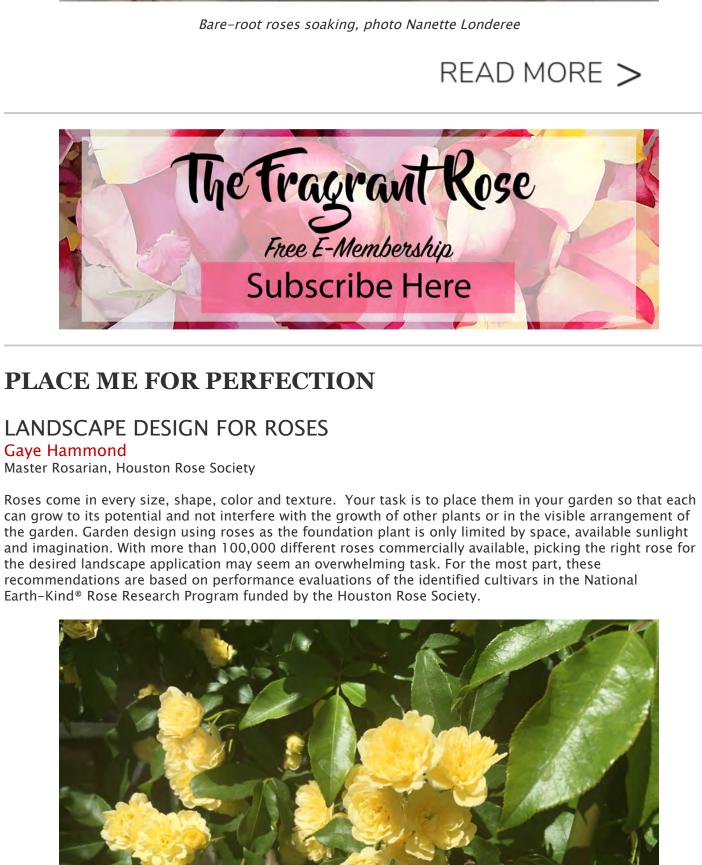
trouble of removing the soil from container-grown stock if you are planting them in the ground.

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\$15 or more on a bare-root rose and you'll want to protect that investment with proper care and maintenance. Time to remember the old adage about planting your 50 cent plant in a five dollar hole (adjusted for inflation, of course) - invest the time and energy in planting your rose, and you'll reap the

Preparing the rose; Planting the rose; Care after planting.

Getting your new rose bush off to a great start takes a little preparation and thought. You've probably spent



R. bansiae lutea, photo Rita Perwich

The Antique Rose Emporium - Your online source for Earth-Kind, pioneer, and old garden roses. Roses are grown on their own roots and are sold in large and two gallon containers. The Antique Rose Emporium is one of the largest suppliers of fragrant roses. Their website is https://antiqueroseemporium.com/.

David Austin Roses - Fragrant English roses typically grown as a shrub or climbing rose. Sold both bare-root and in containers. Check out their varieties at https://www.davidaustinroses.com/us/.

Heirloom Roses - This nursery focuses on old garden & English roses and carries their own trademark heirloom, as well as David Austin and Kordes roses along with hybrid musk, hybrid tea, polyantha, rugosa,

'Mister Lincoln' along with newer hybrid tea varieties just brought to market. Their website is

rambler and shrub roses. Their website is https://www.heirloomroses.com/.

inventory. Check out their website at https://www.kandmroses.com.

I SPEAK THE LANGUAGE OF LOVE

TWO DOZEN WONDERFUL RED ROSES

In the words of the famous Scottish poet Robert Burns,

Edmunds' Roses - Specialize in hybrid tea, shrub and tree roses. Rose varieties include old favorites such as

K&M Roses - Specializes in roses grafted on 'Fortuniana' root-stock which include hybrid teas, floribundas, miniature, miniflora, climbers and shrubs. They will also take special requests for roses not currently in their

Regan Nursery - This nursery located in Fremont, California has the largest selection of bare-root roses with more than 1,000 varieties of roses. Check out their website at https://www.regannursery.com/.

Weeks Roses - Wholesale rose grower since 1938. Their inventory includes hybrid teas, grandifloras, floribundas, climbers, rugosas, foetidas, shrubs, ground covers, miniatures and patio climbers. Check out

Rosaholics - Supplier of fresh farm cut roses (not rosebushes). If you need a rose bouquet, check out their

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Certified Roses - Producer and wholesaler of traditional hybrid teas, floribundas and shrub roses. Their products include the Simply BrilliantTM and Real FragrantTM Collections. Their website is certifiedrose.com. Chamblee's Rose Nursery - Sells climbing roses, Dr. Griffith Buck roses, hybrid tea roses, miniature roses, own root garden roses and the registered trademark roses referred to as Drift, Earth-Kind, Knock Out, and

Kordes. The website is https://www.chambleerose.com

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ONLINE ROSE CATALOGS Elisabeth Eickhoff and Mary Fulgham

https://www.edmundsroses.com/.

website at https://rosaholics.com.

Nanette Londeree

Suzanne Horn

centered exhibition form.

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their website at https://www.weeksroses.com/.

Master Rosarian, Marin County Rose Society

O my luve is like a red, red rose That's newly sprung in June O my luve is like the melodie That's sweetly played in tune.

Or the 19th century poet John B O'Reilly, The red rose whispers of passion And the white rose breathes of love

O the red rose is a falcon

And the white rose is a dove. Red roses have long been associated with love. It is hard to look at a deep red rose and not have it provoke some strong emotion. Every garden should have one good red rose - whether to enjoy on your own or to give to someone special when you want to say, "I love you."

'Lavaglut', photo Nanette Londeree READ MORE > ROSE OF THE MONTH FOR THE LOVE OF TAMMY - 'TAMMY CLEMONS'

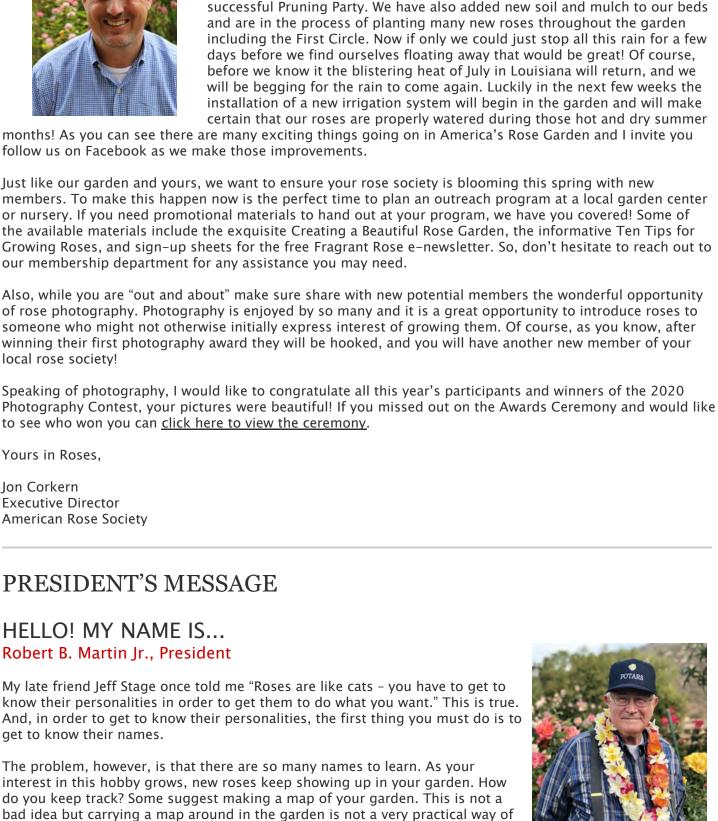
Roses are without a doubt a symbol of love, and never more so than in the case of a romantic red miniflora known as 'Tammy Clemons'. This beautiful rose was bred by top Alabama hybridizer of miniature and

at rose shows in 2010 in the Seedling Class and was later made available to the buying public in 2013.

'Tammy Clemons' (Code Name DEClemons) was bred from a cross of a miniature and a miniflora rose. Its parentage is Merlot x Robin Alonso and it is classified by the American Rose Society as a medium red (mr). The blooms are absolutely gorgeous, presenting a rich crimson color that remains bright and non fading, and which will not burn on its edges in the direct sun. They also present great substance and beautiful high

miniflora roses and talented exhibitor David E. Clemons, who is famous for naming roses after thoroughbred race horses. In fact, his company is called "Thoroughbred Roses". This miniflora was introduced to exhibitors

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getting to know the names of your roses. The simple answer is the one

permanent and usually stayed on the rose unless removed.

more often it is written on the label with a nursery pen.

will not do. Let's consider alternatives.

Wire & Strings

clipped off by pruning.

tags. Why? Because they get old!

Labels & Stakes

Name Markers

hope you do too.

remember. I know I do.

Conclusion

that is placed on a stake next to the rose.

the name plates in our garden are pre-printed.

commonly used at parties - name tags. But the adhesive "Hello! My name is..."

For many years, roses from the large rose growers came with round metals tags bearing the name of the variety. These were typically attached with a wire wrapped around one of the canes. The tags were relatively

In recent years, roses more commonly come with printed cards picturing the rose and attached by strings. The cards are less permanent, fading with the weather, while the strings often snag on the canes or are

The disadvantage of both wire and strings is that it is difficult to read the tag unless you kneel down and grub around at the base of the rose. Often the tag becomes buried in the mulch or soil at the base of the

rose and is hard to find. So, for learning the names of your roses, something else must be found.

From time to time I have seen articles that suggest that the metal wires used to attach tags should be removed. The reason given is that the canes with the tags will die. This is an old-wives tale that mixes up cause and effect. Many years ago, I undertook an experiment on the subject. In this experiment I left the metal tags on some bushes, removed them from others, and on others reattached them to the newest canes. The result was the old canes with metal tags died first. But the old canes without metal tags also died first. The new canes with metal tags did not die first. My conclusion — old canes die first with or without the metal

In some cases, new roses do not have tags attached by wires or strings; instead they have what are

The locking feature is useful since such labels typically stay attached to the rose. However, over time, particularly in hotter areas, the plastic becomes brittle and the label falls off. It can also be accidentally clipped off with pruning shears. Also, the ink used to mark the name often fades and becomes unreadable.

in several sizes; I have found that the 4-inch labels are too short and prefer the 6-inch white labels.

Sharpwriter, which is a cheap, disposable mechanical pencil that feeds the lead as I need it.

The advantage of the pot stakes is that they are inexpensive and generally stay in the container. However, nursery pens and indelible ink markers almost always fade, and often become unreadable after a short period of time. Instead, the best instrument for marking such labels is a No. 2 pencil. The problem here is that you usually don't have a pencil-sharpener in the garden. My solution to this is to use a Paper-Mate

The major disadvantage of most attached labels is that they are nearly impossible to read while standing, particularly when the rose is well clothed with foliage. Most of your work with roses will take place when standing. Therefore, in order to get to know your roses well, you will need some form of readable name plate

There are many such plates available on the market including the widely available zinc name plates that come with long stakes. These plates typically come unprinted and you have to write the name with a nursery pen or customize a printed label with one generated on your computer or a label maker. For the latter purposes I have a handy Brother "P-touch" label maker which I have found very useful for making printed labels on the fly. Nevertheless, based on long experience, I have lost faith in the lasting ability of any garden marker and am also skeptical of the life of labels printed on my label maker. That being the case, most of

I have for years ordered my name plates from Harlane Company, LLC, now of Vancouver, Washington

plastic stakes and are engraved as black text on pale green or white text on dark green.

stakes are ordered separately and the labels with stakes cost about \$4.80 each.

rose society. You can order on line and follow up by sending her a list of names to be printed.

(www.harlane.com). These are custom printed weather-resistant plastic name plates bearing the name of the rose in darkened full size lettering. The 1/16-inch plates are attached to 10-inch weather resistant green

Harlane name plates currently cost about \$3.35 each, including the stake. The company is operated by my friend Wendy Tilley, who with her husband Ryan maintains a beautiful rose garden and support their local

A somewhat more expensive alternative for name plates are the botanical garden quality plates offered by AAA Quality Engravers who regularly advertise in the American Rose (www.aaaqualityengravers.com). I have seen these in the garden of my good friend Linda Clark and they are quite elegant, listing commonly the name of the rose as well as additional information such as its class, breeder or year of introduction. The

Nearly all of the roses in our garden have name plates in front of them. I routinely look at the plates until I know the name of the rose well. Also, I have found over the years that the name plates are much appreciated by garden visitors, many of who have commented on them. In fact, I have on many occasions seen visitors

One of the curiosities of my life is the workings of my memory. When it comes to roses, I have a remarkable memory. I have personally grown several thousand different varieties of roses and in most cases can recall some important things about how that rose performed in my garden, even though it may be long gone. At

members to ask questions of them and to learn more about roses. This is an excellent practice that can go a

Finally, and for good measure we give visitors to our meetings adhesive tags - yes the traditional adhesive "Hello! My name is..." tags so that we can get to know them better and welcome them to our meetings. I

Every once in a while, a visitor to our garden will ask if it would be a major problem if someone took out and reshuffled all of the name plates in our garden. The answer is that it would not - I could put them back without much difficulty at all. On the other hand, if someone took all the name tags at one of our society meetings and put them on people at random, I would have a lot harder time sorting them back correctly.

We have all seen the advertisement on television that ends with the phrase, "What's in your wallet". Similarly, I conclude by asking: What's in your rose garden? Who's at your meetings? You need name tags to help you

SAN DIEGO ROSE SOCIETY

2020 Annual Fund

June 17-21, 2020 Colorado Springs, CO Hosted by the Pikes Peak Rose Society Contact: Diane Kilmer, Rocky Mountain District Director Phone: (951) 834-2330 Email: originalsbydiana42@verizon.net

Hotel: Hotel Eleganté, Colorado Springs, CO Group #2397973 \$149 night Deadline: May 1, 2020

Established in memory of Guy Blake Hedrick Jr., to recognize outstanding rose exhibitors who display the highest levels of excellence, integrity and respect for the ideals of showing roses, the Guy Blake Hedrick Jr. Award is intended as a lifelong achievement award for an exhibitor who has been a successful national, district and local exhibitor, and also a model in sharing his/her knowledge in growing championship roses. Nominees for the award shall be members of ARS, and nominations may be made by any person. The ARS Horticultural Exhibitors' Committee will select the Guy Blake Hedrick Award recipient. Acts worthy of this

ullet Sustained success in showing roses at the national, district and local levels for a decade or longer by an individual or team who has consistently exhibited rose show entries of the highest caliber with

Sustained lifetime achievement by an individual in devoting and focusing his or her educational talents

Significant and sustained acts of achievement by an individual in organizing and overseeing the

Horticultural Exhibitors' Committee Chair, Suzanne Horn, 455 W Maple Street, Glendale, CA 91204-4256,

recognizes excellence in the field of rose education. Nominees for the award need not be members of ARS, and nominations are requested from both ARS members and the international horticultural community. The

Sustained volunteer performance by an individual over a decade or more of providing measurable high

considered for the award while serving on the Committee. Also the President of the American Rose Society shall not be eligible for the Klima Medal award until one full year after their term of office has

Klima Award nominations should be submitted to the ARS Executive Director, PO Box 30000, Shreveport, LA, 71130, E-mail: executivedirector@rose.org, must receive all materials for the Klima nominations by Sept. 30,

To celebrate the accomplishments of younger rosarians, the ARS Rising Star Awards recognize the work of

• This award is given to up to five individuals each year, age 45 years or younger. Nominees do not have to be an ARS member, but they must be nominated by a current member of the ARS. Nominees must

Acts Worthy of Recognition: Nominees for the Rising Star Award should be young individuals who are doing outstanding work in promoting the culture and appreciation of the rose. Their work can include,

but is not limited to, the areas of Rose Education, Research, Preservation, Industry, Hybridizing, Photography, Arranging, Culinary Arts, Art, Design, Innovation, ARS and Local Society Volunteering. Winners will be recognized at the Spring 2020 ARS National Convention, a story about their work will

Established in honor of Glenda Whitaker; an ARS member and leader whose excellent example and efforts on behalf of the society and its members have been an inspiration to all who have worked on behalf of the Society in the area of membership. It is created to recognize those who have made outstanding and unique

• A program, event or publication by an individual, team, society, district or business which encouraged

or prompted an increase in membership, or improved the status or satisfaction of members.

Whitaker award entries should be sent to the Executive Director, PO Box 30000, Shreveport, LA, 71130; E-mail: executivedirector@rose.org and Ann & Joe Gibson, 8203 Pembroke Drive, Manlius, NY 13104-2217,

contributions to the Society in its efforts to grow in members. This award is intended to be given for outstanding achievement by an individual, team, society, district or business which has been a helpful partner with the American Rose Society. Nominees must be ARS members. Members of the ARS Membership

young rosarians who are supporting the culture, preservation and appreciation of the rose.

be 45 years of age or younger at the time the nomination is received.

Hedrick Award nominations are due by Dec. 31, 2020. Hedrick Award nominations may be sent to the Executive Director, PO Box 30000, Shreveport, LA, 71130, E-mail: executivedirector@rose.org and

Established in honor of late ARS President Emeritus Joe Klima and his wife Marion, the Klima Medal

Prizes & Awards Committee will select Klima Award recipients. Acts worthy of recognition include:

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long way to making newcomers and casual visitors more welcome at your rose society meetings.

Still, I would have a decent shot at it because the name plates have been there to remind me.

And, like metal tags, you usually have to poke around at the base of the rose to find the label.

commonly called "slip 'n lock' labels". These are plastic labels that have a keyhole at one end through which the other end is pushed and locked on to a cane. The name of the rose may be printed on the label, however

Roses in containers often come with "pot stakes". These are plastic labels that are simply shoved into the soil in the container. You see these a lot with miniature roses and those sold in small containers and band pots. It is also useful to have your own supply of "pot stakes" to use for with unlabeled container roses. Such labels are usually available in large quantities from nursery supply houses such as A. M. Leonard. They come

'Tammy Clemons', Rose Hybridizers Association winner, photo Andrew Hearnes

I hope you are as excited as I am that spring is just around the corner. Here at the headquarters of the American Rose Society we are steadily making progress that will ensure that we have a beautiful spring bloom. We have already pruned most of our roses thanks to a highly attended and very

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

GROWING ROSES AND MEMBERSHIP

Jon Corkern, Executive Director

the same time, my memory for the names of people has never been that good. That, of course is somewhat odd for a person who is supposedly a rose politician. But its true. I cannot number the times when I have stood before someone I have known for years while struggling to remember their name. One of the first things I did upon taking office as President of the American Rose Society was to pay for and have made name tags for each of our officers, directors and staff members. You will often see me wearing my tag at rose society events, not only to help others remember my name, but to introduce myself and to invite others to learn more about roses. Similarly, the San Diego Rose Society has long had a practice of providing distinctive name tags to its Consulting Rosarians to introduce them at meetings and to invite

take out note pads to write down the names of the roses they like.

ARS SPRING 2020 NATIONAL CONVENTION "Roses of the Wild West"

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conduct of successful rose shows at all levels.

and expertise to promoting the art of exhibition of the rose.

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recognition include:

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Whitaker Award

KLIMA Award

quality educational instruction and/or publication in the area of rose education. A single act of achievement by an individual within the field of rose education or rose development that has a measurable profound or major global impact. A significant single act of scientific development by an individual or team that provides a major advancement to the knowledge and evolutionary educational base of growing roses. Sustained lifetime achievement by an individual in devoting and focusing their educational talents and expertise to promoting "The Rose." No member of the Prizes & Awards Committee or members of their immediate families shall be

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Sustained dedication and leadership over a period of time by an individual, team, society, district or business in the area of membership development, recruitment and/or attention to the needs and satisfaction of members. Dedication to the Society's goals in membership in the form of a one-time donation or sustained The Award shall be two-part, consisting of the Glenda Whitaker Annual Certificate of Achievement and the Glenda Whitaker Triennial Award for Achievement in Membership.

ambushe@yahoo.com, by Dec. 31, 2020.

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