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### Show and Tell

We'd like to hear about what roses you like best, whether it's the form, color, or fragrance.

Please bring a photo of your favorite rose to our August meeting and be prepared to share a little about why you like the rose. You do not have to actually grow the rose to share your favorites with us. As a result of our little show and tell, maybe you will learn of a rose you would like to grow.

*'Best of 04' Min, 2005*

*Photo by L. Wiley*

**TUESDAY, JULY 5**

**Hospitality at 6:30, program at 7:00**

**Garden Center of the Fort Worth Botanic Garden**

**Jay Goode: "Photographing Roses"**

**(See page 3 for details.)**

**New FWRS e-mail address: [fwrosesociety@hotmail.com](mailto:fwrosesociety@hotmail.com)**

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY JANICE CLARKE



Hi everyone,

Here we are again, in the three most undesirable months of the year, June, July, and August. Translated, that means: hot, hotter, and hottest. After working in the garden, during the

wee morning hours, I spend my afternoons in a cool, fresh house thumbing through garden catalogs and Arctic expedition brochures. After talking with a few of my rose society friends, I have learned they are following similar patterns, excluding the Arctic expeditions.

I have often thought of our June program concerning 'Murderous Plants and Poisonous Herbs' delivered by Barney Lipscomb. Wasn't he wonderful? Can you imagine falling asleep during one of his lectures? No way, Jose! He was dynamic, his program was beautifully staged, superbly executed, and just great fun to hear and watch. We are very lucky to have him visit with us and help expand our knowledge of the wonderful world of plants and associated intrigue. He has an open invitation to return whenever he can. Think: Good programming promotes good attendance!

As a follow-up to Barney's program, I would like to recommend Erik Larson's book, Thunderstruck. This book intertwines two stories: Dr. H. H. Crippen's murder exploits (as previewed by Barney) and the story of Marconi's invention of wireless communication. It sounds strange, but under the

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pen of a master writer, like Larson, it really works and is a wonderful summertime read. I think you will enjoy it.

I have just received the July/August 2011 issue of the American Rose magazine. The cover is a beautiful photograph of 'Sunshine Daydream', an absolutely gorgeous light yellow Grandiflora, and there is an associated article inside. It is always a treat to see and read this very informative magazine and is certainly reason enough for joining The American Rose Society. We have enrollment forms at our meetings.

Jay Goode, our Webmaster, will headline our July meeting on 'Photographing Roses'. Jay is a very experienced photojournalist and technology expert with a wide range of photographic interests. He will be able to answer questions you might have, as well as demonstrate various helpful techniques in photographing roses. He has a very large portfolio of rose photographs to share with us. I look forward to his program, and despite the heat, I hope everyone will try and attend.

**See you July 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. Until then, keep cool!!!**

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### Program Change

It was decided at the June 16 Executive Board Meeting to move the planned plant swap among FWRS members from the July meeting to the October meeting due to the hot weather arriving earlier than usual this year. There will be a better chance of success in the cooler weather.

### Submit Your Rose Photos

We will be collecting photos of roses to create greeting cards. These cards will be sold as a fundraiser to help supplement the funds in our treasury. A photograph committee will select photos to be used on the cards. The cards will be sold in sets featuring different roses provided by Fort Worth Rose Society members. If you would like to submit a photo for consideration, please email a digital copy to the society's new email address: <mailto:fwrosesociety@hotmail.com>. You may also submit a hard copy of your photo if you do not have it in a digital format. If you have any questions, please email Rachel Feldstein at the society email address noted above.

## EDITOR'S NOTES

BY LARRY WILEY



The picture on the cover of this month's newsletter is of the miniature, 'Best of 04'. Whit Wells hybridized this exhibition favorite, which also makes quite a bold statement in the garden. The blooms are just under 2", but really brighten up the area in which the plant sits.

Please look carefully at all of the tidbits of information in this month's Rose Prose re: moving FWRS members' plant swap from July to October, sending in your rose photos for use in our greeting card promotion, and bringing photos to show and tell at the next meeting. There is also updated information about our fall garden tour in October. And speaking of October, note the changes on the calendar below. We have a LOT going on that month!

And not to be overlooked is the registration form for the South Central District Convention and Rose Show on October 21-23, 2011, co-sponsored by the Dallas and Fort Worth rose societies. It is hoped that you will attend the convention as a participant, but we also need your help putting on the show (including the all-important job of setting up and tearing down), and assisting in hospitality events. We will need LOTS of help and hope you will make yourselves available. You will be hearing more about this in the coming months.

As mentioned on the cover page, the FWRS now has a society email address set up by Membership V. P.'s Rachel Feldstein and Linda Mitchell. If you have questions about fellow members, changes of contact information, membership inquiries, etc., Rachel and Linda will be happy to help you or forward it to someone who can.

### MEETING MINUTES JUNE 7, 2011 YVETTE HENRY, SECRETARY

#### Business Discussed:

- Members voted for the Silver Honor medalist.
- There will be a plant sale in October along with a plant swap.
- There is a board meeting on June 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
- The members decided to have the fall field trip to Chandor Gardens and Clark Gardens on October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Larry Wiley updated the Society on Dennis Jones.
- The South Central Conference will be October 21-23.

Barney Lipscomb from the Botanic Institute of Texas gave a fantastic and informative talk/performance on "Murderous Plants and Poisonous Herbs".

### 2011 FWRS PROGRAMS

Keep an eye on the calendar for more details and/or changes. All meetings are at 7:00 p.m., preceded by a hospitality time at 6:30, unless otherwise indicated. Program V.P.'s Nan Garvin and Matt Orwat have done an outstanding job!

- July 5** - Jay Goode: Photographing Roses.
- August 2** - Pam Smith: National Earth-Kind Trial Rose Garden (The Work We Do, Plus More)
- September 6** - Claude Graves: Easy Teas.
- October 1** - Fall Garden Tour to Chandor and Clark Gardens.
- October 4** - Vicki Agee: Fragrant Roses
- October 6 and 8** - FWRS Rose Sale at Botanic Garden. Times TBA.
- October 21-23** - SCD Convention and Show in Farmers Branch, sponsored by FWRS and Dallas Rose Society.
- November 1** - Jeff Myers: the State of the FWBG.
- December 1** - Christmas Party, Mimi's Café.



*2011 FWRS Spring Rose Show  
Oriental Rosette Winner  
Oriental Manner Arrangement  
Arr. by John L. Nowlin, Dallas  
Photo by L. Wiley*



## STATING THE OBVIOUS

The title of this article states a condition that requires careful analysis before performing. Such questions as, “Do you like my new hairdo?” “Does this dress make my butt look too big?” “What do you think I weigh now?” “Did you remember my birthday?” etc., are above the writer’s pay scale. He does, however, wish you the best of luck. With some exceptions, much horticultural writing is a candidate for stating the obvious. When plants are dry, water. When plants are puny, feed. When plants are dead, stop both actions.

These and a multitude of other platitudinous questions make up the bulk of this writer’s, and many other garden writers’, golden missives. Now what is the value of these literary masterpieces? Gardeners, being human, need occasional reminders of the shifting nature of horticulture. First, consider our gardening year. In **winter** the major item is to preserve and prepare the plant for the coming growing season. The principal problem is the human aversion to extreme cold. Suck it up and mulch. Whatever your efforts, this is the season of sticks and thorns. **Spring** means lavishing care and dollars on the prima donnas. You will be rewarded by thousands of colorful blooms, which should be viewed from far enough away to obscure thrip damage. These, plus a corporal’s guard of really nice exhibition-class blooms, will constitute your reward. Timing these blooms to meet the rose show date is a whole other thing. Talk to John, Larry, Jimmy, Troy and others of that exalted nature. (You can also talk to the writer if you have the time to waste.) Local rose viewers, unused to exhibition class roses, who drop by will upgrade in their mind the quality of your blooms at least two levels beyond your estimate of their condition. (The perfect blooms from Colombia and others countries are damaging this statement, but there is still time.) Then, in our area, **summer** is the most challenging time. Regardless of your views of Global Warming, local summers will be steaming, boiling, baking, hellishly hot. Now, do you water enough, mulch enough, dead head enough, fight fungus and critters enough? Hey, give the writer and his ilk a break. They gotta write about something. **Fall** is the golden time when all you have to worry about

are early freezes, feeding too late, new beds, planting time, quantity and quality of mulch. In the writer’s experience, (note the impressive build up) fall can produce blooms of deepest color and finest form—or not!

Now that we have established the seasonal rules we will take on two of our more immediate problems:

1. **THRIPS!** These microscopic devils are currently ruining the writer’s blooms. Even as we sit, we can almost hear their crunching a world-class petal (his opinion) with their abominable teeth. My late wife used Orthene with a hand spritzer pointed into the opening bloom. This was a tedious job, but Barbara kept the thrips at a level that would produce enjoyable blooms. She is not with us and Orthene is rare, so we must move on. Jim Suggs is looking into a substance that is supposed to get these unspeakable pests. We wish him, and by extrapolation, ourselves, well, in the battle with these invaders. You’ll be kept informed.

2. We are also on the brink of extreme water shortage. This historical problem for our area is one that rose growers are tied to with bonds of steel. We must optimize every gallon. It is better to lower your number of plants rather than stretch time between watering. As he writes this article, the writer is handling the 100-degree+ days in June by daily watering. This is most important with potted plants.

How is that for stating the obvious?

*2011 FWRS Spring Rose Show  
Royalty Rosette Winner  
Traditional Arrangement  
Arr. By John L. Nowlin, Dallas  
Photo by L. Wiley*



Watering	Feeding	Spraying	Mulching	Planting	Pruning	Other
All need to understand that in the Texas summer roses need daily attention. This involves watching the moisture level and adding cooling mulch. The operative word is <u>water</u> .	Feeding in July depends on visual evidence of needing it. How much did you feed in Spring ? Increased frequency of watering depletes the soil of nitrogen. Slow acting such as Osmacote and organics are the rule.	If you spray for fungus, allow for strong heat by watering before and after spraying. Blackspot usually does not prosper in 90 degree weather, and certainly not in 100+ temps. Keep spraying for critters to a minimum.	Keep three to six inches on beds. Some has turned to good soil and some has just oxidized into the air. To appreciate mulch, stick your finger into it and feel the coolness.	Use judgment. This is ordinarily not an ideal planting month. With proper mulching and watering it can be done. On the other hand, why risk it? Wait for cooler weather!	Deadwood is still fair game. Bushes that are too exuberant may be pruned to fit the pattern you want. Check for and dig out any soft suckers. Deadhead old blooms.	Mulch, particularly pine bark, will wash off of many raised beds. Be sure to replace. If you love your roses, mulch them. If not, that is another problem. Even hardwood oxidizes and needs supplementing. Watch for critters!
Replenish mulch and practice clean beds. Run leaves through compost beds to break them down. Feeding is according to your particular plan. In the absence of soil testing, feeding should emphasize Nitrogen, since it has almost certainly been drastically reduced by spring rains or heavy watering. Be particularly cognizant of heat waves. Your bushes are particularly vulnerable with soft new growth. Be sure to water before and after feeding and keep plants turgid when spraying.						

**Fall Garden Tour Scheduled for October 1**

It was decided at our June meeting that the society would make our Fall Garden Tour on October 1. Our first stop will be at Chandor Gardens in Weatherford at 10:00 a.m., followed by lunch at a local restaurant, and ending the day trip with a visit to Clark Gardens a few miles west in Mineral Wells. A guided tour has been arranged at Chandor Gardens and we will tour Clark Gardens independently. Travel to and from the venue sites will be in private vehicles, with members either traveling from their own homes or meeting at the F. W. Botanic Garden to form car pools—whichever is more accommodating. These details will be worked out at our September meeting. In the meantime, visit the websites of Chandor Gardens at <http://preview.tinyurl.com/3tn2dcs> and Clark Gardens at <http://www.clarkgardens.org/> and you will be excited about visiting these local treasures.

**PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDARS!**



*Moon Gate at Chandor Gardens, Weatherford, TX. Photo from Chandor Gardens website.*

*[Editor's Note: The following is the first of two articles about the gardens on our fall tour. It is taken from the Chandor Garden website. <http://preview.tinyurl.com/3tn2dcs>. Next month's article will highlight Clark Gardens in Mineral Wells.]*

**CHANDOR GARDENS** is a unique world-class paradise featuring an enchanting array of creativity, color and beauty. The gardens were lovingly designed and created by renowned English portrait artist Douglas Chandor over 70 years ago, yet remain a spectacular marvel.

To most, this chalky hill in North Central Texas would seem an unlikely place for a garden of such imagination and splendor. But when Douglas Chandor married Weatherford native Ina Kuteman in 1935, she convinced him to build their home and garden in the heart of her hometown.

Although his claim to fame was his talent as an artist, Douglas found his real passion as a gardener. He once told Ina that his talent for painting was merely a means that enabled him to fulfill his dreams of building a "living artwork". Douglas Chandor's destiny would be to turn these dreams into a reality.

The gardens, originally called White Shadows, were carved from 4 acres of rock-hard terrain that was once a cow pasture. The project began in 1936 with the aid of picks, shovels, dynamite and mule-drawn plows. Truckloads of topsoil and tons of boulders were brought in to transform the barren cactus-dotted property into a peaceful haven enclosed by hedges and walls. Chandor devised a series of garden rooms, each with individual character and stunning views, all connected by meandering walkways. His creation combines the styles and ambiance of Chinese and English gardens with such delights as fountains, grottos, and even a mountain waterfall.

The Chandors worked tirelessly together in the gardens until Douglas' death in 1953, at which time Ina renamed them Chandor Gardens as a tribute to her husband. The gardens remained open to the public until shortly before her death in the late 1970s. Because there were no direct heirs, the property remained unattended, overgrown and deteriorating for 20 years.

In 1994, local residents Charles and Melody Bradford purchased the estate and took on the enormous task of restoring the gardens and home. In what could



only be described as a true labor of love, they painstakingly spent years clearing and cleaning away the debris of decades of neglect. Many large old trees, Douglas' original wisteria and boxwood plantings, and his magical hardscapes remained. Everything else was replanted by the Bradfords, and thanks to their efforts Chandor Gardens was once again transformed into a lush tranquil delight.

In time, the Bradford's decided to sell the property, and the City of Weatherford purchased Chandor Gardens in May 2002. After minor renovations necessary for compliance with the American Disabilities Act and City building codes, Chandor was re-opened to the public in the fall of 2002.

The gardens are available for public and private tours. The gardens along with the Chandor mansion are available for rental. It is an ideal and picturesque setting for weddings, photography, meetings, and special events.



**The next regular meeting of the FWRS is  
TUESDAY, JULY 5**

**PROGRAM:**

**“Photographing Roses”**

**Presented by**

**Jay Goode**

*Our incomparable Webmaster, master photographer, and Consulting Rosarian, Jay Goode, contributed the following short bio:*

I am a native Texan and a former resident of Fort Worth. When I was 16, my brother came back from the Navy with an Argus C3, 35mm camera. He got tired of it. I picked it up and have never stopped taking pictures. In high school I tried to get on the school newspaper. It was a popularity contest, and I did not get on. So I took my photos and some articles to the local weekly hometown newspaper and was hired on as a sports writer. I continued writing until I got out of high school. I have never stopped taking pictures.

I eventually got a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism and marketing from Texas A&M. My first job was the Corpus Christi Caller-Times where I worked during Hurricane Celia in 1970 as a photographer and writer. The Caller-Times still has some of my hurricane images on their web site. I also worked for the Light in San Antonio and the Daily Herald in Killeen, where I was city editor and photo editor.

During most of this time I became very interested in wildflower photography. I eventually got a degree in computer science and left the newspaper industry. I went to work for what is now Meridian Oil in Fort Worth as a computer programmer.

I spent most of my spare time around the Botanical Gardens and rural sites all over Texas photographing wild flowers. I took a two-day seminar taught by a Austin-based photographer here in the Botanic Gardens at the public wild flower park off of East Meadowbrook Drive on the bluff overlooking I-30.

After 27 years in Information Technology, I retired with J.P. Morgan & Co. Sandi, my wife, turned me onto roses after we toured many beautiful gardens in her hometown of London, England.

I turned to digital photography in in 2001 with a Nikon CoolPix 5700 and later a CoolPix 8700. Then I jumped to a D200. I now have a D300s. When I got tired of retirement and decided to go into Internet development, my journalism and photography experience came together for the first time.

I have worked with Chambersville Tree Farms, a truck farmer near Sherman, and all of the rose societies in North Texas. I have collected a huge portfolio of flowers and travel images. I have put many of these images into my YouTube.com site. Some 58 personal videos are all available by searching on sandijay4 on YouTube.com.

I am especially proud of the images and video I did of Rex Evan’s garden at Prosper, TX. It is on YouTube.com and on Collin County Rose Society’s web site. I have images in black and white and color and on print, digital, and transparencies that document almost my entire life, hobbies, and experiences.

## WEBSITE REPORT JAY GOODE, WEBMASTER

The South Central District will hold its fall convention in October. Your Webmaster has been busy linking the Dallas Rose Society, Fort Worth Rose Society, and the South Central District web sites up into one web site to promote the convention. The Convention web site can be reached by typing in <http://www.dallasroseconvention.org> or click on the navigation link on the FWRS web site Home Page. The actual web site is on the Dallas RS, but I gave these pages a look and feel of an entirely new web site. The convention site is still under construction. The drop down menu at the top is still being finished and linked. Hopefully, by July the web site will give SCD Rosarians all the information they need to come to North Texas and have a rosy time.

The society’s web site ([www.fortworthrosesociety.org](http://www.fortworthrosesociety.org)<<http://www.fortworthrosesociety.org>>) reflects the ebb and flow of the interests in roses. Google Analytics recorded 111 visits from 93 unique visitors between May 27 through June 26. That figure is down 33 per cent from last month. Those visitors viewed 291 pages, 2.97 pages per visits, and stayed on site for an average of 1:23. That’s one minute and 23 seconds.

The most popular pages were the Calendar Page (26 visitors), New Members Page (14 visitors), and Officers Page (13 visitors). In all, 19 pages received a significant number of visits. Where did the visits originate? They came from 16 states with Texas leading with 75 visits. Here in Texas, all but five visitors came from the Fort Worth-Dallas area. Some 65 visitors (58 per cent) came via search engines such as Google, Bing, and Yahoo. Direct traffic accounted for 26 visitors. The remainder came from referring sites such as the Dallas RS, Twitter.com via Tinyurl.com, the SCD and ARS web sites.

I try to keep the Home Page fresh, so please check the web site for updates on the calendar and the SCD Convention, which is co-sponsored by the FWRS.

**South Central District Convention and Rose Show**  
**Hosted by the Dallas Rose Society and Ft. Worth Rose Society**  
**in the City of Farmers Branch, TX**  
**October 21-23, 2011**  
**Holiday Inn Select Dallas North (Galleria Area)**

***"Roses 'round Texas"***

**REGISTRATION FORM**

Registration is required to participate in any of the events or to enter exhibits. Only one form is required per family.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Local Society \_\_\_\_\_

	<b>Number</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>Total</b>
Registration (postmarked by September 30)	_____	\$35.00	_____
Registration (postmarked after September 30)	_____	\$40.00	_____
Banquet	_____	\$40.00	_____
Sunday Continental Breakfast and Garden Tour	_____	\$10.00	_____
Awards Donation – SCD Trophy Fund			_____
	Total Amount Enclosed:		_____

**Banquet Dinner Choice:** (Enter number for each selection please.)

Prime Rib of Beef \_\_\_\_\_ Grilled Breast of Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Maple Walnut Glazed Salmon \_\_\_\_\_

**Rose Show Exhibitors:** Please check if you are planning to exhibit roses in: Horticulture \_\_\_\_\_ Arrangements \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to: DFW SCD Convention**

Mail to Helen Reynolds: 6938 Wake Forrest, Dallas, TX 75214-1741

**Hotel Accommodations:** Holiday Inn Select Dallas North (Galleria Area), 2645 LBJ Freeway, Dallas, TX, 75234. Please make your registration by calling this number only: **972-243-3363**. Please tell the person answering that you want to make a registration for the Dallas Rose Society and Ft. Worth Rose Society block of rooms for October 21-23, 2011. The room rate of \$75.00 per night is for your choice of a room with one king or two queen beds Room block expires **October 7, 2011**. After October 7, you will need to make a reservation at the regular hotel rate, so please register early.

**Registration Cancellation Refund Policy:** Cancellations received by October 7, 2011 will receive a refund of registration, banquet and garden tour fees that were paid in advance. Hotel cancellations must be handled through the hotel.

**Speakers** for the Convention include: **Dr. Jim Hering:** Banquet Keynote Speaker: "The Award of Excellence (AOE) Program - Past, Present and Future"; **Laura Miller:** Insects and Roses: Friends and Foes; and **Tommy Hebert:** Rose Hybridizing for the Amateur.

**Gardens** available for touring on Sunday include the personal gardens of Pam Smith, Claude Graves, and John Allen.

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Single member, \$15.00

Two members at same address, \$18.00

#### Members receive:

- ❖ The official newsletter of the FWRS—Rose Prose—each month except January;
- ❖ Eleven (or more) meetings consisting of lectures, visits to members' homes, ice cream socials, plant exchanges, field trips and our annual Christmas party;
- ❖ Opportunities to participate in the Fort Worth Botanic Garden plant sales and other events.

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