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*'Wild Blue Yonder', Gr, 2004
Photo by L. Wiley*

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2011

Hospitality at 6:30, program at 7:00

Garden Center of the Fort Worth Botanic Garden

Program: PAM SMITH

"NATIONAL EARTH-KIND TRIAL ROSE GARDEN (THE WORK WE DO, PLUS MORE)"

(See page 3 for Pam's bio.)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY JANICE CLARKE



Hi everyone,

Hope all is well with you during this very hot, dry, July. I'm spending most of my time watering, just to keep things alive. My roses are hanging in there for dear life, my song birds are panting, and a little family of raccoons has pried

their way into my storage shed to seek shelter from the elements. We are struggling, but better times are ahead, I hope.

Please disregard the "Show and Tell" request in the July 2011 issue of the "Rose Prose." That activity would best be suited for an entire program. Perhaps we can re-schedule it for 2012. Pam Smith, who is scheduled for the August program, needs the full time allotment, for what I know, will be an excellent program on the activities of Farmer's Branch. After a lengthy drive, through horrendous construction and traffic, she needs to relax and be able to present her program without time constraints. We look forward to her presentation.

The restaurant I think you might enjoy on our October field trip to Weatherford and Mineral Wells is called Boo-Ray's Cajun Restaurant. It is located just off of I-20(W) at the Weatherford exit. They have a website that includes a menu, map, and some ratings. The prices are not given on the

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website, but all or most, are under \$10. I went to another Boo-Ray's Restaurant with approximately 45 people and I heard no complaints. However, if you would like to suggest another restaurant, please feel free to do so.

I would like to thank Rachel Feldstein for setting up an e-mail account for the Fort Worth Rose Society (fwrosesociety@hotmail.com). The sign-up sheet and new member forms she created are wonderful! She is asking the membership to submit e-mails of their favorite rose photographs to our e-mail account so they can be considered for greeting/all occasion cards. This would be a much needed source of revenue for our rose society. We encourage your participation.

I look forward to visiting with you at our August meeting and to hearing what Pam Smith has to say about the happenings at Farmer's Branch.

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



'Wild Blue Yonder' (Gr, 2004), on the front cover, is yet another of the bluish/purple/lavender ('WBY' is officially mauve) roses that has outstanding fragrance. I love the rose in my garden; it seems to draw people to it. Unfortunately, it starts shedding petals much too soon, but it is a standout while it lasts.

I have again included the registration form for the SCD Fall Convention in this newsletter, along with a form to submit if you want to participate in the silent auction to take place on Saturday during the convention. It is an excellent and fun way to raise funds for the Dallas and Ft. Worth rose societies to help defray the cost of the convention. Don't wait. Donate.

For the pictures in the Clark Gardens article on this page and p. 6, I elected to use a water lily photo and photos of cannas and that I took at the gardens in late September, 2009. We rosarians don't restrict our love of plants to roses and I thought you would enjoy the pictures. The cannas in particular were spectacular that year.

*Water Lily at Clark Gardens
Photo by L. Wiley*



MEETING MINUTES JULY 5, 2011 YVETTE HENRY, SECRETARY

Business Discussed:

- There were registration forms for the ARS in the back.
- There was also a card for Dennis Jones to sign in the back.
- Give any money for trophies for the South Central District convention to Larry Norris.

Jay Goode gave a very interesting program on photographing flowers and landscapes using a simple digital camera.

**The next regular meeting of the FWRS is
TUESDAY, AUGUST 2**

PROGRAM:

National Earth-Kind Trial Rose Garden (The Work We Do, Plus More)

Presented by

Pam Smith

Pam has a B.S. degree in Floriculture from Texas A&M and a M.S. in Horticulture from Texas Tech University. She has 37 years of experience in the green industry, including 16 years at Brookhaven Country Club in Farmers Branch before moving to The City of Farmers Branch 15 years ago, where she serves as the Park Landscape Manager. She is active in the Dallas Rose Society and The Dallas Area Historical Rose Society and just returned from France where she was a judge for the rose trials at the Bagatelle Rose Garden in Paris.

AUGUST ROSE NOTES

BY JIM MCCARTY, HORTICULTURE EDITOR



WEEDS

The writer was given a gardening book by some good and quite perceptive friends who determined in some way that he could read. This is not just any gardening book. This is a small tome by a very intelligent but quite idiosyncratic individual. His view of weeds would have warmed the heart of the parallel universe and flat earth groupies. This is unfair because his views were always fresh and had a certain left handed sense to them. As examples we might take his view that one way to take care of weeds was to rename them. He also mentioned that weeds were just plants whose true value had not been discovered. In the end he admitted the value of some old fashioned weeding with a healthy attitude toward allowing the plants to keep their competitive juices flowing by not clean sweeping the offenders. This keeps them on their toes. The writer is only a little over half way through the book as his lips have to say the words as he reads them. He has become an admirer of the author, Michael Pollan, primarily for his insistence that gardeners should enjoy the hobby and leave perfection to those who enjoy it. He is quite sympathetic with the "what works for you" method of gardening. In Pollan's words, the two sins of over cultivation and under cultivation are just warning signs to fall back on the theme of being a gardener at ease amid imponderable gaps in his or her scientific knowledge. "In the garden, the voice of experience—distilled, collective, and well worn—sometime speaks to us in the idiom of old wives." The writer applauds this view for the 99% of our group who relax and sublimate themselves to the wonder and excitement of the things that seem to work. Thus is the experienced hobby

gardener formed. The book is *Second Nature - A Gardeners Education* (New York: Grove Press, 1991) .

This writer made an implacable vow to not mention the extreme heat we are experiencing. The reason he is not going to mention it is because he would then have to explain how to keep your plants watered. Since he has no original thoughts on this subject, he will just not remind you that in order to get a sufficient amount of water on your roses in these days of diminishing water supply, a certain amount of guilt will be necessary. On the snide side, as long as golf courses remain green and swimming pools full, a little water on thirsty roses cannot be a cardinal sin. The writer is glad that the foregoing remark was made in the "not mentioned" section of this article. It is such a joy to not mention something that, in the future, many things will be handled in this fashion.

In not mentioning the heat problem, the writer absolves himself of the need to discuss mulching. This means that the great value of a heavy layer of mulch cooling your heat stricken beds and reducing the guilt of watering using our precious lake products means that if you do mulch, the glory will all resound to you. You have risen above the herd and "you don't need no stinking warning to mulch."

Coda: The writer who is caught up in a frenzy of not mentioning things will also not mention that he is scheduled for an MRI on his vocal cords, one of which does not seem to be functioning. Inexplicably, his voice sounds like a frog's mating call. (Any unmannerly hooting from readers will be harshly dealt with. Particularly since the voice thing was not mentioned.) The amusement factor of sounding like a frog lasts about three minutes. After that, the need of visitors to go home and rearrange their sock drawer or conduct a count of the bricks in their backyard patio grows in importance and must be handled immediately. The writer never knew these were such compelling chores.

While you are heat-bound in your homes this summer, why not take the time to rate roses in the ARS Roses in Review program? As you may recall, these are the ratings used in the ever-useful Handbook for Selecting Roses. You can do it online via the ARS website or by paper ballot. I will bring some ballots to the August 2 meeting. September 26, 2011, is the deadline.

L. W.

Watering	Feeding	Spraying	Mulching	Planting	Pruning	Other
All need to understand that in the Texas summer roses need daily attention. This involves watching water and cooling mulch. The operative word is <u>water</u> . This year it is a matter of survival!	Feeding in August 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 and water before and after spraying. Blackspot usually does not prosper in 90 degree weather, and certainly in 100 plus temps. Keep spraying for critters to a bare minimum.	Keep 3 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. This is a special need this year.	A special exception is made for this August. Due to the record breaking heat it is best to hold off on new plants until more reasonable weather. This year is just being ridiculous.	Deadwood is still fair game. Some bushes may be too exuberant; if so, prune 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, which has almost certainly been drastically reduced by spring rains or heavy watering. Be exceptionally 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 absolutely necessary to indulge in spraying.

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!

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; Members' Plant Swap.

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.

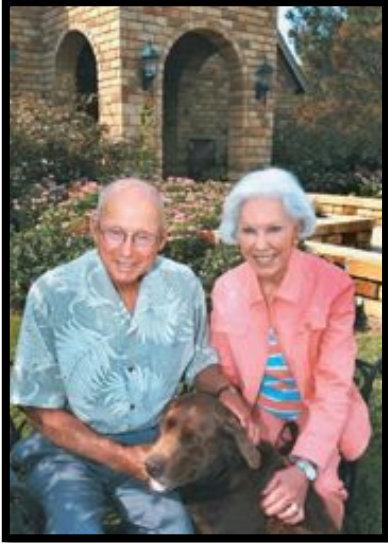
November 1 - Jeff Myers: the State of the FWBG.

December 1 - Christmas Party, Mimi's Café.

Fall Garden Tour Scheduled for October 1

Make plans to participate in 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!



Making History Since 1972

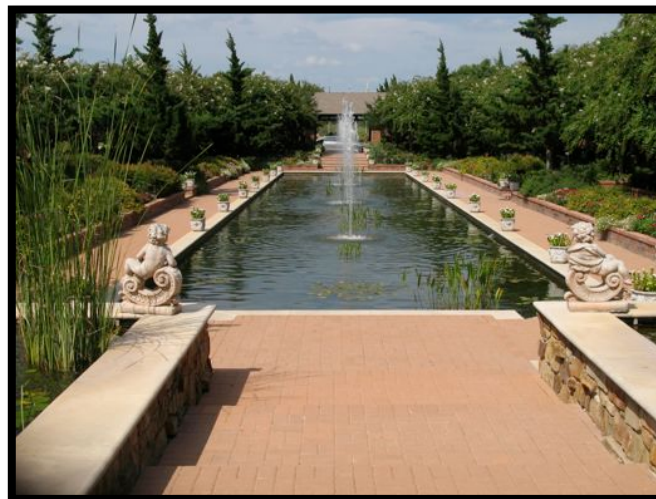
Surrounded by native woodlands and tucked away down a country road between Weatherford and Mineral Wells, Texas, is Clark Gardens Botanical Park. Its story is one of hard work, dreams and the visions of Max and Billie Clark. What began as the Clark's private garden in 1972 - a small personal endeavor of traditional landscaping on this rugged Texas hillside - is now a botanical masterpiece. Much of this world of tranquility - this unexpected treasure - was sparked by Billie Clark's inspirations. In 1999, Max and Billie established the Max and Billie Clark Foundation and donated 143 acres, including the gardens, to this new non-profit organization.

Now the gardens are an educational and scientific facility as well as a working model of beautiful, yet sustainable, landscapes. The native Texas and Texas adaptable plants the park exhibits are low maintenance and many are drought tolerant. On April 22, 2000, Clark Gardens opened its gates to the public and has been declared one of the most beautiful gardens in the nation. Visitors may take a photo journey of the making of Clark Gardens Botanical Park, and read more about its unique history when they visit the History House in the Park's West Garden Area.



In addition to the many rose beds at Clark Gardens, there is an expansive canna garden, which reaches its peak bloom in late summer, early fall.

English Style Channel Garden



Garden Photos by L. Wiley



Silent Auction

for the

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

http://www.dallasrosesociety.org/convention_home.html

"Roses 'round Texas"

A **Silent Auction** has been planned for the SCD Convention and Rose Show to be held at the Farmers Branch Senior Center from 10:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Silent Auctions are a wonderful way to add excitement and interest to Conventions as well as help rose societies realize a profit from all the hard work of hosting a Convention and Rose Show.

Please help the Dallas and Ft. Worth Rose Societies by donating a quality item to be offered in the Silent Auction. Some items that have been well received by rosarians at past Conventions and Seminars have been:

- original rose art work
- basket of homemade delicacies
- basket of rose items
- gift baskets from specialty stores
- rosebushes that are in high demand
- homemade crafts and needlework
- garden art
- crystal and china with a rose theme
- rose jewelry
- decorative rose potpourri
- teapot with cups and tea blends

Please participate by completing the form below and submitting to Vicki Agee at chulochica@tx.rr.com, 972-412-8767, or by snail mail to 2310 Hanover Court, Rowlett, TX 75088.

Thanks for your support of the Ft. Worth and Dallas Rose Societies!

I plan to donate the following item(s): _____

I will bring my donations to the Farmers Branch Senior Center by **9:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 22, 2011**, to be entered in the Silent Auction (or make other arrangements with Vicki Agee).

Name _____ Telephone Number _____

Email Address _____

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 _____

	Number	Price	Total
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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ADDRESS _____

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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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