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'Gemini' HT, 1999 Photo by L. Wiley

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2011

Hospitality at 6:30, program at 7:00; Garden Center of the Fort Worth Botanic Garden

Program: VICKI AGEE

"FRAGRANT ROSES"

(See p. 2 for speaker bio.)

PLUS...

First Annual Members' Plant Swap

Bring your surplus or special plants to exchange with fellow gardeners. (See p. 3 for more details.)

AND MORE...

In the spirit of Vicki Agee's talk, she has asked us to bring our favorite fragrant blooms to the meeting.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY JANICE CLARKE



Hi everyone,

What a pleasant surprise! This morning when I went out to do my daily watering, coolness and a light shower greeted me. A very welcome set of circumstances, indeed. Change is in the air, thank heavens!

I have seen a

Baltimore Oriole several times getting water from my bird baths. The little stream that runs through my lower backyard is mostly dried up with just a few isolated pockets of water here and there. So, the wild life is really suffering and is very dependent on the water I supply. There is also a shortage of nectar secreting plants so I provide alternatives. When I prepare melons, I quarter them and then leave some of the flesh attached to the skins and then I put them out on the ground for all to enjoy, which they do. Providing fruit and grape jelly for orioles and mockingbirds, nectar for the hummingbirds, and seeds for the seed-eaters is responsible feeding. Bread is not the way to go; it lacks the nutrition birds need and is not healthy for them. This year I have also had an abundance of breeding butterflies which really love my host Hackberry trees. They also have a shortage of nectar producing flowers and my supplemental feeding helps to provide them with the nourishment they need. I am rewarded for my efforts by the beautiful birds and butterflies that abound in my backyard.

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On a sad note! One of our dearest members, Jim McCarty has been very ill. He is a dear man. Everyone who knows him, loves him. He and Barbara were the keystones of the Ft. Worth Rose Society and we all wish him the best. Jim, you are in our thoughts and prayers. Please get better soon, we miss you!

October is almost here. First, our field trip and then our plant swap meeting. Don't forget to bring your fragrant roses to the meeting, if you have them. Then, two plant sales, Rose Dango, and our October 21-23 South Central District Convention. Wow, are we having fun yet?

I am looking forward to hearing what Vicki Agee has to say about fragrant roses and anticipate visiting with you at our meeting. We really have a great group of individuals who make up our Ft. Worth Rose Society and I thoroughly enjoy all of our social events.

**The next regular meeting of the FWRS is
Tuesday, October 4
PROGRAM:
"Fragrant Roses"
Presented by Vicki Agee**

Vicki Agee is a Clinical Psychologist who retired to the Dallas area (Rowlett) seven years ago to be near her son and his family. Besides playing with her two young granddaughters, she is indulging in her passion for gardening in her retirement. Other hobbies include dogs (she has three Havanese and has shown them), photography (Photoshop addict), and reading (two book clubs). She is a Hospice Volunteer and enjoys taking bouquets from her garden to her patients.

Vicki has lived in eleven states, and has gardened in most of them. She raised her family in Colorado, and much of that time they lived in the mountains. Gardening was very difficult there! But since then, she has been able to garden in places where it is easier to garden, such as in Ohio, Maryland, Tennessee, Florida and Georgia. On retiring to Texas 7 years ago, she devoted lots of time to building what she hopes will be her last garden. It has more than 200 roses, daylilies, iris and daffodils, along with many annuals and perennials. Her garden won the Elizabeth Ferguson Garden Trophy from the Dallas Rose Society for Large Rose Gardens, and has been a featured garden in the Collin County Rose Garden Tour for two years. A year ago, there was an article about her rose garden in the gardening section of the Dallas Morning News. She also likes to enter flower shows, showing roses, iris, daffodils and daylilies.

Vicki belongs to the following gardening groups: Dallas County Master Gardeners – Speaker's Bureau; Dallas Rose Society – ARS Consulting Rosarian and President; Collin County Rose Society-Member; Daylily Growers of Dallas Secretary, Garden Judge; Dallas Iris Society-Secretary; Rowlett-Rockwall Garden Club – Secretary; Texas Daffodil Society – Member. She is also a Dallas County Master Gardener, an American Rose Society Consulting Rosarian, and an American Hemerocallis Association Garden Judge.

Vicki has asked that members bring their favorite fragrant roses to the October meeting to share with others!

EDITOR'S NOTES

BY LARRY WILEY



The picture on this month's cover is of 'Gemini', in my humble opinion one of the great hybrid teas. Actually, a lot of people share that opinion since it was selected for an American Rose Society Members' Choice Award (via a survey open to participation by all members of the ARS), which honors roses with high garden ratings in the ARS *Roses in Review*.

An update on Jim McCarty's condition: I talked to Jim's daughter Cindy Dunlap today (Thursday 29th), and she informs me that Jim is much improved

after his surgery for thyroid cancer. He is now in the Fort Worth Kindred Hospital, 815 Eighth Avenue (room #113), where he's receiving intensive rehabilitation. Cindy says that he is in great spirits and has already charmed all of the nurses. She also says that he has so appreciated all of your visits, cards, flowers, etc., and that he would love to see or hear from his friends. He is very busy with his rehab until around 4:00 p.m., so if you would like to pay him a brief visit it would be best after that time. Get well soon, Jim!

You should not miss this month's talk by Vicki Agee. Those of you who remember her talk several years back on floribunda roses can attest to the fact that she is informative and entertaining. Don't forget to bring your favorite fragrant roses to share.

It's not too late to register for the ARS South Central District Convention on Oct. 21-23. Go to the FWRS website for registration information and forms.

MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 6, 2011 YVETTE HENRY, SECRETARY

Business Discussed:

- Nominating committee needs to be selected. Three still need to be selected. Linda Larkin and Cheryl Fortner have already accepted to serve on the committee.
- October 1 is the tour of Chandor and Clark gardens. Lunch will be at Boo-Ray's.
- Next month also is the member's plant swap at regular meeting on Oct. 4; Oct. 6th, the pre-sale at the Botanic Garden; Oct. 8th, the plant sale; Oct. 15th-16th, the Rose Dango; and Oct. 21-23rd is the SCD convention.
- Dec. 1st is our Christmas Party at Mimi's starting at 6:30pm.

Claude Graves gave a very interesting and informative program on the Easy Tea/ Hybrid Tea Rose Research Project. He also informed of an upcoming project involving older hybrid teas on their own roots.

First Annual Members' Plant Swap At the Next Meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 4

Have any extra plants that you just can't bear to put in the compost pile, but really don't have room in your yard for them?

Have cuttings, rootings, or seeds of a particularly spectacular specimen that you would like to share ?

Now is your chance to give those plants a good home and at the same time get a plant that will look great in your garden.

Just bring them to our members' plant swap at our regular meeting next Tuesday and start dealin'. B, They can be roses or anything of which you have a surplus and want to share, based on the assumption that rosarians also love to grow many other plants.

OCTOBER ROSE NOTES

BY JIM MCCARTY, HORTICULTURE EDITOR

[Editor's Note: Since Jim is incapacitated at this time, I'm repeating this article that Jim wrote in October of 2010. His daughter Cindy says that he is already planning his article for November. What a trouper!]

ON SCIENCE AND ROSES



The writer is one who has a strong belief in science without the least connection to it. The horticulture of the rose, even in one's own flower beds, as a science, involves recording accurately such information as the date of blooming of each rose, the map of watering of each bed, the time and results of the feeding program, the

appearance of pests and varmints as they pertain to each rose or at least each type of rose, calibration of the spraying program and results, the results of soil tests and the actions taken, tracking the abundance or lack thereof of bloom for each bed, the rainfall record, the temperature record, mulching history, and any other information that does not violate national security. In the parallel universe in which the writer lives there is no interruption to the relaxed observation of a good football game. (As opposed to the one just viewed between the Redskins and the Cowboys on opening day.) The roses do what they do and the writer does what he does and that seems only fair. How does that work for him? Well, better than he deserves, but less than one who practices at least a fair amount of the data gathering and uses that information that we mentioned long ago, at the beginning of this paragraph. The perfection that such stalwarts as Larry Wiley, Jimmy Sanford, John Allen, Jim Suggs, and a host of others bring to our hobby shames the writer—but not enough to move him to action.

All this is about to change, my friends. The writer has invested in not only a pencil, but also a pen. In addition, he has several pieces of paper and a fire in his belly that can only be quenched by accurate and meticulous recording of every aspect of his plants lives. ... And yet! Would this not be an invasion of the privacy of his beloved roses? Would it not appear to them to be a deleterious comment on their previous efforts? Would it not reduce their mystery and beauty, to say nothing of their fragrance, to pedestrian numbers and deny the pure and pristine affection the writer has had for them these last sixty plus years? These are serious considerations and will require an extensive study by the writer before implementation. He will study these aspects during the winter

months and, depending on his conclusions, will spend the following two or three years designing the charts and lists to best reflect the magnitude of this grand effort. At some point he must remember to sharpen the pencil. Why does he have to think of everything?

Coda: On reflection, he has decided to extend this a few years to provide for a secondary study on the proper wine and serving temperature to be used while involved with such a Herculean task. This is more fodder for the idea that the writer has to think of everything.

Jim McCarty, Project Director

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!

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.

IF IT'S OCTOBER, WE SHOULD BE...

Watering	Feeding	Spraying	Mulching	Planting	Pruning	Other
Keep moist. With current water restrictions, it's a good time to consider a good drip or similar system.	October is a little late for granular. You don't want to encourage too much growth, making your roses vulnerable to freeze damage in November. Only organics such as alfalfa, cotton hull meals, etc., or water soluble fertilizers are recommended.	For fungus, if needed. Insects only if damaging and only plants involved.	Keep 3 to six inches on beds. Build reserve of mulch to protect against early norther.	Okay if well mulched.	Dead wood, and shaping only. Do not encourage new growth into freezing weather. See below.	Enjoy the fall bloom after a deadly hot summer!
<p>This is a month for judgment. Usually it is safe to treat October as a cool month, but be prepared. In a gambling mode, some may continue limited deadheading. This presupposes an Indian (long) fall. Next month will likely have a killing frost but lately some optimistic rosarians have been able to stretch the fall flowering into December. The risk is having new growth killed by frost and thus using much of the stored nutrients needed for next spring. The hand is dealt.</p>						

WEBSITE REPORT JAY GOODE, WEBMASTER

The summer doldrums are over! I am out in my garden watering, dead heading, and fertilizing. This signals a renewed interest in roses.

...and oh yes! My roses did survive the hot weather. In two cases, I was actually providing too much water with my drip irrigation system and almost lost two 'Gold Glows'.

Visitation to the web site is up 19% over a very low month last month. We had 100 visits and 174 page views. The compares to the Houston Rose Society which had 160 visits in August.

The most visited pages besides the home page were:

- Wiley Garden Page, 40 visits
- Calendar Page, 18 visits
- Garvin Garden page, 15 visits
- Garden Page, 13 visits
- Purchase_membership page, 7 visits
- Articles page, 7 visits

A total 17 pages received visitors.

Some 95 visits came from nine states. Arizona visited the web site 38 times. We had visitors from North Carolina, Massachusetts, Alabama, Florida, Washington, California, and Kentucky. Locally, most visitors came from the Fort Worth area. Bedford, Lewisville, North Richland Hills, Mansfield, Grapevine, and The Colony sent visitors, too.

LANDSCAPING WITH HYBRID MUSK ROSES

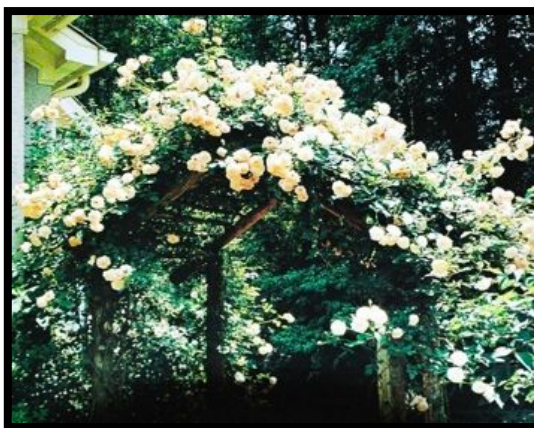
BY ANNA DAVIS, MASTER ROSARIAN; ANNADROSE@AOL.COM

[This article is reprinted from the March 2010 issue of The Phoenix, newsletter of the Atlanta Rose Society, Bobbie Reed, editor. Some introductory material was edited for space considerations.]

I have been growing roses for over 40 years and am currently in my third and last garden. Through the years I have grown almost every variety of the rose. I especially love and would recommend growing the hybrid musk roses. These include some of the most useful roses for landscape purposes.

The first hybrid musk roses were created by the Reverend Joseph Pemberton, an East Anglican cleric who created a possible hybrid of *Rosa multiflora* with certain hybrid teas and polyanthas. Hybrid musks may be used as shrubs, mannerly climbers, pillars, or hedges. The colors are beautiful pastels and blends, the fragrance outstanding, foliage handsome, and disease resistance good.

There are many, many hybrid musk roses, but I would like to give you an overview of the ones that I have grown and consider to be some of the most important in the class.



'*Cornelia*' (below), introduced in 1925, is a delightful hybrid musk of delicate beauty producing arching masses of small, very double, rosette-shaped blooms of coppery-apricot aging to apricot-shaded pink. The flowers are very fragrant. It makes a strong growing plant with glossy dark-green foliage. I have grown '*Cornelia*' on an arch over a Monet bench.



'*Ballerina*' [left with '*Carnea*' on right], introduced in 1937, is one of the best roses for hedging. '*Ballerina*' produces clouds of small, single pink roses with white

eyes on a compact arching bush with thick foliage. It is wonderful as a cut flower on its own or in an arrangement. It can be pruned to shape or allowed to spill over naturally. When the leaves begin to thin in the late fall, the entire bush is lit up with tiny orange-red hips, like Christmas lights. I have grown '*Ballerina*' as a climber over a large window. I have also grown it as a freestanding bush. I would never be without it.

'*Buff Beauty*' [above right] was introduced in 1939. The Noisette heritage of this charming rose shows up in both the fragrance and in large, very double flowers of rich, muted, double apricot. It can be grown as a low spreading shrub or the perfect pillar rose. '*Buff Beauty*' has a lovely tea rose fragrance. I have grown '*Buff Beauty*' on a high cedar structure and on an arch over a Monet bench. I have grown the lovely clematis '*Betty Corning*' with '*Buff Beauty*'. This is always a hit!



'*Penelope*' [next page] introduced in 1924, is the most popular of the hybrid musks. '*Penelope*' is a dense bush reaching 5 feet high, and is even wider than it is tall. Vigorous and large-leaved, it bears dense corymbs of very pale salmon-pink flowers with strong aroma. It is excellent as a hedge or shrub. '*Penelope*' is a good fall bloomer. I have grown '*Penelope*' as a freestanding bush. It definitely has a come-hither look!



'Prosperity', introduced in 1919, is one of the great hybrid musks, if not one of the great white roses. The lemon-yellow center on a young bloom gives this white rose a depth not seen in other whites. *'Prosperity'* is sweetly fragrant. Red fruits provide an extra color accent. *'Prosperity'* is a very robust grower. I have grown it on a high arch and it is always in bloom. Very reliable.

'Kathleen' [below], introduced in 1922, is the perfect climber for a trellis by a loveseat or to frame a window. *'Kathleen'* has a multitude of five-petaled blooms that look like apple blossoms, pale pink with a darker blush on the backs of the petals and prominent yellow stamens. The musky scent is rich and sweet. The dark-green leaves droop gracefully, creating a soft romantic picture. I have grown *'Kathleen'* on a beautiful bay window outside my breakfast room. The fragrance and ambiance of this plant are lovely.



'Mozart' [below, on moon gate], was introduced in 1927. The bright cerise-pink flowers of *'Mozart'* make this a cheerful rose. It has the classic hybrid musk form, arching and graceful. It is a great choice for a free-standing specimen or a waterside accent. It is very showy in spring and fall and very fragrant as well. I first saw *'Mozart'* blooming in France and had to have it. I was blown away! I now grow it around the moon gate entrance to my courtyard. I grow it with the clematis *'Viticella Venosa Violacea'* and the clematis *'Florida Sieboldiana'*.



Ideas for Landscaping

DRAPE YOUR WINDOWS IN ROSES

The effect of roses framing a window is a lovely one, enhancing the view both outside and inside.

LET VINES TWINE INTO ROSES

While you often see climbing roses growing up into small shrubs and trees, it's possible to grow vines into sturdy shrub roses. Some clematis are fine companions for roses.

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- ❖ Opportunities to participate in the Fort Worth Botanic Garden plant sales and other events.

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