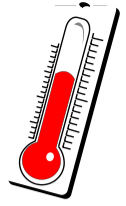




The Rose Leaf

The Oklahoma Rose Society
Affiliated with the American Rose Society



August 2008

Greetings to All!!

In case you don't have a calendar nearby to tell you that it is August, just watch the news. We are in triple digit temps, water rationing and no rain in the forecast till fall. Also, look at your lawn, is it turning brown? The true tell tale signs that we are in the dog days of summer.

What to do in August? Stay inside in the A/C and water at 2 a.m. When you can stand to be outside and not pass out due to the heat. I hope everyone is staying cool and safe. Hope to see everyone at our August meeting for some cold ice cream.

One last thing, our deepest sympathy goes out to Dottie Weissenberger and family to the loss of her sister.

Brett

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

August 14, 2008

Will Rogers Garden Center
3400 NW 36th Street

7:00 PM - Annual Ice Cream Social

6:30 PM - Place your roses in the Little Rose Show

Door Prizes

Dennis & Renee' Niklas

Ice Cream: Freda Thacker - Banana
Renee' Niklas - Vanilla
Norval White - Sherbert

Toppings: Jack Dickson -Chocolate and
Strawberry

Cake: Barbara Loose

Ice Cream Cake: Tanya Duke

Cookies: Bettye Anderson

Cup Cakes: Ray Hicks

Drinks: Mary Sykora as well as bowls,
spoons, ice, cups and napkins

*If you didn't get to sign up last month, come
on and join us and bring your favorite
summertime treat*

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 14 - Little Rose Show Entries - 6:30 PM
7:00 PM - Annual Ice Cream Social

September 11 - ORS Meeting - 7:00 PM
Little Rose Show Entries - 6:30 PM

October 3-5 - Tulsa State Fair Show

October 9 - ORS Meeting

October 12 - ORS Fall Show
Will Rogers Garden Center

October 17 - 19 - South Central District Show
Ft. Smith, Arkansas

November 13 - ORS Meeting

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Roses in Review

The ARS would like everyone to participate in the review of new rose introductions! The Roses in Review forms are in the July/August issue of the *American Rose* magazine. The form is also available on the ARS website (www.ars.org). The ARS wants input from "garden" rosarians as well as exhibitors, and from new rosarians as well as seasoned veterans. A copy of the instructions and cultivar list will also be available at our July and August meetings. The results of the survey will be included in the January/February 2009 issue of the *American Rose*.

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LITTLE ROSE SHOW

The Little Rose Show is held at the monthly meeting of the Society from June through September. All members are encouraged to bring roses to the show. This is a good time to learn how to show your roses in an informal atmosphere. Entries must be in place by the start of the meeting. You may want to come 30 minutes early to meet the deadline. The Exhibitor provides containers. An ARS Judge will judge roses. Roses must be grown outdoors. Only four entries are allowed per Exhibitor in 8 classes. Section I is open to all Exhibitors; Section II is open to anyone who has **not** won Queen, King, Princess or Sweepstakes in an ARS accredited rose show. Points will be awarded for entries winning 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Honorable Mention and Best of Section. A complete list of the guidelines and points will be available at the meeting.

JULY RESULTS

We had some very nice blooms for July. In Section 1 - Dennis & Renee' Niklas had Best of Show with Halo Today. In Section 2 - Hope Knizek, who is the granddaughter of Frances Whitefield, won Best of Show with Memphis King. This was Hope's first time to show at any level. Congratulations to Hope!!

Point totals for Section 1 is the Niklas' with 20 points, Frances Whitefield with 14 points and Jack Dickson with 12 points.

Section 2 season totals are Tanya Duke with 35 points, Hope Knizek with 8 points and Brett Cash with 3 points.

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Dog Days of Summer?

Now that Mother Nature has pulled back on the rainfall it's time to hook up your hose to water your rose bushes! Large rose bushes require 2 to 5 gallons of water 3 times a week. If it's really hot you may need to water everyday. Each time you water, wet the soil about a foot deep.

The best time to water is early morning to reduce evaporation and allow foliage adequate time to dry.

Deliver water directly to the base of a rose bush with a soaker hose or drip irrigation system. Avoid watering from overhead with a sprinkler or hand-held hose and watering wand - unless it's early in the day.

A 1 to 3-in layer of mulch helps to retain soil moisture and suppress weed growth. Organic mulch is beneficial because it breaks down gradually and adds nutrients to the soil.

Be sure to continue to feed your bushes with your favorite rose food or use Miracle Gro or Peters 20-20-20. Your bushes will love you for it and give you many beautiful blooms!!

Free Trial ARS Membership

At the Denver Convention, the ARS Board authorized a FREE TRIAL MEMBERSHIP initiative:

Every new non-ARS member of a local society will receive a Free Trial 4-month membership in the American Rose Society. This trial membership will include:

- ◆ Two Issues of the American Rose Magazine
- ◆ A list of ARS Partners offering discounts
- ◆ The Reciprocal Garden Guide
- ◆ An invitation to apply for the US Bank Credit Card
- ◆ An ARS Membership Identification Card
- ◆ Other benefits adding up to a \$34 value

The local society will send the names and addresses of new local society members to Laura Pfender, Membership Director of the American Rose Society. This offer includes all new non-ARS members of local societies from July 1st to December 31st, 2008 and starts immediately.

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