



SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA ROSE SOCIETY

AFFILIATED WITH THE AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY

# The Rosette

## Calendar of Events

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### Thursday, June 8, 2017

6 PM LSU AgCenter  
7101 Gulf Hwy  
Board Meets at 5 PM

### June, 24, 2017

Acadiana RS hosts  
Arrangement Workshop  
Ira Nelson Horticultural Bldg.  
Lafayette LA

### \*\*No Meeting in July or August\*\*

### Saturday, October 7, 2017

SWLA RS Annual Rose Arrangement  
Workshop  
Associated Louisiana Artists  
Gallery by the Lake  
106 W. Pryce  
(formerly Lawrence St)

### Friday & Saturday November 3 & 4

South Central District  
Convention & Rose Show  
(Plan ahead to prune for this show!)  
SWLA RS may want to volunteer for  
Placement and Clerk

Mark Your Calendar!

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### **Program**

**What are you doing in  
your garden now?  
Bring roses to  
Show & Tell.**

Snacks and Refreshments

## **What's Inside:**

Details for Acadiana RS  
Arrangement Workshop

ARS Rose Shows for 2018

Summer Gardening

'Beverly'

Bits & Pieces

## Arrangement Workshop Saturday, June 24, 2017 9 am - 3 pm

Hosted by **Acadiana Rose Society**

Ira Nelson Horticulture Building on ULL campus  
2206 Johnston Street, Lafayette, LA 70503  
\$10 fee includes light lunch  
Send check to BJ Abshire  
156 Antigua Drive, Lafayette, LA 70503

- Instructions for both novice and experienced arrangers.
- Instructions in all classes including table classes.
- Breakfast/ Lunch Trays/Exhibition Table Classes by Marilyn Wellan.
- Bring roses, line material, pruners, vases, trays, etc for your practice arrangements.

Members from Golden Triangle, CenLa, Acadiana, SWLA and Baton Rouge Rose Societies attended this workshop last year. Very informative and, of course, fun! Keep the date in mind as you tend your roses so there's a rose or two to bring. Mark your calendar!

SAVE THE  
Date

2017 NATIONAL FALL CONVENTION, ROSE SHOW  
& PENN-JERSEY DISTRICT CONVENTION  
*September* 5, 2017 - SEPTEMBER 11, 2017  
GETTYSBURG PA

2018 SPRING NATIONAL MINIATURE/MINIFLORA CONFERENCE,  
ROSE SHOW & DEEP SOUTH DISTRICT CONFERENCE  
*May* 4-6, 2018  
JACKSONVILLE, FL

2018 NATIONAL FALL CONVENTION, ROSE SHOW &  
PACIFIC SOUTHWEST DISTRICT CONVENTION  
*October* 25-29, 2018  
SAN DIEGO CA

—Join/Renew ARS, Gulf District, SWLA RS Membership—  
—Subscribe Online to ***ARS & You*** eNewsletter—  
—Learn All the Latest on Growing Roses—  
Products, Cultivation, Exhibiting—Make New Friends

## **Guess what's coming to your garden after all this rain!**



More people use **blackspot** as the reason for not growing roses: time, money, effort to keep that disease at bay! Today, with all the tested and new varieties available that are disease resistant that old excuse just doesn't hold water any more. Yes, after the latest wet weather we've had, recovery is important. Spray with a contact/killer and alternate with a systemic/preventive fungicide to prevent the disease from becoming resistant to the fungicide. Promote disease prevention with the application of a bio-inoculate such as Actinovate. Not only is disease pres-

sure reduced, the contribution to good healthy soil is enormous! Best idea: choose disease resistant roses! So many varieties to choose from; many trials held in the south—Hammond Research Center, Burden Center in Baton Rouge and Texas A&M Earth Kind Rose Trials.

## **And, What's Dining on your Gourmet Roses?**

Is it Thrips—flower or chili, Spider Mites, Caterpillars, Aphids, or June Bugs? Whatever the pest, frequent tours of your rose gardens will reduce the damage and prompt quick action. Both **Spider Mites** and **Aphids** can be blasted away with a water wand or hose nozzle with an angle setting. Be sure to start under the leaves inside the bush and go all the way to the top of the bush; give the whole bush a good bath! (with all the rain, the spider mites may be deterred a bit). If an insecticide is needed for an infestation choose product wisely, follow all instructions and be mindful of temperature and personal safety—Spray early or late when there is little or no wind. **Caterpillars** and **June Bugs** can be seen and removed right then. Douse them in a cup of soapy water and discard. Do not throw them on the ground and think they're gone! **Thrips** are another story! They require more persistence, both systemic and contact. Conserve alternated with a systemic insecticide work on flower thrips with a bud misting to kill on contact; that will take Orthene or Acephate Fire Ant Killer for a one two punch on **chili thrips**. Soil drenches specifically for **thrip** is available, too. Constant surveillance is required to catch these flower destroyers from ruining your lovely blooms. **Flower thrips** with their rasping mouth parts love light colored roses, but **chili thrips** love young red foliage destroying new growth quickly. If you've had these 'devils' before then you already know persistence is the answer.

## **Deadheading, an awful sounding word for an easy job!**

Cutting spent blooms produces vigorous new growth and must be done as often as possible. Leaves are needed for photosynthesis so keep as many as possible *continued->*

on the bush. Pop off the hip if in a hurry, but cutting back to a spot on the cane that has two five-leaflet leaves is best. Cut at an angle above the bud eye to the outside of the bush.

## **Feed Me!**

During hot dry summers, it is best to use organic fertilizers because they will not burn your roses. This is only one of a long list of reasons to stick with organic fertilizers! Their slow release into the soil even with all the rain prevents the feast or famine of granular or soluble fertilizers. And, sometimes using a combination of organic/inorganic is the way to go. Whether you buy a bag of good fertilizer or mix your own here's a list of some possibilities. Reminder: Get a Soil Analysis if you haven't lately before adding a lot of elements to your garden. Nitrogen washes away quickly, but Phosphorous lasts a longer time in the soil and Potash to a lesser degree.

All these products are a good sources; make a mix of a few then broadcast around the drip line of your bushes. N-P-K ratio in parenthesis.

2 Cups Alfalfa (2.7-0.5-2.8)	1/4 Cup Epsom Salts (0-0-0)
1 Cup Fish Meal (10.0-4.0-4.0)	1/2 Cup Blood Meal (13.0-2.0-0.0)
1 Cup Cottonseed Meal (6.0-2.0-2.0)	1 Cup Milorganite (5.0-2.0-0.0)
1/2 Cup Kelp Meal (1.0-0.2-2.0)	1/4 Cup Humates

Notice that both Fish & Blood Meal are high in Nitrogen so choose only one of those after spring pruning. Choose Alfalfa or Cottonseed meals at this time of year..

**Or, buy a bag of organic mix!** Easy, best, safe, and your bushes will be happy!

**Liquid:** Fish Emulsion or Seaweed.

**Alfalfa Tea** as per Lois Derise: 32 Gallon can with lid, add 12 Cups alfalfa pellets in panty hose; stir for a week, then add 8T of chelated iron, 1/2 C Epsom salts and 1 C 20-20-20 soluble fertilizer. Apply 1 gallon to large bushes, 1/2 G to minis.

**Or, one of the Combo Products: Fertilizer, Fungicide, & Insecticide. Great for small gardens in the summer but not for pots.**

After each flush of blooms, deadhead, water, fertilize, spray, water. Yes, we'll have blackspots on leaves and bugs to contend with, but the roses are forgiving and will keep on producing if we do our part! Don't let the 'thorns' prevent you from smelling the roses!

### **Other Organic Sources**

Mills Magic Rose Mix 6-5-1 Formulated by Ted Mills, accredited CR & Horticulture Judge. 100% natural product-alfalfa meal, fish meal, bone meal, cottonseed meal, blood meal, activated sludge, and an organic compost activator. Check locally at Curries or order 800.845.2325/www.millsmix.com. Add in ARS magazine.

Purely Organic is manufactured by Purely Organic, 4658 August Hwy., Gilbert SC 29054. Combination of alfalfa, cottonseed, fish, feather, blood, bone, soybean meals, finely ground rock phosphate, sul-po-mag, kelp, greensand and other natural ingredients. According to our old friend, Judy Mayo, it works wonders on roses and other plants!

**Check on line for more good info: Rodale's Encyclopedia of Organic Gardening**

## *'Beverly'*

The McCartney Rose x Seedling by Kordes & son in Germany 1999  
Introduced in the US 2008  
Award Winning

Hybrid Tea. Eleganza® Collection .  
Light pink. Strong, citrus, fruity, lemon fragrance. Up to 45 petals. Average diameter 4". Very full (41+ petals), borne mostly solitary, in small clusters, high-centered bloom form. Blooms in flushes throughout the season.  
Tall, bushy, upright. **Vigorous**. Height of 31" to 39" Width of up to 20"  
USDA zone 5b through 8b. Blooms tend to ball in wet weather.

Disease susceptibility: **very blackspot resistant., mildew resistant.**  
**Handbook for Selecting Roses rating 7.8**



'Beverly' is without doubt the best rose! Not only according to Kordes, but also those who grow it in southwest Louisiana! It blooms constantly! Lovely to look at, delightful to smell, long life in a vase! Beautiful buds on long canes open into big, full blooms! Responding quickly to deadheading, 'Beverly' generously produces an abundance of new buds! This rose, along with the other time-proven varieties from Kordes, is a winner for any garden and can be had at K & M Nursery on Fortuniana rootstock, own root at Chamblee's Nursery, or check with a local nursery for some of Kordes other varieties .

Do you have a favorite rose you'd like to share with others, to see featured in the Rosette? Send a little paragraph and photo to be included in the next bulletin. [jacengert@suddenlink.net](mailto:jacengert@suddenlink.net)

### *Bit and Pieces*

SWLA RS would like to host a Fall Rose Show Nov 11, 2017 at the LSU AgCenter and invite the student artists from Sam Houston HS again. Their enthusiasm is infectious. We'd also like to make cuttings of non-patented roses to sell to the public at the SWLA Garden Expo March 2018 with the help of Steve Roussell and all the rest of us! If you grow OGRs or other roses suitable for making cuttings please come to the June meeting to help plan for this event. This will be our fundraiser!  
See you there! **Remember: no July or August meetings!**



