



The Rose Gazette

Northeast Louisiana Rose Society Monroe, Louisiana



Affiliate of the American Rose Society

June 2017

2017 Membership Dues

2017 membership dues for NE Louisiana Rose Society are now due. See last page of the Newsletter for details. If you have not paid your dues yet, please do so at once. Cost is only \$10 per person.

June Meeting

Our next meeting will be June 11, 2017 2:00 p.m. at Black Bayou Lake National Wildlife Refuge Visitor's Center Meeting Room located at 480 Richland Place, Monroe.

The topic will be Spray additives – Best Practices in the Garden

REMEMBER MEETING TIME IS 2:00 PM!

Refreshments: Due to the facility meeting room we only need light refreshments. Please contact Wanda or Ken to coordinate.

Directions: Take Hwy 165 north and travel 1.2 miles past red light at CenturyLink offices. Take right at brown sign for Black Bayou NWR. Road will curve right and travel 0.8 miles then take right to the visitors center (green building). Note: there is an entrance ramp on right side of building.

How to Enhance the Beauty of your Garden

During our tour of the Rose Gardens of Farmer's Branch (www.farmersbranchtx.gov) that was part of the Texas Bound and Down tour, your eyes were first overwhelmed with the quantity and beauty of the roses. However, the more you looked at the roses then you noticed the fantastic structures that have been built for the roses to climb on or for separation. While there were custom made arbors that were created for the garden by a local artisan, the majority of the structures were made with ordinary building materials with a new twist.



Photo by Kelly Texada

For their climbing roses they had built a fence using natural cedar posts (with the bark still left on the wood) and 6" x 6" remesh concrete wire sheets. As these remesh wire sheets age they naturally rust causing them to fade in prominence. These panels were topped off with arches that were built using concrete rebar that was gently bent and attached to the posts. In the photo to the left, they had constructed 2 separate fences with a gap to allow for planting of 2 different rows of climbing roses.

This structure was built using 3 cedar posts set on a triangle and concrete rebar was bent to create these graceful arches and attached at the top to connect. The roses planted on this structure are 'Red Cascade'.

Photo taken by BJ Abshire in 2009. Today the roses cover the tops of the arches.



The Farmer's Branch Gardens used these structures to divide groupings of roses (and corresponding plants). Usually they planted a grouping of 3 roses per section but some of the sections of these structures were used for climbing roses as seen in the foreground of the photo at left.

Photo taken by Kelly Texada

This fence was constructed of cedar post (with bark) that created an interesting visual backdrop for this planting of roses.

Photo by Kelly Texada



Rose Rosette Disease

The worst news a grower of roses could hear is that their roses are infected by the Rose Rosette Disease. This disease is causing devastation across much of the United States. It has been found in one garden in Monroe a few years back and recently in Bossier City, Louisiana. Every person that grows or just enjoys roses should be watchful of evidence of the disease. The virus is spread by the Eriophyid Mite and once infected the plant cannot be rehabilitated and must be removed at once (including all root system). None of this plant should be composted but should be bagged and disposed of. Following any work on plant(s) infected with the Rose Rosette Disease, you should thoroughly clean and disinfect all tools prior to any work on non-infected plants.



This is a photo of a rose that is infected with Rose Rosette Disease and shows what is called “witches broom” effect of the disease. This causes vigorous growth in the canes infected by the virus with the foliage becoming distorted with a deep red to almost purple color. The new leaf buds fail to open and look like rosettes thus the name Rose Rosette.

Photo by Ken Kelley

Symptoms of Rose Rosette Disease:

- Witches Broom (photo above)
- Excessive thorn production on roses with thorns
- Excessive growth shoots
- Excessive canes
- Leaf proliferation and mal formation
- Red pigmentation or discoloration
- Eventually plant death

It is important to be able to recognize the difference in Rose Rosette Disease and normal new growth on plants that will exhibit some of the same red pigmentation. If in doubt contact a Rosarian for guidance. An informative video on Rose Rosette Disease can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/ksNlwfdM9ZQ> with Dr. Greg Church from Texas A&M University.

Rose names explained

Written by Ken Kelley

If you have been to a garden center, rose garden or browsed through the *Selecting Roses Handbook* and noticed the names of all the different roses and wondered about their origins. Many of the names have French influence with some titles including abbreviations like Mme for Madame (English – Mrs.) or Mlle for Mademoiselle (English – Miss). Other roses begin with Le or La (English – The) and depends on whether the title is masculine or feminine.

Then you come to roses that start with Souv. The French meaning for Souvenir is in “memory of” but the English use the word to mean memento or trinket. ‘Souv. de Baden-Baden’ is a Kordes rose that was introduced by the German hybridizer in 2000 and introduced into the United States as ‘Pink Enchantment’. Baden-Baden is a city in southwestern Germany on the border with France that is noted for its’ thermal spas. The word Baden is the German word for bath. With other towns also having thermal spas in the region, the city officially changed its’ name to Baden-Baden in 1931. So the rose’s name ‘Souv. de Baden Baden’ means “in memory of bath”.

Rose of the Month



From the garden of Dr. Bill Rabin
'Pope John Paul II'

Note that 20 blooms had already been taken off
this bush prior to this photo.

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| Dates to Remember | |
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| June 10 9 am - noon | American Rose Center – Green Thumb Seminar. “Small Spaces? Big Ideas!” |
| June 11 2:00 pm | NELA Rose Society meeting at Black Bayou Lake NWR, 480 Richland Place, Monroe |
| June 17 10am – 1pm | 20 th Anniversary Celebration at Black Bayou Lake Wildlife Refuge |
| June 24 9am – 3pm | Arrangement Workshop Hosted by Acadiana Rose Society Ira Nelson Horticulture Building on ULL Campus. \$10 fee includes lunch. |
| July 16 2:00 pm | NELA Rose Society meeting |

| Consulting Rosarians | |
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NORTHEAST LOUISIANA ROSE SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please come and join us. We meet on the third Sunday of each month. The location/date and time of the meeting is announced in the Newsletter each month.

Name _____

Spouse's Name (if Joining) _____

Address _____ Phone _____

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