A few days ago the immediate past president was considered the old president. Now, this same person is the new president. The old is new again.

In this process we have a new Immediate Past President. Kelly Texada has completed a two-year term as president. Kelly, thank you for using your leadership skills and applying the time and effort into a very successful term as President. We extend our sincere gratitude to you for serving our Society as President.

It’s also a new growing season. Time to consider new rose varieties to replace old plants, refurbishing old beds. Let us not forget the Rose Grower. Fellowship and social activities are an important part of our hobby. Each member should consider attending the Gulf District Mid-Winter Workshop, February 10-11 2017. Another event to participate in and enjoy will be the Gulf District Rose Show, April 22, 2017.

Looking forward to a HAPPY NEW YEAR growing roses with each of you.

Robert
January 8, 2017: CenLA Rose Society Monthly Meeting
Second Sunday Meeting 2 - 4 p.m.
Cascade Room, Rapides Women’s & Children’s Hospital, Alexandria, LA
Guest Speaker: Baton Rouge Rose Society member Greg Constant.
Greg will demonstrate one of his “other hobbies”, creating Bonsai plants.
Bring a guest. Invite a friend. Renew your membership.

Hosts for the January CRS meeting are Lynn McDonald and Billie Flynn.
CenLa Rose Society thanks all members who volunteer to make the monthly meetings extra special by providing refreshments. Please consider being a member of a host team by helping Hospitality Chairman Theresa DeSelle complete the schedule for 2017.

The ARS Gulf District Mid-Winter Workshop will be held in Gonzales, LA, February 10-11, 2017 at the Clarion Inn and Conference Center. Call 225-647-8000 to get group rates of $91 before January 10, 2017. ARS President Pat Shanley will be a speaker as will ARS Past President Marilyn Wellan, ARS Rosarians Don Adlong, Peggy Martin, BJ Abshire, Sue Sanchez, Rose-Chat Radio Co-Host Teresa Byington, MSU Arranger Jim DePrince, Kris Kelley from ULM, Gary Bachman from MSU plus, ARS Gulf District Director Dr. Allen Owings and ARS Regional 7 Director Baxter Williams.
An added treat will be a silent auction and Jim Mills selling roses that can be pre-ordered at K & M Roses http://www.kandmroses.com/ for pick up at the Workshop with no shipping cost.
A copy of the schedule and registration form were included in the November Rosebud.
Since CRS Kelly Texada is also the Gulf District Treasurer, you may give your Mid-Winter Workshop registration forms and payment to Kelly at the January meeting.

Members at the November meeting approved the following nominations and thanked members for accepting the challenge to serve CenLA Rose Society during the upcoming year. Members also offer a special thank you to outgoing president Kelly Texada for her excellent leadership during the past two years.

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Sugar Days at the Kent Plantation House were filled with activities. Sugar cane juice was cooked to make cane syrup and sugar. Corn was shelled and grind to make cornmeal. Vegetables were harvested and sold. Quilting, basket weaving, soap making and wood carving were among the many plantation skills demonstrated during the day’s events under the direction of CRS member and Kent Plantation House Manager, Alice Scarborough.

In November CenLA Rose Society members enjoyed 2016’s last rose society meeting and activity with a Holiday Social and Fish Fry at the home of Forrest and Norma Peil. After lunch, a brief business meeting was conducted by CRS President Kelly Texada. The nominations for 2017 CRS officers and board members were reviewed and approved. The changes and up-dates to the CRS By-Laws were discussed and approved. Updated By-Laws were emailed to all members. For members without computers, printed copies of CRS By-Laws will be available at the January meeting.

Horticulture Chairman Clyde Bartlett discussed the rose society’s purchase of a pH meter which will make it possible for all members to have pH levels in their rose beds tested and discuss the proper measures needed to achieve desired levels.

Consulting Rosarian Forrest Peil discussed the good results he has had using fortified alfalfa tea as a tonic to produce large, healthy foliage, strong stems and an abundance of beautiful blooms. His beautiful November roses, pictured below, testified to the effectiveness of the tea. Maybe Forrest will explain his mixture and method at a spring meeting.
A happy occasion to celebrate another year of growing roses together was hosted by Forrest and Norma. Members enjoyed the company and good food. A crowd gathered around the stove as Therese cooked Norma’s special recipe for fluffy hush puppies. (Printed recipes will be on the Share Table at the January Meeting.)

Forrest offered a thanksgiving prayer for our food, friendship and many blessings.

Tina and Floyd shared samples of freshly fried fish.

Everyone was delighted to see Adam and Anna out and about.

Clyde, Marie, Blanchie and Robert were soaking up the sunshine.

Mary and Marilyn were enjoying the tour with Forrest as their guide.

Kelly wanted to take a picture of the lake but the water was gone.

by CRS editor
It was confirmed last fall that chilli thrips were causing damage in members’ rose gardens. The telltale signs were visible. The new growth of the rose bushes was curled, smaller than normal, distorted and there were brown streaks on the undersides of the foliage. The buds were also smaller and withered looking. Since chilli thrips chew their way into the veins and under the “skin” of plant stems and leaves, most of the new, tender growth on the plants showed signs of being damaged. Chilli thrips are very different from flower thrips that live in the blooms, sucking juices from the flower petals, causing damage to only the blooms. Chilli thrips damage the leaves, stems and buds.

Chilli thrips are a fairly new problem for central Louisiana rosarians. They were probably brought into the garden on healthy looking nursery plants, not just roses, but almost any type of plant including vegetable plants. The chilli thrips were embedded inside the infected plant with no signs of damage visible until the older leaves, deprived of the normal flow of juices begin to wither and fall from the plant. When the chilli thrips could no longer get juice from the withered leaves they moved into a juicer, more tender plant, preferably a plant with lots of tender new growth created from a good supply of moisture and lots of fertilizer. As they chew and suck the juices from inside the plant, signs of damage begin to appear. Signs of damage are easily recognized as new growth emerges with its distorted appearance and older leaves begin to drop from the plant in rapid succession. If not controlled, complete defoliation will spread through the garden.

What can a gardener do to control and prevent the invasion of chilli thrips?
* First, it is important to carefully inspect all types of new plants brought into the garden. Since even healthy looking plants may harbor chilli thrips, keep new plants in quarantine until you treat the new plants with All Season Horticulture Oil or an insecticide as a precaution.
* If signs of chilli thrip damage become visible on your plants, remove the distorted growth. As harsh as it sounds, removing the affected new growth will remove the majority of the thrips. The damaged area is not going to be revived even if the thrips are killed. So…. remove the thrips that are hiding in the damaged growth. Put the damaged growth and the thrips in a sealed trash bag.
*Since chilli thrips do not live on the outer surface of the stem, they offer an extra challenge to the gardener. Products shown to be effective on chilli thrips are spray products containing spinosad, imidacloprid and acephate as the active ingredient. If it is early spring or late fall (below 85 degrees), a lightweight horticulture oil can be used. If blooms are not showing, bees and butterflies will not be feeding on the roses, therefore indiscriminate insecticides can be used safely. However, products containing spinosad have the lowest environmental impact on beneficial insects since it must be sprayed directly on the insect it kills. Some products containing spinosad are Conserve (11.6% but cost $160 for 32 oz) and Fertilome Bagworm & Caterpillar Spray (0.5 % for $17). It is advised that insecticides be rotated to more effectively control chilli thrips.

If you had chilli thrips during the growing season, apply a dormant oil spray in December or January. Dormant oil sprays are petroleum-based products that smother pest larvae and eggs overwintering in the plant.

USEFULNESS OF HORTICULTURE OILS
Dormant Spray is typically comprised of horticultural oil and lime sulfur. Essentially, the oil smothers overwintering eggs/insects such as spider mites, thrips, whitefly larvae, mealybugs, and scales while the lime sulfur is a natural fungicide that kills fungus spores on contact. It can be said that Dormant Spray used in the winter get rid of garden problems before they start.

Dormant Spray can be used on inactively growing roses, fruit trees, bay laurel, azaleas, box woods, hollies, camellias and shrubs during the coldest months, usually January and February in Louisiana. Since spring pruning stimulates new growth, Dormant Spray should be applied to roses before pruning or immediately after pruning before buds swell or any new growth appears. Dormant Spray CAN NOT BE APPLIED once the buds emerge as the oil will damage tender growth. All Seasons Horticulture Oil can be used on actively growing plants when temperatures are below 85 degrees.
Lessons Learned In My Garden

Master Rosarian Carolyn DeRouen from the Baton Rouge Rose Society sent a picture along with the following information about a “lesson learned” in her garden after the flooding in the Baton Rouge area this fall.

“I have these mushrooms in several places in my garden and several of my roses have died from root rot. Dr Allen Owings said he has had lots of questions about these mushrooms lately. He said they are Armillaria mushrooms, also called oak mushrooms.”

Research revealed the following information: Armillaria is a common and damaging soil borne fungus found in most forest soils. Woody plants that have previously been weakened by drought, disease, insects or flooding are most susceptible to attack. The fungus not only affects roses, but almost any woody plant including trees, bulbs, berry bushes and potatoes. The fungus attaches to the roots, causing them to rot. The fungus spores produce the mushrooms which appear in late autumn after a rainy period.  [http://extension.cropsciences.illinois.edu/turf/diseases/armillaria/](http://extension.cropsciences.illinois.edu/turf/diseases/armillaria/)

Cenla Rose Society member, Bea Siebeneicher, gave this follow-up to her “lesson learned in her garden” article concerning her novice mistake of using Dormant Oil in April on her precious ‘Talisman’ gifted to her by her granddaughter.

“She must have heard me talking about throwing her in the compost pile this fall. LOL. She definitely looks different from the photo I submitted for the newsletter article. At the end of September or first of October, I noticed the potting soil settled well below the graft. I added an inch or two more soil mixed with some manure I bought at Lowes. She thanked me with this beautiful bloom, probably her last hurrah before winter. ”

JANUARY IN THE GARDEN

by CRS editor

Winter is not necessarily a time of rest for Louisiana gardeners, especially if we have frequent periods of warm, rainy weather. Remember, blackspot fungus spores need only 7 hours on moist leaves and temperatures between 66 - 81 to germinate. Fungus spores are not killed by freeze, ice or snow. Symptoms of infection will begin to appear within three to ten days and the spores will reproduce the next warm, wet cycle. Unless spores are killed they will over winter on infected leaves both on the bush and on the ground. Control and cleanup are crucial, otherwise the cycle will continue to repeat. Horticulture oil can be effectively used in the winter to prevent and control invasions of fungus and pests.

As you walk through the garden look for and remove any old blooms. Unopened blooms soaked with rain and unable to dry with days of cloudy, wet weather form balls of matted petals. Simply pull-off the petals leaving the clean seed heads to form hips. These matted balls harbor mold fungus spores. Check out the informative article on the ARS website. [http://www.rose.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/03/Botrytis.pdf](http://www.rose.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/03/Botrytis.pdf)

In central Louisiana January and February days often invite us outside. This is the opportunity to evaluate bushes, transplant or plant new roses. Whether planting or transplanting, the new site should have a generous hole and ample supply of loose backfill soil. Until the root system has had time to develop, granular fertilizers should not be used on new plants. Use only organic or water soluble fertilizers (example: Miracle Gro, UltraGreen Plant Starter by Lilly Miller) until after the first flush of blooms. Do not prune new plants until they are well established.

No matter how nice the weather, delay pruning until early March, especially this year when our rose show will be late April (April 22nd). It takes only 6 weeks after pruning for most roses to BLOOM. Roses pruned in mid February will be in full bloom the first week of April and bloomed out before the rose show. Hide the pruners.

January and February are cool enough to apply Dormant Oil to the plants before pruning and before the buds swell.

Keep your roses healthy. Feed the soil. On those sunny, crisp days when you want to work in the flower beds, pull back the mulch and apply organics around the whole rose bed. Scatter a light sprinkling of garden lime on the surface to “sweeten” the soil. These take months to break down to be useful just in time for the spring awakening. Fluff the mulch and maybe add more mulch over the entire bed, but not piled thick next to the base of the plant where it will keep the trunk wet.
**Did you hear?**

**CenLA Rose Society** members may request Horticulture Chairman Clyde Bartlett and his committee come to their garden to check the pH levels in different rose beds while discussing other questions about the garden. Or members may have samples of their soil tested before a monthly meeting. Simply bring moist soil samples in plastic sandwich bags labeled with your name and identification of each rose bed. The committee will test samples 30 minutes before the meeting. The pH meter will measure the amount of acid and alkaline in your soil and you will receive recommendations for corrections. Roses grow best in soil with a pH level between 6.5 and 7.

**Looking Ahead:** CenLA Rose Society will be privileged to welcome **ARS President Pat Shanley** as the guest speaker at the February regular monthly meeting. She will be traveling from the ARS Gulf District Mid-Winter Workshop in Gonzales on Saturday to meet with CenLA Rose Society members on Sunday. CenLA Rose Society members are truly honored and look forward to the occasion.

**ARS Gulf District 2017 Spring Tour** with ARS Gulf District Director Allen Owings.

“**Texas Bound and Down**” **April 27-30, 2017.** Dr Owings has organized a group trip to Chamblee’s Nursery in Tyler, Texas, to purchase roses, tour roses gardens at Farmers Branch and Earth-Kind Rose Trial garden in McKinney, Texas, plus attend events at Rose-Dango at the Chambersville Tree Farm garden.

Group rates have been arranged. More information and travel plans will be available soon. Mark your calendar. This is the weekend after CRS Gulf District Rose Show.

**Renew your 2017 Cenla Rose Society Membership**

CRS 2016 memberships expired at the end of December.

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*If your name is not listed, you have not renewed your 2017 CRS membership.*

You may renew any time. Pay $15 family membership to Treasurer Marie Bartlett at the meeting or send a check payable to Cenla Rose Society to P.O. Box 202, Glenmora, LA, 71433.

**Cenla Rose Society was organized with the help of Southwest Louisiana Rose Society members Claudius and Madge Mayo and officially recognized as a rose society on April 1, 1979.**

**PREPARE PHOTOS FOR THE APRIL ROSE SHOW**

Look through your rose photos. Select your favorites for entry in the Gulf District April Rose Show. You may edit, crop or enlarge photos to fit the 5x7 format required. Shop the hobby stores for white or colored framing mats. Notice some of the frames have a smaller opening which will limit the view of your photo. It may be helpful to bring a 5x7 photo with you to help select your frame. A list of photo classes are described in the 2016 November Rosebud.
Reminder to Renew your ARS Membership

Membership form on last page of this newsletter or renew online at: http://www.rose.org/join-or-renew/

- 5 issues of American Rose magazine plus the end of the year issue of the American Rose Annual. These bi-monthly, 84-page issues, devoted exclusively to roses and rose culture, feature informative articles and beautiful color photography for beginners and experienced rose growers alike. View a free issue online.
- Annual issue of The Handbook for Selecting Roses, a rose-buying guide to over 3,000 roses.
- Members only online access to Modern Roses Database with information on every rose variety.
- Online access to five quarterly bulletins, the Mini/Miniflora Bulletin, Old Garden Rose & Shrub Gazette, Rose Arrangers’ Bulletin, Rose Exhibitors’ Forum and Singularly Beautiful Roses are available online to ARS members only.
- Online monthly newsletter Fragrant Rose.
- Discounts of up to 30% at merchant partners. The ARS Member Benefit Partner program offers discounts at various merchants with new partners being added continuously.
- Free or reduced garden admissions to the ARS Reciprocal Garden Admission program, members enjoy free or reduced admission to and discounts at hundreds of gardens, conservatories and arboreta nationwide.

The National Garden Bureau chose 2017 as the Year of the Rose. Each year NGB names one annual, one perennial, one edible and one bulb to be highlighted on the National Garden Bureau website and public programs with the goal to inspire garden communicators, public gardens and home gardeners to feature those plants in their own gardens.

By utilizing social media and publicity efforts, supplemented by the ARS newsletters and outreach, NGB hopes to reach millions of gardeners, showing them the beauty of today’s rose varieties and inspiring them to plant one, ten or even more rose bushes in their own gardens. The ARS worked with NGB providing rose photos and fact sheet.

How you can be involved...
Participate by viewing rose photos and information on the NGB webpage and the National Garden Bureau’s Facebook page or to share photos of roses from your garden.

The American Rose Society, established in 1892, will celebrate its 125th birthday in 2017.

February 25, 2017 Saturday
ARC Pruning Party
American Rose Center
Shreveport, Louisiana

Join the ARS for $10!

Four-Month Trial Membership Available!
Pick up a trial membership form from the Share Table at the next meeting or visit http://www.rose.org/join-or-renew/.
You’ll receive:
- 2 issues of American Rose magazine, $16 value.
- Complete four months online access to members only resources on the American Rose Society website.
- Free online access to five quarterly bulletins.
- Free or reduced garden admissions.
- Discounts of up to 30% at merchant partners.

The Gulf District of the American Rose Society

Visit the new Gulf District webpage for information about local societies and upcoming events.

View photos of Gulf District roses, people and events on the Gulf District facebook page.
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Annual Membership: $49 Regular...$140 for a 3 year membership $46 Senior (65+)...$132 for a 3 year membership

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