



THE NOVUS NEWSLETTER  
OF THE  
THE TIDEWATER ROSE SOCIETY



March 2015

**Tidewater Rose Society  
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**Gardening Diseases**

The second meeting of the Tidewater Rose Society's eightieth year will be held at the Norfolk Botanical Garden, Sunday at 2:30 p.m., March 15, 2015, in the Holly Room of Baker Hall. There will be a presentation on diseases you can get from your garden and how to protect yourself.

Also in this month's meeting will be the white elephant sale. Please bring in something that you no longer want or need so the society can offer it to one of our other members for a donation to the society

Hugh

**COUNTRY STORE NEWS:** The country store will have Felco pruners and gloves and other items for sale. I will let you know what I have available at the meeting

George

**CONSULTING ROSARIANS**

George Wilson, Chairman

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**Membership Dues:** Yearly membership dues for our society are now due. Membership is \$20.00 a year, January 1st through December 31. The membership form is included at the end of the newsletter. Please make remittance to: Tidewater Rose Society and mail to Peggy Scott, 8405 Friden St., Norfolk, Va. 23518

## From the President's Desk

FROM LAST YEARS NWSLETTER "What a crazy winter we are having! Just when you think the snow is done...here we go again. I have never missed so many days of school for snow. By now hopefully you have at least started to prune your roses. We did have one day when it was 72 before the snow hit. Hopefully you were able to take advantage of it. I have pruned about 80% of my roses and I will finish up this weekend." This sounds familiar doesn't it! This year I have not pruned at all yet. Usually my roses are ready to go with little leaves sprouting everywhere by now but this year it has been so cold it is not an issue.

I will start pruning after this hopefully last round of snow is gone. Be sure to clean as you go. Pick up old leaves and branches and remove them. Start your disease management program immediately. This will help your roses in july and august when disease is rampant.

Any new roses should arrive in the next 6 weeks. Bare roots should be soaked before planting. Depending on the size most own root plants I grow in a bigger pot before moving into the ground. Remember to put a \$10 rose in a \$20 hole. Maybe we should change that to a \$20 rose in a \$40 hole, there are few \$10 roses worth having these days. Make sure to start the roses off on the right feet by providing a big enough hole, supplementing with organic materials and water, water, water.

Don't fertilize until the beginning of April. Howard recommends starting with a high nitrogen fertilizer like Miracle gro lawn food (36-0-6) and fish emulsion. Then he fertilizes again 2 weeks later with an organic fertilizer. Fertilizing earlier will not help until the soil warms up so that organisms can break down the material to be absorbed by the roots.

Also in this month's meeting will be the **white elephant sale**. Please bring in something that you no longer want or need so the society can sell it to one of our other members and raise some money. It does not have to be The society needs to raise money so we can continue to support the January Banquet, the newsletter, the rose show, the picnic and other endeavors. I will be bringing is some gerber daisies, petunias, and blue river delphiniums.

At this point there is only 28 people registered for the spring meeting they are begging for more people to go. I have included the information for those interested. I am sure a few phone calls could secure a late registration.

Please remember to share your love of roses with the community and encourage others who feel as you do to come to our meetings. I hope to see you at the March meeting.

## Sunni

### 2015 TRS APPOINTMENTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

Hugh Cox (1 <sup>st</sup> VP)	Program Chairwoman
Pat Quinn (2 <sup>nd</sup> VP)	Membership Chairman
Peggy Scott	Treasurer
Sunni Burns	Newsletter Editor
George Wilson	Country Store
George Wilson	Consulting Rosarian Chairman
George Wilson	Property Manager
Patricia Wilson	Parliamentarian
Pat Quinn	Hospitality Chairwoman

# Colonial District Pre-Spring Meeting

Hosted by  
Maryland Rose Society

Baltimore, Maryland

March 13-15, 2015

**American Rose Society**  
**Colonial District Pre-Spring Meeting 2015**  
**"Baltimore Celebrates the Rose"**

The Maryland Rose Society will host the Pre-Spring Meeting in Baltimore, MD, on March 13-15, 2015. The Friday evening Reception and all day Saturday events will be held at Cylburn Arboretum Vollmer Center.

The theme "Baltimore Celebrates the Rose" remembers the importance of the rose to Baltimore and the city whose flower is the red rose. The Maryland Rose Society looks forward to an exciting weekend of events.

We will be honored to have in attendance two distinguished individuals running for ARS Vice President: Dr. Sam Jones of Nashville, TN, and Bob Martin of Escondido, CA. Sam will be speaking at the Friday evening Reception and Bob will be speaking at the Saturday evening Banquet. Bob and Sam will have a question-and-answer time during the Saturday sessions to better acquaint you on their candidacies.

A highlight of this year's Pre-Spring Meeting will be the "Arrangement Workshop" session given by Nancy Redington of Chambersburg, PA. Nancy is the Penn-Jersey District Director and is an ARS Judge for Horticulture and Arrangements. Janice Sellers, Colonial District Arrangement Judges Coordinator, will be working with Nancy during this session. This is a 2-hour session of "show you how" and "hands on" where you make your own. All roses, filler materials, containers, etc. will be supplied. Bring your own shears. See the attached Arrangements "A Workshop" page for more details.

Saturday will be a full day of events that you won't want to miss; see the attached Schedule of Events page. There will be a silent auction and raffle going on during the day Saturday.

Saturday lunch will be provided at Cylburn between sessions. The restaurant *Clementine* of Baltimore will be catering the Saturday evening dinner.

Make your RADISSON HOTEL reservations ASAP since deadline time is limited to February 26; see attached Schedule of Events for phone numbers. The Radisson has been completely renovated in the past year, and is located in Cross Keys just minutes from Cylburn Arboretum. There are many shops and a fine restaurant adjoining this excellent hotel. There will be a hospitality room made available there after the Saturday evening banquet and it will also be used for the Colonial District business meeting on Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. There will be a Horticulture Judging Audit class during this weekend with more information forthcoming.

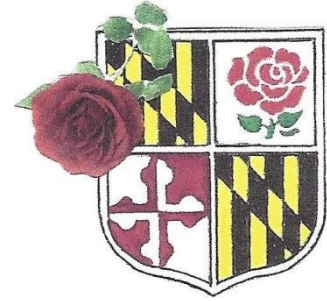
Please take time to register for what will be a memorable weekend in Baltimore. See attached Registration form and Schedule. For questions or more information you may contact me by email or phone, [Shiloh@QIS.NET](mailto:Shiloh@QIS.NET) or 410.374.1070. Your support is greatly appreciated and will contribute to the success of this event.

Look forward to seeing you in Baltimore!

David M. Walsh  
President, Maryland Rose Society

# American Rose Society

## Colonial District Pre-Spring Meeting 2015



Hosted by: Maryland Rose Society  
Date: March 13, 14, & 15, 2015  
Location: Cylburn Arboretum, Vollmer Center  
4915 Greenspring Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21209

### REGISTRATION DEADLINE MARCH 6, 2015

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print name/names as you would like them to appear on name tag)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Full Registration: \$77.00 per person** # of Persons: \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(includes Friday evening reception, Saturday sessions, Saturday lunch, and Saturday night banquet)

**Partial Registration: \$65.00 per person** # of Persons: \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(includes Saturday sessions, lunch, and Saturday night banquet)

**Local Registration: \$35.00 per person** # of Persons: \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(includes Saturday sessions and Saturday lunch only)

**Banquet Only: \$35.00 per person** # of Persons: \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Arrangement Workshop Package: \$30 per person** # of Persons: \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(includes the Photography session and Arrangement Workshop including the cost of supplies and Lunch)

Saturday night banquet is catered by *Clementine* of Baltimore

Please make checks payable to MRS Mail to: MRS Pre-Spring Meeting 2015  
3136 Shiloh Road Hampstead, MD  
21074

Email: [shiloh@quis.net](mailto:shiloh@quis.net)

### ROOM RESERVATION DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 26, 2015

#### RADISSON HOTEL AT CROSS KEYS

Reduced room rate is \$139.00 per person for single/double occupancy, plus tax.  
**Please request the Colonial District Rose Society Room Block Rate.**  
For reservations call 1.800.532.5397 or 410.532.6900



## My Experience In Using Green Cure As a Control for Black Spot on Roses

Green Cure is a commercial organic fungicide that claims to control Black Spot, Powdery Mildew, Botrytis, Anthracnose, Downy Mildew, and Rust, which are the major fungus diseases that affect roses. It is formulated from pure potassium bicarbonate and agricultural oil, as a spreader-sticker. Potassium bicarbonate is used by professional bakers while sodium bicarbonate (commonly known as baking soda) is used in home baking.

The Green Cure formula was developed by Dr. Kenneth Horst, a renowned Cornell University plant pathologist who is the author of "Compendium of Rose Disease" which is valued throughout the rose growing community. His formula was experimented with and tested for fifteen years at Cornell University.

In the winter of 2014, I decided that I would test Green Cure in my own garden of 350 rose bushes during the 2014 growing season. There were many reasons that I hoped that it would be effective in controlling Black Spot (*Diplocarpon rosae*) and other fungus diseases that attack roses. It would be better for the environment than some of the toxic chemicals and would also be better for me in that I would not have to use all of the protective equipment: respirator, safety goggles, gloves, coveralls, etc. No one likes to use a respirator and Tyvek coveralls which can get pretty hot in warm weather.

In testing Green Cure, I decided that I would use it exclusively until the amount of Black Spot got to an unacceptable level. But first, after completing my late winter/early spring pruning during the first week of March, I sprayed my rose bushes with a combination of Pentathlon (Mancozeb), Heritage, and Pageant. This was done on March 12<sup>th</sup> as a clean-up spraying.

On March 25<sup>th</sup>, I sprayed with Green Cure for the first time, using 1 ½ tsp. to one gallon of water. The instructions recommend using 1-2 teaspoons per gallon of water. I continued to spray with Green Cure every 10-14 days, more often if there was a lot of rain.



Through April and May, after the rose bushes had leafed out, there was little or no Black Spot in evidence. However, since my bushes had gone into winter with clean foliage and I had picked off all of the old leaves at the time of pruning, you would expect to have very little Black Spot for the month of April and May. The rainfall in both March and April was around 4 ½ inches and in May it was close to 3 inches.

In June and July, I gradually began to see more Black Spot on the foliage. July produced almost 8 inches of rain and by the end of July the amount of Black Spot was no longer acceptable. In total, I used Green Cure exclusively to control Black Spot for four months, before making the decision that it was not doing the job.

On July 27<sup>th</sup> I sprayed with Pentathlon(Mancozeb) in order to get the Black Spot under control and repeated this four times on 3 or 4 day intervals. The fifth time of spraying every 3 or 4 days, on August 9<sup>th</sup>, I added Honor Guard and Pageant to the mix. I continued to spray every 10-14 days with Pentathlon, Honor Guard, and Pageant. Pageant was added to prevent Downy Mildew. In September we had at my garden almost 12 inches of rain and I frequently sprayed every 7 days because of the amount of rainfall.

By the beginning of September the Black Spot was under control and in October and November there was almost no Black Spot on the foliage, in spite of the heavy rain fall in September.

Basically two things were learned from my experiment with Green Cure:

1. In my rose garden, Green Cure was not an effective fungicide for controlling Black Spot. Keep in mind that the Tidewater area of Virginia is an area of heavy rainfall with annual rainfall of 45-50 inches and lots of condensation in the Spring and Fall.
2. You can get Black Spot under control by spraying <sup>with</sup> Pentathlon (Mancozeb) every 3 or 4 days for 3 or 4 times. Pentathlon does seem to act as an iradicant for Black Spot when used correctly.

On the upside for Green Cure, it does seem to be effective in controlling Powdery Mildew and for the four months that I used it I did not have a problem with Powdery Mildew. I had already used Green Cure for the past 3 or 4 years to control Powdery Mildew and considered it to be effective.

My conclusion on Green Cure as an organic fungicide to control fungus disease on roses: Powdery Mildew, yes; Black Spot, no.

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Howard Jones  
Tidewater Rose Society

# MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

## Tidewater Rose Society

Affiliated with the American Rose Society

The membership year for the Tidewater Rose Society begins January 1 and ends December 31. New members who join after our October rose show will be enrolled as members for the following year.

Please print following information

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Mr. & Mrs., Mr., Mrs., Miss, Ms.) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Member ARS \_\_\_\_\_ Yes I would like to join ARS \_\_\_\_\_

Tidewater Rose Society Membership: \$20.00 individual/Family.

Make checks payable to the Tidewater Rose Society and mail form and check to:

Peggy Scott  
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Norfolk, Va. 23518



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Virginia Beach, Va. 23464

**TIDEWATER ROSE SOCIETY MEETING DATES FOR 2015**

Mar. 15, 2015,	Holly Room
Apr. 19, 2015,	Camellia Room
May 17, 2015,	Rotunda
June 14, 2015,	Picnic Shelter
Aug. 16, 2015,	Holly Room
Sept. 20, 2015,	Holly Room
Oct. 18, 2015,	Holly Room
Nov. 15, 2015,	Holly Room