



THE NOVUS NEWSLETTER  
OF THE  
THE TIDEWATER ROSE SOCIETY  
FEBRUARY 2015



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**Pruning Roses for a more colorful spring**

The first meeting of the Tidewater Rose Society's eightieth year will be held at the Norfolk Botanical Garden, Sunday at 1:30 p.m., February 15, 2015, in the Holly Room of Baker Hall. There will be a presentation on how to prune the roses in your garden. (There will be a board meeting during the presentation). When the presentation is over, there will be a hands on demonstration on how to prune roses.

*Hugh*

**COUNTRY STORE NEWS:** The country store will have Felco pruners and gloves and other items for sale. I will be taking orders for Mills Magic, Easy Feed, Easy Feed Liquid, and Fish emulsion. See you at the meeting.

*George*

**CONSULTING ROSARIANS**

George Wilson, Chairman

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## From the President's Desk

The January Banquet for the installation of officers was once again a great success. Thank you to Nancy Sutcliffe for the great job as the Banquet Chairwoman and Eve Price for the beautiful arrangements. Thank you to Marti Youmans for conducting the installation of officers and directors. In addition, I offer a big thank you to the officers and board members who have served for the last year. Your service to the society is greatly appreciated.

We had a table at the Garden Expo in Virginia Beach January 30- February 1st. It is always fun to talk to like minded people. A lot of us got a good amount of shopping done (nancy.. cough cough). The number of hits on our website has also increased. I thank all those who volunteered their ts definitely increased in the last few days.

Now is the time to get your garden ready for the new year. While your stick garden is bare and we have occasional good weather use the opportunity to get a good look at the beds. It is a good idea to clean out the beds and check any hoses for your watering system. Pulling any stray weeds will also give you a good head start. It is also a good time to make any changes in the design of your garden.

This is also a great time to work on your soil. If you are going to soil test now would be a good time if you did not in the fall (March and April are the busiest months). Improve the soil by adding amendments such as alfalfa meal that will feed the microbes once the soil warms up (not fertilizers).

You also should be checking your equipment to make sure it is in working order. Check your sprayers, order any chemicals and fertilizers you may need and sharpen those pruners. Pruning usually begins the first week in March for most of us. Fertilizing should not be done until April.

If you spray I usually do my first spraying for my picky roses toward the end of the month and then again after pruning.

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 February meeting.

Sunni

### 2015 TRS APPOINTMENTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

Hugh Cox (1<sup>st</sup> VP)  
Pat Quinn (2<sup>nd</sup> VP)  
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Sunni Burns  
George Wilson  
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Patricia Wilson  
Pat Quinn

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Treasurer  
Newsletter Editor  
Country Store  
Consulting Rosarian Chairman  
Property Manager  
Parliamentarian  
Hospitality Chairwoman

## BOARD MEETING/ANNUAL AUDIT

When the presentation begins, I would like all officers, board members and the audit committee to assemble outside the double doors. We will then proceed to designated areas for the board meeting and for the audit.

# Colonial District Pre-Spring Meeting Hosted by Maryland Rose Society Baltimore, Maryland

March 13-15, 2015

The seminars and banquet will be held at the Cylburn Arboretum.  
Hotel accommodations will be at The Raddison at Cross Keys in Baltimore,  
which is one mile from the Arboretum.

### **More information to come!**

Contact David Walsh at 410.374.1070, or [shiloh@qis.net](mailto:shiloh@qis.net).

**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

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## BEGINNERS' COLUMN

### Top exhibition roses for 2014

As he does every year, Bob Martin has released his 2014 listings of the top exhibition roses. The results are based on the outcomes of 142 rose shows in the United States. Results are tabulated for roses that have received royalty awards or have appeared as individual specimens in the district and national challenge classes. For tabulation purposes, Queen is awarded six points, with five points for King, four for Princess, and three each for roses appearing in the Court of Honor and the Challenge Classes. For the purposes of this newsletter, I have restricted these listings to the top ten roses. For the full listings of all the varieties and classes see Bob's website, [www.roseshow.com](http://www.roseshow.com). Also included are the roses' rankings listed in the *American Rose Society's Selecting Roses* handbook.

#### Top Hybrid Tea Roses

Rank	Variety	Score	ARS rating
1t	Gemini	182	8.3
1t	Veteran's Honor	182	8.3

3	<b>Moonstone</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>8.3</b>
4	<b>Hot Princess</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>7.9</b>
5	<b>Randy Scott</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>7.9</b>
6	<b>Marilyn Monroe</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>7.9</b>
7	<b>Louise Estes</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>8.3</b>
8	<b>Marlon's Day</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>7.6</b>
9	<b>Let Freedom Ring</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>7.9</b>
10t	<b>Black Magic</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>7.9</b>
10t	<b>Dublin</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>8.1</b>

**Top Floribunda Sprays**

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Variety</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>ARS rating</b>
1	<b>Lava Glut</b>	281	8.6
2	<b>Hannah Gorden</b>	245	8.7
3	<b>Sexy Rexy</b>	174	8.6
4	<b>Playgirl</b>	170	8.4
5	<b>Lady of the Dawn</b>	142	8.4
6	<b>Playboy</b>	136	8.5
7	<b>Julia Child</b>	130	8.2
8	<b>Hot Cocoa</b>	113	7.9
9	<b>Moondance</b>	88	7.7
10	<b>Cinco de Mayo</b>	85	7.8

**Top Miniature Roses**

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Variety</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>ARS rating</b>
1	<b>Joy</b>	302	8.0
2	<b>Bees Knees</b>	247	8.1
3	<b>Nancy Jean</b>	165	7.7
4	<b>Soroptimist International</b>	159	8.1
5	<b>Magic Show</b>	134	7.8
6	<b>Irresistible</b>	122	8.8
7	<b>Fairhope</b>	121	8.2
8	<b>Daddy Frank</b>	116	7.7
9	<b>Memphis King</b>	97	7.7
10	<b>Renegade</b>	90	7.5

**Top Miniflora Roses**

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Variety</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>ARS rating</b>
1	<b>Whirlaway</b>	190	7.7
2	<b>Foolish Pleasure</b>	142	7.8
3	<b>Butter Cream</b>	120	7.8
4	<b>Abby's Angel</b>	113	7.6
5	<b>Shameless</b>	112	7.7
6	<b>Tiffany Lynn</b>	111	8.1
7	<b>Dr John Dickman</b>	105	7.8
8	<b>Conundrum</b>	85	7.7
9	<b>First Choice</b>	83	7.8
10	<b>Baldo</b>	80	7.5

# Cleaning and sharpening pruners

Supplies you will need

- kitchen scouring pad
- soap and warm water
- clean rag and towel
- gloves for your hands
- #3 semicoarse steel wool
- #0 fine steel wool
- diamond files - coarse, fine, extrafine
- dry or silicone based lubricant
- twigs for testing sharpness

## Cleaning

Use the scouring pad with some warm soapy water to scrub off all the plant material and sap and dry the blades with the towel. Remove any rust with the coarse steel wool and then hone the blades with the finer steel wool.

## Sharpening

Use the coarse diamond file and, with moderate pressure at a 10-20 degree angle, draw the file down the beveled edge of the blade. Bypass pruners are sharp on one side of the blade so you are only working on one side. Move the file in one smooth motion along the curved edge starting at the base and moving toward the end, and then

repeat. Depending on how dull your pruners are, you may do this 10 to 20 times. Use the fine file next, using the same number amount of strokes. Finish the honing with the extra fine file, again in smooth single strokes. The back side of the blade may have some burrs caused by the sharpening - use the steel wool a few times to smooth the rough edge of the unsharpened side. Sharpen pruner blades in this manner throughout the pruning session; if you have a lot of bushes, one sharpening is not enough. Carry a diamond file with you.

## Lubricate

Once the blade is sharp enough, which you can test with the twigs, coat both blades with the silicone based lubricant which will make the pruners easier to use and help keep the blades rust free.

If you really want to do a thorough job, you can unscrew the pruners and take the blades apart to sharpen and clean. Just make sure to put the parts on a towel or cloth so you don't lose them and pay attention to how you take the pruners apart so you can put them together after the sharpening, before lubrication. Loppers can be sharpened the same way, but probably not as often. ✱

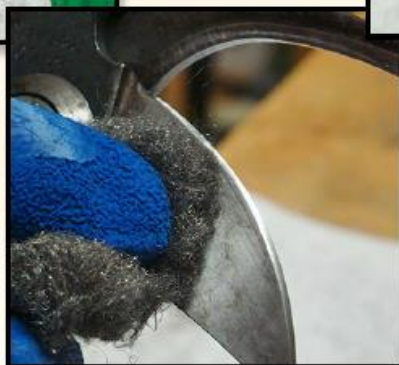


Diamond files

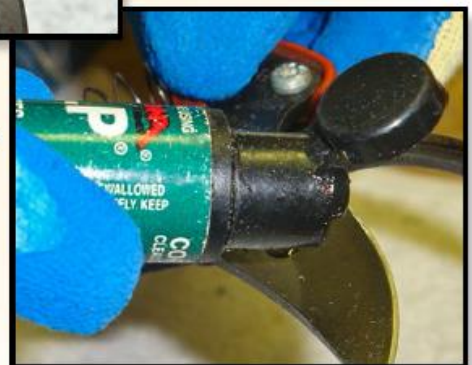


Sharpening in one stroke

Cleaning with steel wool



Lubricating blades



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**Websites where you can purchase roses:**

Antiqueroseemporium.com  
Coolroses.com  
Edmundsroses.com  
Gardenvalley.com  
Highcountryroses.com  
Jacksonandperkins.com  
Northlandrosarium.com  
Regannursery.com  
Rosemania.com  
Rosesunlimiteddownroot.com  
Twosistersroses.com

Chambleesroses.com  
Countrysideroses.com  
ForLoveofRoses.com  
Heirloomroses.com  
Hortico.com  
KandMroses.com  
Palentineroses.com  
Roguevalleyroses.com  
Rosepetalsnursery.com  
Springvalleyroses.com  
Waysidegardens.com

## 2015 JANUARY BANQUET



# 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:

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**TIDEWATER ROSE SOCIETY MEETING DATES FOR 2015**

Feb. 15, 2015,	Holly Room
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