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Dates to Remember

Tuesday, October 17th will be our monthly meeting occurring at Central Christian Church, 1202 5th AVE Huntington. The program will be on **Winter Protection** by Gary and Monica. Hospitality will be provided by Donna Smoot. Our meeting starts at **7:30 PM** and we will have our refreshments available prior to the meeting. Come hungry and bring a friend.

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President's Message

Monica A. Valentovic

It is October but still very hot for Fall. We finally ended the dry period with over 3 inches of rain in our yard so far this week.

I want to thank Cheryl and Mike Johnson for providing hospitality last month. It was fantastic. The program on Deer Control went well and had

considerable audience participation as Gary and I reviewed some ways to control deer using repellants and fishing line.

This month's program will be on Winter Protection. You should start preparing your roses for winter by abstaining your roses from nitrogen containing fertilizers. You also should stop pruning and deadheading your roses. Once a rose bloom is spent, simply pull off the petals, which signals the rose to stop growing. I hope you are able to attend our October meeting.

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Where to Buy Roses?

Monica Valentovic

Fall is a time for everyone to start letting their roses wind down, adjust their soil pH and remove old roses that were a disappointment. Fall is also the time to start ordering new roses for next year's garden. The

question though is where can you buy roses? This month I am going to focus on sources for Large roses.

Palatine roses is an excellent company in Canada. These roses are grafted on multiflora which allows for better growth in our area. Palatine sells out quickly but they will ship to your house in November of this year or in the Spring. Quite often we order our roses to arrive in the Fall and we plant them in the ground and cover them well with mulch. Planting in the Fall allows the roots to become more established. However, the risk is that you must winter protect or your new rose bush will struggle next Spring. The Palatine Website is www.palatineroses.com. We have never had any problems ordering from this company. The roses arrive healthy with nice green canes.

Another online source for roses is **Witherspoon Rose Culture** (www.witherspoonrose.com). This company ships in the Spring. I hope Witherspoon does not suffer damage from all the Hurricanes as they just relocated in 2016 to the Raleigh Durham area of North Carolina. Witherspoon is a great source for David Austin roses. They also carry some disease resistant roses such as Home Run. For those of you who like mauve roses, they are carrying a deep purple fragrant floribunda called Ebb

Tide and a grandiflora called Twilight Zone. We grew this Twilight Zone this year and it is a short plant but has great fragrance. It is a very deep purple.



Twilight Zone

If you are looking for a very fragrant hybrid tea you should consider Fragrant Cloud. Witherspoon currently has Fragrant Cloud in stock. This rose won the most fragrant rose category in 2017 at the National Rose Show in Gettysburg and at the TENARKY District show in Bowling Green, KY.



Fragrant Cloud

Roses Unlimited is located in South Carolina. Their website is www.rosesunlimiteddownroot.com. If you are looking for some unique roses, then Roses Unlimited may carry them. Roses Unlimited is a good source for old garden roses. Roses Unlimited specializes in Earth Kind Roses which are more disease resistant.

Now for the bad news. Rosemania has been an excellent source of healthy Weeks Roses. Unfortunately, they have decided to discontinue selling bareroot roses. This is very unfortunate as they were a very good source of healthy plants and we will miss them as a good source of rosebushes. Rosemania will continue to sell fertilizers, pesticides and garden tools. Robbie Tucker has retired and moved to Texas and has decided to no longer provide bareroot roses. This source of roses will be missed.

A newer rose source is K and M nursery and their website is www.kandmroses.com. K and M is located in Buckatunna, MS; they also grow blueberries. If you are looking for roses hybridized by John Smith, Eddie Edwards or Fred Wright, then this is the place to order these roses. Sunny Sundays (see photo), was hybridized by John Smith and is carried by K&M. Their roses are grafted on fortuniana and need extra winter protection.



Sunny Sundays

Another source to consider is Chamblee's Rose Nursery www.Chambleeroses.com, which has Dr. Griffith Buck roses, as well as Earth Kind Roses.

If you want winter hardy roses try High Country Roses www.highcountryroses.com which is located in Colorado.

If you want a challenge, then consider Wisconsin roses. Steve Singer provide grafted maidens for some hard to find roses. The maidens are on a multiflora rootstock which grows well in our area. Wisconsin Roses website is www.wiroses.com. Steve Singer has Cajun Moon which is a sport of Moonstone. Wisconsin Roses also has Louise Estes and Zach Nobles. Zach Nobles is an orange colored sport of Let Freedom Ring with great form.

These are some options for purchasing roses. I hope this gives you

some ideas about where to find various rose varieties. Take some time and check out the websites. You might find a rose you just have to have in the garden in 2018!

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Easy Elegance Roses

Gary O. Rankin

Monica and I were speakers at the 2017 Tenarky Fall Convention and Rose Show in Bowling Green, Kentucky at the end of September. After entering our roses in the show and getting breakfast, we checked out the Beatty's Fertilizer booth being manned by Jeff and Cindy Garrett and noticed another booth nearby for Easy Elegance Roses. We weren't familiar with these roses and when the booth was manned in the afternoon, we spent some time with Andy Herting, a sales representative with Bailey Nurseries. He had brought several varieties of the Easy Elegance Roses for the public to see and talked with us about the roses and where to buy them.

Easy Elegance roses are advertised as disease resistant, having excellent re-blooming and an overall hardiness that would allow them to grow in our area. The focus is primarily on shrub roses and all of the 24 varieties are grown on their own roots.



Music Box - Shrub



All the Rage - Shrub



Macy's Pride - Shrub

As far as I can tell from Andy, there aren't any nurseries nearby that sell

these roses, as they are relatively new to the market. Some of these roses can be purchased on-line from sites such as White Flower Farm (www.whiteflowerfarm.com), which carries several varieties. You can also learn more about these roses at www.easyeleganceroses.com and to learn about nurseries that sell these new roses contact Andy Herting Andrew.Herting@BaileyNurseries.com or by calling 502-609-4412.

2018 ROSE SOCIETY DUES

It is time to renew your membership for 2018. Membership dues remain at \$8 for individual and \$12 for a family membership. The renewal form is included in this newsletter. Send your dues to: Gary Rankin, Treasurer, 109 Cedar Court, Lavalette, WV 25535.

The Society is also seeking additional donors to help defray the yearly costs incurred by the Society. The levels of donation are denoted as: Queen, King, Princess and Prince levels. Donations at the Prince (\$1-25); Princess (\$26-50), King (\$51-99) and Queen (\$100 or more) levels will be acknowledged in our newsletter. Remember that our rose society is a 501 C-3 non-profit organization and any donations are tax deductible.

Fertilizers for Fall and Winter

Gary O. Rankin

With all the rain we had over the summer and our late July to September fertilizing program, the roses have really grown well this year. They are certainly taller and stronger,

with many more new canes than last year. As we ease into fall each year, we stay away from high nitrogen fertilizers. Promoting growth that gets killed in the late October/early November frosts and freezes saps energy from the bushes that could help them survive the winter.

To still provide a little fall food, we switch from Easy Feed, Miracle Gro and Monty's All Purpose Growth (8-16-8, yellow label) to Monty's Root and Bloom (2-15-15, orange-pink label). Monty's Root & Bloom is a liquid concentrate that gets diluted at a rate of $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon per gallon of water and is applied as a rate of 1 gallon per large rose and $\frac{1}{2}$ gallon for each miniature or miniflora rose. It can also be added to spray material for a foliar feed during spraying. In addition to the N-P-K, Monty's Root & Bloom contains 0.3% chelated iron and 0.05% zinc. When diluted, the pH of the fertilizer ranges from 6.5 - 7.5.

The low nitrogen in Monty's Root & Bloom limits new growth, while the phosphorus and potassium aid in root development and winter hardiness, making this a great fertilizer for use after September 1. We usually stop using this product around early October and when we winterize the roses, we add solid 0-25-25 (or similar non-nitrogen fertilizer) to continue root development all winter.

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