

# ROSE GAZETTE

Northeast Louisiana Rose Society

July – August 2007

## July Meeting

Northeast Louisiana Rose Society Members, and family and friends of members, are invited to the home of Flora & Frank Hover in Ruston on **Saturday, July 14th for our annual picnic**. Come any time around 11 AM, lunch will be served at noon. Flo is cooking a couple of briskets and bake beans. Members are asked to bring casseroles, vegetables, salads or a dessert. We will have drinks available. Members of the CenLa Rose Society have also been invited to join us. **Please bring your lawn chairs just in case they are needed.**

**Directions to our home:** Travel I-20 to Ruston, taking the first Exit (#86) and turn right (NORTH) on HWY 33. After traveling on HWY 33 for approximately 3.8 miles, you will see a sign for Lincoln Parish Park – about 200 yards past this sign, turn left on Mayfield Road. Continue on Mayfield for approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile to the **second Adam Circle sign**, turn left – ours is the first house on the left – (the house # 103 is on the front of the brick mail box). Look for the **NELA RS signs**.

After stuffing ourselves sufficiently, and taken care of rose society business, we will go on a tour of the beautiful gardens and plant conservatory on the campus of Louisiana Tech. Dr. Peter Gallagher is the director of these gardens and will be our tour guide. He has been a good friend of ARS for many years, serving on the ARS Grounds committee and making educational presentations at our winter workshops. Please RSVP by July 11 to: [gulfdistrictrose@bellsouth.net](mailto:gulfdistrictrose@bellsouth.net) or phone us at 318-255-8158.

## July in the Rose Garden

What a wonderful growing season we have had this year. Lots of rain and moderate temperatures make for a beautiful garden. Not only are our roses doing great, all the other flowering plants have done extremely well this year. We had a bit of bad luck in early spring with deer damage and rose midge, however our garden has responded to treatment nicely and looks better than ever, even though it has been neglected somewhat because of health problems. We applied one round of 13-13-13 Osmocote Classic in early spring, supplemented with a couple of applications of 20-20-20 Total Grow water soluble fertilizer and that seems to have been just the right combination for what our roses wanted. I plan on getting soil samples from four or five different places in our garden and send it off to be analyzed so that we will know what our rose beds will need to give us a good fall crop of blue ribbon roses. For disease this year, we have been spraying with Banner Max every other week, tank-mixing Manzate on two occasions, and have achieved good control of Black Spot. I am still spraying some heavy doses of Cygon 2E and Orethene about once a month to control insects and to make sure we do not have a reoccurrence of Rose Midge. Because of the heavy use of insecticides, I have applied Avid twice and TetraSan once to control any spider mites that were in the area. We have been a bit more proactive in the use of pesticides this year and so far it seems to be paying off, with the exception of a problem with that ubiquitous little insect, the thrip. They seem to be working on our lighter colored roses as much as ever;

probably because we have not been able to apply Conserve and Orethene as needed.

Looking forward to seeing you, July 14<sup>th</sup> for the Society picnic at our home in Ruston.

May all your roses be QUEENS... STAY COOL...

Frank

## August in the Rose Garden

Since no meeting is planned for August, I felt that something needed to be included in this issue.

Normally August is very hot and dry. If Mother Nature does not provide the moisture, our rose beds will need to be watered. They need a good soaking at least once a week to a dept of about 2 inches – maybe twice weekly if it is extremely hot and dry – we were very fortunate during June and this first week in July to have experienced rain in just the right amounts.

Continue your spray program for blackspot and other diseases. Watch for harmful insects and spray to get rid of “Bad Bugs”. August is a prime time for spider mites, and to help keep these mites from destroying your plants, be pro-active and use the water wand on a regular basis on the underside to the leaves. If you do get a severe infestation, you will need to water wand at least every other day, to knock this pest off. Their life cycle is very short, so this should do it. If not there are mite-a-cides that can be sprayed on the roses (see above – June in the Rose Garden for names of chemicals).

**Pruning**, in Louisiana is recommended for mid to late August, removing only about 1/3 of the bush to stimulate a new growth of fall blooms. Remember you can remove dead and diseased wood anytime. Those who are interested in showing at one of the fall shows may want to schedule your pruning in late August or the first week in September

as it normally takes about 45 – 60 days for the plant to re-cycle. See dates of shows under Calendar of Events.

## Roses in Review Starts in July

This Roses in Review (RIR) marks the 82<sup>nd</sup> time that the members of the American Rose Society have evaluated new rose introductions. The ultimate value of this procedure is realized only when we have a broad base of participation. We need your contribution, whether you grow only one plant or one variety on the list or many of them. We need input from “garden” Rosarians as well as exhibitors, and from new Rosarians as well as seasoned veterans. We also welcome reports from those who are not yet ARS members. The complete results of this survey will be included in the January, 2008 issue of *American Rose*, and will help determine the ratings in the *ARS Handbook for Selecting Roses*.

**We need everyone to participate** for this to be meaningful. Take a few minutes of your time to evaluate your roses. You may use either the Evaluation Sheets or go to the ARS web site at [www.ars.org](http://www.ars.org) and complete your report there. **Only evaluate roses you grow from the cultivar list.**

The forms can be found in the middle of your June issue of **American Rose**. We will have some copies of the form at the next meeting for those that are not ARS members. They are due to our District RIR Coordinator; Dr. Don Edgerton; 2627 Jackson St.; Alexandria, LA 71301 no later than September 26, 2007. The same deadline date should be adhered to for those completing RIR on the ARS website system. We urge you to give the website system a try – it is fun and easy.

If you do not grow any of the roses on the list, please submit a report anyway with your name, address, etc with a large note across the form: **“I do not grow any of these cultivars”** and the Gulf District will get credit for that report as well.

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### **Rose Gazette**

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### **Calendar of Events**

July 14 –NELRS meeting/picnic 11:00 a.m.  
103 Adam Circle, Ruston

August – No meeting – No Newsletter

September 16 – Fran Beach, Log Town

Sept 13-17 – Fall National Convention & Rose  
Show, St. Louis, MO., Linda  
Finkes, 314-469-6691 or  
[www.arsconventionstl.org](http://www.arsconventionstl.org)

Oct. 13 – How to Grow Beautiful Roses, Burden  
Research Center, Baton Rouge

Oct. 27 – New Orleans Rose Show, Lake Side Mall

Nov. 3-4 – SW Louisiana Rose Show, Lake Charles