

ROSE GAZETTE

Northeast Louisiana Rose Society
Monroe Louisiana
March 2008

March Meeting & Program

We will meet at the **Louisiana Baptist Children's Home on March 16 at 2:30 P.M.** The program will be "Love at First Sight – American's Affair with the Rose". This is the story behind our relationship with the most coveted plant in the garden. Who dreams up these beloved plants and where did they come from? The program looks at our national flower through the eyes of the world's top breeders and a non-profit organization devoted to roses: the "All-American Rose Selections", founded in 1938.

Discover the secrets behind the blooms and see first hand the painstaking work that goes into creating a plant that will flourish in today's low maintenance gardens. Along the way you will meet the hybridizers behind the next generation of roses, learn what it takes to win the toughest plant trial on earth and marvel at the escape of a rose name "Peace" from war torn France.

From pollination and countless years of breeding at the hands of the top hybridizers in the country, to years of tough love in AARS Test Gardens, this is the story of what a winning rose goes through just to get into your garden.

In addition we will talk briefly on what needs to be done in the garden this month

and the purchase of chemicals in bulk like we did the fertilizer. Bring your rose questions with you.

Thanks to Candy & Nan

Special thanks to Candy Gough for taking care of everyone's fertilizer order, and allowing it to be delivered to her home. Thanks to Nan for collecting the money and paying the bill.

Kiroli Rose Garden

Hats Off to a special group of NELA Rose Society members who gave up their sunny Sunday afternoon (February 24) to prune, shovel prune, re-plant and replace roses in our garden at Kiroli Park in West Monroe. Becky Bourgeois served as chairman. Working with Becky were: Sam Hightower, Larry Popwell, Sue Gulett, Nan Woods, Thomas Junk, Pia Albuquerque, Bill Rambin and Flora Hover.

Roses that were very not doing well were shovel pruned, others were moved within the bed, mainly to have one row of roses down the center with the exception of the right end in which there were several Belinda's Dream that we did not feel should be moved. With a team effort, the bed was covered with

horse manure and a nice layer of pine straw. We then sprayed with dormant oil, Orethene, and Diathane-45. Fortunately, we have had adequate rainfall since working in the bed. At this time, we need someone who can put some fertilizer around the plants once they have leafed out.

We encourage you to take a drive over to West Monroe to see the garden this spring. If you see anything that needs to be done, please feel free to contribute a few minutes of your time to keep this small bed looking nice. We will need to do some dead heading and spraying throughout the summer. The irrigation system was updated last year, so I believe the park Horticulturist will see that it is watered during the dry spells.

April Meeting

Get ready to travel west to Shreveport on April 19th to our **Annual Gulf District Show & Convention** to be held in the new Klima Rose Hall and visitors center. This is also the annual "Spring Bloom Festival" at the American Rose Center. **The convention and show will serve as our April meeting.** Plan to bring your best roses and try your luck in an ARS rose show. Many of you have been showing roses at our local meetings for the past two years, so you should be ready to really show your stuff in Shreveport. Those that would like to come Friday afternoon are invited to attend the "Dutch Treat" dinner at Jan's Restaurant on West 70th Street in Shreveport where we can fellowship with rosarians from throughout the Gulf District and meet our Executive Director, Jeffery Ware.

You will find program and registration information in another part of this

newsletter. Please note that there is a registration fee plus an amount for the buffet Awards Luncheon. Our keynote speaker for the awards program is Dr. Don Myers, from Wake Forest, North Carolina. Don and his wife, Mary grow between 400 and 500 roses. Dr. Myers is employed by Bayer Environmental Science. We know from hearing him speak at National Conventions that he is a well-informed and interesting speaker.

South Central District Winter Workshop

The South Central Arkansas Rose Society hosted the South Central District Winter Workshop in Conway, AR on March 7 & 8



Diane & John Smith and Frank & Flora Hover braved the snow and ice to make the trip. **Congratulations to Diane & John for passing the Consulting Rosarian Exam.** There were 14 other Rosarians that attended the school and all passed with flying colors. We are proud of all of these individuals, and especially Diane & John.

CR Information

For those who would like to become a Consulting Rosarian, you must be a member of a local society, have been growing roses for at least 5 years, and been a member of the American Rose Society for 3 consecutive years. The required application forms and 3 letters of recommendations by a CR must be submitted prior to attending a school. If you have questions please contact any NELA CR.

Welcome New Member

Debbie Davis

May Meeting

This year we will have our society picnic in May before it becomes too warm to enjoy the outdoors. Date of May 17 or 18? Place to be announced.
Give me a call at 255-8158 if you would be willing to host.

Membership Application – Northeast Louisiana Rose Society

Please join us. We usually meet on the third Sunday of each month at 2:30 P.M. The location/date of the meeting is announced in the Newsletter each month.

Name _____

Spouse's Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

Are you an ARS MEMBER? _____ Yes _____ No

Annual dues are \$10 Per Person:

**Bring to meeting or Mail form to: Nan Woods
107 Raymond Dr.
Monroe, LA 71270**

Wizard of Roses

(Hosted by the Shreveport Rose Society)

What: Gulf District Convention and Rose Show

Location: American Rose Center (ARC)
Shreveport, LA

When: Friday & Saturday (April 18th & 19th, 2008)

Schedule:

Friday, April 18th

4-6 PM Registration at Holiday Inn Financial Plaza

6:30 PM Dinner at Jan's restaurant (Dutch treat)

(Jeffrey Ware, ARS Exec. Director - Speaker)

Saturday, April 19th

6:00 AM ARC opens for show set up

(Show and setup at Klima Center)

9:30 AM All entries for rose show must be in

10:00 AM Judging starts

10:00 AM View Gardens of the ARC

12:30 PM Lunch with Awards Ceremony

(Don Myers, PhD -Speaker From N Carolina)

1:00 PM Show open to Public

1:30 PM View Gardens of the ARC

The American Rose Center will be having its Spring Bloom on Saturday, April 19th. We have been asked to man a booth with Consulting Rosarians to help the public with their questions. Please let us know if you are willing to help with this. We are trying to have a rotating schedule with 1 hour shifts.

Please let us know if willing to help or any questions: rpowell2@bellsouth.net

or 318-868-2832

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Gulf District Convention and Rose Show -- April 18th & 19th
American Rose Center - Shreveport, LA

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ email: _____

Name Badge to read: _____

Registration Fee: (postmarked by April 1st)	\$20.00 # _____	@ \$20.00 _____
Late Registration: (postmarked after April 1st)	\$30.00 # _____	@ \$30.00 _____
Youth Registration: (postmarked by April 1st)	No Charge	# _____

Friday Night Reception:	# _____	FREE
Saturday Awards Lunch (At ARC)	\$12.50 # _____	@ 12.50 _____

Total Check Included: _____

Exhibitors & Judges must be registered:

I plan to exhibit in: _____

Horticulture
Arrangements

Please make check payable to: **Shreveport Rose Society**

Send check to: **Connie Pajeski**
1298 Old Plain Dealing Rd
Benton, LA 71006

Hotel Info: **Holiday Inn - Financial Plaza**
5555 Financial Plaza (I-20 at I-220 just west of Airport)
Shreveport, LA
800-345-8082

***The room rate is \$75 plus tax - Contact Hotel Direct
Tell operator you are with the American Rose Center

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