

# ROSES & YOU

*news from the American Rose Society*

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November 2018

## FROM THE EDITOR

The holidays are just around the corner and what a great time to count our blessings. When I first think of my family, close behind is my rose family. There are so many people in the rose world who have made a difference to me. I talked to others about this and they too had someone they wanted to thank. So, let's get Rose World Thanksgiving started off with someone who helps us all – Mark Windham.

Through the years I have watched Mark selflessly give his considerable knowledge about growing roses in particular Rose Rosette Disease to all who ask! Mark has a special ability to not only teach but also make us all laugh. That is saying something as many of us have looked into the face of RRD. I can tell you there are a great many very funny moments when Mark Windham comes to speak to your group. It happens! Thank you, Mark, for your friendship, for all the laughs and for all the hard work you do in the rose world.

For other stories of those who help and inspire.

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I'm also grateful for no RRD in my garden this year and plenty of blooms to share!  
The one is 'Flamenco Rosita' – a favorite!

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## THE QUEEN OF FLOWERS

### Fragrant Roses

Laurie Lewis

The subject of fragrance in roses is something I get asked about a lot by gardeners just dipping their toes into rose cultivation. In fact, I gave a talk about this myself earlier this year at the North Carolina A&T Horticultural Society. Most want a rose that has a lovely scent, which is understandable since that's one of the biggest reasons people associate with roses, right? I often get asked, "What roses can I grow that are fragrant?" more often than I'm questioned about traits like disease resistance!

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A collection of roses from Laurie's garden.



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## TIPS, TRICKS & HACKS OF ROSE CARE

### Falling for Autumn

**Marci Martin**

After what seemed like the hottest summer in history, I just couldn't wait for Fall to arrive this year. We've been following the Cooling Degree Days (which ended October 1st and was replaced by Heating Degree Days). Normal for the end of summer was 170. Last year had 180. This year ended at 1080. We had 90 degrees but had many heat waves and lots of brutally humid days between 90 and 98, right through the middle of September. And then, there was the rain issue! I think at this point my part of Connecticut got over normal rainfall. Good for my water bill, but bad for downy mildew on susceptible roses. I was spraying for insects and disease in early September, but when we returned from vacation mid-September, we discovered Tobacco Bud Worms eating my blooms and buds and downy mildew leaf drop in the yard. I got out the sprayer and sprayed one more time.

Around here, my gardening habits change starting September 1st. All summer long, I deadhead roses so they will regrow and bloom again. We think that God gave us roses for their beauty and sweet fragrance, but roses think that God created them to reproduce themselves by making hips full of seed!

This time of year, my gardens are not pristine as they are in the spring and summer. I just let them be. I let the roses make hips and the sterile ones just end at the terminal bud. The days are getting shorter, nights are getting longer, and instead of deadheading, I just pull the petals off the spent blooms and sprinkle like beautiful confetti on the sidewalk out front or, if you come for a visit, I will joyfully scatter them on your car in salute when you leave!

As the year winds down, I am thankful, as always, for the beautiful roses in my gardens, and for my family here and everywhere ... our love of the Queen of Flowers unites us all! I'm also thankful for the impending winter, which is coming soon. After such a busy growing season, my roses need to rest, so, dear friends, do I.



This rose is 'GOOD AS GOLD' from Marci's garden.

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## OUR ROSY WORLD

### Restoration Rose

**Susan Lyell Young**

Susan Lyell Young, owner of Restoration Rose and curator for The Nursery at Grace Rose Farm Volunteer Gardener from Nashville Public Television at her urban rose garden in Nashville, Tennessee, has a collection of heirloom climbers, ramblers, shrubs, teas and polyanthas interplanted with companion plants.





Find information about other rose endeavors Susan is involved in here.

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## PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

### Thanksgiving

**Robert B. Martin Jr.**

The season of roses comes to an end and starts anew. The Holidays are here. It is a time of go to turn our attention to family, friends; a time to give thanks and share gifts – a time to reme



As I transition from service as Vice President to that of your remember and give thanks for three extraordinary women.

First and foremost, I am thankful for my eternal companion, for her love and her devotion to this wonderful hobby that v through roses that we met, and with roses we continue, gro beautiful as the one I named after her.

Ruth Tiffany was the one who recruited me to become President of the San Diego Rose Society. Years later, having been elected Vice President of the American

Rose Society, Ruth was the one to step forward and say we must have a convention for my installation as President. Never mind that we had just had one in 2014 and time was short. And so we did – we had a wonderful convention orchestrated under Ruth's encouragement and leadership, a convention as remarkable as the rose I named after her.

Finally there is my good friend Diane Sommers, who will serve with me as Vice President. I was one who encouraged her to run. I did so because I know of her dedication to the American Rose Society, and I value her judgment and experience. I am thankful to have her by my side as we go forward.

A well known hymn reminds us to:

"Count your many blessings, name them one by one, And it will surprise you what the Lord ha

As I count those blessings, I think of many more that came via the Rose. There are tangible be growing roses and belonging to a rose society. But the most important benefits are not tangit be evaluated as a commercial transaction, and whether we get our money's worth. Through se



local rose society and the American Rose Society we receive the blessings of the Rose, the most beautiful flower in God's creation, and an assurance of His providence. For that I am thankful.



ABOVE, TOP TO BOTTOM: 'Dona Martin'. 'Ruth Tiffany' spray. Jack Page, Diane Sommers and B

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## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I hope you are having a wonderful holiday season so far with family and friends! The American Rose Society has had a lot of exciting things happening in the last month. We had a very successful National Convention in San Diego, "The Fiesta of Roses," where we installed our new American Rose Society President and the Officers of the ARS. Click on the video below to see our ARS Presidents Installation.



Also, thank you to the San Diego Rose Society for hosting the convention and making it a lot of a huge triumph! If you have not attended a National Convention, I would like to encourage you to go. You won't regret it; in fact, you will make many memories, as well as gain many lifelong friends. We have a lot going on at the American Rose Center, and I invite you to click on the video below to see our upcoming events.



Thank you for being a member of the American Rose Society and for sharing your love of the rose with others!



ROSE GARDEN TOUR & DINNER  
*from Bob & Dena Martin*

MARILYN WELLAN TOUR OF THE RESTORED  
AMERICAN ROSE CENTER  
& LUNCH WITH STAFF  
*from Marilyn Wellan*

STAR ROSES & PLANTS TOUR  
*from Star Roses & Plants*

TOUR FOR TWO OF WILL RADLER'S  
PRIVATE GARDEN & LUNCH AL FRESCO  
*from Will Radler & Rose Innovations &  
Jaye Hammond*

TOUR: ROSE TREASURES OF  
NEW ORLEANS FRENCH QUARTER & MORE  
*from Marilyn Wellan  
& Leo Wästermeir*

LONGWOOD GARDENS PRIVATE TOUR  
*from Longwood Gardens*

CHAMBERSVILLE ROSE GARDENS &  
FARMERS' BRANCH ROSE GARDENS  
TOURS WITH CLAUDE GRAVES AND PAM  
SMITH  
*from Claude & Pam Graves  
and Pam Smith*

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## ROSE EVENT CALENDAR

December 6, 2018 – Great Gardens Restoration Event

Now until December 23rd – Christmas in Roseland

January 18–20, 2019 Deep South District Meeting

February 9, 2019 Carolina District Mid-Winter Meeting

Your event could be here!

**Got a rose-related event?**

Post your events on this calendar and on the ARS website by giving us the information [here](#).

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