

Shenandoah Rose Ramblings

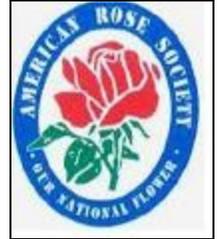


Shenandoah Rose Society

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February Meeting

The February meeting of Shenandoah Rose Society will be held Sunday March 1, 2 P.M. at Christ Lutheran Church. The program will be Spring Preparation.

Dues

If you haven't paid your dues there is still time. Please plan to renew.



From the President

The winter just keeps dragging on and on and on. I would love to get started in my roses but I know not to until after the first of April. I have been so busy this winter I wouldn't have time to attend to my roses like I should. Work has really kept me busy.

We have many things to look forward to in the coming season. We need to build our society. I issued a challenge to not only our society but to the District last fall and it still stands. That is for each member to bring in one new member in 2015. I think we can do that and double our membership.

It is going to be a busy season for me with travel. The Pre-Spring District meeting in in Baltimore in March. June I go to Columbus, Ohio for an ARS Board meeting. September it is Syracuse, New York for an ARS Board meeting and in October to Virginia Beach for the fall District meeting and show. I plan to attend a couple of local society shows if I can fit it in with my work schedule.

As for our local society, I would like to see more attendance at the meetings. It takes time and planning to put together a good educational program. Learning more about roses will help you to grow better roses and be able to help others with their rose problems. I have said it before I will say it again, I have never given a program or attended a rose meeting that I haven't learned something new about roses. General discussion before or after the meeting can be very productive and give you good ideas for growing better roses.

District meetings are extremely educational, gives you exposure to people outside of your local society and a change to discuss roses with many different people. I realize many cannot travel as they once did but if it is at all possible you should try to attend. David Walsh has a wonderful weekend planned in Baltimore. If at all possible you should plan to attend. This is the first time in six years the Pre-Spring hasn't been in Staunton. The district has supported us for six years and now it is our time to support the district.

It is a new season and time for a new start. We can grow better roses by sharing ideas, attending seminars and working together.

Charles R. Shover

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American Rose Society

Colonial District Pre-Spring Meeting 2015

“Baltimore Celebrates the Rose”



The Maryland Rose Society will host the Pre-spring Meeting in Baltimore, MD, on March 13-15, 2015. The Friday evening Reception and all day Saturday events will be held at Cylburn Arboretum Vollmer Center.

The theme, “Baltimore Celebrates the Rose”, remembers the importance of the rose to Baltimore and the city whose flower is the red rose. The Maryland Rose Society looks forward to an exciting weekend of events.

We will be honored to have in attendance two distinguished individuals running for ARS Vice President, Dr. Sam Jones of Nashville, TN, and Bob Martin of Escondido, CA. Sam will be speaking at the Friday evening Reception and Bob will be speaking at the Saturday evening Banquet. Bob and Sam will have a question and answer time during the Saturday sessions to better acquaint you on their candidacies.

A highlight of this year’s Pre-Spring Meeting will be the “Arrangement Workshop” session given by Nancy Redington of Chambersburg, PA. Nancy is the Penn-Jersey District Director and is an ARS Judge for Horticulture and Arrangements. Janice Sellers, Colonial District Arrangement Judges Coordinator, will be working with Nancy during this session. This is a 2-hour session of “show you how” and “hands-on” where you make your own. All roses, filler materials, containers, etc. will be supplied. Bring your own shears. See the attached Arrangements “A Workshop” page for more details.

Saturday will be a full day of events that you won’t want to miss; see the attached Schedule of Events page. There will be a silent auction and raffle going on during the day Saturday.

Saturday lunch will be provided at Cylburn between sessions. The restaurant *Clementine* of Baltimore will be catering the Saturday evening dinner.

Make your RADISSON HOTEL reservations ASAP since deadline time is limited to February 26; see attached Schedule of Events for phone numbers. The Radisson has been completely renovated in the past year, and is located in Cross Keys just minutes from Cylburn Arboretum. There are many shops and a fine restaurant adjoining this excellent hotel. There will be a hospitality room made available there after the Saturday evening banquet and it will also be used for the Colonial District business meeting on Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m.

There will be a Horticulture Judging Audit class during this weekend with more information forthcoming.

Please take time to register for what will be a memorable weekend in Baltimore. See attached Registration form and Schedule. For questions or more information, you may contact me by email or phone: Shiloh@quis.net or 410.374.1070. Your support is greatly appreciated and will contribute to the success of this event.

Look forward to seeing you in Baltimore!

David M. Walsh

President, Maryland Rose Society

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Schedule of Events

Hosted by the Maryland Rose Society

Date: March 13, 14, & 15, 2015

Location: Cylburn Arboretum, Vollmer Center
4915 Greenspring Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21209

Friday, March 13 Cylburn Arboretum Center

Registration: 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Reception: 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Wine & Cheese Social Hour
7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Program with Dr. Sam Jones
Tenarky District Director, Nashville, TN

Saturday, March 14 Cylburn Arboretum Vollmer Center

Welcome: 8:20 a.m. The Maryland Rose Society

Session 1: 8:35 a.m. “Chemicals”
Diana Klassy of Southern Maryland

Session 2: 9:30 a.m. “Photography”
Andrew Hearne of Oxford, PA

Session 3: 10:30 a.m. “Arrangement Workshop”
Nancy Redington, Penn-Jersey District Director with
Janice Sellers, Colonial District Judges Coordinator

Lunch 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Session 4: 1:30 p.m. “Natural Alternative”
Kevin Johnson of Lancaster, PA

Session 5: 2:25 p.m. “For the Love of Roses”
Richard J. Anthony of Brighton, TN

Session 6: 3:20 p.m. ARS VP Candidates Panel Discussion
Sam Jones and Bob Martin

Silent Auction Winners Announced at 4:15 p.m.

Social Hour 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Dinner 7:00 p.m. with program following and raffle winners
Speaker: Bob Martin of California
“Things (about roses) I Didn’t Learn in Kindergarden”

Sunday, March 15 Radisson Hotel at Cross Keys **Colonial District Business Meeting**

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The Rambling Rosarian

By Charles Shaner

This has been the windiest winter I think I can ever remember. I can usually take the cold if the wind doesn't blow but with the wind you just can't get warm. I heat with wood and this cold wind has worked heavily on my wood supply. Trying to cut for next year hasn't been easy. I can't drop trees with the wind blowing.

The wind and cold also works heavily on our roses. If the plants are very tall the wind can shake the roots loose. Cold one day and warm the next isn't good for them either. There isn't much we can do to counteract nature but there are some preventative measures. It is a little late in the season to cut your roses be now but around the first of December you should have taken them back to about 30 inches in height if they were taller than that. With the wind I have had it is useless to try winter protection. The wind would just take it away and possibly do more damage.

I have walked around my rose beds and at present haven't seen any signs of canker. That may be due to the fact I did a winter spraying with a good fungicide. If you did not do that you should start on the first decent day you can get outside doing a spraying of a fungicide. I would recommend that every 2 or 3 weeks until the roses break dormancy and then start your regular spray program.

If you were thinking of ordering new roses you still have time. Edmunds Roses (www.edmundsroses.com) has an offer if you place an order for \$100 or more the shipping is free. I just placed my order with them for six rose bushes. Some of old favorites and some new varieties and the shipping was free. I did not give them a deliver time so I am not sure when they will arrive. When they do I will pot them and nurse them along for at least six weeks. This does a couple of things. For one there is no hurry to get them in the ground. Potted roses can be planted anytime. Potting them in a good size pot will give them time to develop a good root structure with a little tender loving care. I learned this trick many years ago when I order roses and didn't give a deliver time. The roses arrived mid March when it was 19 degrees and snow flying. I had no choice but to pot them. It worked great and I think I actually gain one bloom cycle the first season by doing this. I also learned from that to request a delivery time of after the first of April for my area.

Everyone seems to be anxious to start gardening at the first sign of Spring. Don't get over anxious. I have seen a lot of money and work put out just to be spoiled by a late freeze. In the Shenandoah Valley we can have frost up until mid May. Those April flowers you plant may not look so pretty one morning when you look out. Be patient and give mother nature time to get winter out of her system. Plant once and don't have to buy twice.



Master Rosarians

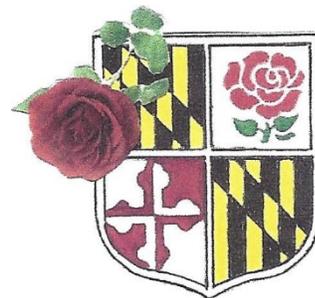
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SRS Consulting Rosarians

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Date: March 13, 14, & 15, 2015
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4915 Greenspring Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21209

REGISTRATION DEADLINE MARCH 6, 2015

Name(s): _____
(Please print name/names as you would like them to appear on name tag)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Full Registration: \$77.00 per person # of Persons: _____ TOTAL \$ _____
(includes Friday evening reception, Saturday sessions, Saturday lunch, and Saturday night banquet)

Partial Registration: \$65.00 person # of Persons: _____ TOTAL \$ _____
(includes Saturday sessions, lunch, and Saturday night banquet)

Local Registration: \$35.00 person # of Persons: _____ TOTAL \$ _____
(includes Saturday sessions and Saturday lunch only)

Banquet Only: \$35.00 per person # of Persons: _____ TOTAL \$ _____

Arrangement Workshop Package: \$30 person # of Persons: _____ TOTAL \$ _____
(includes the Photography session and Arrangement Workshop including the cost of supplies and Lunch)

Saturday night banquet is catered by *Clementine* of Baltimore

Please make checks payable to MRS
Mail to: MRS Pre-Spring Meeting 2015
3136 Shiloh Road
Hampstead, MD 21074
Email: shiloh@quis.net

ROOM RESERVATION DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 26, 2015

RADISSON HOTEL AT CROSS KEYS

Reduced room rate is \$139.00 per person for single/double occupancy, plus tax.
Please request the Colonial District Rose Society Room Block Rate.
For reservations call 1.800.532.5397 or 410.532.6900