

Shenandoah Rose Ramblings

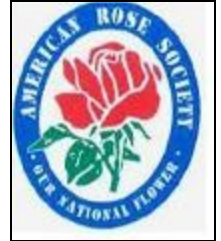


Shenandoah Rose Society

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Meeting and Seminar

The February meeting of Shenandoah Rose Society will be held Sunday, February 21, 2 P.M. at Christ Lutheran Church. The program will be a power point "Growing Beautiful Roses".



From the President

I hope all of our members have renewed their dues for 2016. If you have not please consider renewing. The Rose Society is a wonderful organization if you take advantage of the benefits. The rose is our National Floral Emblem and it is our duty to promote it. It is also our duty to educate the public about the rose. I find that the majority know very little about it even though they admire roses.

We have the Colonial District Pre-Spring Meeting and Seminars coming up March 4 and 5. This will be held in Staunton, VA at the Holiday Inn Conference Center hosted by the Colonial District. This will include a CR recertification. The banquet speaker will be Richard Anthony. Other seminars will include Chemicals by Debby Brown, Rose Rosette Disease by John Fleek and Growing Beautiful Roses by Charles Shaner. Make your plans now to attend.

We start a new rose season with our hopes and dreams of having beautiful roses. I have been chasing that elusive Queen for 25 years and last season it finally happened. I not only got the Queen but also the King and would have also gotten the Princess if my rose had been named correctly. I am one who likes to experiment with ideas and techniques. The presentation I am going to give at the District will divulge many of those experiments and ideas that have worked well for me. I am going to "practice" this power point presentation for our February meeting.

When you plant your roses make sure you have them named correctly especially if you ever plan to show. I have seen many roses on the head table at the show incorrectly named but the judges did not catch it. Mine that was incorrectly named was caught and was simply a mistake. I don't know how I got the rose it was and do not remember buying that variety but it is a beautiful rose capable of winning after it is correctly named.



Charles R. Shaner

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The Rambling Rosarian

By Charles Shaner

With the Holidays over our thoughts turn to spring with flowers blooming and especially roses. You may call me addicted but my thoughts are always on roses. I have several orders coming in from various companies. In addition to that I have twenty three cuttings set for rooting. Only two of the cuttings look like they might be in jeopardy but I haven't given up on them. This means I am going to need to build more rose beds.



By the time it is all done I will have close to 200 rose bushes.

I have had a small greenhouse for several years and had limited success with it. I always thought a greenhouse should be in full sunlight. That did help out some in the winter months but in the late spring and summer it was too hot and cooked my plants. I moved the greenhouse partially under a pine tree where it gets some direct sunlight in the morning and filtered sunlight in the late afternoon. It is doing much better. I have the rose cuttings set in there and I can't believe they are actually growing in the middle of winter.

The greenhouse is 6 foot by 8 foot. I put an oil filled electric heater in it. It keeps the temperature above freezing. A couple of cold nights it got down below freezing but didn't hurt any of the cutting. I put a layer one inch deep of pea gravel on the floor and that seemed to raise the temperature by about 5 degrees. Many of the cuttings were set in December which are now showing new growth.

I also have six Leland Cyprus and three Holly trees set for rooting in there. They are just for an experiment but I do hope they take.

As soon as we get a day when the wind isn't blowing I want to spray my roses with a fungicide. Mancozeb is what I am going to use with a little oil spray mixed in. That will take care of much of the fungus that winters over in the rose beds.

I feed mainly organics so I will soon start feeding my roses. As soon as the ground warms up the organic foods will be ready to go. My father did this with his hay fields and had huge crops of hay. That winter feeding of organics gives the plants a jump start on spring.

Watering is not needed at this time. With all the rain and snow we have had the ground is plenty wet. I walk across my yard and it is like walking on a wet spring.

Everyone needs a hobby and my roses are my hobby. When I have had a rough day or feeling a little down a walk through my roses or a visit to the greenhouse during the winter seems to make it all better. I don't mind the work for the rewards are ten fold.



Country Girl

Pre Spring Seminar (Meeting)

March 4 and 5, 2016 Staunton, VA

The Colonial District Pre-Spring Seminar and Meeting will be held in Staunton, Virginia, at the Holiday Inn Conference Center on Friday and Saturday, March 4-5, 2016. This will count as a CR Recertification for those needing to recertify.

The Holiday Inn is under new management and has been remodeled since we were there about eight years ago. I think everyone will be pleased with the facilities and accommodations.

Full registration will include Friday night activities, Saturday refreshments during the seminars, room rental fees, and miscellaneous items. Partial registration is for Saturday activities only NOT to include the banquet. A cash bar will be available both Friday and Saturday nights.

Any and all donations for the silent auction and raffle are welcome.



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Colonial District Pre-Spring Seminar and Meeting

"Spring Into Roses"

Holiday Inn Conference Center, Staunton, VA

March 4 & 5, 2016

Come and enjoy a fun-filled weekend sharing information on rose culture.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone No. _____ E-mail _____

Home Society _____

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Two-day Registration</u> Includes Hors D'oeuvres on Friday night, Banquet room expenses, refreshments during Saturday seminars and banquet room rental fees.	\$ 45	_____	\$ _____
<u>Saturday only</u> includes room rental fees and expenses.	\$ 25	_____	\$ _____
<u>Banquet Choices Saturday</u> Roasted Choice Top Round Beef	\$33	_____	\$ _____
Grilled Salmon	\$25	_____	\$ _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED WITH THIS REGISTRATION FORM			\$ _____

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Registration checks should be made payable to the *Colonial District* and mailed to Diana Klassy, 21693 Saratoga Drive, Lexington Park MD 20653, **NO LATER THAN February 25, 2016.**

Motel Information

Contact Holiday Inn of Staunton 540-248-6020 www.holidayinn.com/stauntonva
Rooms are \$95.00 plus tax. Mention it is for the Colonial District of the American Rose Society