

# Shenandoah Rose Ramblings



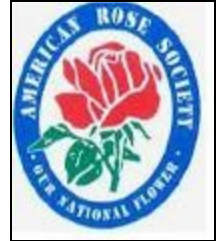
## *Shenandoah Rose Society*

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### Meet The New Members

The July seminar will be a covered dish picnic at the home of Charles and Barbara Shaner 93 Shaner Lane, Staunton, Sunday, July 22 at 4 P.M. We will talk roses, look at the roses in my garden and bring your questions.

Please RSVP to

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### From the President

June was a wonderful month for Shenandoah Rose Society. We gained eleven new members during the month. This is thanks to what I learned in Jacksonville about recruiting new members. With that knowledge I have developed a power point presentation I can give to other societies that will help them as well.

We will be having a fall District meeting and show. This will be a joint event with the Penn-Jersey District held in Gettysburg, PA. A registration form will be attached to this newsletter. For our new members this is a great opportunity to learn more about roses and talk with many people with advanced rose knowledge. A great learning experience.

Shenandoah Rose Society now accepts debit and credit cards for membership both new members and renewal. Ways to make it easier for you to renew and attract new members. If you wish to just make a donation to the Shenandoah Rose Society you may also make it with your card. Just put your card information on a membership form and write DONATION, amount you wish to donate and mail or e-mail it to Debbie Brown.

We had a good day at Milmount Greenhouses in spite of the rain. The final seminar of the day was rained out. The tent where the seminars were held collapsed with all the water. I couldn't believe it was pouring rain and people were wondering around in it looking at plants and roses.

Our small exhibition at Kroger in Staunton was also a good day netting a couple more new members. Between the two activities we increased the society membership by 52%. We will start taking renewals for 2019 in October though January 31, 2019 and I hope all of our members will renew. The more members we have the more we can do and the better learning experiences we can have. It cost to bring in outside speakers and with increased membership we can accomplish that.

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*Charles R. Shaner*

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## The Rambling Rosarian

by Charles Shaner

Rain, Rain go away. Come again in July and August please! Rain in June has been plentiful. Gives you the meaning of “too much of a good thing”. We are going into July hot and dry in some areas while others are still getting the rain. I have not had rain for over a week at present. I planted three new rose bushes on July 6th and there was plenty of moisture in my rose beds. If we go another week without rain we will need to start watering. I know areas near Harrisonburg and Shenandoah are still having the rain but further south is dry.

I have been spraying my roses each week and my foliage looks horrible. It is because of the extreme hot weather causing “spray burn”. When we have the extreme heat, do not use the Daconil fungicide. I cut it back to about half strength and still experienced spray burn. Under these conditions it is best to spray about daybreak in the morning before the hot sun hits the plants and the spray has time to dry. This time of day the bees are not moving around either.

The Japanese Beetles are here. I do not see as many as last year. I reapplied the Milky Spore last year and that may be part of the reason I don't have as many. It takes about three years for it to reach full potential. After 10 years it needs to be reapplied. I noticed after the third year I had almost no beetles for years four, five, six and seven. After year seven the population seemed to slowly increase. This is because there weren't as many grubs in the ground to spread the virus so the virus wore out.

Spraying in the early part of the season was very difficult with all the rain. You had to spray in between showers. If the spray lays on the foliage for an hour it has done its job. Always spray according to directions on the bottle. There is a time when we sometimes have to deviate a little and I once had to explain this to a lawyer a few years ago. She did not read all of the label before challenging what I said. The spray in discussion at the time said to spray every 14 days. I said to spray every 7 days for Erophiad mites. She challenged that but if you read further on the label it also said “or as needed”. For the case in question it was needed.

I am trying to get around to a few gardens to look at your roses when you request I do. I have been having a little problem with cancer and had surgery. I haven't gotten the report back from that but I hope they got it all. It was in my right arm and I now have a pretty good divot there. You hear so much bad about the Veteran's Hospitals but I do not have a single complaint about Salem VA. They have been excellent to me.



I have been ordering some roses from High Country Roses in Colorado this spring and summer. I have placed two orders and received both within four days. One of the roses I ordered was *La France* which is the first hybrid tea rose hybridized in 1867. The first plant I got in did not survive and High Country did not hesitate to replace it. These roses are on their own root and very small plants when you receive them. They are potted in one quart pots. You can order from them at [www.highcountryroses.com](http://www.highcountryroses.com).

Back in my early days in the rose society I got plants in from a company in Canada. The plants were very small but grew like crazy. I have some beautiful plants today from those roses.

I enjoy growing roses and ever more talking roses with people. I have given seminars in the past to garden clubs and sometimes gained a member from these clubs. I guess I could say “I have program, will travel” distance within reason. I do still work full time.



We are always looking for ways to control insects without chemicals and I am one to experiment. We know the blue cups coated with STP oil treatment works. I thought if that works then the old fashioned fly strips should also, so I tried them. I put two of them up in different locations in my garden and within twelve hours they were covered with a variety of insects. Thrips, mosquitoes, flies and a variety of small insects. They are inexpensive and would need to be changed every few days. Safe for children and pets.

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## Welcome New Members

by Charles Shaner

June was a wonderful month for Shenandoah Rose Society. Using new techniques, many of which I learned at the National meeting in Jacksonville, we were able to gain 11 new members in June. This all took place in a 14 day period the first half of June. New members received in June are:

Elizabeth Brent—Staunton

Sue & Rick Orebaugh—Mt. Sidney

Sam Harris—Waynesboro

Linda A. Smith—Stuarts Draft

Suellen Obaugh—Waynesboro

Nena Barleu—Lyndhurst

Wyatt Fielding—Staunton

Lynne Dubinski—Greenville

Kevin Bailey—Shenandoah

Giana Telemaque—Harrisonburg

Jay Gillian and Anita Filson—Rapine

WELCOME to the Shenandoah Rose Society.

## Election Time

It is time for ARS elections which comes every three years. This year we are electing a Vice President for the ARS. In the Colonial District and Carolina District a Regional Director for Region 2. You will receive an e-mail in June to vote. Voting will be done in June and July and you must be an ARS member to vote. Running for Regional Director is Charles Shaner and Edwin Krauss. ARS Vice President is Chris VanCleave and Diane Sommers.



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