



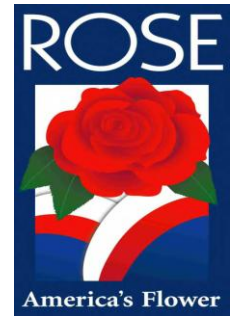
# Shenandoah Rose Society Shenandoah Rose Ramblings

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## September Meeting

The September meeting of the Shenandoah Rose Society will be our annual rose exhibition at Staunton Mall Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. The exhibition opens to the public at 10 a.m. The mall will open for you to get in and prop your roses at 7:30 a.m. I hope we can have a good show this year despite the dry, hot weather. Please bring your roses.

## Preparing for the Exhibition

Shenandoah Rose Society does not do a judged rose show. We just do not have the membership and resources to for that. We do have an exhibition each year. What is the difference?

In a full-blown judged show, you have ribbons and trophies awarded. You have to line up accredited judges and it takes several. From the blue ribbon winners, the court is selected (i.e., Queen, King, Prince, Princess, and Duchess). Needless to say, there is more work and expense involved in a show.

In an exhibition, we do not judge. We are just showing the public what we do and that roses can grow very well in our area. It is also a time to recruit new members which we usually gain one or two from an exhibition. We do not award prizes or ribbons but we do have the public vote for their favorite. It is sometimes surprising what they pick as a good rose. Usually, it would never make it in a show.

All entries are welcome in our exhibition but there are a few things you should remember. Your entry should be free of blackspot and powdery mildew and you should leave the critters at home – no bugs please.

The Society provides the vases. You will need 3x5 cards to tag your roses with. You should have three things on the tag: the name of the rose, the classification (Hybrid Tea, Floribunda, Miniature, etc.) and your name. The tag is attached to the vase with a rubber band. Wedging material is also needed to get your rose to stand up in the vase properly. Styrofoam is good for this – either green or white. I have also seen plastic wrap used.

Bring your roses and join us in the exhibition. No one is turned away from exhibiting and no one is criticized for what they bring. It is a time to see what the others in the Society are doing and you may pick up some new ideas that will help with your roses.

## The Rambling Rosarian

By Charles Shaner

It is hard to believe the growing season will soon be winding down. It has been a hot, dry summer but where did it go? I am thankful I have a good strong well and have been able to give my roses the water they need.

When you do not have rain and have to rely on watering, dry feedings do not do much good. I have been relying heavily on liquid feedings this summer which they get every two weeks. In preparing for the District Show in Martinsville, I brewed a special tea for my roses. I filled a 32 gallon trash can with water and put in a little alfalfa meal and fish meal, let it sit in the sun for about three days and then put it around my roses. It is a little potent. My son-in-law sat down not far from the can while it was brewing and wanted to know what died. It is hard to believe something that

smells so bad will produce a beautiful rose that smells so good.

Your feedings may continue into September but you will want to slow down the amount of food after the middle of the month. You want the roses to start slowing down for winter. A feeding of triple phosphate may be given around the first of October. The phosphate will serve to break the "head of steam" the roses have from the feedings you have given them all summer. It will also help to harden the canes for winter. This is something that can be done but is not a necessity.

Spraying this time of year is a necessity. I am seeing aphids move back in and the beetles are starting to disappear. As we get the cooler nights and heavier dew, powdery mildew will be a problem. Spraying is a must!

There are some things about rose growing I do not understand and it keeps haunting me. Why is it that you can mix up your spray and the wind is just as calm as it can be but as soon as you squeeze the trigger on the sprayer the wind picks up? Is there some sort of a wind button connected to that lever?

Why is it that when you return from a rose show, the prettiest blooms are on your bushes? There must be some little troll in there that transforms those blooms into better ones than you took to the show.

Why is it that the weather forecast can call for a clear day so you spray and it will rain in the afternoon? The chemical companies must have a thing with the weather man where they know what day you are going to spray. The weather man will call for clear so you will spray and the rain will wash it off so you will need to buy more.

Why is it that you spend all your time watering because you are not getting rain and it keeps raining a mile down the road? I went to church on Sunday and put my offering in the plate. Where's my rain? Okay, so I forgot to spray.

Caring for roses can be challenging when the weather doesn't provide the best of conditions. We are constantly looking for ways to overcome these obstacles and attending your local society meeting and District meetings will help you do that. Sharing ideas and learning from others is what it is all about. Try it! You just may grow a better rose.

## Photo Contest

At the Fall District Meeting & Show

September 12 - 14, 2008

(Editor's Note: If you don't show roses, you may consider entering the photo contest. This is a lot of fun and you don't need to be a professional to enter.)

There will be a photography division at the Colonial District Fall Show. All are cordially invited to exhibit their rose photographs in this section. The Patrick Henry Rose Society requests that photographs that have won in other contests not be entered.

There will be a trophy for the Best Photograph of Show.

### THEME: *THE COLOUR OF ROSES*

#### Contest Rules

1. All classes are open to **film** or **digital** photographs.
2. Each exhibitor may enter photographs respecting the maximums per class.
3. Photographs must be at least 3.5 x 5 inches in size and no larger than 5 x 7 inches. Either glossy or matte finish is acceptable.
4. Photographs must have been made/taken by the amateur exhibitor.
5. Each photograph should be identified with an entry tag (using the ARS miniature-size) showing the exhibitor's name, address, class number, and variety of rose or garden location, as applicable. The variety is required for classes 1-4.
6. Please reserve space for photos by Wednesday, September 11, 2008. Call Glenn or Janice Sellers at 276-632-6128 or [2sellers@comcast.net](mailto:2sellers@comcast.net).
7. Photographs will be judged only on photographic excellence and composition and will be returned at the banquet.

#### Section - Classes

- P-1: Photo of one bloom at exhibition stage without side buds of any ARS classification and of different varieties. (Limit: 5 photos)
- P-2: Photo of one spray, showing two or more blooms, of any ARS classification and of different varieties. (Limit: 3 photos)
- P-3: Photo of open bloom(s) with stamens showing. (Limit: 3 photos)
- P-4: Photo of a vase/container with rose(s) of same or different varieties. (Limit: 3 photos)

- P-5: Photo of an artistic arrangement meeting ARS standards. Please indicate arranger's name, if known. (Limit: 2 photos)
- P-6: Photo of a rose garden... people permitted. (Limit: 2 photos)
- P-7: Photo of rose garden activities indicating the "labor" involved... people permitted. (Limit: 2 photos)
- P-8: Photo of roses showing the "critters" which live on the bloom, on the plant or nibble upon them. (Limit: 2 photos)
- P-9: Abstract or Impressionism - A photo having nonobjective design, form or content of a rose, the plant(s) or any portion thereof. This includes any rose-related activity and may be darkroom or electronically manipulated. (Limit: 3 photos)

**Colonial District Fall Meeting and Show  
September 12 – 14  
Hosted by Patrick Henry Rose Society  
Martinsville, VA  
“THE COLOUR OF ROSES”**

The Patrick Henry Rose Society is hosting the 2008 Colonial District Meeting and 61<sup>st</sup> annual Rose Show. We cordially invite you to join us during the weekend of September 12 – 14 at Quality Inn – Dutch Inn in Collinsville, Va. This year's theme is “The Colour of Roses”.

Registration will begin at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, September 12. A schedule of events will be included in your welcome packet.

Friday night's welcome reception will include a vast array of hors d'oeuvres as well as wine and cheese.

We will be most appreciative for any appropriate items you can bring for our silent auction. Of course, there will be raffle tickets available to purchase.

On Saturday, our main focus is the rose show, which is being held just a few miles away at Liberty Fair Mall in Martinsville. Come and bring your best roses and enjoy the fellowship and friendly competition with the other rosarians.

Prior to the wonderful Saturday night buffet will be a social hour. We'll have some excellent after dinner entertainment for your enjoyment and of course the Colonial District Awards will be presented.

The District business meeting will be held immediately after a buffet breakfast on Sunday morning.

We look forward to seeing you in Martinsville in September.

Sincerely,

Katherine O. Craig, President  
Patrick Henry Rose Society and District  
Rose Show Chairman

**The SRS Store**

Our inventory in the SRS Store keeps growing. We have several items available at a good price to our members.

**Mills Magic Rose Mix**--20 lb. bag--member price \$17, non-member \$20; Contact Raymond Shaner 540-248-2301

**Messenger**--Mix for 1 gallon--member price \$2, non-member \$3; Contact Charles Shaner 540-294-2875

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