

# Shenandoah Rose Ramblings



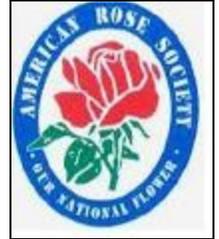
## *Shenandoah Rose Society*

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### **Dues Time**

There is still time to renew your dues for the 2018 season. Dues are still \$12.00 which includes member and spouse. We also have a youth membership for \$10.00. There is no time like the present you get the young people interested in roses and gardening.

### **From the President**

It is hard to believe how time goes by. When I set up the format for this newsletter and changed to Volume to number 20, I realized I have been doing the Shenandoah Rose Ramblings for 20 years. Back in the early days of Shenandoah Rose Society, we didn't have a newsletter. Notification of monthly meetings and seminars was sent out on post cards. With a newsletter, not only monthly notifications but also articles were included. As more members got computers and e-mail, newsletters were moved from snail mail to electronic newsletters. This cut down on postage and supplies needed to get the newsletter out. At present only about four newsletters are mailed. The rest are sent out via e-mail.

The computer age has changed the way we do things and there are arguments both ways. Some say computers have cut into the membership in organizations. The argument being "why take a membership when you can get it free on the web?". On the other side, we have gained a few members from the website. Yes you can get much information from the web but you cannot get hands on experience and personalized help with you rose problems.

By attending seminars you get the personalized experience and information to help you grow better roses. We have the Colonial District seminars coming up March 2 and 3 being held in Staunton. There are some excellent seminars planned for the weekend that will help you with your roses. Please plan to join us and learn more about growing roses.

I hope many in Shenandoah Rose Society will attend the District Seminars. There are some great programs scheduled along with some excellent speakers. There are a couple of programs I don't think have been presented at the District for some time. Plan to attend.

*Charles R. Shover*

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### *Colonial District Pre-Spring Meeting and Seminars*

*March 2 & 3*

*Staunton, Va.*

### ***Warm Up With Roses***

*The Colonial District Pre-Spring Meeting and Seminars will be held March 3 & 4 in Staunton, VA at Christ Lutheran Church. There will not be a formal CR recertification program due to the fact the seminars you have at your local societies may now count toward the process. There will be a Chemical and Garden safety seminar for those who do need recertification.*

*We have two special speakers. Diane Sommers, candidate for ARS VP will be giving a seminar on Saturday and Jon Corkern, ARS Membership and Development Director will be our banquet speaker. The rest of the seminars will be: Chemical and Garden safety by Debbie Brown, Pruning Roses in The Spring by Ray Shipley, Rose Trends for Today's Gardener by Diane Sommers and Rustling and Propagating Roses by Connie Hilker*

*Friday night will be a BBQ other activities are still being planned.*

*Meals will be catered as has been done in the past when we had the meetings at Christ Lutheran Church. Your caterers are:*

*Barbara Shaner - if you have attended in the past you know her meals*

***Kay Shaner - Nutritionist for Augusta County***

*Jessica Shaner - Manager Ruby Tuesdays*

*Vickie Stevens - Preschool School Teacher*

*Plan to join us March 2 & 3 to Warm Up With Roses*

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## Plan Ahead for Spring

by Charles Shaner

With the cold weather we have been having, our thoughts turn to warmer weather and thoughts of gardening and working in our roses. We think about what we would like to add to our rose collection. Now is a good time to look over your rose supplies. Check out your sprays to see what you need. Check the dates on the bottles. If it is over three years old it needs to be discarded properly and replaced. In the District seminars you will learn the proper method of discarding out of date sprays.

Watch your store ads. Some stores will offer discounts on early season purchases. Check your equipment such as sprayers for proper operation. There is nothing more aggravating than to mix up a tank of spray and discover your sprayer is clogged or doesn't work at all.

Check your pruners. Do they need to be sharpened and do they operate properly. I sharpen mine several times during the season. Good sharp pruners will give a good clean cut and not damage the cane.

Do you have a supply of rose foods? I will not go into the debate between organic and chemical. I use primarily organic and a little chemical mixed in.

Do not start your pruning too early. I do not start until after the first of April. Pruning promotes new growth and you do not want that to start too early. A freeze back after pruning could set your roses back for weeks.

Watering is not limited to the growing season. If it gets dry in the winter months you will need to do some watering. With the temperatures as low as we have had that may not be possible.

Think Spring, think warm, dream of roses. The winter will pass.



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Colonial District Pre-Spring Meeting & Seminars  
March 2 and 3, 2018  
*“Warm Up with Roses”*

**Registration**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Rose Society: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Registration **\$70.00** (includes all meals and seminars)

# Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday only **\$35.00** (Seminars, continental breakfast and lunch) **NO BANQUET**

# Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

All Saturday activities including banquet **\$50.00**

# Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total # Attending** \_\_\_\_\_ **Total Amount** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday night meal will be BBQ. Saturday Breakfast - continental; Lunch - baked potato & salad; Banquet - pork and chicken buffet.

Please send your registration to Debbie Brown, 201 N. Waverly St., Staunton, VA 24401  
Have your registration in by February 16, 2018

For more information call Charles Shaner 540-294-2875 or e-mail [clshaner@yahoo.com](mailto:clshaner@yahoo.com) or [clshaner@mindspring.com](mailto:clshaner@mindspring.com).

*Recommended hotel accommodations.* We have used the Best Western before and most are familiar with it. It is about five miles from the Church.

**Best Western Staunton Inn**

92 Rowe Road, Staunton, VA 24401

For reservations call 540-885-1112 by February 16, 2018

Rooms have been blocked and are \$79. Mention Rose Society.