

The Rose Vine

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Meeting Venue and Guest Speaker

Our meeting venue will be Bill and Mary's home on 12 Dec. @ 4pm for our annual Christmas party. Don't miss it! Their address and telephone number are:
715 Singley Ct., Lawrenceville
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December Hospitality Host/Hostess

See the Meeting Venue note above.

From the President

Hi!

We are looking forward to the upcoming holidays, the sparkle, and flourish, and joy. While we don't often find roses in our gardens this time of year, they remain in our thoughts – "God gave us memory so that we might have roses in December." And we have glass rose ornaments on our Christmas tree every year. But we're still hoping for the

year when our garden produces roses to decorate with for Christmas! - Maybe this year?

The GGRS Holiday Party is coming up on Sunday, December 12, at **Bill and Mary Belknap's** home. You'll find more elsewhere in this Rose Vine.

As the end of the year approaches, I would like to thank the various officers who have served and worked so hard in support of GGRS: **Kim Borland, Rosie Tripp, Henry Everett**, to our past president, **Linda Bohne**, for her support and her Consulting Rosarian work, to **Adolf von Württemberg** for all his efforts on the **Rose Vine**, to **Diane Snyder** for all her hospitality support, and to **Bill Belknap** for all his work on group orders, plus to **Kim and Bill**, again, for their distribution of the **Rose Vine**, and to **Rani von Württemberg** for her membership efforts. Special thanks also go to **Karen Radde**, who came up with a slate of officers for 2011. It is all these folks (plus the ones I forgot) who make the Greater Gwinnett Rose Society function as well as it does. These are the folks who worked this year to make the Greater Gwinnett Rose Society.

I also want to thank our new officers who will be installed on December 12 during our Holiday party: **Kim Borland** as President, **Nancy Miller** as Vice President, **Ed Hibbard** as Treasurer, and

Karen Carter as secretary. GGRS is also continuing to receive support from **Adolf von Württemberg** on the *Rose Vine*, **Diane Snyder** for hospitality, **Linda Bohne** for Consulting Rosarians, **Rani von Württemberg** for membership, and **Bill Belknap** for group orders and **Bill** and **Kim** for distribution of the *Rose Vine*. Thank you all for your service to GGRS.

Don Schwarz, C.R.

December in the Rose Garden

By Bobbie Reed, MR, and Don Schwarz, CR

Observe – What's happening in *your* garden? As we write this, there has been no hard freeze, just a light frost. While some of the most sensitive perennials have been hit, some of them are still OK. Continue thinking about your roses and the non-performers. There are too many excellent rose varieties out there to tolerate poor- and non-performers. Which bushes do you want to replace? Reviewing the catalogs is always fun.

Water – Roses still need water each week. So, if we haven't had any rain for a week or so, it is time to water. Go light on the mulch for now. If you did have your soil tested, you could be adding those slow-acting amendments like lime or phosphate if the test showed they were needed in your garden.

Don't Feed! – Just don't. No more feeding throughout the winter. Fertilizer now would only stimulate the kind of soft growth that will be badly hurt in our

sporadic winter cold spells. We won't fertilize again until early spring. Although, if you've had your soil tested, you could be adding those slow-acting amendments like lime or phosphate **if** the test showed they were needed in your garden.

Spray – Temperatures will soon take care of the bugs. The finest rosarians are still using fungicides, but the rest of us are taking a break to concentrate on the holidays. With the national show come and gone, we're planning to spray dormant oil and lime-sulfur to discourage bugs and diseases for next year. We know, however, that not spraying this past summer caused problems. The resultant blackspot is obvious now, and there will be more blackspot in the garden come spring.

Don't Deadhead! – It's difficult; you want to reach right out to snap off the spent blossom. But, don't. To keep your bushes looking neat, pull off the spent petals but leave the hip. If you haven't been spraying your roses with pesticides, you can collect ripe (red or orange) rose hips now to make tea or jelly. They do look good on the bush through winter as they add color.

Cut Back – After a hard freeze or two, perhaps by mid-December, the roses should go semi-dormant. This will be the right time to trim the tops of large bushes to about chest height, to prevent the bushes from whipping about in high winds. That movement can loosen and tear your bush's roots in the soil, which is very damaging to the plant. If there's still too much movement, tie the plant to something solid (we like rebar, but there are prettier things),

using stretchy plant ties or even old nylon stockings, which will give when the plant moves.

Mulch – After that hard freeze, replenish the mulch around your plants, providing a 2-4" blanket to protect them through their long winter's nap. Mulching before that freeze would only keep the soil warm, and the plant growing, too late into the fall and winter. More mulch will be needed to protect the bud union of grafted roses (most hybrid teas, floribundas, and shrubs are grafted) during our sporadic hard freezes. Make sure you have extra mulch handy before its needed. Damage from hard freezes may not show for many months to come.

Do Dirt – If you haven't already, this is an excellent time to take soil samples from around your roses, and have them tested. Take multiple soil samples from your rose beds, about 6" deep, mix them all together (if you have multiple rose beds, it's good to keep samples from each one separate), and take it to the County Cooperative Extension office to have it tested (or better yet, have a separate test for each bed). It's inexpensive, and the results will tell you about the acidity of your soil, how to adjust it, and what other nutrients your soil may need. We're always surprised by the results when we do this! If you do need to add lime to counterbalance the acidity of your soil, this is the right time to add it, since it takes several months for the lime to work. If the pH of your soil is too far from ideal, your rose bushes can't absorb the nutrients they need from the fertilizer

you give them. If you need to adjust the pH of your soil, winter is the time to get started. New roses will do better with an early fall planting, rather than waiting until March or April, next year. When mild weather permits, start preparing soil in new rose beds for early planting.

Plan/Plant – You won't find many roses in local nurseries now, but check out the catalogs as they are published. For own-root roses, including EarthKind roses, see Antique Rose Emporium, Chamblee Roses, or Roses Unlimited. For Fortuniana-rootstock roses, try K&M roses or Cool Roses (they'll be delivering to the DSD Midwinter Meeting in January).

Enjoy – There's still beauty to be enjoyed, with occasional late flowers gracing the garden in late November or even early December. But this is also a great time of year to curl up with all those wonderful catalogs that hit the mailbox this time of year. Let us know if you had roses for Thanksgiving or Christmas!

All I Want For Christmas

By Bobbie Reed, Master Rosarian

Summer is officially over. After temperatures lingered in the 80°s through late October, our record-breaking summer has surrendered to fall... and winter won't be far behind. As I write, we've already had one light freeze, and now we're enjoying a steady rain knocking the leaves off the trees. And on this gray day, I realized – Christmas is almost here! And you know what that means – it's time to think about what a rosarian wants for a Christmas present.

Of course, we all want more roses. But non-rosarian givers need to understand that all roses, and all nurseries, are not created equal. Rosebushes aren't in stores now, but a gift certificate for roses works well, if it's from the right vendor. I see that Autumn Hill nursery already has their rose list posted on their website, so you can reserve your heart's desire for spring pickup.

Habersham, Hastings, and Pike Nurseries are also good local sources for roses. Other reliable mail-order rose sources include Antique Rose Emporium, Chamblee Roses, Roses Unlimited, and Vintage Gardens for own-root roses, K&M or Cool Roses for Fortuniana-grafted roses, Pickering or Edmunds or David Austin for other grafted roses. For minis, try Rosemania or Cool Roses. For something unusual, try EuroDesert Roses, Heirloom Roses, or Rogue Valley Roses. All have web sites.

But we need more than roses. We need all those fabulous supplies that make rose growing easier. How about a new pair of pruners or loppers or a pruning saw? I love Felcos, but many folks swear by the Barnel pruners that The Georgia Rose carries. How about a pair of rose care-worthy leather gloves to protect your hands? Maybe a new sprayer, if that old one just isn't doing the job any more. How about a good pH tester, irrigation supplies, some plant labels.... Or my all-time favorite gift, a wagon to move things around in the yard. So many practical goodies.... Some of the best selections are on-line, be sure to check Rosemania or Primary Products as well as local vendors.

On a less practical note, how about a special vase for those special roses from the

garden? Or an item of clothing with a rose design? How about rose jewelry (I saw great stuff at GRITS)? How about a fancy rose hat or purse or scarf? And how about some rose art?

Because we always want to learn more about roses, and winter is a good time for reading, how about a book? There are picture books, like the revised **Ultimate Rose Book**, or of historical and artistic interest, **The Roses**, with *all* the Redouté prints. I enjoy rose stories, so there's **A Rose By Any Name**, with the tales behind the names of our beloved roses. Perhaps a book by David Austin, or the collected columns of Howard Walters, **Rosarian Ramblings**?

For the gift that keeps on giving, you have to think about a gift membership in a rose society. There's the Greater Gwinnett Rose Society, of course, but are you also a member of the American Rose Society? And do you subscribe to the **Deep South District Bulletin**? A great gift would be a trip to a rose meeting – the Deep South District Mid-Winter Meeting in January, the District Convention in the fall would be fun and not too far away, or the national conventions for this next year, in Winston-Salem, NC, in Syracuse, NY, and in Hollywood, CA. They're fun and educational! Or a trip to that special rose garden you've always wanted to visit?

Now leave this article sitting in a convenient place for Santa, your honey, your family, and your friends to notice. If they have questions, they can call me.



Deep South District 2011 Mid-Winter Meeting

Our 2011 Mid-Winter Meeting committee is hard at work in finalizing all the details involved to make this another fun and relaxing winter event. The hotel has given us the same package as last year, so the rates are the same for the rooms and facility. The meal pricing of course does change pending the selections.

Attached in these pages are the schedule of events and the registration form. Notice that this year we are offering a buffet at both Friday and Saturday evening dinners. Friday night we will be bringing back the popular Dessert Party. We will be asking a few folks from each society to bring their favorite dessert for the party to share. If you have some special dessert you want to bring, let me know. We plan to ask society Presidents to help coordinate this.

We have also made arrangements with the hotel for an extra room for our vendors this year. This will give each vendor far more space to operate. We will be posting signs directing the way to our vendors. We feel our vendors will be pleased with this change.

We are shooting for four Saturday programs, two in the morning, a long lunch break, and then two in the afternoon. We are doing the raffle again, which everyone seems to look forward to. Last year there were so many items that it took far longer to give out to the winners than we had anticipated. This year we are planning to start that process an hour earlier, which

should be more enjoyable for all. We will be asking your rose society and any individual who wishes to contribute or participate to help us make this a successful fun activity for all. Jean Stream will be the coordinator for this. Baskets have been one of the most popular items that bring the most attention. But we accept other worthy items to be raffled, such as rose related supplies, books, outdoor figurines, and of course we will take cash to buy an item in your name. Profits from the weekend activities, including money for the raffle, are shared with the District.

Those wishing to take the CR exam must contact me for the CR application. I need this application back by December 1st in order to process it for eligibility purposes. The school will run from 8am till 12 noon. We will complete the class on time as best we can. This 4-hour course will give the CRs who need to audit the full credit needed to re-certify. I will be sending reminders this fall for those who have forgotten their audit dates. Anyone can sit in on the school; if you are interested, join us.

Don't forget the arrangement workshop, which will be held on Friday afternoon from 1:30pm till 4:00pm. The registration form has a place provided for sign-ups. These workshops have been lots of fun for many over the past several years. Try something different if you have never been to one. I was surprised at my first trip to a workshop. The ladies and a few men organizing this do a great job putting it on.

Your host, the Gainesville Rose Society, will be working very hard to make this weekend fun and relaxing. Please make your

plans to come and show the district your support.

Ralph Stream, MWM Co-Chair

Schedule Highlights

Friday, January 14

Noon-5:30pm Registration
 1-4pm Arrangement Workshop
 6-7pm Social Hour – Cash Bar
 7-9pm Welcome Buffet &
 Dessert Party
 9pm+ Hospitality Suite

Saturday, January 15

8am-Noon Registration
 9-9:30am *Welcome*, Karen Prevatt
 9:30-10:30am *History of the Rose*,
 Bobbie Reed
 10:45-11:45am *How Sunshine Affects*
Roses, Jolene Adams
 1:30-2:30pm *Better Rose Shows*, Don
 & Mary Myers
 2:45-3:45pm *Horizon Roses*, Cindy
 Dale
 3:45-5:15pm Raffle (must be present
 to win)
 6-8pm Cash Bar
 7pm Dinner, awards, etc.

Sunday, January 16

8am-12noon Consulting

Rosarian School,
ARS, Deep South
District 29th Annual

Mid-Winter Meeting

Hosted by the Gainesville Rose Society

January 14-16, 2011

**Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, Lake City,
 FL 32025**

Registration Information:

Name(s) [as you wish it to appear on badge]

Street

Address

City, State &

Zip

Phone _____ E-

mail _____ Rose

Society _____

Registration Fees:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Price</u> <u>Number</u>
Regular (postmarked before 12/19/10)	\$30 _____
Late (postmarked after 12/19/10)	\$35 _____

Arrangement Workshop (Friday 1:30-4:00pm) **\$10** _____

Fee covers containers, mechanics, flowers & handouts

Welcome Buffet (Friday 7:00pm/Cash Bar 6:00-7:00pm) **\$20** _____

Sandwiches, Soups and Salad along with a DSD member carry-in

Dessert Party: If you would like to bring a dessert to share, please let us know



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(yes ___ no ___)

Banquet (Saturday 7:00pm) (Cash bar 6:00-7:00pm) **\$29** _____

Herb Chicken & Pork Loin Buffet Dinner with dessert

Consulting Rosarian School (Sunday 8-noon) **\$10 for CR candidates** _____

FREE for those
renewing or auditing _____
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Make Checks Payable to “**Gainesville Rose Society**” and mail this form with your check to:

**Linda Rengarts, 16918 SW 15th Ave,
Newberry, FL 32669**

Cancellation Policy: Registration Fee Less 25% will be refunded if request is received by 12/31/10. No refund after that date.

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Hotel Information Event dates: January 14 and 15, 2011 (room rate also available on Jan. 13)

When making reservations please call the

hotel directly and indicate that you are coming for the DSD Mid-Winter Meeting on Jan. 14th.

We need an exact count of the rooms reserved by our attendees!

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, 213 S.W. Commerce Drive Blvd., Lake City, FL 32025, 386-754-1411

Rooms are \$89, plus tax, per night, single or double occupancy, suites \$129 plus tax. Free high-speed wireless internet access and no charge self-parking. Location: Exit 427 off of I-75, south of I-10.

Hotel Reservation Cutoff Date is 12/31/10. After this date, room rate will be based on availability.

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Reminder for all Consulting

It is that time of year to start thinking about all the Consulting Rosarian activities you participated in 2010 to complete the CR Annual Report Form. It is our requirement as a CR to submit this form every year. Look for more information in the winter issue of The Bulletin from Ralph Stream, District CR Coordinator. It will be issued after December 1. The form will also be available on the Deep South District web site, <http://www.deepsouthdistrict.org>. The deadline is **February 1, 2011**.

Linda Bohne
CR Coordinator

**Nov. 6th Consulting Rosarian School
Update**

The Greater Gwinnett Rose Society hosted a Consulting Rosarian School on Saturday, November 6, from 9:00 am-3:00 pm at the Hastings Nature and Garden Center in Atlanta. What a wonderful environment to have this type of an event. Many of the attendees came for different reasons, i.e. renew their CR commitment or audit, to take the Consulting Rosarian test or for personal growth. We had the pleasure of having rosarians from the Catawba and Asheville Blue Ridge Rose Societies (Carolina District) and from the Augusta Rose Society (Deep South District) join us.

I would like to thank the following Master Rosarian instructors who gave presentations on the required Consulting Rosarian topics: Jim Kelley, Linda and Walt Reed, Bobbie Reed and Henry Everett. Don Schwarz welcomed everyone, made the topic introductions and kept the instructors within their scheduled speaking time. Diane Snyder did an outstanding job keeping everyone well fed during the day. With everyone's help and support the school was a great success.

Congratulations to our three newest Consulting Rosarians: Rose Arant – Catawba Rose Society (Carolina District), Scott Henson – Augusta Rose Society (Deep South District), and Wendy Tilley – Greater Atlanta (Deep South District).

The next Consulting Rosarian School will be hosted by the Gainesville Rose Society, and will be held in conjunction with the ARS Deep South District Annual Mid-Winter Meeting – January 14-16, 2011 in Lake City, FL. If you wish to become a Consulting Rosarian, please contact Ralph Stream (District CR Coordinator) for eligibility requirements and a CR application at: (352) 591-4474 or by email: streamj@gmail.com.

Linda Bohne

November Meeting Recap

By Henry Everett

Call to Order – The President, Don Schwarz, brought the meeting to order

Refreshments – Al and Sara Coleman brought the most delicious cake and other fine refreshments for all to enjoy.

GRITS – Bobbie Reed called the volunteers to the front of the room and thanked us for joining in that fun event.

Consulting Rosarian School – Linda Bohne discussed the CR school for our area. It was held on Nov. 6, 2010, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, at Hastings Garden Center on Peachtree Rd., Atlanta, GA. It was a wonderful opportunity for CRs to renew their credentials, for new candidates to become CRs, see friends and learn more about growing roses.

Nomination Committee – Karen Radde announced the nominations for GGRS Officers for 2011. They were unanimously approved. They are: Kim Borland for President; Nancy Miller for Vice-president; Ed Hibbard for Treasurer; Karen Carter for Secretary. Officers will be installed at the Christmas Party.

Christmas Party – It's time for our annual Christmas Party at Bill and Mary Belknap's home on Sunday, December 12, starting at 4:00. We will probably start eating about 5:00 pm. After dinner we will have a short business meeting to install our officers and any other new business. Following the meeting, we will have our Christmas Ornament Gift Exchange. The Society provides the meat and we ask those attending to bring a dish - appetizer, vegetable, salad or dessert. Please let us know if you plan to attend and what you wish to bring.

Program – This month we welcomed Ryan Tilley of Rose Gardens by Ryan. He talked about a most à propos topic - Rose Winterization. Ryan explained how our winter weather patterns influence our rose plants, then discussed ways to aid the plants to cope. He emphasized that we must let the plants experience a few frosts and get really dormant before we mulch them heavily. Ryan prefers pine bark chips as a mulch. Ryan also told us about his top picks in the latest new roses. Two of his suggestions are Sugar Moon and White Licorice.

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***Upcoming Rose Shows and
Conventions***

Please see the ARS website
www.ars.org for additional Events to
Come.

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