

# Rose Petals

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## New Members

### Welcome

- Terri Clinger
- Teresa Wilcox
- LeRoy Houser

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## Help Wanted!

By Willie Mills, *RRS President*

The Richmond Rose Society needs your help. We need members to fill some of our vacant positions.

- **Vice President** - We need a member to take on the position of Vice President. This person will contact speakers for our meetings and fill in when the President cannot be on hand, attend Board meetings and help make decisions concerning the society.

- **Horticulture Competition** - We need someone to bring the horticulture tags and compile the scores after the competition has been judged. This person will need to keep a running score so that at the end of the season, we can award the horticulture plaque to the winner at our Holiday Brunch. This can be done with a legal pad or a spread sheet.

- **Rose Show Chairman** - We need a member or members to be in charge of our rose show. Annette and myself have agreed to chair this year's show, so now would be a great time to learn what needs to be done before, during, and after the show.

- **Fundraiser** - We need someone to take on the job of helping our society raise money. We are open for ideas on how we can raise money for our society.

Please give me a call or drop me an email if you have any interest in any of these opportunities.

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## Book Review

By Carol Fox, *RRS Secretary*

At this time of year, it is enjoyable to sit in front of a warm fire on a cold night and read about roses. No, I'm not talking about looking through all those catalogs. I am talking about getting ready for the growing season by reviewing the basics of rose care. *Jackson & Perkins Beautiful Roses Made Easy - Northeastern Edition*, by Teri Dunn, Andre Viette, and Mark Viette is a good reference book for roses and their care. I have several other books by the Viettes and appreciate their good information, clarity of writing, and useful illustrations.



This book is another example of their careful and thorough work. The book has a lot of good information, from a brief history of roses, to planting, fertilizing, spraying, recommended varieties, and growing characteristics of the mid-Atlantic states. The book has quite a lot of useful information packed into a modest sized paperback volume. The next time you are in a bookstore you might want to look for it and see if it would be a useful addition to your rose library.

## Recommended Rose Heart 'n Soul

By Willie Mills, *RRS President*

Heart 'n Soul is a shrub rose that I purchased a couple of years ago. Many of the roses that I grow are multicolored and this rose is no different. Heirloom Roses describes it as huge clusters of ruffled white flowers broadly banded with lipstick red, super clean burgundy, and green foliage. The size is about four by three with slight fragrance and good repeat blooms. This rose has done very well for me and because of its color and size, it does stand-out. This rose may not be as great as Knock Out, but for anyone who would like a multicolored shrub rose, this is a good one.



## Mother Rose

By Willie Mills, *RRS President*

The Richmond Rose Society has been well taken care over the past years by Mother Rose. I first heard her called Mother Rose by Joanne Woolard and that name as stayed with me; she has also been a mother to me by getting me out of trouble when ever I fell short of my duties. When-ever I had to call and ask for help she was there.



Mother Rose has opened her heart and her home to all of us here at RRS. It would always make me laugh when she and Jim Diggs would get in to it about anything. She can cook, (boy can she cook) clean, make you laugh, make you cry, make you sit-up straight and make you think. All the things a mother does. Annette Critelli is the mother rose of the Richmond Rose Society. Thank you, Annette, for what you have done and will continue to do for me and all of us here at the Richmond Rose Society.

## **Favorite Rose**

# **Black Magic**

By Rick Brown, *RRS Member*

I have been asked what my favorite garden rose is many times. This question has always brought to mind four or five favorite roses. I could never pick just one. However I would like to describe one of those four or five.

Black Magic is possibly the most aptly named rose that I have ever come across. Black Magic is a florist cut Hybrid Tea. In bud it is black and in bloom it is very dark red. The bloom is typically four to five inches with 30 petals of great substance. They feel like velvet which is very unique. The vase life for this rose is at least two weeks.

The stem and foliage of Black Magic only enhance the fantastic blooms. The stems are usually 24-30 inches long - the longest of any rose that I have ever grown. The foliage is dark green and very healthy. Black spot is a very rare issue with this rose. The foliage is always very uniform and lays out perfectly from the stem. Although I am not a judge, I believe Black Magic has excellent balance and proportion.

If you want an outstanding rose for the garden, or the show table, consider Black Magic this spring - you will not be disappointed.



## Society Awards

By Carol Fox, *RRS Secretary*

The Society presents two special awards at the holiday brunch in December. The Bronze Medal is awarded to the member who consistently gives time and talent to the Society even beyond the requirements of an office or committee. It is usually, but not always, given annually. It may be presented to any member, not necessarily an officer. This year the award was presented to the man who is always working for the Society-many times quietly, "behind the scenes." This member never seeks the limelight, but has worked hard for the Society for many years, and is now our president, Willie Mills. Congratulations on a well-deserved honor!



The second award is the Horticulture Award. At our May, June, September, and October meetings, members are asked to bring two entries for our club horticulture competition. These are judged and awarded a point score. The horticulture chair tallies the results. The winner's name is engraved on a perpetual plaque which is awarded at the brunch. The winner keeps the plaque until next year when the award is presented to the next year's winner. This

year's award was presented to Don and Sue Penzler. We enjoyed Don and Sue's garden on the club tour last spring, and have enjoyed seeing many of their exquisite blooms at the meetings. Congratulations to Don and Sue for this achievement!



I hope everyone will participate in the Society's horticulture competition this year. Each membership can bring two entries in a container. Fill out an entry form with the name of the variety and its type (hybrid tea, floribunda, etc.) and write your name on the back of the form that is supplied at the meeting. You will see your score at the end of the meeting. The horticulture chair will collect the forms. Not only is it fun to exhibit, but it is helpful for us all to see how varieties perform for others. It gives everyone some ideas of varieties they might like to obtain. Often we can only say, "Wow! What a beauty!" So please share your blooms with the group so that we can all enjoy them and learn about them.

Annette Critelli has been the horticulture chair for some time now, and is stepping down from this duty. We need a new chair for this important, but not really time-consuming job. Think you can handle it? Call Willie for details and to volunteer!

## Corn What?

By Willie Mills, *RRS President*

Corn gluten meal (CGM) is a natural substitute for synthetic pre-emergence herbicides. Pre-emergence herbicides attack seeds while they're still in the ground, before the seedling emerges from the soil. CGM is a by-product of commercial corn milling that contains the protein fraction of the corn. Its use poses no health risk to people or animals. In fact, because it is 60% protein, corn gluten meal is used as feed for cattle, poultry, fish, and dogs. In addition to the 60% protein, corn gluten meal is 10% nitrogen by weight.



The use of corn gluten meal as an herbicide was discovered during turfgrass disease research conducted at Iowa State University. CGM was observed to prevent grass seeds from sprouting. Further research has shown that it also effectively prevents other seeds from sprouting, including seed from many weeds such as crabgrass, chickweed, and even dandelions.

Corn gluten meal is effective only against seeds, not existing plants. CGM will stop seeds shed each summer, so the population of weeds won't increase.

Corn gluten meal is available in both powder and pelletized forms, both of which work equally well. The pelletized form is easier to use. Apply CGM in early spring and late summer. Water it lightly into the soil in order to activate it. Over watering or high rainfall can cause corn gluten meal to be less effective. Contact your local county Extension office for more information. As always follow label recommendations



# Fighting Fungus With Organics

By Willie Mills, *RRS President*

## Nine Rules to Live By

1. Water the soil not the plant. Moisture that clings to the leaves, stems, and flowers is an open door to fungi.
2. Keep your beds clean. Pick up and destroy plant litter as soon as you see it, especially at the base of the plant, where fungal spores thrive.
3. Cut off diseased leaves and canes as soon as possible.
4. Prune!! Cut out diseased or damaged canes. Aim for a structure that lets air circulate to all parts of the plant, especially the bud union where new canes develop.
5. Be careful when working around rose bushes. Nicked or broken canes are also open doors for fungi.
6. Feed plants heavily in early spring and again just after each big flowering. Roses thrive especially well on well-cured manure.
7. Spray once a week with this Fungicide developed at Cornell University: In 1 gallon of water, mix 3 tsp. baking soda and 1 tsp. nondetergent dishwashing liquid (such as Ivory) or 1tsp. canola oil- not both.
8. Buy disease- resistant varieties.
9. Be alert - Fungi thrive in damp, humid weather.

## Some types of fungus disease, and what it might look like

**Balling** - Some buds open partially or not all. Outer petals turn pale brown, dry and papery. In wet weather, buds develop gray mold then rot and fall off.

**Botrytis blight** - Discolored buds that fail to open. Flowers rot from inside; outer petals turn brown and moldy.

**Canker and dieback** - Discolored areas on canes. Canes die back or fail to produce new growth. In damp weather, gray mold forms on infected areas. Usually occurs on plants that have been under stress.

**Powdery mildew** - Whitish powder on leaves and buds with yellow, distorted or falling leaves.

**Blackspot** - Purple-black spots on leaves; later yellow halos develop. Leaves drop prematurely.



## A Question Related to Roses

By Marion J. Brown, *RRS Member*



What is a rose that captures me so  
the ineffable beauty or the scent that I know  
is fruity or tea, damask or musk,  
the stuff of which pleases my nose that is thrust  
into the bloom for a deep drink,  
that pushes aside petals, white edged in pink.

What is a rose that captures me so,  
that stirs me to pine in the ice and the snow,  
for the first day which carries the note  
of soft petaled fragrance, near and remote.

What is a rose that captures me so --  
Is it to breathe?  
To breathe the sweet meat of petals unfurled,  
to breathe in light sweet, centered and swirled,  
to breathe in green life, open and fresh,  
to breathe in rose scent--  
such happiness!

# Planting Bare Root Roses

By Jim Diggs, *Former RRS President*

Often I am asked about planting bareroot roses. The questions most often asked are: Do you have much success in getting them to live, do they really grow well, and do they really "take off" like potted plants after you plant them. My response is always positive because I have had great success over the years with bareroot roses.

When I first started growing roses in the late sixties, I planted only one type, bareroot. After all of these years of growing roses I still plant more bareroot roses than potted roses. You have a larger selection of varieties when you order from a nursery that sells bareroot plants and generally the prices are more reasonable than buying a started potted plant from a local nursery. I do think that it is important to deal with a nursery that will send you quality plants so that they will be in good condition when you receive them.

I want to share with you how I handle my plants when they are delivered to me. First, I want to receive the plants the last half of March or the very first of April, for I have found that bareroot plants need to be planted in the early Spring. Don't be tempted to order from Jackson and Perkins when they call you the end of April or early May offering great prices from their overstock inventories. Make it a point to tell them that if their prices were more reasonable earlier in the season, their unsold

inventories would not be so large. Do this for two reasons: it will make you feel better to get this off of your chest, and it just might help them to understand that you are making a good point.

When the plants arrive, remove them from the shipping carton right away and inspect them for defects. Now is the time to register any complaints with the supplier if you are dissatisfied in any way. Soak the roots for four to eight hours in water and try to have the plants planted by the end of the day after the day they are received. You may have an existing rose bed with established plants, however, I do not like to plant the new plants directly into the bed. The established plants overpower the new plant and sometimes it is slow in getting off to a good start.

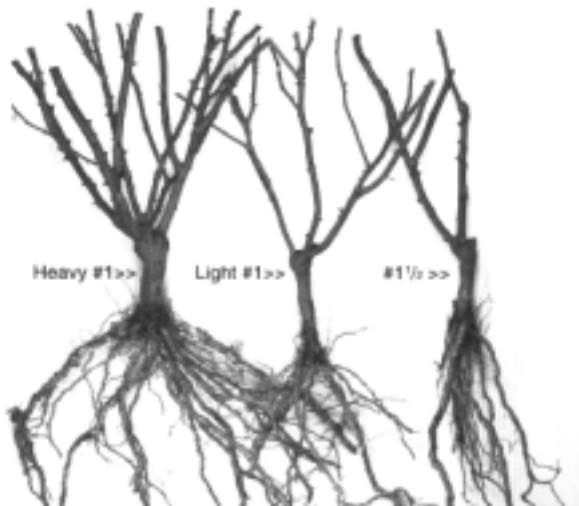
What I do is plant my new roses in three and four gallon plastic pots and then move them to their permanent places in the garden after they have developed into a larger plant. By the first or the middle of June they are ready to be transplanted to their permanent places. By that time they have developed a very good root system and they can be easily removed from the pot to be transplanted in the garden.

If you have new rose beds or larger spacing between your roses, you can plant the new plants directly into the ground. I never use chemical fertilizer in the planting hole when I plant bareroot roses. I use this type of fertilizer when the plants have started to develop and are about ready to bloom. At times I have used liquid fertilizer a few weeks after the plants have started to grow, but this is not used often.

You can start your feeding program after the plants have bloomed and are well established.

The most important thing in planting your bareroot roses is to PROTECT the canes from drying out when you plant them. A good way to do this is to cover the canes with a moisture retaining mulch or hill the soil up around the canes just as soon as you plant them. This also affords protection against hard Spring freezes which this area often has to suffer through. In about ten to fourteen days you should see new growth starting on the canes. When you see this, it is time to start gradually removing the mulch or soil from around the canes. You will want to be careful in removing the protective material so you don't break any new growth.

Through they years I have found that bareroot roses grow well and establish quickly. Actually, I love working with bareroot plants for this is the way I started growing roses.



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## In Memoriam Randy Scott

By Barry Boyd, *Rose Petals Editor*

February 8, 2007, the rose hobby lost one of its dearest champions, Randy Scott at age 63. Known for his ability to win Queen at almost every show, Randy also excelled at sharing his skills and his enthusiasm for roses. He was always happy to discuss his exhibiting secrets with beginners once he had his roses on the table.



Born April 6, 1943. Randy retired from Fairfax County Public Schools after 34 years. He was an avid skier and professional ski instructor. He was active in the American Rose Society, Potomac Rose Society, Arlington Rose Foundation, as a consulting rosarian, judge and past president. He is survived by his wife, Susan A. Scott; mother, Dorothy Trimmer of Wilmington, NC; sister, Diane Cooper of Prescott, AZ; a niece and nephew.

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## RRS Favorite Roses

By Don Penzler, *RRS Member*

As part of her final days in office Annette Critelli, our past president, asked me if I would update the sheet that contains the Richmond Rose Society's Favorite Roses. Not having anticipated the question and unable to think up a reasonable excuse to let someone else have the opportunity to figure out how to accomplish such a seemingly simple task, I nodded agreement.

It did not take long to figure out that this effort needed contributions from the members extolling their favorite roses in all or any of the eleven categories. Tasks like this can be accomplished in a short period of time or dragged out over months with piles of data and detailed analysis. I chose not to expand the categories, keep everything on one page, and accomplish the task in time for the spring edition of *Rose Petals*.

So, at the RRS January meeting I passed out sheets titled with the eleven categories and asked for input by the end of the meeting or suggested that members take the sheet home and send me the filled in copy by snail mail or email within a week. Twenty members responded to include ten RRS Consulting Rosarians.

The number of different roses identified as "favorites" by members in the survey are as follows: Hybrid Teas 53, Grandiflorias 10, Floribundas 41, Polyanthas 11, Shrubs 35, Old Garden Roses 24, Species Roses 7, Mini Floras 7, Miniatures 49, Large Climbers 20, and Mini-Climbers 3.

To keep the end product to one page that was readable and to provide rose society "favorites," it was determined that at least two members must identify a rose as their favorite for it to appear on the society's favorite rose list. When reviewing the list of favorite roses, one should understand that the rose listed first in each category is the most popular rose in that list according to member input. For instance, Mister Lincoln is the most favorite Hybrid Tea (receiving eleven votes) followed by Veterans' Honor, Pristine etc.. This methodology was used in all cases except in the Species and Old Garden Roses categories where none of the roses listed met the criteria of having two members identify a rose as a favorite. However, as the ARS and the RRS are finding more interest from the public in disease resistant roses, all of the roses in these two categories are listed.

The Richmond Rose Society's Favorite Roses are shown on the following page---



## Richmond Rose Society's Favorite Roses

February 2007

### Hybrid Teas

Mister Lincoln 8.3^  
Veterans' Honor 8.1^  
Pristine 8.6  
Gemini 8.2  
Double Delight 8.4^  
Fragrant Cloud 8.1^  
Marijke Koopman 8.6  
St. Patrick 8.0  
Tropicana 7.6  
Tiffany 7.9^  
Milestone 8.0  
Diana, Princess of Wales 7.5  
Folklore 8.2^  
Olympiad 8.6  
Paradise 7.6  
Signature 7.6  
Touch of Class 8.9  
Tropical Sunset 7.7  
Garden Party 7.9

### Grandiflorias

Queen Elizabeth 7.8^  
Gold Medal 8.4  
Fame 8.1  
Melodie Parfumee 7.7^  
Love 7.6

### Floribundas

Sexy Remy 8.7  
Iceburg 8.7  
Betty Boop 8.0  
Sunsprite 8.5^  
Playboy 8.5  
Nicole 8.9  
Livin' Easy 8.1  
Scentimental 7.7^  
Princess of Wales 7.4  
Play Girl 8.4  
Pinnacle TBD  
Lime Sublime TBD  
Hot Cocoa 7.9  
Betty Prior 8.2

### Polyanthas

Mlle Cecile Brunner 8.4  
The Fairy 8.7

### Mini-Floras

Tiffany Lynn 8.1  
Dr John Dickman (7.7)  
Butter Cream (7.8)  
Autumn Splendor 8.1

### Miniatures

Jean Kenneally 9.1  
Rainbow's End 8.7  
Miss Flippins 8.1  
Pierrine 9.0  
Doris Morgan (7.7)  
Sorooptimist International 7.9  
Bees Knees 8.0  
Kristin 8.1  
Wild Plum 8.0  
Fairhope 8.2  
Hot Tamale 8.3  
Luis Desamero 7.9  
Salute TBD  
Incognito 8.0  
Gourmet Popcorn 8.7

### Large Climbers

Altissimo 8.5  
America 8.3  
Don Juan 8.2  
Fourth Of July 8.1  
Lace Cascade 7.9  
Zephirine Drouhin 8.1^

### Mini-Climbers

Jeanne Lajoie 9.1  
Rainbow's End 7.9  
Red Cascade 7.6

### Shrubs

Knockout 8.6  
Heritage 8.4^  
Belinda's Dream 8.5^  
Golden Wings 8.8  
Bonica 8.4  
Abraham Darby 8.0^  
Tamora 7.8^  
Evelyn 7.9^  
Graham Thomas 8.2^  
Pat Austin 7.7^

### Old Garden Roses \*

Alba Maxima 8.6  
Alba Semi-plena 8.9  
Baronne Prevost 8.6^  
Blush Noisette 8.5  
Champneys' Pink Cluster 8.4  
Henri Martin 8.6^  
La Ville de Bruxelles 8.5^  
Lamarque 8.8  
Louise Odier 8.4^  
Marchesa Boccella 9.0^  
Mme Alfred Carriere 8.9  
Mme Plantier 8.8^  
Mutablis 8.9  
Old Blush 8.7^  
Paul Neyron 8.2^  
R.X alba (White Rose of York) 8.9  
Reine des Violettes 8.2^  
Reve d'Or 9.3^  
Rose de Rescht 8.8^  
Souv de la Malmaison 8.7^

### Species Roses\*\*

R. banksiae (Lady Banks' Rose) 8.3  
R. eglanteria (Sweet-brier) 8.4  
R. Gallica Officinalis (Apothecary's Rose) 8.7^  
R. gallica versicolor (Rosa Mundi) 9.0^  
R. laevigata (Cherokee rose) 8.5  
R. palustris (Swamp rose) 8.1  
R rugosa rubra 9.1  
R. setigera (Prairie rose) 9.1

^ Fragrant Rose

\*OGR below "Marchesa Boccella" received one recommendation

\*\* All Species Roses received one recommendation

## Ramblings

By David Cottrell, *RRS Member*

Sometimes Terry notices me gazing out of our solarium windows with a smile on my face. When she asks me what's so funny, I tell her that it wasn't anything, just a fleeting thought. For one, if the truth be known, I often think of humorous things such as our rose society friends have said to me through the years. My father used to say to me, "Keep your mouth closed and be thought a fool, or open it and remove all doubt". As Red Skelton would say, "I dood it!"

I recall a time at Louis and Anne Long's home where the Richmond Rose Society attended a picnic in their rear rose garden. His roses were beautiful! The foliage was lush and green with no black spot or any evidence of disease or pests. I was standing next to Rex Jones and I asked him what he thought Louis sprayed his roses with. Rex leaned real close and whispered, "David, you really don't want to know".



On another occasion we were at a committee meeting at Andy and Kay Cinsavich's home. We first strolled about the lovely rose garden and I was admiring the beautiful stand of CARROT TOP miniatures. I asked Andy what he fed his roses to produce such a vibrant, glowing color. Andy casually answered that once or twice a season he scratches in a little 10-10-10. And that was probably the truth, for he also maintained the rose garden in the center courtyard at the Children's Hospital where we meet monthly, and fed those huge, healthy roses with 10-10-10 as well.



*Carrot Top*

Let me tell you about the time when I wrestled with my sprayer. I have raised rose beds with gravel paths between them for easy access, maintenance, and passage with my sprayer cart. On this given day, I was in my vinyl coveralls, face mask with respirators, gloves, sun helmet, shoe covers, with wand in hand. About halfway down a path between two beds, I got my feet tangled in the 50 ft. sprayer hose and the 12" high timber edge of the bed.

There comes a time when lack of equilibrium and pull of gravity are your worst enemies. I knew I was going to fall; either backward into the bed behind me, or forward into the bed I was spraying. Ahead were HTs TABOO and FOLKLORE near the impending impact area.



*Taboo*



*Folklore*

As it happened, I fell between them, on top of Austin's EVELYN cracking all the canes at the bud union! After getting up and going inside to be consoled and patched up by Terry, I went back out to examine the 'crash site' and assess the fatal damage. To my dismay, it looked like a shovel pruning was soon in order. I cut the broken canes off at the bud union and covered the 'crime area' with mulch for the time being.



*Evelyn*

About three weeks later I saw big, purple basal breaks protruding from the mulch, and soon EVELYN was bigger than ever! Go figure! I think it came back with determination, vengeance, and bigger thorns than ever - as a 'David guard'.

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