



ROSE *Scents*

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American Rose Society: www.rose.org

by Carrie Bergs

Announcing the 2020 GMRS Programs

On December 14, a small but enthusiastic group of GMRS members gathered at the home of Bernie and Laura Beattie to review and discuss ideas for programs in 2020. Those attending were Larry Heebsh, Diane Rutkowski, Ed Winkler, and Joe and me.

We were treated to a delicious Christmas buffet and enjoyed seeing Laura's beautiful Christmas decorations, including a charming snow village and, with over 100 pieces, the most beautiful nativity display I have ever seen!



After dinner, the brainstorming began with one of Bernie's major goals for the year: getting us out of the bank basement and into members' rose gardens! As the ideas flowed, we all agreed that

the biggest program challenge was balancing the interests of experienced rosarians and exhibitors with those of newer members who are looking for rose gardening basics.

Several members emailed Bernie with great ideas and suggestions, and gave us some really good insight into what members are looking for. While we haven't confirmed all of the speakers yet, we are very happy to present the following program schedule for 2020.

Weather Cancellations:
If the Milwaukee Public Schools are closed due to weather, the GMRS meeting on that day will also be cancelled.

January 14: *Review of Roses*

Larry Heebsh will introduce us to the varieties of roses that are for available in our 2020 Rose Sale. (See Page 5)

February 11: *Roses We Love*

A three-part Valentine celebration of roses: *Best Red Roses*, *Best Scented Roses* and *Best Winter Hardy Roses*.

March 10: *Jumping Worms: Invasive Species Alert*

Invasive Asian jumping worms were first found in Wisconsin in 2013 at the Madison Arboretum. Jumping worms alter the soil structure, rendering it inhospitable for many native and garden plant species. Learn how to identify and manage this serious garden threat.

April 14: *The Plain & Simple Guide to Rose Fertilizing & Spraying*

Rose care doesn't have to be complicated! Lynda Fleming and Larry Heebsh will outline an easy-to-follow fertilization and spraying guide for your roses.

May 12: *Show Off Your Roses: The ABCs of Exhibiting*

Rose shows are so much fun once you get the hang of them! Learn how to read a show schedule, how to plan and organize your entries, when to cut them and how to present them. Understand what the judges are looking for and discover tips from top exhibitors. The June rose shows are just around the corner!

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President's Message:

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**February 2020
newsletter
submissions
are due
January 21.**

I would like to start out by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I hope you had a blessed Christmas.

Even though I just put my roses to bed, I cannot wait for spring to see them again. I hope everyone got their roses put away for the winter, even with the crazy weather we had.

On December 14, a group met and put together a schedule for this coming year. A GREAT BIG thanks goes to Larry Heebsh, Joe and Carrie Bergs, Diane Rutkowski, Ed Winkler, and my wife Laura – we got the programming set up. I am very excited for the coming year. The cover article should explain why!!

If you are not following GMRS on Facebook, you may want to start. Betty Gurschke has agreed to post our schedule on Facebook until our website is finished. Thank you Betty!!!!

Our January 14 meeting is going to be our annual pitch for the 2020 rose sale, but I added a twist. We will make it a potluck dinner as well. GMRS will supply cold cuts for sandwiches, but we are asking that you bring some kind of dish to pass.

I cannot resist hyping one element of the 2020 program – note that we are bringing back garden tours this year! Note the two months when those will occur.

In closing, I just want to thank everyone for the opportunity to lead our rose society. I look forward to this year and hope that we have a great 2020.

Thanks,
Bernie Beattie

A Rose for Mother's Day is the basic theme of a program being developed jointly by the GMRS and 4-H members/families in Washington County in a new project currently getting underway.

In January 4-H members in the county will be invited to order roses through GMRS' annual Rose Plant Sale and then come together on May 9 and plant them to give to their mother on Mother's Day, May 10.

The UW-Extension in Washington County has developed an invitation that will be sent to all 4-H families in the county promoting the project. This will include the Rose Sale information sheets from which they can select a single rose plant. All will be on a first-come, first-served basis and will cost each member \$20. There will be a cap of 20 members being able to take part in the program.

These roses will then be taken to Washington County Fair Park on Saturday, May 9, where the 4-H members and at least one parent will join GMRS members and rosarians for a three-hour program getting underway at 1 p.m.

GMRS will provide the planting materials as well as the plastic planters for the kids to use, so when they leave that day, they will have a brand new rose plant to give to their mom the next day.

The hope is that this will expand the GMRS membership reach and encourage the parents of the 4-H members to consider taking part in future GMRS activities. In the interim, those 4-H families enrolling in the program will begin receiving the GMRS newsletter which will highlight meetings and other activities.

We will need a good turnout of a least half dozen members/rosarians to assist on May 9 so that these 4-H members and their families are on the way to becoming avid fans of growing roses.

2020 Programming – Plan to Attend!

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June 9: Garden Tour One

Enjoy the beautiful rose gardens of GMRS members Ruth Rutkowski and Bernie and Laura Beattie. Located just a few blocks apart in the South Milwaukee area, the gardens offer the opportunity to experience the glorious June bloom of hundreds of roses. Light refreshments will be served. Please note that this event will start at 6 p.m. More details to follow.

July 19: Summer Picnic

Joe and Carrie Bergs will host the 5th Annual GMRS Summer Picnic at their home beginning at 1 p.m. Enjoy catching up with old friends, meeting new ones, touring the gardens and playing lawn games. Bring a salad, appetizer or desert to share!

August 11: Garden Tour Two

We will visit the spectacular, organically nurtured, rose garden of GMRS member Jonell Newman and others (to be announced) in the West Allis area. Light refreshments will be served. Please note this event will start at 6 p.m. More details to follow.

September 8: Surfing Rose Resources

Who needs a rose society when you have the internet? You do! Maggie Barr will offer tips on navigating the internet for the best, most accurate, rose-related websites, resources and information. Top websites for rose buying, rose growing, exhibiting, public rose gardens, crafting, rose supplies, etc. will be shared.

October 13: Little Rose Show & Potluck Supper

Bring a rose to show and a dish to pass. We decided to borrow one of the Gateway Rose Society's most popular programs ... the Little Rose Show. With a simplified show schedule of 10 classes, this is a unique opportunity to both enter and judge the last blooms of the season, and to compare notes with certified judges. We will cap off the evening with a potluck supper.

November 10: Banquet at Carl's Catering, Greenfield
Member recognition and end of the year celebration!

Save These Dates

March 14-15: North Central District Spring Meeting
May 9: Washington County 4-H Workshop on Roses (volunteer opportunity)
July 12: Racine Garden Tour at Joe & Carrie Bergs (volunteer opportunity)

Rose Shows:

June 17-21: ARS Spring Nat'l Convention & Rose Show, Colorado Springs, Col.
June 21: Madison Rose Show, Olbrich Botanical Gardens, Madison, Wis.
June 22: Gateway Rose Show, Kenosha History Center, Kenosha, Wis.
August 9-12: Wisconsin State Fair Rose Show (volunteer opportunity), West Allis, Wis.
August 29: NCD Rose Show, Bloomington, Minn.
September 5: GMRS Rose Show, Milaeger's, Racine, Wis.



Gardens at 4th Annual GMRS Summer Picnic

**See Page 9
for the
North Central
District Spring
Meeting
Registration
Form**

Products Available for Your Roses

Product	Description/Usage	Size/Price	Qty Ordered	X Price/ Item = \$
Dramm	Fish Emulsion - Fertilizer	1 gal - \$28.00	_____	_____
Rose Tea	Fertilizer - Makes 40-50 cups	Pack- \$4.00	_____	_____
Peters/Jacks	Fertilizer: 20-20-20 - For foliage growth, healthy roots & flowers	1 lb - \$4.00	_____	_____
		5 lb - \$10.00	_____	_____
		10 LB - \$18.00	_____	_____
		25 lb - \$ 35.00	_____	_____
Magnum Grow	Contains standard nutrients plus magnesium, sulfur & zinc	1.5 lb - \$4.00	_____	_____
		5 lb - \$15.00	_____	_____
		10 lb - \$29.00	_____	_____
		25 lb - \$ 60.00	_____	_____
Mono Potassium Phosphate	Great for blossoms: 0-52-34	1 lb - \$4.00	_____	_____
		5 lb - \$16.00	_____	_____
		10 lb - \$29.00	_____	_____
		25 lb - \$ 65.00	_____	_____
Sprint	Iron chelate, micro-nutrients for green leaves, roots	1/2 lb - \$8.00	_____	_____
		1 lb - \$ 15.00	_____	_____
		2-1/2 lb - \$35.00	_____	_____
		5 lb - \$60.00	_____	_____
Mancozeb	Controls black spot & many other diseases	pt - \$17.00	_____	_____
Eight	Controls over 100 insects	pt - \$8.50	_____	_____
Infuse	Systemic plant fungicide; prevents & cures up to 30 days	pt - \$11.00	_____	_____
Epsom Salts	Promotion of basal breaks & strong canes	50 lb - \$30.00	_____	_____
JG Pro	Potting mix - great for roses(bag)	2.8 cu ft - \$18.00	_____	_____
Farard #2	Compressed soil mix	3.8 cu ft - \$40.00	_____	_____
Rose Rx	3 in 1 Insecticide plus miticide & fungicide spray	qt - \$ 7.50	_____	_____
Osmocote	Time release fertilizer 18-5-8 (5-6 month)	5 lb - \$12.00	_____	_____
		10 lb - \$23.00	_____	_____
		20 lb - \$45.00	_____	_____
		50 lb - \$ 80.00	_____	_____
Paw Paw Labels	11-1/2 in. long double wire zinc plate 1-1/4 x 3-1/2 in.	25 ea - \$12.00	_____	_____
		50 ea - \$20.00	_____	_____
		100 ea - \$35.00	_____	_____

Total Product Order Amount: \$ _____

Enter this amount in the order total column on the next page.

2020 Rose Sale

Bare Root Roses - \$15/ea.

Edmunds Roses from Jung Nurseries

#	Name of Rose	Qty. Avail.	Order Qty.
17	Enchanted Peace (ht)	5	_____
14	Julie Andrews (ht)	5	_____
15	Stiletto (ht)	10	_____
22	Love At First Sight (ht)	5	_____
13	Dainty Bess (ht)	5	_____
21	Perfume Factory (ht)	5	_____
3	Black Baccara (ht)	5	_____
8	Dark Night (ht)	5	_____
20	Folklore (ht)	5	_____
12	Fire Fighter (ht)	5	_____
1	Lotty's Love (HG)	5	_____
6	Life's Little Pleasure (Min)	5	_____
11	Queen of Elegance (fl)	10	_____
4	Burst Of Joy (fl)	5	_____
10	Crazy Love (fl)	5	_____
16	Earth Angel (fl)	5	_____
19	Julia Child (fl)	5	_____
5	Winchester Cathedral (s)	5	_____
7	Abraham Darby (s)	5	_____
9	Heritage (s)	5	_____
18	Morden Sunrise (s)	5	_____
2	Scentuous (s)	5	_____

Total Roses Ordered _____

@\$15 / each = \$ _____

List a second choice here in case a rose you have selected is sold out:

Rose & Product

Order Totals

Product Total

from previous page \$ _____
(enter 0 if no product is being ordered)

Bare Root Rose Total

from column at left \$ _____
(enter 0 if no roses are being ordered)

Rose & Product Total \$ _____

Please make check payable to GMRS

Order Deadline for BARE ROOT ROSES:
April 14

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

(Please print legibly)

Pick-up dates for BARE ROOT ROSES:
May 1 - 3 (Details to follow)

We hope you enjoy reviewing the photos and descriptions of the roses we are offering in our sale.

Our annual rose sale is one of our major fund raisers for the Greater Milwaukee Rose Society (GMRS).

Take a look at the offerings on the following pages to see if any can fill a vacant space or if you can make room for another must-have rose.

Order early to get the best selection and to ensure you get the roses you want. These roses go fast.



Lotty's Love

Semi-double blooms. Rather novel color of beetroot purple, suffused with magenta and highlighted with a white streaked eye and prominent gold stamens. Bushy plants have rugose foliage and repeatedly produce blooms throughout the season. No deadheading needed. Chuck Bock 1997



Scentuous

A German born, English-style rose with a powerful, tantalizing fragrance. Produces an abundance of light pink blooms with a cupped and quartered form that beckons you to bury your nose amid the luscious layers of petals. Bushy plants have rich green foliage and bear the blooms in clusters throughout the season. Tantau 2007



Black Baccara

Dark red. Up to 45 petals. Average diameter is 3.25 inches. Large, very full, borne mostly solitary. High-centered bloom form. Blooms in flushes throughout the season. Long sepals buds. Tall, upright. Glossy, dark green foliage. Height of up to 6 feet. Does need winter protection.



Burst of Joy

With parentage that includes both Love & Peace and Ketchup & Mustard, how can this rose bring anything but a Burst of Joy? Vivid blooms are bright orange with a yellow reverse - an eye-popping combination that is sure to knock you over. Quite long-lasting, both in a vase and on the bush. Carruth 2020



Winchester Cathedral

Creamy-white buds open to reveal a mass of snow-white petals. A slight pink tinge can sometimes be noted toward the center of each blossom and a strong old rose fragrance with vanilla and almond undertones overtakes the senses. Austin



Life's Little Pleasures

Take time to sit on your patio and find enjoyment of Life's Little Pleasures. Very double blooms of lovely lavender pink, fade to lavender, but then hold their color to the very end. Aiming to please, this little baby has a well-rounded, compact habit, and sets an abundance of blooms with excellent bud and flower form.



↔ Abraham Darby

English Rose Collection. Apricot and light pink, lighter edges. Strong, fruity fragrance; cupped, old-fashioned, quartered bloom form. Prolific, continuous bloom throughout the season.

Dark Night ↔

Yellow, pink edges. Fruity fragrance. Compact, round; dense foliage; 2-foot width. Can be used as container rose or hedge. Prefers dry climate. Disease resistant.





Shrub

Heritage

It has a generous blooming habit with gracefully arching branches that hold oodles of light pink, cupped rosette-forming blooms. The strong, lemony fragrance perfumes the air, making this rose one of the most perfect when it comes to all-around class and sophistication. Plus, it is disease-resistant and extremely reliable. Austin 1982



Grandiflora

Crazy Love

Large, very full, copper yellow blooms provide a wonderful 'pop' of color to rose beds and mixed borders. Bushy, rounded shrubs have semi-glossy, dark green leaves that laugh in the face of powdery mildew and black spot, easily shrugging off their devastating effects. Strong repeat bloom allows you to enjoy this vibrant rose all summer long. Korde's rose



Floribunda

Queen of Elegance

Old World charm with modern disease resistance – this rose is worthy of royal status. Her ovoid buds spiral open to reveal medium pink, cupped blooms that beckon you to draw near and appreciate her 'old time' rose fragrance. Glossy, dark green foliage stands up well against diseases and the canes hold the long-lasting blooms. Bedard 2020



Hybrid Tea

Fire Fighter

Finally a fragrant red rose! The flowers of Firefighter are at once strong, rich red and wonderfully scented. This upright hybrid tea battles back disease, and the blooms, true to the name, hold up well even in intense heat. Fragrant red roses don't come down the path very often because they often bring disease as baggage. This one resists them all with minimal spraying. Keep the fire hose rolled up and stored. This will make a great gift for your favorite firefighter. Orard



Hybrid Tea

Dainty Bess

A five-petalled creamy pink with showy burgundy stamens whose airy clusters have all the elegance of a flight of tropical birds. Tall, upright, hardy plants are clothed in cast iron, grayish green, leathery foliage. An ageless beauty that has become a classic and a perennial favorite among artists who capture the beauty of the rose. Flower size: 4-6 inches. Fragrance: Mild, spicy. Hybridizer: Archer 1925



Hybrid Tea

Julie Andrews

She'll reward you with masses of double, luscious pink blooms with a golden heart and powerful perfume. Rich, dark green foliage sets the stage for this star-performer destined to become a legend in the garden. Winner of multiple awards in Europe.

Stiletto ⇨

This rose is dressed 'to the nines' and ready to show off her sophisticated style. Upright, vigorous plants put forth large, exhibition-style blooms that are a fashion-forward shade of deep magenta pink that is guaranteed to not fade or go out of style. She has a powerful perfume that fills the air and goes straight to your nose to ensnare your senses. Very dark green foliage has a high gloss finish that signifies excellent disease resistance for this flirtatious beauty. Meiland 2020



Hybrid Tea



Floribunda

Earth Angel

Exquisitely formed plant brimming with health and vigor. Stunning peony-shaped blooms have a creamy-pink exterior which deepens toward warm pink in the center of the petal-rich blossom. Blooms are smaller than other members of the Parfuma collection, but the scent is unwaveringly strong; lemon with sweet, fruity notes of raspberry and fresh apple.



Hybrid Tea

Enchanted Peace

Take Love and Peace, add more fragrance and blooming power, and you get Enchanted Peace. Blooms open yellow, largely suffused with orange, especially near the edge of each petal, and quickly change to yellow suffused with pink. Bushy, upright plants with glossy, green foliage produce an abundance of beautiful blooms throughout the season. Korde



Shrub

Morden Sunrise

Semi-double flowers with wavy petals and orange stamens. A kaleidoscope of peach, coral, yellow and cream hues. First bloom is amazing, with nice re-bloom until frost. Compact, bushy plants have dark green foliage and are quite disease resistant. One of the most beautiful of the "Parkland" series developed by the Morden Research Station in Canada.



Floribunda

Julia Child

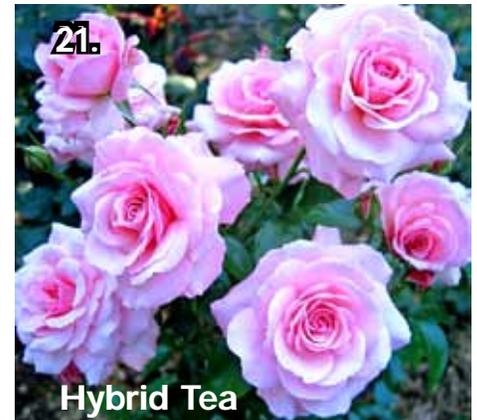
These old-fashioned, full flowers will complement the plant palette of every garden, just as the influential chef spiced up kitchens with her French culinary cuisine. Completely clean, super-glossy leaves almost mirror the warm, golden yellow flowers that arrive in abundance on a medium-low, well-rounded bush. A delectable treat for garden and vase. Flower size: 3-4 inches. Fragrance: Strong licorice and spice. Hybridizer: Carruth 2006.



Hybrid Tea

Folklore

Slow opening, high-centered blooms are warm salmon with a rich, golden orange reverse. The tall, slightly spreading vase shaped plants bear long stems covered with reddish tinted waxy foliage that is extremely disease resistant. Every year, customers report a climbing sport, but this isn't true - it's the nature of the beast. Pinching will keep the critter in bounds. Deliciously fragrant and hardy. Flower size: 4-6 inches. Fragrance: Strong. Hybridizer: Korde 1977



Hybrid Tea

Perfume Factory

Blooms are a lovely shade of purple lavender that lightens toward petal edges, yet holds strong until the end. One to a stem, the flowers are perfect for cutting. Upright, bushy plants with glorious, green foliage have built-in disease resistance to powdery mildew and rust. Bedard 2020

Love at First Sight ⇄

The eye-catching blooms are a combination of rich red with a white reverse suffused with more red. Globular buds and flowers have nice form and generally appear just one per stem, but they are a lovely site to behold. Take It Easy parentage keeps the size in check and glossy foliage remarkably clean. Bedard



Hybrid Tea

Society Information

Membership Meetings: 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month, January through October.

Meeting Location:

Waterstone Bank, Community Room (lower level),
6560 S. 27th St., Oak Creek, Wis. (except June-Aug.)

Website: www.milwaukeeerose.org
(**Under Construction**)
(North Central District website: NCDrose.org)

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Contact Betty Gurschke if you want to post
any information on the site. (Please like our page)

American Rose Society Website: www.rose.org

Remember to bring treats to our meetings. Many of our members come to the meeting from work or a busy day in the garden and appreciate a snack or a beverage.