



The Rose Leaf



The Oklahoma Rose Society
Affiliated with the American Rose Society

May 2008

Greeting to All!!

Hope everyone is having a good Spring so far. It is so nice to see everything in bloom and green grass. We are just about four short weeks away from our National Show!! Hope you have everything pruned and ready to bloom out just in time for the show table.

See you at the meeting and the show.

Brett

This Month's Meeting:

April 8, 2008

Will Rogers Garden Center
7:30 PM

Program:

Grooming Roses for the Show

**Special Guest Speaker -
*Dr. Troy Garrett***

Door Prizes: Jacinta Epperson

Hospitality: Kay Cooper

And anyone who would like
to bring a favorite snack or beverage

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 8 - ORS Meeting - 7:30 PM

May 11 - Mother's Day

May 17 - Tulsa Spring Show

***May 30 - June 1 - National Mini Rose
Show and Convention***

*Registration form & Schedule of Events on
our Website: www.oklahomarosesociety.org*

June 12 - ORS Meeting - 7:30 PM
Little Rose Show begins again!!

June 26 - 30 - 2008 ARS Spring National
Convention and Rose Show
Denver, Colorado

July 10 - ORS Meeting

August 14 - ORS Meeting
Annual Ice Cream Social

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2008 MINI-ROSE CONFERENCE AND ROSE SHOW

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, May 30, 2008

3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Registration Open
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Hospitality Room Open
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	“On To Oklahoma” Welcome Reception Appetizers and Cash Bar
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Hospitality Room & Registration Open

Saturday, May 31, 2008

4:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Preparation Room Open
7:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Rose Show Entries Accepted
7:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon	Registration Open
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Trade Show Open
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Judge’s Breakfast
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon	Rose Show Judging
10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	“What’s New in Chemicals” – John Guthrie, Bayer Representative
11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	“Understanding the Role of Fertilizers and Water” – Dr. David Reed
11:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch On Your Own
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Rose Show Open
2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	“Arranging Minis” – Dr. Lew Shupe & Dr. Gary Barlow
3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	“Soil Composition and Necessary Amendments” – Dr. David Reed
4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Awards Presentation & Trophy Pickup
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Social – Cash Bar
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Award Banquet
9:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Hospitality Room Open

Sunday, June 1, 2008

8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Garden Tours & Museum Tour
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WHAT TO DO IN MAY:

MULCH - It is recommended that mulch be put on the rose beds at this time before the really hot weather arrives. About 3 to 4 inches of loose mulch on the beds will help control weeds and lower soil temperatures. Mushroom compost, cottonseed hulls, shredded leaves, pine bark, grass clippings and well rotted manure or any organic matter is ideal.

DEADHEADING - Keep old blooms cut off to promote continuous growth and faster repeat of blooms. Remember though, do not cut too long of stems on newly planted roses. It is recommended to cut down to first or second leaflet. However, when bushes start gaining height, you may want to cut a little lower to produce heavier stems.

Cut out small unproductive growth allowing major growth to mature. Continue to remove any die back and blind shoots. Protect new basal breaks from wind by staking.

SPRAYING - Continue your prevention program for control of black spot and mildew. Be on the alert for aphids and thrips. They will devastate blooms quickly. With the hot days coming, so will the spider mites. Be prepared to take care of them.

FERTILIZING - Keep up your fertilizing program, using either a well-balanced granular fertilizer (13-13-13 or 20-20-20) or water-soluble fertilizers such as Miracle-Gro, Schultz, Peters or the Alfalfa Tea (organic).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

We need volunteers from start to finish for the Mini-Rose Show. Please see the list below and see where you would like to help out - it could be in several areas!! It will take all of us working together to make this a successful and fun Show!!

Filling vases with water: Contact Jack Dickson at 677-6843.

Hospitality - Contact Mary Sykora at 685-0069 or Tanya Duke at 787-0870 to help out with snacks for the Hospitality Room throughout the Conference.

Registration - Saturday morning from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Contact Dennis or Renee at 373-1088.

Contact Bert Wheeler at 282-2495 for other areas that need your help.

MINI-ROSE CONFERENCE & ROSE SHOW

Preparations for the 10th Annual Mini-Rose conference and Rose Show are on-going. Our convention Committee is really starting to get busy with all the preparations that must be made to make this a successful event. Dennis and Renee tell me that we have 50 registrations thus far, with 10 of those coming from ORS. We need a bunch more from ORS. I know the cut-off for regular registrations is not until May 16th, so perhaps everyone is waiting for the last minute, and that's OK. But if you're undecided on whether to register, please think of it as your support to your rose society. Even if you don't grow miniatures or mini-floras, or you don't wish to exhibit, consider the value of your presence. We are hosting rose growers from across the nation and we need to show them just how proud we are of this great state of ours. Jack Dickson has lined up some great programs that will be very informative and well worth your time, there will be some beautiful blooms from across the nation being exhibited, plus your registration covers the reception on Friday evening, May 30th, and the Banquet the evening of May 31st. ORS needs your support! Send your registration in!

Bert Wheeler

HELPFUL SHOW PREPARATION HINTS:

Study the show schedule and know just what classes or arrangement you want to enter. Cut roses with these classes or arrangements in mind.

Prepare entry tags a day or so ahead to time.

Arrive at the show early. Get the roses out of the containers and into vases. Most good exhibitors re-cut the stems as they place them in the vases. Try to keep them sorted as to varieties.

Enter the open blooms first. Set the super blooms back and then proceed to make up the Challenge classes of the best of the rest.

Get out the super blooms and start grooming them for the "Queen's Court". Keep an eye on the **clock** and don't get caught with your best roses still on the preparation table with entries are closed.

Clean up your area and then relax and wait for the judges decisions.

GOOD LUCK!!

TENTH ANNUAL MINI-ROSE CONFERENCE – REGISTRATION

Hosted by the Oklahoma Rose Society*Clarion Meridian & Hilton Garden Inn, Oklahoma City, OK,
May 30-June 01, 2008

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone () _____ E-Mail _____

Registration Fee (Received before May 16, 2008) _____ @ \$99 \$ _____

Registration Fee (Received after May 16, 2008) _____ @ \$120 \$ _____

Fee includes Registration, Friday's Welcome Reception, Hospitality Room and Saturday Banquet

Sunday Garden/Museum Tour _____ @ \$45 \$ _____

The bus tour includes two private gardens and a tour of the OKC Museum Of Art world renowned exhibit of Chihuly Glass Art. Also includes breakfast at the Niklas private garden.

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Exhibitors must be registered and have an exhibitor's number on their entry cards. Horticulture and Arrangement Judges must also be registered for the Conference.

I (we) plan to exhibit in: _____ **Horticulture** _____ **Arrangements**

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Send to: Dennis & Renee Niklas, 12816 Oak Hill Dr., Piedmont, OK 73078

Or

Go to our Beautiful and Informational Website – www.oklahomarosesociety.org and register online!

Refund policy will be available at this site.

Hotel Information

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