

The ABC's of Programs and Activities: program topics and observations

(The items in parentheses after the topics indicate ARS rose resources available to the local society either by rental (video and slides) or by downloadable PowerPoint presentations from the ARS website (www.ars.org/Members_Only). Slides are indicated by 'S,' videos by 'V,' and downloadable PowerPoint Presentations by 'PP*'.)

-All American Rose Selections Winners (AARS) (*There are slide presentations of AARS winners from 2000 to the present as well as a presentation of the 100+ public display gardens.*)

-Anatomy of a Rose

-Art Gallery: *Roses in Paintings and Watercolors (The Rose Art of John Waterhouse—Peterson, 'S,' PP*)*

-Advance Program Planning: Planning programs at least a year in advance permits coordination of themes with the newsletter and the society website. It also permits an overview to assure that programs have both continuity of teaching efforts and diversity of subject matter.

-Basics of Growing Good Roses (*Roses for Beginners--Belendez, 'S,' Success with Roses, 'V,' Growing Good Roses—Reddell, 'V'*)

-Book Recommendations, Reviews, and Rejects

-Bugs: *Identification, Biocontrols or Prevention (Violation of the Queen—Frost, 'S,' 'V,' IMP—Rose Pests—Villegas, 'S,' PP*)*

-Chemical Usage: *Safety and Efficacy (Chemical Safety—Jones, 'S,' PP*, How You Spray Does Make a Difference, 'S')*

-Companion Plantings (*Landscaping with Roses—Fenner, 'S,' PP**)

-Consulting Rosarian Advice and Assistance

-Demonstrations of Pruning or other practical applications are always well attended and valuable. Discussion of the advantages of high or low pruning, the differences in pruning of various classes of roses, and the appropriate time may well be annual events.

-English Roses (*David Austin Roses for the North—Peterson, 'S,' PP**)

-Exhibiting: *Getting Started*

-Exhibiting: *Time Saving Tricks of Experienced Exhibitors (Judging Challenge Classes—Belendez, 'S,' 'V,' Winning with Minis, 'V')*

-Fertilization Programs and Schedules

-Firescaping: Adjusting traditional rose horticultural practices in the face of temporary or prolonged drought. Minimizing the risk of fire damage red danger zones. (See ARS & You Vol I, no 9 at the ARS website:

<http://www.ars.org/pdf/ARS-YOU-Vol 1-9 2007.pdf>)

-Flower Arrangements with and without roses (*Rose Arrangements—Tiedeman, 'S,' Rose Arrangements—Anger, 'V'*)

-Garden designs and landscaping (*Landscaping with Roses—Callicott, 'V'*)

-Garden lighting

-Hybridizers (*Iowa State University Roses Releases: Roses of Griffith Buck (in two parts, 'S,' Griffith Buck Roses, PP**)

-Hybridizing: Breeding new roses is an advanced and fascinating phase of the rose hobby. Not only are there excellent slide, video and PowerPoint

presentations available from the Slide & Video Lending Library (see pages 7-14), but all districts have both professional and amateur experts on the subject.

-*Importance of pH*

-*Importing Roses from Abroad*

-*Integrated Pest Management Practices (IPM in the Rose Garden, IPM—Roses Disease, IPM Rose Pests—all 3 by Baldo Villegas, ‘S,’ PP*)*

-*Judging Roses: Do you really have to grow them to know them? What is the classic Hybrid Tea form? Is bigger always better? The difference between garden roses and exhibition roses. (Judging Old Garden Roses & Shrubs—Jones, ‘S,’ PP*)*

-*Layering, rooting, grafting and other Methods of Propagation (Grafting Roses—Hirsh, ‘S,’ Budding Techniques—Mattia, ‘V’)*

-*Local Conditions: Each roses society exists in its own micro-climates, soil conditions, and specialized knowledge of how roses perform—or do not—in a particular context. This is the kind of knowledge not available in any book or internet discussion that should be shared with new members as well as returning ones.*

-*Miniatures: Micros to Minifloras (Miniature Roses—Belendez, ‘S,’ PP*, Miniature Roses—Drews, ‘S’)*

-*Monthly rose tasks*

-*New rose varieties (New Roses for 2006, ‘S,’ PP*, New Roses 2000....2006, ‘S,’ Roses of the World—McCann, ‘V’)*

-*Nutritional Diseases: Prevention and Remedies (The White Menace—Peterson (rose rosette disease), PP*)*

-*Old Garden Roses (Old Garden Roses and Shrubs for Zone 5—Liberta, ‘S,’ PP*, Old Garden Roses for Bermuda, ‘S,’ Old Garden Roses—Skran, ‘V,’ A Celebration of Old Roses—Beales, ‘V’)*

-*Organic Gardening Practices (Organic Gardening, ‘V’)*

-*Photo slide or digital picture contests: With the advent of digital cameras, pictures of roses can be shared easily even in months when roses are not in bloom. (ARS National slide Contest Winners 1979-2006, ‘S,’ Your Key to Quality Photography—Schwerdt, ‘S’)(See the article by Lou Little,*

http://www.ars.org/Members_Only/wb-PhotoContestCD.pdf on the ARS web site – ARS & You, V2n3 http://www.ars.org/Members_Only/ars-you.html)

-*PowerPoint Presentations may be downloaded from the ARS website (<http://www.ars.org/>) in the Members Only section; dozens of programs on all aspects of roses can enliven a meeting at minimal expense. Also see Section IV, page 12ff.*

-*Quizzes and Queries (Roses Trivia Questions I to IV—Jones, PP*)*

-*Relocation of Roses*

-*Recommended Tools and Spray Equipment*

-*Rootstocks versus Own Root Roses*

-*Rose Identification Contests: This is a good way to improve the skills of members in identifying roses, but also a good educational device for observing the differences in various rose classes and cultivars. (Name That Rose I & II—Jones, PP*)*

-*Roses in Review Assessments*

-*“Show ‘n Tell:” Each member or Consulting Rosarian discusses a favorite rose from the garden*

-*Spring planting techniques*

-*Summer Care*

-Teaching Beginners: Every set of programs is a balancing act in which the needs of beginners and the experienced must be satisfied; however the teaching function is always paramount for beginners as it is the reason they come to a rose society meeting in the first place.

-*Tours of members gardens: Especially good substitute for a summer meeting*

-*Tours of famous gardens: (Public Gardens of Europe—Scanniello, ‘S,’ Rose Gardens of Europe—Gioia, ‘S,’ Gardens of Northern California Wine Country, ‘V,’ Gardens of the World, ‘V,’ Great Gardens of England, ‘V,’ various Victory Garden tours, ‘V’)*

-*Water: Importance, conservation and delivery systems*

-*What Rose is this? Beyond the familiar into unfamiliar rose classes (Romantic Ramblers—Adams, PP*, Roses That Climb—Jones, ‘S,’ PP*, Earthkind Roses, ‘S,’ PP*, Classic Shrubs—Adams, ‘S,’ PP*, Species Roses—Campbell, ‘S’)*

-*Winter protection of Roses*

-*Zinc and Other Micronutrients: Why Bother? (Beyond N-P-K—Reed, PP*)*

Rose Society programs and activities have to satisfy a number of objectives; they must perform educational functions, but also provide the opportunity for social interaction. Each member has something to contribute to the great dialogue about roses; it is a question of finding the proper forum for each person.

Business Sessions: Routine business should be handled by an Executive Committee or a Board of Directors. The program should be the focus of a meeting after a welcome to new members and guests and basic announcements.