



# Bench Newsletter

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## NEXT MEETING

**Friday April 6<sup>th</sup> 2018**

**2pm Tea Meeting**

**Venue: “*Barngrove*” 13 Tee Street, Devonshire Please bring a folding chair if possible and goodies (a plate for 8 ) Please car pool as parking is at a premium.**

Directions from South Shore

Coming from South Shore go up Tee Street past Berry Hill Road, go right to the top of the hill. On the left & right hand side are rock face take the first right hand turn after the rock face finishes.

House name Barngrove is on the road side.

Directions from Middle Rd

Turn down Tee Street we are the fourth house on the left

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**TEA Meeting Program Barngrove April 6<sup>th</sup> 2018**

1.00pm Time for entries and view the gardens.

Receiving of your favorite cakes & cookies

Try the Guess the Rose competition

2.00pm-2.30pm – Judging Flower Arrangement Title

A table design –

2:30pm - Open up the refreshment table

Decorated Hat Competition

3:00pm-4:00pm - Brief meeting. Announce winners of the arrangements and award prizes - Fancy Hat parade/judging and award prizes.

**NO RAIN DATE BAD WEATHER WILL CANCEL**

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Shadow Box entries at our March meeting

**PROGRAM FOR March to May 2018****Annual Exhibition**

Clean the mews April 7th 9am

Receiving, Specimens Bench: Wednesday 18 April 2018, 6-7pm

Receiving, Judging, Stewarding: Thursday April 19, 2018

Stewarding: Friday April 20 and Saturday April 21, 2018

**Friday May 4<sup>th</sup> 2018**

Horticultural Hall

7-30 am Hall open

2.30 pm Meeting

Bench & Hospitality

**Arrangement titles:**

Class A – ‘Raft Up’ – 24” x 24” no height limit

Class B – ‘Anything Goes’ – no size restriction

Class C – ‘Fireworks’ - 15” x 15” no height restriction

**Programme: AGM Awards Ceremony**



Our judges hard at work at our 2nd March Meeting

**Bermuda Rose Society Flower Arranging Schedule 2017**

Exhibitors may bring in bench exhibits and competitive flower arrangements  
Between 8.00 am and 9.15 am on the morning of the meeting. Exhibitors must vacate  
the area by 9.15 am so that judging may begin promptly at 9.45 am  
Meeting to begin at 11.00am

**For all months, except the AGM in May, sizes are :-**

Class A – 24” wide x 24” deep, NO height restriction.

Class B - 15” wide x 15” deep x 15” high.

Class C - 9” wide x 9” deep x 9” high, design must be more than 4” high, wide and  
deep this does not apply to the diagonal dimension.

**Class D - Shadow Box** – The aim is to create a ‘Picture’ within a frame, no titles are  
given. The plant material may extend forward out of the box to create a 3D effect  
but must NOT touch the Interior or Frame of the box.

Internationally accepted Rules for Floral Art

- 1) Plant material must predominate over all other components.
- 2) Plant material must be in water or water retaining material, unless such plant material is known to remain turgid for the duration of the show.
- 3) Artificial plant material must NOT be used.
- 4) Painted and/or artificially coloured or treated plant material may be used unless otherwise stated in the schedule.
- 5) An exhibit may include accessories such as bases, drapes, backgrounds and title cards unless otherwise stated.

The Bermuda Rose Society requires that locally grown Roses and/or plant material from the Rosaceae family must predominate in all arrangements.

Some examples are apple, cotoneaster, loquat, peach, pear, potentilla, pyracantha, spirea, strawberry, dewberry, yeddo-hawthorne.

Roses of any classification may be used and need NOT have been grown by the Exhibitor. Other locally grown flowers and foliage may be included.

Plant materials are living plants, flowers, grasses and branches of bushes or trees.

All plant material should be in scale with the roses used and must be appropriate in size, colour and texture to complement the roses and be subordinate in the design.

Class A, B, and C designs should be in scale within the space allotted.

Class D - please refer to Shadow Boxes.

### Guess the Rose Competition



Clue for above is that this is a Mystery Rose found at Waterville also check our book *Roses in Bermuda* Shown below in our March 2nd Newsletter is was the CareFree Beauty guessed correctly by John Howells. Well done, John!



Minutes of a Meeting of the Bermuda Rose Society held at 11 a.m. at Horticultural Hall in the Botanical Gardens on Friday, March 2, 2018

The President, Clare Russell, welcomed everyone. There was one guest, Barri Trimmingham. Apologies received from Lisa Marshall and Rosemary Talbot.

There were no Minutes of the Luncheon Meeting held on February 2, 2018.

#### TEA MEETING

Will be April 6, 2018 at "Barngrove", the home of Felicity and Peter Holmes.

Flower arrangements and goodies received at 1 p.m.; viewing of garden

2-2.30p.m. Judging flower arrangements. 2.30 opening of the refreshment table, decorated hat competition. 3-4p.m. brief meeting, awarding prizes and fancy hat parade and judging. Parking directions will be in the newsletter.

#### EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

There are several positions open on the Executive – Correspondence Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Secretary to take minutes at Executive Committee meetings, New Member Liaison Officer.

#### PINS AND APRONS

Marijke has supply of pins. Aprons and bag supply is low, to reorder would like to have an idea of how many needed.

#### TULO VALLEY

All roses moved into the tunnel due to upcoming storm. Should have 200 roses for May sale. Prices to be decided, good variety available. Pat Thomas thanked the helpers who came daily. John Swift has provided new rose labels.

#### WATERVILLE

Looking beautiful and smelling wonderful. Connie Hiker from Fredericksburg, Virginia visited and enjoyed the gardens. Stock is being taken of Old Roses that may have to be replaced. Needed as soon as possible are Basil's Surprise, Bermuda Kathleen, Elm Lodge Yellow, Ms. Atwood, Cottage Rose and Taylor's Rose.

Other roses needed to replace old/damaged roses Bermudas Anna Olivier, Emmie Gray, Maman Cochet, White Maman Cochet, La Vesuve, Archduke Charles, Talbot Rose. Peter Holmes has a Talbot Rose that just has to get bigger and Lisa Marshall donated a Mrs. Dudley Cross. Frances Earl is now in the garden in bed 1 near North Arbour. David O'Neil has donated 4 pots of variegated Mundo Grass.

Soil amendments with Dr. Earth almost completed by Peter Lee. Brown and Co. are donating two truckloads of mulch. As Mr. Brown has been provided with roses from BRS and he wanted to show his appreciation.

#### AG SHOW

Office is open to collect entry forms or on line. March 16th is deadline for entries. Volunteers have come forward for the specimen bench and stewards and judges still need to sign up.

The meeting then closed and Claire Jessey, Plant Protection Officer, Entomologist Gave a talk and slide show on Pests of roses and environmentally friendly solutions. It was very well received, the President thanked her.

**Barbara (Tuppy) Cooper**  
**6 November, 1933 – 25 March, 2018**

It is with great sadness that I must report the passing of member, Barbara (Tuppy) Cooper. She died on Palm Sunday. Many of you knew Tuppy through her close association with the Bermuda Rose Society. Indeed, many of you were inspired to join the Society because of her. I, for one, consider her my first mentor. She suffered very ill health for a very long time and her ability to attend meetings and participate at her habitual 110% was severely curtailed; hence some of you may never have met or known her. A list of her achievements doesn't really do her justice, but I feel it appropriate that some be listed here. Tuppy was always at the forefront of everything the Society did and created. She served on the Executive under President Elizabeth Carswell. She played a pivotal role in the creation of the Bermuda Rose Society Repository Garden at "Waterville". I knew this, but hadn't realized the extent to which she was involved. When researching the history of "Waterville" for the WRFS Garden of Excellence Award application, I wandered through the files of that era. There I found Tuppy's original musings and design drawings for the garden's first layout. Subsequently, Tuppy co-authored the Society's first book "Roses in Bermuda". She organized the Society's superb 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations at "Fourways". She was a judge, a prolific grower and a gardener. Tuppy was one of the most creative people that I have ever known, and in every sphere of her life, not just roses. She had a keen eye for detail, a deep appreciation for the beauty of nature, and was a very early conservationist. She inspired people to grow, to propagate, to appreciate roses – on more than one occasion she told me gently to slow down and "smell the roses" – it is inscribed in her handwriting in my first rose book. She was the epitome of "glass half full".

She would have absolutely loved the garden of roses that adorned St. Paul's on Maundy Thursday and Coral Beach Club after the service. An enormous thank you goes to the great many of you, from Somerset to St. David's, who picked or let us pick. Our rose community produced enough roses for twenty-five bouquets and two overflowing baskets for the church and also the arrangements afterwards. BRS was well represented at the service by both roses and members. Her family have requested that any donations in memory of Tuppy be given to either the Bermuda Rose Society or to Eliza Doolittle. We have already received the first donation of \$100 from an overseas friend. Tuppy was so well known to have been closely affiliated with the Society that two people have already indicated that they would like to join the Society and learn about roses in honour of her memory. We look forward to welcoming them.

Tuppy's contribution to the Society is hard to quantify. Her lifetime work with and for the Society was epic and she leaves a legacy that is a key component to the Society's identity and reputation both at home in Bermuda and abroad.

I know you will all join me in offering our condolences to her family and friends.

Clare Russell  
President, Bermuda Rose Society  
30 March, 2018

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**PLEASE RETURN YOUR ROSE SOCIETY TROPHIES AT THIS MEETING**