

Bloom & Thorn

News you can use from the Auburn Rose Society

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A message from our President



Join us!

2025 annual membership dues are *only* \$25 for individuals for a limited time.

Individual membership dues will go up to \$30 on January 1, 2026.

Families are \$40 for 2025 and 2026

Membership QR Code:



Use the QR code to sign up and Venmo or bring dues to the next meeting.

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Welcome to the Auburn Rose Society!



Dear Rose Friends and Fellow Gardeners,

It is with great excitement that I announce the official launch of our new **local chapter of the American Rose Society, the Auburn Rose Society!** We warmly welcome all new members from Lee County and the surrounding areas. Anyone with an interest in growing and learning more about roses is invited to join us!

As I observe the abundance of blooms and buds on my own roses, I am reminded that spring is in full swing. The vibrant colors and delightful scents in the air are a true testament to this beautiful season. I love this time of year, watching fellow gardeners buzzing like bees around the nurseries, shopping and dreaming of their perfect gardens. I, too, am eager to get my garden going to see what this season will bring. I am ready to dive into the various types of roses, learn about hybridization, deepen my understanding of rose cultivation and discover the many uses and fragrances these power flowers offer. There's nothing I love more than giving roses grown from my own garden and seeing the joy it brings to others.

My heart overflows with gratitude for those who have joined me in bringing this chapter to life. It truly takes a village, and I have received wonderful support along the way. I am deeply thankful for the encouragement from our community, the American Rose Society, and other rose society chapters. The response has been overwhelmingly positive and so many people are looking forward to this coming to this area.

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We have an exciting lineup of guest speakers and activities planned, with hopes to host rose shows in the near future. Our meetings will be both fun and informative, filled with plenty of “oohs” and “ahhs.” My experience at the American Rose Society convention in Rhode Island was inspiring, as I connected with rose enthusiasts from across the nation and around the globe. I felt an instant camaraderie with these kindred spirits who were so kind and wanted to encourage me and teach me. I eagerly look forward to meeting more fellow rose lovers, sharing knowledge, and enjoying our passion for gardening together.

I cannot express enough how honored I feel to get started on this journey. This is truly a dream come true for me and to be able to get to do this with such a wonderful group of people makes it even more special. The Auburn Rose Society is going to be such a delight to so many people, and I can hardly wait to learn, laugh, and grow alongside fellow rose enthusiasts. Together, we can make our city and our world more beautiful—one rose and one garden at a time.

Join me as we begin this exciting adventure together. This is a historic moment for not only our dear Auburn, but also for Lee County and our state, and I invite you to celebrate with me and appreciate even more our beloved national flower—the rose.



Warmest regards,
Jami Johnson

**Important
Upcoming
Dates**

**Birmingham Rose
Show:**
May 10 & 11

**Next Auburn Rose Society
meeting:**
Sunday, June 8 at 2:00pm
Location TBD

Meet your board...



Jami Johnson,
President



Jill Haisten,
Vice President



Lori Arthurs,
Treasurer



Susanne Heartsill,
Secretary