

# Bloom & Thorn

*News you can use from the Auburn Rose Society*

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#### Join us!

**Next Meeting:**  
**January 11, 2 pm**  
**At the Lee County Extension Office** 600 S 7<sup>th</sup> St, Suite 4  
Opelika, AL 36832



#### Membership :

Annual membership dues are:  
\$30 for Individuals and  
\$40 for Couples/Families

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## Welcome to the Auburn Rose Society!



### A Message from Our President,

Jami Johnson

Dear Auburn Rose Society Members,  
As we said goodbye to 2025, I found myself reflecting on just how fortunate we are to be part of such a welcoming and enthusiastic group. Our Christmas party, held in my home, was a wonderful way to close out the year together. Sharing food, laughter, and conversation with fellow rose lovers truly warmed my heart and reminded me that the Auburn Rose Society is built as much on friendship as it is on the love of roses. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the evening so special—it was a perfect ending to a great year.

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As we step into early 2026, I'm excited about the opportunities ahead and the strong lineup of meetings we have planned for you.

Our January meeting will focus on the "meat and potatoes" of roses, reinforcing the fundamentals that help all of us—new members and seasoned rosarians alike—grow healthier, more beautiful roses. In February, we'll dive into rose pruning, an essential skill as we prepare our gardens for spring growth and blooms.

March promises to be a highlight as we welcome guest speaker Chris VanCleave of the Birmingham Rose Society, affectionately known as the "Redneck Rosarian." His practical knowledge and engaging style are sure to inspire and entertain.



I hope you'll continue to join us, share your experiences, ask questions, and enjoy the fellowship that makes our society so meaningful. I look forward to another year of learning, growing, and blooming together.

In Roses and Friendship,  
Jami Johnson  
President, Auburn Rose Society

**Important  
Upcoming  
Dates**

**Next Auburn Rose Society meeting:**  
Sunday, January 11 at 2:00pm  
[Lee County Extension Office](#)

## Mark your calendars!

### Upcoming Meetings:

**February 8th @ 2 PM, Lee County**

**Extension Office**

**March 8th @ 2 PM, Lee County**

**Extension Office**

**April 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> (TBD)**

**Tea and photo shoot at the home of member Kaye Clothiaux. Ladies go ahead and find your floral garden dresses, tea hats and gloves!**



**\*Check website for up-to-date meeting information**



## Membership Dues for 2026

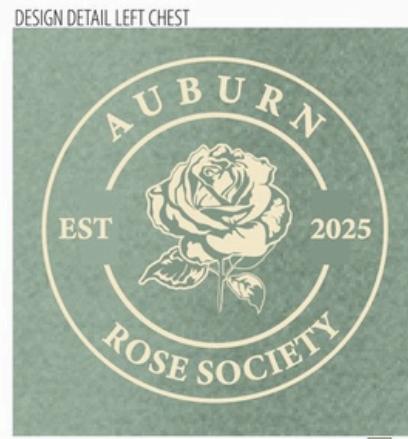
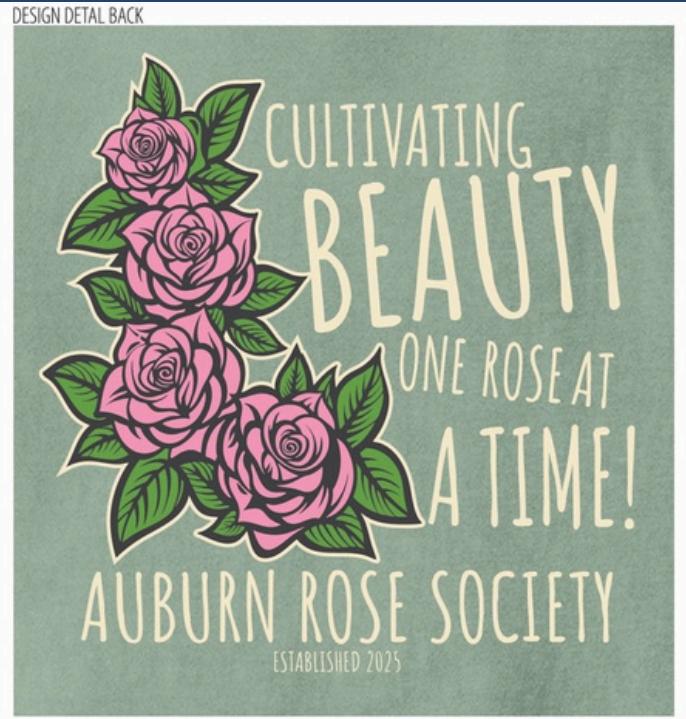
Join the party! Let's continue to grow the membership of the Auburn Rose Society. Please spread the news and help make this group even better!

It's just \$30 for individuals and \$40 for couples/families!

# Order an Auburn Rose Society T-Shirt

The Auburn Rose Society T-Shirt, exclusive to members, symbolizes a shared passion for roses. Available in Navy, Bay, or Terra Cotta, it's more than apparel—it's a badge of honor. Prices are \$30 for sizes S-XL and \$32 for 2X or 3X. Don't miss out on this exclusive memorabilia!

Sign up at the next meeting and orders will go out soon!



## Want to help?

We're seeking submissions for our Spring 2026 Newsletter!

Share:

- Garden photos
- Rose care tips
- Reflections or stories

Send your contributions to [auburnrosesociety@gmail.com](mailto:auburnrosesociety@gmail.com) by March 1st.



### Quarterly Tip: Winter Rose in Zone 8B

#### January

- Dormant period. Minimal care.
- Remove dead or damaged canes only.
- Clean up fallen leaves and debris.
- Mulch 2-3 inches around base.
- Water only during extended dry spells.

#### February

- Primary pruning month.
- Remove dead, diseased, or crossing canes.
- Open center of plant for airflow.

#### March

- Finish pruning.
- Apply full rose fertilizer.
- Refresh mulch.
- Begin preventative disease monitoring.