

SPEAKERS

2025 TENARKY DISTRICT MID-WINTER WORKSHOP & PHOTO CONTEST



Gaye Hammond

Gaye is the Past President of the Houston Rose Society. She is a life member and patron of American Rose Society and serves on the Marketing Committee of the national organization. Gaye is also the study liaison between the Houston Rose Society and the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in connection with EarthKind® Rose Research – the largest environmental rose research study done in the U.S.

Gaye is an entertaining speaker and an avid writer of more than 300 articles that have been published in local, state, national and international magazines and newspapers. She has co-authored a peer-reviewed journal article on Earth-Kind Roses published in 2009 in *Floriculture & Ornamental Biotechnology*, a chapter in *The Sustainable Rose Garden* and authored a chapter in the book, *Gulf Coast Gardening*. Her photography has appeared on the cover of *HortScience* (December 2010) and she was awarded the cover story for the September 2011 issue of *Parks & Recreation Magazine*.



Dennis Phillips

Dennis is the son-in-law of Monty Justice and they together formed Monty's Plant Food Company in 1997. He continues to serve as President and oversees production while creating new products.

Dennis was raised on a small farm in Paris KY where he grew row crops, beef cattle and gained his first interest in understanding soils. He graduated from Eastern Kentucky University and received his master's from the University of Louisville. While working on his post graduate work he began working with Monty Justice in Rose care (nearly 200 gardens that amounted to 2,000 roses). He continues to serve as President and oversees production and looks to create new products from the list that were generated early in their business. In 2014 he was selected to establish the definition of soil health in Washington DC. And served on this group for 6 years and it is now referred to as the Soil Health Institute. He spends most of his free time growing a garden for his family which keeps him connected to plants and soil, which is his passion. He does have about 10 roses that have special memories from his years growing roses.



Dr. Raymond A Cloyd

Raymond A. Cloyd is a professor and extension specialist in horticultural entomology/plant protection in the Department of Entomology at Kansas State University. Raymond received his MS and PhD from the Department of Entomology at Purdue University (West Lafayette, IN), and was employed as a professor at the University of Illinois (Urbana, IL) in the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences prior to his employment at Kansas State University. His research and extension program involves plant protection/pest management of horticultural insect and mite pests in greenhouses, nurseries, landscapes, turfgrass, conservatories, interiorscapes, Christmas trees, vegetables, fruits, cannabis, and hemp. In addition, Raymond provides assistance to beekeepers and is involved in pollinator protection.

His major clientele includes homeowners, master gardeners, professional operators and commercial producers. Raymond has published approximately 100 scientific refereed publications, 900 trade journals, and 90 extension publications on topics related to pest management/plant protection. In addition, he has authored or co-authored numerous books (*Greenhouse Pest Management*, *Pests and Diseases of Herbaceous Perennials*, *IPM for Gardeners*, *Plant Protection: Managing Greenhouse Insect and Mite Pests*, *Compendium of Rose Diseases and Pests*, and *Compendium of Bedding Plant Diseases and Pests*), book chapters, manuals, PICT or picture-pocket guides, and extension-related publications. Raymond is a frequent speaker at state, national, and international conferences and seminars; and has received numerous awards and honors during his over 20 year academic career. Raymond's specialty areas include: plant protection, biological control, plant-insect interactions, insect ecology, pesticides, resistance management, and sanitation.