

**SAVE THE DATE!!**  
**WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 17, 18 and 19**



**YANKEE DISTRICT SEPTEMBER WEEKEND**  
**ROSES, ROSES, ROSES & LOBSTER!!**

**FRIDAY EVENING - Sunset Boat ride - 5:30 PM Eco Tour Boat ride on "The Horseshoe Crab". Details at: [barnstableecotours.com](http://barnstableecotours.com) Followed by dinner at a restaurant in Barnstable Village.**

**SATURDAY MORNING - YANKEE DISTRICT ROSE & PHOTO SHOW Hyannis Country Gardens, 380 W Main Street, Hyannis, MA 02601. Entries accepted 7 am to 10 am, followed by judging. Open to the public when judging is completed.**

**SATURDAY EVENING - LOBSTER FEST - Under the lighted pavilion beginning around 5:30pm. Music provided by Dr. E. Flax Pond Pavilion at Flax Pond, 31 Dupont Avenue, South Yarmouth, MA**

**SUNDAY MORNING - Yankee District Business meeting in the Ehrenreich Rose Gardens, followed by a hands-on propagation demonstration. Your chance to grow some out of commerce, rare roses that the Ehrenreichs' are willing to share cuttings from. Not to be missed!**

## Yankee District members to help preserve almost lost and out of commerce roses

By Audrey Osborn

Everyone is invited to Cindy and Irwin's rose gardens Sunday morning for the business meeting. Immediately following the business meeting, we have planned a propagation demonstration where members are invited to share "hard to find" roses from their gardens, and also take cuttings from the Ehrenreich's gardens. If you have some roses that you would like to share with other members that are hard to find or almost out of commerce, PLEASE bring them to the Cape, we can keep them in a cool area until Sunday and hopefully increase these roses for the enjoyment of rosarians for years to come.

The process is a relatively simple one, G. Michael Shoup shared this in his book, Empress of the Garden. Called the Ziploc bag method, I have used this process quite a few times since Marci Martin introduced it to me. This is the method I would advise using for our propagation program on Sunday, after the business meeting. It will be easy to transport back to your home, regardless if you are staying one extra day or five. They will be off and running right from the start.

Label your bag with the name of the rose you are working with. Using cuttings about four inches long, with one or two leaves dip them in a rooting hormone, then into a half filled Ziploc bag with a good potting mix (I usually use Metro-Mix or Pro-Mix, both very light and "soilless". I use a pencil to make the hole in the moistened mix as pushing your cutting into it will rub some of the rooting powder off. You can fit approximately eight to ten cuttings in a gallon bag. Seal the bag, place in dappled sun, and patiently wait for roots to appear. If the cutting turns brown and starts to get a fuzzy mold, remove it from the bag. I have had quite a high success rate with this method, and encourage you to join us on Sunday not only to be up-to-date on Yankee District business, but to try your luck at saving some precious roses.

Here are a few pictures of rose cuttings we did last year.

