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Dear ARS Members,

As you may have heard, we have an exciting new photo contest aimed specifically at middle and high school students! What a great way to help get young people interested in roses, and best of all, the students do not have to be ARS members to enter!

In order to make this contest successful, we need YOUR help! Please forward information about the contest to every middle school, high school, and school district in your area. This will help make sure that all schools in the country are getting the information. Individuals can also visit the website www.rose.org/category/news/ to download the entry form and the rules.

It may also be an opportunity for local societies, or even individual members, to have an "open house" at your garden and invite these students and their parents to come and visit your roses to take pictures of the blooms. This way you can help the students identify the varieties, classifications, etc. and talk to the parents about the American Rose Society and your local society.

If I can be of any assistance with this context or you have other ideas to share, please contact me at americanrosephoto@yahoo.com.

Keep those roses growing!!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Curtis Aumiller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Curtis Aumiller
ARS National Chair of Photography

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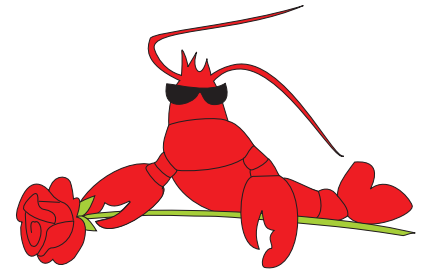
'Earth Song' x 'Bulls's Eye'
Photo Andy Vanable

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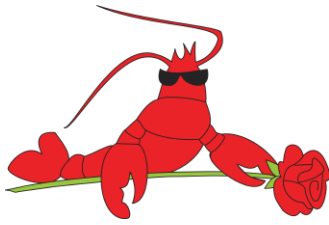
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From the District Director Craig Dorschel



Well, here we are in the midst of the Winter of 2015-2016, except, as I write, it is about 60 degrees outside and snowless. What a difference from last winter, when I thought, with only some exaggeration, that the snow might come up to the eaves on my house. I thought the frigid weather and snow would lead to a late bloom, but a very warm May lead to a surprisingly early bloom instead. Not too good for the rose shows. If this warm El Niño pattern continues, we'll probably (Hah!) see another early bloom.

One of the bigger challenges of the last season or two has been the emergence of rose midge as a more significant pest than previously. As we know, we usually don't recognize a midge problem until the damage has been done. The standard treatment has been to treat the soil surrounding the roses with an insecticide after the larvae drop to the ground to pupate, after they have finished feasting on the tender new growth on our roses. Diazinon was the preferred insecticide for battling midge, but Diazinon has been taken off the market. Grub granules containing imidacloprid are probably the best current choice. Using them on the ground is unlikely to adversely affect the local bee population. The best non-chemical method of midge control is vigilance and prompt removal of damaged shoots. The little pests got the better of me and spoiled the second and later bloom cycles last year. Good luck!

Our 2015 District Convention was held at the Ocean Edge Resort on Cape Cod. Despite the fact that it snowed pretty much the entire day on Saturday, everyone managed to get there and have a good time. We had a great response to the fundraising, including our Saturday night rose auction of a huge number of bare root roses. I'm proud to say that this enabled the district to cover our financial needs and to vote to make a cash contribution to the ARS for the first time since I have been a member of this District. The accommodations at Ocean Edge are nothing but posh, and (now) ARS Vice President, Bob Martin, said that the food was the best convention fare he had ever encountered.

This year's convention will be at the Mainstay Hotel and Conference Center in Newport, Rhode Island, just at the end of the bridge and across from the slot parlor! Irwin and Cindy Ehrenreich have planned a fine program, and I hope we will have plenty to offer on the fundraising tables and rose auction. Horticulture judges will participate in a reaccreditation seminar on the Friday afternoon before the convention. Anyone else interested is also welcome to attend the seminar. Please come to the convention, especially if you have never attended one before. Look for more information on page 14.

Speaking of conventions, a National ARS Convention was held in Syracuse, New York, last September. We had a good-sized delegation from the Yankee District

District Director Report continued

in attendance, many of whom were first-time national convention goers. There were great programs, with many international hybridizers present. My biggest regret was, since I was chairman of the rose show, I had to miss most of their talks. The only national event this year is the Miniature Show and Conference. This will be held in Grantville, Pennsylvania (near Hershey and Harrisburg) in July.

This year, the District Rose Show and Lobsterfest is returning to Cape Cod the weekend of September 9-11. The Osborns have booked an air conditioned (!) site for the show and the beach pavilion for the seafood. We're expecting guests from Colorado, so y'all should come, too. It's a great time to visit the Cape, when the weather is still pleasant but most of the crowds have gone home.

Time to say a bit about the ARS. Membership has been declining for several years, and the drop was very severe about the time the recession hit back in 2008. There was another loss in 2015, but it was under 100 members (less than 1% of the total membership). It looks like membership in the ARS has finally bottomed out. Now we need to start growing it again. By now, you have no doubt received the January/February issue of *American Rose* and seen the refreshed design, which includes regionalized information. Later this year a redesign of the website (www.rose.org) will be rolled out, which will (I promise!), be easier to navigate than our previous best efforts.

I believe many of us may feel that we are a small, remote, and insignificant part of the ARS. I can assure you, this simply isn't true. First of all, our membership count is about the same as many of the other districts, including our neighbors in New York and Penn-Jersey. (Don't get me wrong. I'd love to have more members.) Three members of the Yankee District are chairs of national committees: Dave Long is chair of Prizes and Awards Committee, Patsy Cunningham is chair of Newsletter/Bulletin Awards Committee, I am chair of the Bylaws

Committee, and (until this fall), the Ethics Committee. Dave is a trustee of the Maintenance Endowment Trust, (the trust that covers expenses for the upkeep of the Shreveport property). I am continuing as a trustee of the Research Endowment Trust (responsible for small research grants), and I am also a member of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee consists of the officers (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Executive Director) and two members elected from the Board of Directors (Diane Sommers and me). Our responsibility is to oversee operations and make decisions within limits at the times when the Board is not in session. We meet on conference calls about every six weeks. There are many other Yankee District members that also belong to various committees as well.

John Mattia was the recipient of a major national award, the Guy Blake Hedrick Award for outstanding rose exhibiting and mentoring of exhibitors.

I say all this to assure everyone that you have a voice in the ARS, and that the ARS cares about all its members, wherever they may be.

Finally, I note with sadness the passing of two of the founding members of the Connecticut Rose Society, June Berg and Martha (Marty) Parsons. Both were recipients of the Bronze Honor medal and were Consulting Rosarians Emeritus. June was a Horticulture Judge Emeritus and recipient of the Outstanding Judge Award in 1995. I was also saddened to learn that Nancy Edgar, former president of the Rhode Island Rose Society, recently passed away in her new home state of North Carolina. They will all be missed. Our condolences to Dave Berg, Wally Parsons, and Nancy's family.

Last of all, a shout out to Andy Venable for his outstanding work in editing and assembling this newsletter, which has already lead to national recognition.

Secretary's Report

September, 11, 2015 - Liverpool, New York

Audrey Osborn

The business meeting was called to order by Craig Dorschel at 5:00 p.m. The minutes from the last business meeting were read. Teresa Mosher made a motion to accept the minutes, followed by David Cannistraro who seconded it. A conversation ensued about forming an ad hoc committee to discuss the Yankee District hosting a National ARS Convention. Several members volunteered to be on the committee at the last business meeting in March, and it was opened for discussion again. It was decided to meet sometime in the near future to discuss possibilities.

Jolene Adams, current President of the ARS, wanted to clarify event insurance which is currently under study. When a society needs a certificate of insurance, it only needs to secure one if the owner of the venue requires it. If a society is having more than one event at the same venue, the society would only need to get one certificate with all of the dates on it.

Craig Dorschel had ten additional spaces added to the District Ralph Moore Trophy. Oz has the trophy for safe keeping until the next district rose show in September.

ELECTIONS ON BOARD – Craig was elected to the ARS Executive Committee, and was re-elected a trustee of the ARS Research Endowment Trust (Bruce Monroe is

chairman of this trust). Craig Dorschel is continuing as chairman of the Ethics Committee until the Fall of 2016, and was chosen chairman of the Bylaws Committee. Craig introduced Baxter Williams, who was a guest at our meeting, as a member of the Bylaws Committee (the other members on the committee are Nancy Redington, Bruce Monroe, Jim Hering, and Marilyn Wellan). Dave Long was elected a trustee of the Maintenance Endowment Trust, and was appointed Chairman of the Prizes and Awards Committee. Patsy Cunningham continues as Chairman of the Newsletter/Bulletin Awards Committee.

FINANCIAL REPORT – \$2,852.07 was made at the last convention. It was suggested a contribution of \$500.00 be made to the American Rose Society. Andy Vanable made a motion that the \$500.00 be sent to the ARS to be used in the Annual Operating Fund. Teresa Mosher seconded the motion. After the donation is made to the ARS, there would be a balance of \$6,500.00 – which is considered to be a sufficient reserve for the District. A motion was made that \$500.00 (\$250.00 each) be credited to the fundraising goals of the district and regional directors (\$1,000.00 each required by the ARS per director).

NEW BUSINESS – Teresa Mosher invited everyone to celebrate the New England Rose Society's 75th Anniversary, with guest speaker, Peggy Martin. On March 4, 2016 the Connecticut Rose Society will be having a program on chemical safety for CR credits, and on March 19th, New England Rose Society will also be having a program offering Chemical CR credits. The second weekend in September, 2016 (9th, 10th and 11th) the Yankee District will have the district rose show and lobsterfest on Cape Cod.

Dave Cannistraro made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Dave Long.



'Double Pink Knockout'
Photo: Biing Lee



Consulting Rosarian Corner

January / February 2016

Dave Long, Yankee District CR Chair

The American Rose Society sees the Consulting Rosarians as the ambassadors and representatives of the ARS. The CR chairs represent the ARS in direct interactions with the public. Each District has a CR Chair who is automatically on the National CR Committee. They represent each District for all proposals and changes to the CR program. Don Myers, Ph.D., who many of you know, is currently the ARS District Director for the Carolina District and a product manager for Bayer Crop Science. He is the new ARS National CR Chair. Don has just started his new three-year term as National CR Chair, a position he occupied previously during the presidency of Marilyn Wellan and was responsible for the creation of the Master Rosarian CR designation.

Don has started to reiterate some rules of the program – to streamline several parts of the program, and to present some objectives to consider for the next three years. The four-year period to obtain four CEU Credits will continue as it has been, and one of those credits needs to be a chemical/pesticide safety seminar as well. This requirement remains important due to the changes that continue to occur with pesticides. For example, issues such as the use of neonicotinoids around bees affect the way we use pesticides on roses. Label changes will continue, and our CRs need to be kept up-to-date. There should be opportunities for a chemical/pesticide seminar on a yearly basis in every district. Chemical safety is a necessary part of every four credit CR School.

Recertification credits should not be difficult to obtain. It is important that at the local rose society level,

as well as at the district level, there should be many opportunities to gain CR credits. I encourage our active Yankee District local societies (NERS, RIRS, LCRS, and CRS) continue to offer one-credit seminars at your local society meetings. It is important that those seminars being used for credit be clearly related to CR activities. To give you some ideas of possible seminars, see the below list which was generated by Mary Peterson, former National CR Chair. The list was sent out in March, 2011 and is also published in the current *CR Manual*:

Hybridizing, Rose Photography, Earth Kind Roses, Raised Beds and Terracing, Propagation, Sustainable Rose Gardens, Constructing a Watering System, Getting Roses Ready for the Show, Composting/Going Green Fertilizers, New Rose Introductions, History and Historic Roses, Old Garden Roses (OGR) and Heirloom Roses, Miniature and Miniflora Roses, Mulches and Groundcover Roses, Roses of the Middle Ages, Shrubs in the Landscape Design, Structures and Supports for Climbing Roses, Trellises, Arbors, Arches, Pergolas, Gazebos and Privacy Hedges, Pretty Polyanthas, Species Roses and their Influence on Modern Roses, Fabulous Floribundas, Future for Fortuniana-Containerized Roses, Climbers, Scramblers, Ramblers, Ground Covers and Hanging Baskets, Landscaping with Roses, Companion Planting with Roses, Predatory Abatement, Anatomy of the Rose, Winter Protection, The Wonderful World of Hybrid Rugosas, Own-Root, 'Dr. Huey,' *R. multiflora* and 'Fortuniana' as Understocks, Fragrant Roses, is there a Shrub Rose for Your Garden?, OGRs and Shrub Roses for

District CR Report continued

Small Gardens, Tender Roses for Tough Climates, Hardy Roses from the Explorer and Parkland Series, Arranging with Roses, Hardy Roses of Buck, Sub-Zero Roses and Brownell, Planting and Transplanting Roses, Pruning Roses, Advanced information on soils, fertilizers, insects and diseases not covered by the CR Manual.

ALSO – The above list of topics can also be used as topics for newsletter articles.

Note this Change – Advancement of Audit Date: when a CR reaches a total of four CEU Credits with one of them being a chemical credit – a CR's audit/recertification date will automatically move forward four years any time they receive the required four credits. They *will not* wait for the next Audit date to arrive, but will advance right away to the next year as their Audit year. *i.e.*, if a CR has an Audit year of 2016 and they achieved a total of four CEU Credits with one of them Chemical in 2015 – their next Audit date will be 2019 (achieved in 2015 plus four years = 2019) for next Audit date, *not to exceed more than once a year*. Credits *cannot* be collected and rolled over to the next year.

ARS Consulting Rosarians are *expected* to fill out and submit the *Roses-in-Review* rating form when it appears (usually in the July/August issue of *American Rose* magazine), or online at rose.org. *Not growing any of the varieties is not an excuse not to participate*. That's what the check block is for at the top of the survey page and should be used to show that the CR grows none of the varieties while counting as their participation at the same time. Husband and wife CRs should list both their names on the same report, and by doing this, each will get credit, or the husband and wife can each submit separate reports to express their different reviews.

Note Important Dates For CRs:

- **Yankee District Convention – April 1-3, 2016**
Mainstay Hotel, Newport, RI 02840

Registration and Schedule information on pages 16-17

Note: Five Seminars at this convention are worth one CR credit each!

- **Chemical Safety Seminar – March 6, 2016** at 1:30 p.m., Plainville Congregational Church, 130 West Main Street, Plainville, Connecticut 06062
- **Second CR Chemical Safety Seminar – March 19, 2016** at 10:00 a.m., Methuen Senior Center, 77 Lowell Street, Methuen, Massachusetts 01844
- **Third CR Chemical Safety Seminar – September 10, 2016** at 10:00 a.m., Weaver Library, 41 Grove Avenue, East Providence, Rhode Island 02914
- **Next Yankee District CR School:** for new CR candidates and re-certification of current active CRs – **Friday, March 31, 2017** – Time TBD, Hilton Garden Inn, Hartford/South, 85 Glastonbury Boulevard, Glastonbury, Connecticut 06033

As you can see – a very busy schedule coming up this year. Nearly all of the current CRs need the Chemical Safety Seminar to maintain an active status as a CR. It is very important that you attend. Let me know if you have any questions.

Audit Due 2016 – David W. Candler, David C. Cannistraro, Angelina Chute, Michael Chute, Cynthia P. Fraser, David R. Long, Marcella P. Martin, and Carol Ann Rogers

Audit Due 2017 – Edward Cunningham, Patricia Cunningham, Jeannette Danehy, Gregory L. Davis, Craig Dorschel, Cindy Ehrenreich, Irwin Ehrenreich, Michael D. Fuss, Chu W. Jung, Frank Karikas, Zachary Lau, Barbara Leduc, Lee A. Macneil, Rebecca Martorelli, John P. Mattia, Manuel Mendes, Jr., Teresa Mosher, Clive Nickerson, Dacia Nickerson, Audrey Osborn, William Osborn, Judith Panicia, Christine Paul, Susanne Redway, Arija Retsema, Mirjana Toyn, and Andy Venable

District CR Report continued

Audit Due 2018 – R. Lee Forsythe

A very warm WELCOME to our newest CR, R. Lee Forsythe, with the New England Rose Society. Lee traveled to Syracuse, New York for their CR School and successfully passed the exam. Congratulations Lee!

Don Myers has stated that the CR Report “should be completed by every CR in each district on an annual basis. The information requested in the report will vary by district and should depend on the needs of the district.” I have sent out the report request to all Yankee District CRs, and the deadline to return them was February 15, 2016. Any questions, feel free to contact me. The report feedback will be summarized and sent out to all CRs to keep them up-to-date with how Yankee District CRs are dealing with control of pests and diseases, rose rosette, as well as the best roses to recommend for our region.

Don Myers proposes Care Winners Program – “Developing easy-to-care-for, non-spray, roses is an important objective to maintain the viability of our hobby now, and in the years to come. The rose industry is moving in this direction. I propose that the CRs assist in identifying a list of non-spray roses in every district that bloom regularly, have good disease resistance and can be readily purchased. These include both previous introductions and new ones. This information might be requested in the annual CR report, for example. A list

of twenty or so, should be the target for each district. New roses that meet these criteria appear every year. These lists will vary depend on the district. A good rose for California may not be the same as one in North Carolina due to particular growing conditions, diseases, and pests. Rose catalogs typically make claims about disease resistance, and we need to verify the accuracy of these claims. As new roses appear, we need to update these lists on a yearly basis. In my view, it is critical that the ARS promotes these types of roses, (particularly for new rosarians who need to understand that roses are really easy to grow, and for other rosarians who do not want to use pesticides). I will provide a more detailed explanation of this program, that I call “Care Winners” in a future newsletter. Our CRs need to take an active role in this objective, and I see this as very important.”

Pat Shanley, our new ARS president, would like to see the CRs and the CR program get more visibility within the ARS. She has suggested that the CRs contribute brief articles (tips) for the *American Rose* or other ARS publications. In 2016, the *American Rose* will take on a more regional flavor as you can see with the newest issue dated January/February 2016.

Looking forward to a very active 2016 for all CRs and welcome any non-CRs to join us at the next CR School in 2017.

District Treasury Report – 2015 Steve Rogers, Treasurer

We had a beginning balance of **\$6,346.86**. Net income during the period was \$2,852.07 (Spring Convention Net Proceeds). Expenses for the period were \$1,607.49: (Spring Convention Miscellaneous: \$25.00; District Awards and Committees: \$474.59; Web Site: \$107.90; Spring Convention Refundable Advance (year 2017): \$500.00; Yankee District Contribution to ARS Annual Fund: \$500.00. Leaving an ending balance of **\$7,591.44**.

Roses in Review – 2015

Oz Osborn, Roses in Review Coordinator

Our RIR National Coordinator, Don Swanson, wrote this side note from Phil Schorr about the ratings – “The ratings we publish are averages of all growers’ experiences. They can be seen as reflecting the chances a particular variety *might* do for you. A rose with a rating of 8.5 has a higher probability of doing well, than one with a rating of 6.5. A high rating is not a guarantee of a rose's performance. It's simply giving the grower an idea of the chances the variety might be successful.”

Last year, the Yankee District had 38 reporters which included 29 Consulting Rosarians. These dedicated rose growers gave 155 evaluations on 69 different roses! These are very good numbers for our relatively small district, and yet herein lies the rub. There were many roses that were evaluated by only one reporter who grew only one plant of that variety. Therefore, I have only listed the varieties of roses that were evaluated by at least three rosarians. To compare the relevance of the results by our Yankee District rose growers and their value to us, I have listed the national results which are often heavily skewed toward the south and the west coast.

VARIETY	COLOR	ROSES	GARDEN	SHOW	REPORTS	(NATIONAL)		
FLORIBUNDAS								
Anne Birnha	MP	4	7.8	7.2	3	7.4	7.0	25
Doris Day	MY	3	7.9	7.5	3	7.5	7.1	78
Ketchup & Mustard	RB	4	7.8	7.9	4	7.4	7.1	182
Love Song	M	8	7.8	7.6	5	7.5	7.4	137
Sparkle & Shine	DY	4	7.7	6.1	3	7.8	7.3	85
GRANDIFLORAS								
Coretta Scott King	OP	9	7.9	7.9	5	7.6	7.3	87
Happy Go Lucky	MY	7	8.6	7.8	4	7.6	7.2	42
Sunshine Daydream	LY	12	8.0	7.5	8	8.0	7.4	80
Twilight Zone	M	7	8.7	8.0	5	7.3	7.1	86
LARGE FLOWERED CLIMBERS								
Cloud 10	W	3	7.9	7.3	3	7.9	7.5	18
HYBRID TEAS								
Francis Meilland	LP	22	6.9	6.9	11	7.6	7.3	170
Good As Gold	YB	5	8.2	7.6	5	7.6	7.2	82
Neil Diamond	PB	7	7.5	7.7	5	7.5	7.4	142
SHRUBS								
Bull's Eye	W	9	7.7	7.5	6	7.3	7.1	64
Campfire	YB	6	8.2	7.2	4	8.1	7.3	12
Tranquility	W	5	7.7	7.3	3	7.5	7.1	20

Roses in Review continued

VARIETY	COLOR	ROSES	GARDEN	SHOW	REPORTS	(NATIONAL)		
MINIATURES								
Diamond Eyes	M	3	8.1	8.0	3	7.6	7.3	100
Whimsy	PB	5	7.7	7.0	2	7.7	7.4	67
You're The One	PB	5	8.0	8.2	2	7.9	7.6	60
MINIFLORAS								
Abigail Elise	LY	5	8.3	8.3	2	7.4	7.4	45
Baldo Villegas	PB	9	7.9	8.2	4	7.5	7.9	114
Eternity	MP	5	8.1	8.0	2	7.5	7.0	17
Hello Sunshine!	LY	3	7.5	7.2	3	7.4	7.5	29
Shawn Sease	PB	7	8.3	8.8	3	7.7	8.1	78

Thank you to each Yankee District rosarian who evaluated their gardens for our RIR!

In Memoriam



Nancy Ann (Kark) Edgar
November 15, 1950
February 23, 2016



Martha A. (Pothier) Parsons
November 6, 1935
January 21, 2016



June (Weston) Berg
August 21, 1927
November 11, 2015



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Be sure to mention the “Yankee District” to receive a special group rate of \$62.09 (plus tax) per night. – Rooms are limited, so remember to make your reservations early.

The Rhode Island Rose Society is proud to host the 2016 Yankee District Convention. The Mainstay Hotel is located just minutes from downtown Newport and across from the Newport Grand Casino. The convention is a great opportunity to learn more about roses and a chance to get together with our rose friends from rose societies throughout New England. On Friday afternoon, we will be hosting a Judging Seminar. On Saturday, you will hear some wonderful speakers lecturing on many different topics. Don't forget to visit our vendors during the breaks. Many of our speakers will have a book-signing tables and opportunities to buy their books. On Saturday afternoon, we will have our Raffle Drawing. Remember to bring your best rose photos and enter them in our photo contest. Join us Saturday evening for our annual Awards Banquet and Rose Auction with auctioneer, Mike Chute. See you there!

Convention Speakers & Topics

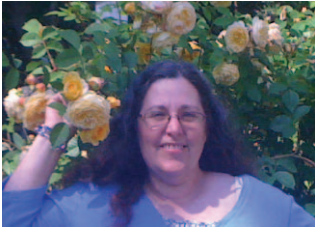


MIKE AND ANGELINA CHUTE – “Twenty-five Fabulous Roses”

Mike and Angelina are co-owners of RoseSolutions, a landscape consulting company that specializes in roses. They are both certified ARS Master Rosarians and URI Master Gardeners. Mike is an accredited ARS Horticultural Judge. Accomplished garden writers, the Chutes’ book *Roses for New England: A Guide to Sustainable Rose Gardening* was published in 2010. Their second book, *Rose Gardening Season by Season: A Journal for Passionate*

Gardeners was published in 2015. They have written numerous gardening articles including “Coming Up Roses” in *People, Places & Plants* magazine. They served as guest editors of the 2008 *ARS Annual*. They authored the chapter “Roses” in the *URI Sustainable Gardening Manual*. Mike and Angelina were co-founders and past presidents of the Rhode Island Rose Society. They lecture and give workshops throughout New England including the Boston Flower & Garden Show, the Rhode Island Spring Garden and Flower Show, the Connecticut Flower and Garden Show, the Newport Flower Show, Tower Hill Botanic Gardens, as well as numerous garden clubs and horticultural organizations.

Convention Speakers continued



CINDY EHRENREICH –
“Buck Roses - The Best Roses
You’ve Never Heard of”

Cindy is co-owner of The Rose Man, a rose garden design and maintenance service on Cape Cod. She cares for over 2000 roses including 600 in her own garden. She has designed and maintained the rose garden at Heritage Museums & Gardens in Sandwich, Massachusetts and the rose gardens at Edaville, USA in Carver, Massachusetts. She is an ARS Consulting Rosarian and Bronze Medal Award recipient.

Cindy’s rose and garden photographs have appeared on The HGTV Garden website and one of her photos recently won Princess of Photography at the ARS National Convention in Syracuse, New York.



IRWIN EHRENREICH –
“Rose Gardens of Cape Cod”

Irwin is co-owner of The Rose Man, a rose garden design and maintenance service on Cape Cod. He cares for over 2000 roses including 600 in his own garden. He has designed and maintained the rose garden at Heritage Museums & Gardens in Sandwich, Massachusetts and the rose gardens at Edaville, USA in Carver, Massachusetts.

Irwin is an ARS Consulting Rosarian, past Yankee District Coordinator for Roses in Review, Bronze Medal Award recipient, and past President of the Seaside Rosarians and the Lower Cape Rose Society. He is a Master Gardener with the Cape Cod Cooperative Extension. His rose gardens have been featured in the *Boston Globe*, *Country Garden Magazine*, *Cape Cod Magazine*, *Better Homes and Gardens Rose Gardening*, and *C.L. Fornari’s A Garden Lover’s Cape Cod*. He has appeared on the New England Cable News shows *Good Morning Live* and *New England Dream House*.

Irwin has lectured on rose care and rose garden design throughout New England including the Boston Flower

Show. He has given *The Rose Report*” on the WXTK radio show, *Garden Line*.

STEPHEN SCANNIELLO –
“A Rose by Any Name”

Stephen is the Curator of the Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden at the New York Botanical Garden.

He is the President of the Heritage Rose Foundation and author of six books on roses. His latest book, *A Rose by Any Name*, was the inspiration for the creation of the Heritage Rose District of New York City.

In 2009, Stephen was the recipient of the Great Rosarians of the World Award. In 2013 he received the Jane Righter Rose Medal from the Garden Club of America for his ongoing work in rose preservation and education. In 2015, he was made honorary member of the Garden Club of America, and was honored (along with Julie Andrews) by the New York Botanical Garden for his work with roses. Stephen grows many roses in his Barnegat, New Jersey garden.

PAUL ZIMMERMAN – “The
Biltmore International Rose
Trials”

Paul is the owner of Paul Zimmerman Roses LLC. He is the director of the Biltmore International Rose Trials, and a

member of the Advisory Board of the American Rose Selections Trials. He is the author of *Everyday Roses: How to Grow Knockout and Other Modern Garden Roses*. Paul is the host of *Roses are Plants Too*, the rose blog on the website of *Fine Gardening Magazine* and the host, creator and narrator of the *Roses are Plants Too* channel on YouTube.

Paul has written numerous articles for many gardening, nursery, and rose magazines. He has given lectures throughout the country, and all around the world. Paul has judged in many national and international rose trials.





Schedule of Events

FRIDAY, APRIL 1ST

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	ARS Judging Seminar
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Convention registration and photo submissions for District Photo Contest
7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.	Hospitality room open

SATURDAY, APRIL 2ND

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Registration and photo submissions for District Photo Contest
9:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Welcome
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	MIKE AND ANGELINA CHUTE – “Twenty-five Fabulous Roses” (One CR credit)
10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	Coffee break, vendors, raffle ticket sales, book signings
10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	PAUL ZIMMERMAN – “Biltmore Rose Trials” (One CR credit)
11:45 a.m. - Noon	Break for vendors, raffle ticket sales, book signings
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Luncheon – CINDY EHRENREICH – “Buck Roses – the Best Roses You’ve Never Heard of” (One CR credit)
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	IRWIN EHRENREICH – “Rose Gardens of Cape Cod” (One CR credit)
2:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.	Break for vendors, raffle ticket sales, book signings
2:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	STEPHEN SCANNIELLO – “A Rose by Any Name” (One CR credit)
3:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Last chance for raffle tickets!
4:00 p.m.	Raffle Drawing
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Social Hour/Cash Bar
6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Awards Banquet, Followed by Yankee District Awards Photo Contest Winners, and Rose Auction
10:00 p.m. - whenever	Hospitality room open

SUNDAY, APRIL 3RD

9:30 a.m.	Yankee District Business Meeting
11:00 a.m.	Checkout

Convention Registration

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DEADLINE: MARCH 18TH

Name(s) _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Society Affiliation: _____

Registration Fee _____ x \$40 each = \$ _____

Late Registration Fee (after March 18) _____ x \$45 each = \$ _____

Luncheon Buffet (presentation on Buck Roses) – Limited to first 50 people

Buffet includes: soup, Hot BBQ Chicken Wraps, Hot Vegan Wraps

Grilled Steak Caesar Salad Wraps, Dessert & Beverages.

_____ x \$20 each = \$ _____

Awards Dinner Buffet

Buffet includes Chicken Cordon Bleu, Baked Stuffed Sole Newburg

Braised Boneless Short Ribs, Soup, Mashed Potatoes, Rice

Vegetables, Dessert & Beverages

_____ x \$35 each = \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Send Registration Form and Check made payable to:

ARS Yankee District Convention

C/o Cindy Ehrenreich

3780 Main Street, Barnstable, MA 02630

Please indicate if vegetarian or gluten free alternative meals are needed.

No refunds after March 18th.

For more information, contact Convention Co-Chairs, Irwin & Cindy Ehrenreich
at (508) 362-9296 or by email - theroseman@operamail.com

Yankee District Convention Rose Show in Photographs April 2, 2016

GENERAL RULES

1. Exhibitors must be registered for the convention.
2. Exhibitors can be a member of any rose society or the American Rose Society.
3. Entries will be accepted up to 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 2, 2016.
4. Entries will be placed by the committee.
5. Judging will start at 9:15 a.m. The decision of the judges is final.
6. Entries can be removed by the exhibitor after the convention banquet.
7. Exhibitors can enter up to three entries in each class but can enter as many classes as desired. A photo may not be entered more than once.
8. All photographs must be the work of the photographer and must be the work of a single photographer.
9. Photographs may be digital or film; digital or darkroom enhancements are allowed.
10. Photographs must be in color except for the Creative Arts class where color, black and white or combinations are allowed.
11. Photographs can be no smaller than 8"x 10" or no larger than 8 ½ "x 11".
12. Each entry must be in a protective plastic sleeve provided by the exhibitor.
13. Each entry must have a properly completed entry tag (same as rose show).
14. The entry tag is to be folded and paper clipped to the top left front corner of the photo.
15. ARS exhibition names are to be used.
16. Entry tags and paper clips will be available at the registration desk.
17. First, Second and Third place or no award may be awarded.
18. Best of each class will be chosen from the first place awards, and a Queen, King and Princess will be awarded from the best in class winners.

Rose Show in Photographs continued

CRITERIA FOR JUDGING

Specific Class Conformance - 50 points

Adhering to the requirements of the class descriptions

Composition - 25 points

Includes point of interest, balance, contrast, and viewpoint

Technique - 10 points

Correct exposure, sharp focus of the main subject, and other technical issues

Distinction - 15 points

What makes the photograph unique and over others in its class

SCHEDULE

CLASS 1 – MOST PERFECT STAGE

A photo of one bloom of a hybrid tea, grandiflora, floribunda, miniflora or miniature at its most perfect stage; no side buds permitted.

CLASS 2 – SPRAYS

A photo of one spray of two or more blooms of a hybrid tea, grandiflora, floribunda, miniflora, miniature, or polyantha.

CLASS 3 – ONE BLOOM OR SPRAY

A photo of one bloom or spray of two or more blooms of any old garden rose, shrub, or climber.

CLASS 4 – FULLY OPEN

A photo of one fully open rose of any variety including singles with stamens showing.

CLASS 5 – GARDEN

A photo of a garden with the primary subject being the rose.

CLASS 6 – NOVICE

A photo taken of one bloom or spray of two or more blooms of any variety. Entrance into this category is reserved for any exhibitor who has not won 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place at any local, district, or national show.

Class 7 – DIGITAL ROSE ART

A photo taken of any variety of rose and has been digitally enhanced to be presented as rose art.

Class 8 – JUDGES ONLY

A photo of any variety of roses, or a garden with the primary subject the roses.



The Anderson Rose Garden A Jewel Reborn by Andy Vanable & Karla Bassler

Small-town America is dotted with thousands of small garden oases planted in bygone times to honor loved ones, our war heroes, past civic and community leaders, and any number of other worthy people. These garden oases are often forgotten and neglected in time, once budget realities and sponsors change or move on to newer and “better” projects. Many of us know of these gardens of old, the “ones that used to be there” . . . and now, when you visit these special places from our past, you discover that the once mighty garden is now no longer with us. And, in its place is something completely unexpected that, at times, can be horrifying. Our community rose gardens are definitely not exempt from this neglect, and it is refreshing and rewarding to discover a community and its citizens revitalizing its past, to make way for its future.

The Anderson Rose Garden in Attleboro was well on track to becoming a ghost of its former self, when the Attleboro Garden Club and the Attleboro Parks Department created a three-year, joint venture to restore the garden to its former glory. Land for the garden was originally donated in 1952 by former Attleboro Park Commissioner, Edward L. Anderson, and became part of the 40-acre Capron Park. The garden was planted in 1955 and was



The Anderson Rose Garden, fully restored with sustainable roses, celebrates its 60th Anniversary in June, 2015

Anderson Rose Garden continued

Attleboro Garden Club members begin the process of replanting the Anderson Rose Garden with sustainable roses in April, 2013



one of the most beautiful rose gardens in the region. But, over time, the garden had deteriorated to a worn-out and tired rose garden that was planted with old, outdated roses that were unsuitable for landscape use. While the garden area was well maintained, the roses were not cared for properly. The fate of the Anderson Rose garden could have been like so many other rose gardens across America, but in observance of the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the Incorporation of the City of Attleboro, the members of the Attleboro Garden Club banded together with the Attleboro Parks Department to revitalize the garden to its former glory. Instead of just buying a bunch of new roses and planting them in the garden to replace the old bushes, the Garden



'Double Knock Out' and 'Pink Double Knock Out' roses are planted in the center circle of the garden to create a main focal point



Attleboro Garden Club members celebrate the Anderson Rose Garden's 60th Anniversary in June, 2015 with a tea-party-themed garden morning opening



'Party Hardy,' along with 'The Fairy' and 'Therese Bugnet,' were not replaced during the restoration of the garden

Anderson Rose Garden continued



*Attleboro Garden Club
Civic Beautification Chair
Karla Bassler with
Attleboro Land Trust
President, Ted Leach*



*Attleboro Park and
Forestry Superintendent
Aurelio "Sonny" Almeida
with Debby Leach
Garden Club member
and Attleboro Park
Commissioner*

Club proactively reached out to the Rhode Island Rose Society and two of its founding members, Mike and Angelina Chute to help them research the best varieties to use and to learn the proper techniques for planning a modern landscape rose garden. Through Mike and Angelina's guidance, along with careful research, the garden underwent its three-year transformation that ended with one of Southern New England's largest public sustainable rose gardens.

Attleboro now has a showplace garden full of beautiful roses that is the envy of small towns across the country. And, this all wouldn't have been possible without the dedication, hard work, and cooperation of local consulting rosarians, rose societies, garden club members, city



*Attleboro Garden Club Co-Chair of the
Anderson Rose Garden restoration
Lee Ghazil*

officials and employees, civic leaders, and dedicated rose enthusiasts willing to support the efforts to remake the garden into the showplace that it now is. And, these efforts aren't going unrecognized. In 2015 the Attleboro Garden Club was awarded the President's Bowl from the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts and the 2015 Virginia Thurston Civic Development Grant from the New England Region of Garden Clubs. If you haven't already made plans, you should make the effort to see the garden in full bloom this upcoming June. You won't be disappointed.



John P. Mattia
2015 Recipient of the Guy Blake Hedrick Award
by Marci Martin

*Reprinted from the September/October 2015 American Rose
published by the American Rose Society*

John P. Mattia, a true friend of roses and rosarians alike, will be receiving the coveted Hedrick Award at the Syracuse National Convention in September. This award recognizes outstanding rose exhibitors who display the highest levels of excellence, integrity, and respect for the ideals of showing roses typified by Blake Hedrick, during his long career as a rosarian. It is meant to be a lifetime achievement award for an exhibitor, or a team of exhibitors, who have had success at the national, district, and local levels. The recipient must also have been a model in sharing his knowledge in growing championship roses.

John remembers how his exhibiting career began. He had been growing roses since June of 1965 when he and his wife, Gerry, were new homeowners in Orange, Connecticut. His rose garden began with a 'Peace' rose given to him as a gift from his brother. As the years flew

by, he added more roses until June of 1976 when he and Gerry drove to Boston to see what the New England Rose Society (NERS) Rose Show was all about. As he looked at the roses on display, he thought to himself, "Hmm. My roses look as good as these!" He joined NERS that day. At that time, John had 39 roses in his garden, and nine of them were the standard of beauty at the time, 'First Prize.' Even then, as a new rosarian, form was the most important aspect of roses for John. He had a natural eye for beauty.

John's first exhibiting experience was at the New England show in June of 1978. He groomed his roses and placed them on the tables. When he reentered the room with his companions after the judges were finished, he discovered that one of his roses, 'Aquarius,' was missing! He found it on the head table in the Court. He also won Best Novice for his entry, 'Peace.' He was excited, and he

Guy Blake Hedrick Award continued

was hooked on exhibiting!

His next experience was the Fall National in Boston. He couldn't believe the quality of the roses and their tremendous bloom size! One rose in particular stood out for him – 'Admiral Rodney,' which happened to be Louise and Tom Coleman's entry. Guess what the next rose in John's garden was? Right! 'Admiral Rodney'! At the time of this convention, John had been a member of ARS for seven or eight years. When he got home, he reread each and every *American Rose* from cover to cover. He was so impressed with the beauty of Louise Coleman's roses and her grooming skills, that he contacted her to ask for her assistance. Louise wrote him back a ten-page letter which became John's "Rose Bible." He has kept this letter for all these years and still considers Louise a legend in rose circles. Louise is on John's lifetime friendship list.

By 1980, John and a bunch of other rosarians who had been traveling to Massachusetts for New England meetings decided to form the Connecticut Rose Society. These folks are well-known in the Connecticut Rose Society today – Mike and Donna Fuss, John and Gerry Mattia, Dave and June Berg, Dave and Dorothy Ciak, Nancy Mixer, and Wally and Marty Parsons. The Connecticut Rose Society had their first rose show in June of 1981, and John instantly became everyone's mentor. To this day, he is still asked to host meetings on grooming roses for the upcoming show.

John started traveling with and without roses to district and national shows all over the country. He found that as much as he loved exhibiting his roses, he loved his relationships with rosarians everywhere. He found that even more important than growing roses was growing these rose friendships. In the 1990s he found himself at the Atlanta Convention with friends like Frank Benardella, Blake Hedrick, Clarence Rhodes, Paul Columbo, and Steve Jones. They got talking at breakfast and decided that they should see each other

more often. It was then decided that from that time on, they'd get together for a convention and spend the rest of the week together visiting rose friends' gardens across the countryside. Later on, they were joined by Baldo Villegas and Oz Osborn. They became the Band of Rose Brothers or the Real Rosarian Ramblers.

John hit a streak of success exhibiting in the mid-90s. Over a couple of years, he was awarded eleven straight Queens! This phenomenon occurred at two nationals, four district shows and five local shows. He found himself attending about six rose shows a year at that time. By the way, John's first Queen was 'Admiral Rodney' in 1981. His latest Queen, 'Natasha Monet,' was at the Connecticut Rose Society Show on June 21. Of course, then he swept the court too, but who's counting?

When John was exhibiting with his rose buddies across the country, he constructed himself two rose suitcases. These were aluminum on the outside and styrofoam on the inside. He would put each of his prize winning roses in a florist tube and then strap them into their places in the specially constructed Styrofoam boxes. These suitcases were built to handle the abuse from the baggage handlers at the airport and always arrived at the destination in good shape. He could carry 36 roses with him in this manner – eighteen in each suitcase. If John decided not to exhibit, he would be out on the floor helping other exhibitors groom their roses.

All this exhibiting over the years has led John's eye to photography and most recently, to hybridizing. John is an expert in our rose craft – in every way. He has as many good rose friends in California as he does at home in Connecticut. And then, there are rose friends all over New England, New York, New Jersey, and the rest of the country, as well.

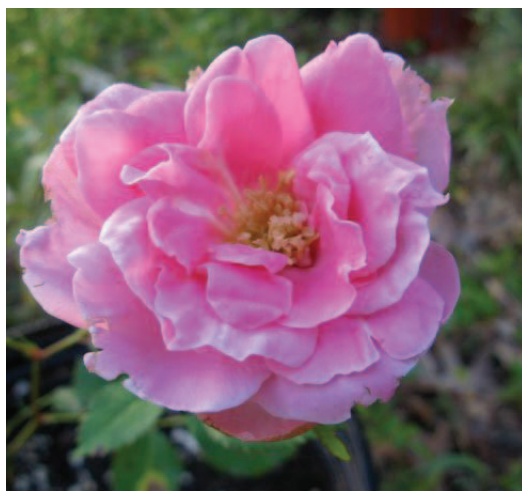
Congratulations, and Bravo, John! This award is so well-deserved, and all of your rose friends are so happy for you! Well done, dear friend!



From the Nursery

By Andy Vanable

A few years ago, about one week before the rose show, my Papa, 'Hannah Gordon,' and my Mama, 'Carefree Beauty' were in bloom. My creator, Alexander Joseph Davidson, V (we call him "Mr. A"), ripped the petals off of one of Papa's beautifully colored blossoms, carefully cut out the anthers and set them out to dry. Mama was just starting to open up one of her bright pink blooms, and voila! Mr. A's choice was clear. Thoughts of hundreds of perfectly colored, bi-colored blossoms, just like Papa, on a disease-resistant plant shaped like Mama were sure to follow. The dirty deed was done, and I was created. The hip with me and my sisters inside, slowly ripened all summer long on Mama. When the cold weather came in November, Mr. A picked the ripened, bright red hip with my sisters and me inside. He prepared us for planting, and planted me along with my sisters, half sisters, and a lot of other seeds from a lot of other mamas and papas.



'Carefree Beauty' x 'Hannah Gordon'

Later, in February, it was my turn to germinate and enter the world. I wasn't the



first seed to germinate that year, but Mr. A sure was happy when I did. He put me in my very own three-inch pot with Sissy. Boy, was it cramped in that little pot. We stayed together down in his cellar under the bright lights in that little pot for two months before we were able to stretch our roots in the great big outdoors. Wow! Was it ever refreshing to be with all of that fresh air and warm sunshine! In a month's time we really grew a lot. We grew so much that Mr. A put us in our very own pots. Really, really, big black ones! Boy, I've never seen him so happy! My sisters and I are his first planned crosses that germinated, and did we ever brighten up his day! I hope I don't disappoint him when I open up. I hope I'm not pink! Anything but pink! Mama says that being pink is bad. Why's that, Mama? You're pink. I like pink roses, Mama.

Sissy is getting a lot bigger than I am. She already has a bud forming on her. You know, she's gonna be the first seedling to bloom this year. Sissy is so big, and healthy, and she has Papa's dark green foliage. I wish I had Papa's dark green foliage, but I have Mama's lighter green

From the Nursery continued

foliage instead. The gals in the nursery are all talking about how big and strong and healthy Sissy is. *They* all say, Mr. A is gonna keep her and not me. And, Sissy hasn't even bloomed yet! I know he's gonna do that. It's just not fair! But, Mama says not to worry. Things will work out for the best.

Well, Sissy bloomed today. Mama says she's a single. She has only five petals, is bi-colored, and what a lovely fragrance she has! Mr. A pressed her first bloom in an old encyclopedia. He does that with all of the first blooms from his seedlings that he likes. He's getting quite a few now. I've got a bud forming on me now. Yaaa Hoooo! It's about time! All of the gals in the nursery are wondering what I'm gonna look like. I hope I'm fragrant like Sissy. I just love fragrant roses. Who knows? Maybe, I'll have a nice, tight spiral with a lot of petals and a good "exhibition" form? Wouldn't that be nice? Or, maybe, I'll be a bi-colored rose like Papa? That's what Mr. A wants me to look like. Maybe, I'll have Papa's wavy edges? Or, Mama's big blooms? I already have Mama's light green foliage, with Papa's long, straight stems. This waiting is just killing me.

My bud is starting to open up today. I peeked this morning. I can see a little color showing through. I see

. . . white! Oh, good. At least I'm not gonna be pink. Whew! That's a relief! Just a few days more, and I'll be open. The gals are really gossiping about me now. They say that if I'm pink, Mr. A is gonna throw me in the compost heap with all of the other rejects. Would he be that cruel? Would he really just throw me away just because I'm pink? Mama told me not to worry.

Well, I'm getting close to opening now. The gals all think I'm gonna open tomorrow. I hope so. I have a lot of white starting to show. Mama says I'm about the size of a miniature rose right now. Yea! I've got a lot of petals. I see a hundred petals! Maybe even a thousand! I'm opening very slowly. Too bad I didn't open up last month. I could have been in the rose show. I just know Mr. A would have liked to enter me. Instead, he entered that goofy-looking, trampy rose from 'Darlow's Enigma.' *She* thinks she's better than everyone else, just because *she* won a blue ribbon at the show. Big deal! *I* can win a blue ribbon. *I* just didn't bloom on time. That's all. I just didn't bloom on time. At least I'm opening really slowly – just like a show rose. I hope I'm a show rose. I really want to be a show rose, then Mr. A will take a picture of me, and plant me next to Auntie 'Earth Song,' and keep me forever and ever and ever. I know he just can't wait to see me!



'Hannah Gordon'



'Carefree Beauty'

From the Nursery continued

Well, the gals are all laughing at me. I opened up really early this morning, and boy, is Mr. A mad. He missed my “exhibition” stage, and I went from being open just a little bit, to wide open before dawn. And, I’m pink! Yeah, that’s right, pink! Ya’ hear that girls . . . I’m pink! Ha-Ha-Ha-Ha-Ha!! I guess that means the compost heap for me. Mama tells me she thinks I’m really pretty and cute and all that stuff, but I don’t know. The gals all say differently. Hey, wait a minute . . . what’s this? Mr. A took a picture of me? And, he’s clipping my first bloom and pressing it? Hey, that tickles. Do it again! And look, he even put me with the other gals back in the nursery? I hear you girls. I’m not deaf! I know you’re all talking about me. *They* all think I’m going to end up on the compost heap. Even that little trampy show queen from 'Darlow’s Enigma.' But, Mama says differently. She says Mr. A is gonna keep me for now. She says that he likes my wavy petals and good disease resistance. He’s willing to give me another chance. Mama says I better not blow it.

All summer long, I’ve been growing really slowly. It’s almost Labor Day. I’ve got two more buds on me. Mr. A has been a little disappointed in me. Some of my leaves got some blackspot, turned yellow, and fell off. He says that if I don’t show him something really special, he



'Carefree Beauty' x 'Hannah Gordon' – “Sissy”

gonna put an end to it all. Mama says I better do what he says! But how, Mama? How, do I show him something special? You already told me I was pretty, didn’t you?

Sissy is over two feet high now, and getting even bigger! Mr. A has her already trying to set some seeds! He even planted her in the ground next to Mama! Imagine that. She was only a seed a few months ago, and now she’s already planted in the garden? Mama, I want to get planted in the ground next to you, or Papa, or Grandma 'Applejack,' or somewhere in the garden! I want to get planted in the garden just like Sissy. I want to be planted somewhere. Anywhere, other than in this big, old, black pot I’m in. Pretty soon my buds will open up, and I’ll show everyone that I should be planted in the garden. I’ll show you all. Then I’ll be put in the ground right there next to Mama. You’ll see! I can see my buds opening now. Here they come. Laugh if you want, but there are lots and lots of petals! I see them! A lot more than any of you gals have! Yea, they’re pink, but that doesn’t matter, because I’ve got a good “exhibition” form! I know it! You’ll see!!!!

Well . . . the gals are all laughing at me again. I opened up my buds this morning, and Mr. A caught my “exhibition” stage. He told everyone that I wasn’t worthy of a place in the ground. That’s right, girls – “Not worthy of a spot in the garden.” He said I have no center, blackspot issues, very little fragrance, and no vigor. I’m just another pink rose. Ya’ hear that girls? I’m “just another pink rose.” He



“Show Queen” from 'Darlow’s Enigma'

From the Nursery continued

put me next to the compost heap, but hasn't put me in. Mama says, he's waiting to see if I set seed. Hmmm . . . setting seed. I could do that! That's it, Mama! I can set seed. Just like you! I can have seedlings of my own. We can both live forever and ever and ever in the garden. We can set seed together for generations and generations of rose-lovers by creating new roses for years and years and years. *I can be a mama rose just like you!*



*VANadebbie in the Memorial Garden
at Saint Martin's Church*

Well, the hips on me turned black and fell off. I tried and tried, but they just didn't stay on. Sissy has two hips that are starting to get big and plump and they're even starting to turn red. I don't know how she does it? I can see Mr. A in the distance. He's tending to Sissy. He's getting her ready for the winter. He likes what he sees. That's great! He's in a good mood. It's time for me to get ready for winter. The gals have all stopped laughing at me. Mr. A did his annual walkthrough and culling of seedlings at the end of the season, and he skipped right by me. Many of the other gals are in the compost heap now. *They* thought they were going to be here another year, but Mr. A didn't keep them. Even that show queen from 'Darlow's Enigma' isn't here any more. I wonder where *she* is? Winter is almost here. It's time to get ready to go to sleep. I'm next. At least, I know I'm gonna be here next year. Mr. A is gonna put me to bed now! Both Sissy and I are gonna be kept for the winter. Mama's really happy. Papa is really proud of us. Hey look! It's Mr. A! And, he's coming towards me. I guess it's time to say goodnight and tuck me in for the winter. Here I am Mr. A! It's bed-e-bye time! I'm over here! But, wait, what's this? He's taking me out of my pot! He's picking

me up by my canes? Stop! Mr. A! That hurts! You'll break my canes! Put me back! Mr. A? Why are you shaking the dirt off of my roots? Papa? What's happening to me, Papa? Mama? What's Creator doing? MAMA? M-A-M-M-A-A-A-A-A-A-A-A-A-A?

As we look out in our gardens, we see all of the beautiful and colorful roses we have growing there. More often than not, we never really consider what happens behind the scenes at the nurseries before a rose is introduced. When a new rose is chosen to be introduced, it is usually only one of only a very select few that are chosen among the thousands of seedlings produced every year. The fate of 99.9% of the seedlings raised each year is usually the compost heap. Hybridizers must make the monumental decision of which one of their "babies" is to be kept, and which ones have to be discarded. We would love to keep them all, but there simply just isn't enough time or resources to do that. Seedlings that have disease issues are just simply discarded, no matter how pretty, or fragrant, or novel they may be. Many seedlings end up in the compost heap because they aren't what the hybridizer was expecting with his/her crosses. Many, many, more end up in the compost heap simply because they are pink.

New England Rose Society “The Beginnings”

By Marlene Norton, a NERS member since 1972

Reprinted from *New England Rose Petals*

Edited by Audrey Osborn

The early history of the New England Rose Society started June 17, 1939 at the New York World's Fair. A small group of American Rose Society members, George Sweetser, Edwin Steffek, Mrs. Harriet Foote, Alexander Cummins, and others, had an impromptu meeting on the Jackson & Perkins Garden Terrace. A discussion arose that regional and local groups could augment “the national scope of the ARS.” The groups’ purpose could be to share their love of roses, and to help one another with the culture of roses and develop camaraderie in this group setting.

Potentially each state could develop their own rose society or perhaps even more local groups could exist in the same state, reducing traveling long distances to meeting sites. On July 12, 1939, a group organized by E.A. Pieter met at the New Haven Agricultural Experimental Station. It was thought that the Connecticut Rose Society (CRS) would be the first to form a group. But, further meetings numbered too few people and interest lagged and the CRS did not form.

George Sweetser of Massachusetts organized a meeting in January or February, 1940 followed by a second meeting at the Massachusetts Horticultural Society (MHS) Spring Show on March 15, 1940. With twenty-four people attending, the NERS was officially organized and those present were charter members. The first elected officers were: George Sweetser, President; Rupert Neilly from Maine, Vice President; Everett A.

Piester from Connecticut, Secretary-Treasurer. Five directors were from all the New England States except Massachusetts.

A NERS *Bulletin* of two to three pages was started. The practice of visiting rose gardens was started by three members extending invitations. It was decided to have three meetings yearly, March, June, and October. The first rose exhibition was at the MHS Boston Massachusetts Flower Show on June 17-18, 1942. The MHS gave the NERS its first bronze medal.

One of the World War II activities of the NERS membership was to bring cut roses from their gardens to soldiers in local hospitals.

Over the years, the NERS grew to 133 members in 1944. Of note, Robert Pyle of Conrad Pyle Company was a guest at the annual meeting on March 10, 1945. For almost a decade, the NERS joined with other societies to have their rose shows (such as the American Delphinium Society at MHS). The NERS *Bulletin* was now commercially published, which prompted yearly dues to go from one dollar to two dollars!

In September 1949, the NERS first exhibited roses at the Topsfield Fair in Topsfield, Massachusetts. It is not noted each year where other rose shows were held. The first show mentioned is the June 20-21, 1955 NERS Rose Show. There were 212 entries by forty-five members. It is not known where this took place.

NERS Beginnings continued

The March meeting became Founders' Day Luncheon and meeting. It was held in March every year. Between 1958 and 1972 Founders' Day was changed to October. The other regular meetings fluctuated from place to place, and state to state. Hotel Gardner, Boston, was also a preferred place for meetings. Karl Jones' gardens in Barrington, Rhode Island, were a favorite meeting place, well into the 1970's. A favorite place for the NERS rose shows was Horticultural Hall in Boston.

The Bulletin changed in the 1950s from sheets stapled together to booklet form. In August 1979, a committee chose to change the name of *The Bulletin* to the *New England Rosarian*.

This is just a glimpse into the early history of the NERS. No information could be found on any special events celebrating the NERS's 50th Anniversary year. Yet, it must have been a rich year, as membership was climbing and the sharing of rose culture information took on more expertise for all of its members.

Source: *The New England Rosarian*, August 1972. Published by NERS.

Personal Notes

I joined the New England Rose Society in June of 1972, because my mother and I went to the Burlington Massachusetts mall to shop. We were entranced by the New England Rose Society Rose Show. All the history noted in this article is from my first NERS booklet, published in August of 1972. It wasn't an anniversary year but foresighted, Everett A. Piester and George Greenlaw, saw the need to keep up our history. In 1972, the NERS was indeed one of the oldest active rose societies, and we are still active on our 75th Anniversary, with Founders Day on October 17, 2015.

George Doorakian, a New England Rose Society member since 1967, was especially noted in this 1972 edition "for his Herculean effort in the construction of a rose garden of unsurprising beauty." George received a Gold Medal from MHS and a Gold Medal certificate from ARS for this display of 250 potted rose bushes of 'Peace' and 'Chrysler Imperial,' all in full bloom. At the Yankee District ARS Convention in Brewster, Massachusetts (March 2015) George, still an active member, was the recipient of the Master Rosarian/Consulting Rosarian Emeritus Award and the coveted ARS Silver Medal for his many rose accomplishments throughout the years. George is a professional daylily hybridizer with many commercial interactions.

I already was growing roses, having gotten the bug from my grandmother, who grew such roses as 'Pinocchio' and 'Seven Sisters.' The house I have lived in since 1961 came with two sub zero, Brownell climbers, planted in 1959. Their names are lost to history. One died in 1986 – a fatality due to a kitchen expansion. The other one graces my house front at the age of fifty-six years old. And I am still growing roses – all these years later!



'New Dawn'
Photo: Biing Lee

Rose Rosette Disease: A Problem New England Rose Gardeners Can No Longer Ignore

By Don Galbreath

Rose Rosette Disease (RRD) is one of the most devastating diseases of roses. It's contagious, and caused by a virus. Symptoms often develop within three months of exposure. It's usually fatal in two to five years.

There is no cure.

RRD is spread by a microscopic eriophyid mite that can float long distances in the breeze. It often has a long latent period – symptoms often develop within three months of exposure, but in some cases, can take up to a year to start.

RRD has no hosts outside the genus *Rosa*. All rose hybrids and most species are susceptible. There are native rose species that show some resistance/tolerance to RRD, but it will be more than a decade before we have resistant/tolerant hybrid roses in our gardens.

RRD was first described in 1941, in Manitoba, Wyoming, and California, on ornamental roses and on the native *R. woodsii*. It appears to be endemic – native to North America. The widespread planting of the invasive multiflora rose in the 1930's set the stage for the emergence and spread of RRD as a threat to cultivated roses. Multiflora rose is highly susceptible to RRD and infected plants serve as a Typhoid Mary, a reservoir for the virus and the mite that carries it.

Ever since its discovery, RRD has been spreading steadily south and east. It was found in Nebraska in 1961, Kansas in 1976, Missouri in 1978, and Kentucky and Indiana in 1986. By 1994, it had reached as far east as Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and West Virginia. It has recently been officially reported in the New York Botanical Garden. For over a decade, New England rosarians have occasionally observed plants with

symptoms that look like RRD. Its presence in Connecticut was confirmed in 2014, and in Rhode Island in 2015.

What do RRD symptoms look like?

It will vary with the cultivar/species, time of year, and stage of growth. It often looks much like herbicide damage. It can also be confused with other viral diseases. RRD typically begins on one growing point (if transmitted by a single mite). Earliest symptoms can include:

- More red pigment than usual in new growth, both stems and leaves
- Increased vegetative growth
- Distorted, crinkled, more brittle leaves, with longer, narrower leaflets

Later symptoms that may develop over time include:

- Thickened, more succulent stems
- Leaves smaller than usual
- Markedly more prickles
- Shortened internodes
- Masses of small flower buds that don't open
- Witches' broom – a prolific clustering of small shoots
- Decreased winter hardiness
- Increased susceptibility to other diseases

A websearch for images of Rose Rosette Disease will give you a better notion of how to spot this disease.

Over time, the virus spreads (without necessarily showing symptoms) down through the cane to the graft and then up into the other canes.

Can RRD be spread by grafting?

Yes.

Rose Rosette Disease continued

Can RRD be spread by pruning?

In controlled experiments, it's been shown to occur, but only at a very low rate.

Should we worry about the transmission of RRD through roots underground, or from pieces of dead root left after removal of infected plants?

The disease is not soil-borne, and the virus does not persist in dead rose tissue, but it may persist in any living roots left in the soil after removal of infected plants. All regrowth from live roots left after removal should be removed and destroyed.

Are miticides a good countermeasure?

The use of miticides alone has not controlled the transmission of this disease with any consistency. It's important to know that the only known predators of the vector mite are other mites. That means that miticide use might, in the long term, only make a bad situation worse. Note also that most miticides recommended for spider mites do not affect the eriophyid mites that transmit RRD.

How can RRD arrive in your garden?

- 1) by infected mites blown in the garden
- 2) by newly purchased plants that are infected

It has been shown that windbreaks protecting a rose garden from the prevailing winds can reduce the influx of RRD by windblown mites. Critical mite transmission occurs mainly in May and June.

Mark Wyndham reports that the major growers have found RRD on the plants they propagate. It may enter our gardens on the commercially propagated plants we buy. There is no cheap or swift test for asymptomatic plants. Current tests cost over \$200.00, and results can take a week or more. Testing is offered by the USDA extension services free of charge.

What can we do to help protect ourselves from this growing threat to New England roses?

- 1) Become familiar with the symptoms of RRD, and monitor your roses at least weekly.
- 2) Look out for symptomatic plants when you're in the nursery or on garden visits, and tactfully point them out to the owner.
- 3) Photograph putative new cases and send with an inquiry (and preferably a sample) to your local USDA Extension agent – URI, U Mass Amherst, or U Conn Storrs. The best sample is a symptomatic shoot 6-12" long, preferably with flower buds, enclosed with some dry newspaper or paper towel in a sealed plastic bag. Refrigerate until it can be delivered.

I can't stress too strongly the importance of measure three. Preventing the spread of RRD on commercial purchases is impossible until there's a quick cheap test for asymptomatic plants. The funds for developing such a test won't be forthcoming until the USDA can present accurate statistics on RRD's prevalence and spread.

- 4) If you catch your rose when symptoms first appear, and the affected cane is cut down to the graft, you may have a 50:50 chance of saving the bush. Seal the debris in plastic bags immediately before moving it through your garden – the mites begin to jump ship minutes after the cut is made.

The more prudent measure (and the one that's now generally recommended), is to remove the entire bush, being careful to dig out all living roots. Take photos and act promptly. Save a sample in a plastic bag and call your USDA extension office.

- 5) Dispose of debris in landfill. Do not compost or put it out with yard waste.
- 6) In controlled tests, mechanical transmission has been low. If you're worried, you can disinfect your pruning tools between cuts with lysol or rubbing alcohol, if RRD is present in your garden. (Bleach corrodes metal and should never be used on pruning tools.)

Rose Rosette Disease continued

- 7) Space your roses so they don't touch, to slow the spread of mites from one plant to the next. The mites have no wings and move actively by crawling. Mixing roses with other ornamentals can slow transmission of the disease.
- 8) Work with your neighbors to eliminate wild multiflora rose from your neighborhood. At the very least, eradicate this pest within a hundred yards of your garden, and especially in the direction your prevailing winds come from.
- 9) Establish windbreaks like fences and hedges, or even an upwind row of tall ornamental grasses, which can help prevent spread by air-borne mites.
- 10) Talk about this newly urgent issue with other rose growers.
- 11) Write your elected federal officials about funding for developing a quick cheap RRD test.

To report new cases of RRD:

URI USDA Extension (401) 874-2791

U Mass USDA Extension: Nick Brazee (413) 545-2826

U Con USDA Extension: (860) 486-9228

Further reading:

http://www.newenglandgrows.org/pdfs/ho_WindhamRoseRosette.pdf

http://www2.ca.uky.edu/agcollege/plantpathology/ext_files/PPFShtml/PPFS-OR-W-16.pdf

<http://www.houstonrose.org/rrdam815.pdf>

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/cfiv/homeowners/120517.html>

<http://pods.dasnr.okstate.edu/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-9207/EPP-7329web.pdf>

<http://www.aces.edu/home-garden/lawn-garden/pests/documents/RoseRosetteDisease-Jacobi.pdf>

<http://www.conngardener.com/images/RRDforWeb.pdf>

The author is acutely aware that some of the recommendations presented here may differ from those commonly offered to rosarians.

This article was based on the information given in a talk presented on February 6, 2014 at New England Grows by Mark Windham, Ph. D., Distinguished Professor of Ornamental Pathology, University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Dr. Windham's work is on the forefront of research on RRD.



*Rose Rosette Disease
on R. multiflora
Smithfield, Rhode Island*

Photo: Andy Vanable

The Daylily 'Teresa A. Mosher'

by George A. Doorakian



'Teresa A. Mosher'

You all know Teresa A. Mosher, as the Rosarian extraordinaire, President of The New England Rose Society (NERS) and Consulting Rosarian and Horticultural Judge of The American Rose Society (ARS). I consider Teresa, The CEO of NERS, who spends countless hours planning meetings, programs, with no stone unturned, so that each event turns out perfectly. I have only known Teresa for exactly one year, and I am very impressed with her devotion to NERS, as a volunteer. I first met Teresa at "The Hopkins" open garden in August, 2014 and she asked if I would consider being interviewed for inclusion in a new Rose Book she was planning to publish in the future. The following week, at my Bedford, Massachusetts home, I was interviewed, and we discussed my lifetime membership with NERS. Also, I was asked to change my current inactive NERS status to an active membership and participate in monthly meetings. I explained that I was still very active in promoting new memberships for ARS and was continuing my National role as a Master/Consulting Rosarian. I asked Teresa to investigate my current status with ARS which she agreed to do. A month later, Teresa informed me that ARS requested that I accept the title of "Emeritus" and this certificate would be presented to me at the ARS

Yankee District Convention in the early Spring of 2015 in Brewster, Massachusetts. I attended this Convention and accepted this certificate and much to my surprise, I was also awarded the coveted ARS Silver Honor Medal, recognizing my past contributions with ARS and the NERS.

Since I am a professional daylily hybridizer with The American Hemerocallis Society (AHS), I decided to thank Teresa for extending herself beyond her normal responsibilities as the NERS president, by registering one of my daylily (Hemerocallis) seedlings with the cultivar name, 'Teresa A. Mosher.' This distinctive dormant daylily, as a mature clump, produces flowering scapes of 34" height, with a bud count of twenty-two. The 4.75" diameter flower has a yellow to green throat, eyezone is light gray and light pink with light purple red veining with medium light purple red lipstick patterned edging, onto light pink grayish ruffled petals and light pink sepals. The photograph above describes the flower very accurately. Currently, it can be also be viewed on <http://www.noreastdaylilies.com>.

Thank you Teresa, I hope you love your namesake.

News From Around the District



ARS Bronze Award for Outstanding Service to a Local Society

The highest honor that can be bestowed by a local society to one of its members is the Bronze Award. Since July, the Rhode Island Rose Society and the New England Rose Society both have given out this most prestigious award to two of their most deserving members. Congratulations, Frank and George.



Photo: Chu Jung

New England Rose Society
George Doorakian with Yankee District
Director, Craig Dorschel



Photo: Andy Vanable

Rhode Island Rose Society
Frank Karikas with Rhode Island Rose Society
President, Rachele Desrochers

Bits and Pieces

Wally Parsons has retired from being a CR, and he is now a Consulting Rosarian Emeritus. Thank you, Wally, for all of your expert advise helping others grow and show better roses throughout the years!

Marci Martin (article on our own John Mattia and his journey on showing roses – see page 23) and **John Mattia** (article on the origin of the newly-introduced 'Maid Marion' rose by David Austin Roses) both had articles published in the September/October issue of

the *American Rose* magazine. John Mattia also wrote another article about showing roses that was printed in the January/February issue of the *American Rose*. **Craig Dorschel** wrote an article about his journey in roses that was published in the 2015 *Annual*. Congratulations, all! It is such a great honor to have your stories appear in these prestigious publications, and share your knowledge and love of roses with the world.



Photo: Chu Jung

Keynote Speaker, Peggy Martin

New England Rose Society 75th Celebration



NERS Bronze Award Recipients in Attendance



Photo: Chu Jung

ARS President, Pat Shanley, Presents
NERS President, Teresa Mosher, with
Presidential Citation for the NERS

On October 17, 2015, the members of the New England Rose Society welcomed, ARS President, Pat Shanley, Peggy Martin, noted rosarians from around the region, along with their guests, friends, and family, and celebrated 75 years of growing and sharing roses in New England. Keynote speaker, Peggy Martin, dedicated rose enthusiast and discoverer of the "Peggy Martin Rose," spoke about her and her family's Louisiana gardens before and after the great floods



Photo: Victoria Palmer-Erbs

NERS Consulting Rosarians in Attendance



Photo: Chu Jung

George Doorakian with NERS President
Teresa Mosher Announcing the Introduction
of the 'Teresa A. Mosher' Daylily

NERS 75th Celebration continued

Photo: Chu Jung



Sandy and Dave Long (ARS Region 0 Director)

that destroyed them, the loss of close family members and friends, and the discovery and re-introduction of the "Peggy Martin Rose" in the aftermath of the great storm. ARS President, Pat Shanley, presented the New England Rose Society with a Presidential Citation for all of the Society's accomplishments throughout the 75 years of existence. George Doorakian spoke about the history of the society, unveiled his latest creation, the 'Teresa



NERS Past President, Lee MacNeil



Joe and Ann Gibson (New York District Director) with Past ARS Region 0 Director, Clarence Rhodes



Colin Browning with Cynthia Fraser



Linda Freda with Paula Doorakian



Oz and Audrey Osborn (NERS Newsletter Editor)



Barbara Leduc



Ellie Boucher with Irwin Ehrenreich

NERS 75th Celebration continued



Chu Jung with Victoria Palmer-Erbs



Belva and Frank Hopkins



John and Janet Arthur



Jeannette and Hugh Danehy

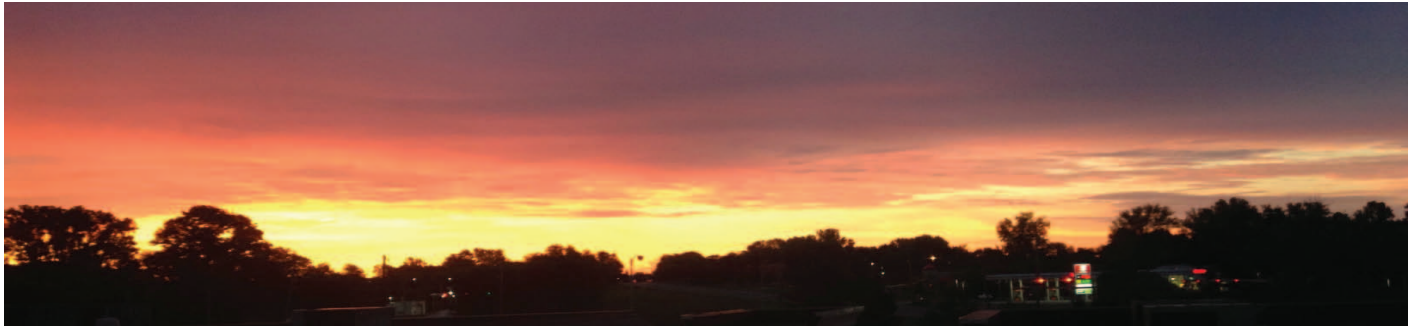
A. Mosher' daylilly (his 2017 introduction), and was awarded the NERS Lifetime Achievement Award and the Bronze Award for outstanding service to the American Rose Society and the New England Rose Society. Past presidents, judges, consulting rosarians, Bronze Award recipients of the NERS were honored for their hard work and dedication to the ARS, the Yankee District, and the New England Rose Society. A great time was had by all, and was concluded by a huge raffle of great rosy-related items donated by NERS members, family, friends, as well as local, regional, and national businesses and organizations.



George Doorakian with Sharon O'Connor



Cindy and Irwin Ehrenreich with Jean DiVincenzo



2015 Fall National Syracuse, New York

The 2016 Fall National was held in Syracuse, New York on September 10-13, 2015. This was a combined three-district National Convention with the Yew York, Penn-Jersey, and Yankee Districts all having a combined three-district/national show and convention. The Yankee District was well represented with many district members in attendance. John Mattia was one of the speakers at the convention, and discussed the finer points of taking better pictures of your roses. Our own District Director, Craig Dorschel was the rose show chairman, and Teresa Mosher and Andy Vanable judged the horticultural section of the show. Attendees renewed



Dave Byrne



Thomas Proll



Alain Meilland



A Conversation with Will Radler

2015 Fall National continued



*Dave Long, Jean DiVincenzo, Teresa Mosher
Jeannette Danehy and Audrey Osborn*

old friendships, created new ones, and were treated to a variety of speakers on numerous subjects on the growing and enjoyment of the rose.

Hybridizers and hybridizing roses we discussed at many of the sessions, with such notable amateur and professional hybridizers such as Jim Sproul, Michael Marriott, Alain Meilland, Thomas Proll, and Will Radner (creator of the famous 'Knock Out' rose). Yankee District members did extremely well in the photography and horticultural divisions of the show. John Mattia won six of the eleven classes available to non-novice exhibitors including Queen of Photography - 'Vielchenblau,' King of Photography - 'Hot Princess' along with Best in Classes One Spray - 'Gemini,' Fully-Open Bloom - 'The Imposter,' Macro Photography - Boothe Park Rose Garden, and Public Rose Garden - Boothe Park Rose Garden. Cindy Ehrenreich won



Teresa Mosher with Will Radler



Pat Shanley with John Mattia



Oz Osborn with Pat Shanley



Jacqui Nye

2015 Fall National continued



*Queen of Photography - 'Vielchenblau'
Exhibited by John Mattia*

Princess of Photography - Skirvin Rose Garden, and, Jacqui Nye received the Best in Class in Budding Photographer and Rose Art - 'Hot Cocoa.'

In the Horticultural Division, Dorothy and Dave Ciak won Miniflora King for their entry of 'Shawn Sease,' and the Yankee District Ben Williams Trophy with 'Double Take,' 'Patron,' 'Shawn Sease,' 'Baldo Villegas,' and 'Foolish Pleasure.' Audrey and Oz Osborn won the Best in Class in the Miniflora Cycle of Bloom with their entry of 'Ready.'

During the dinner on Saturday night, our Region 0 Director, Dave Long; District Director, Craig Dorschel, Vice President, Bob Martin; and President, Pat Shanley, were all sworn in for their new terms.



*Princess of Photography - Skirvin Rose Garden
Exhibited by Cindy Ehrenreich*



*King of Photography - 'Hot Princess'
Exhibited by John Mattia*



*Miniflora King, 'Shawn Sease'
Exhibited by
Dave and Dorothy Ciak*



*Yankee District Ben Williams Trophy
Exhibited by Dave and Dorothy Ciak*

2015 Fall National continued

District Director, and show Chair, Craig Dorschel, received a Presidential Citation from outgoing ARS president, Jolene Adams, for all of his hard work on the ARS Board and the Syracuse Convention and show. John Mattia received the Guy Blake Hedrick Award for excellence in exhibiting.

The weekend concluded with many attendees visiting the acclaimed E.M. Mills Rose Garden. The garden was not at peak bloom, but its full beauty is clear to see.

A special Thank You! needs to be extended to all of the people in all three of the participating districts who gave so much to make this event possible. Congratulations need to be extended to John and his well-deserved award (you earned it), and all of the other rose show award recipients. Job Well Done everybody!



John Mattia with Bob Martin



Best in Class in Budding Photographer and Rose Art - 'Hot Cocoa.' Exhibited by Jacqui Nye



District Directors being sworn in for a new term



Region Directors being sworn in for a new term



Yankee District members in Hospitality Room taking "selfies"



E.M. Mills Rose Garden



Connecticut Rose Society Upcoming Program Information

Sunday, March 6, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.

Congregational Church of Plainville
130 West Main Street Plainville, Connecticut

*Sarah Miller an expert in pesticide management will present a program on pesticide safety and the organic alternative. (One Chemical CR Credit)

Friday - Sunday April 1st - 3rd 2016

Yankee District 2016 Spring Convention

Hosted by the Rhode Island Rose Society

The Mainstay Hotel and Conference Center
151 Admiral Kalbfus Road, Newport, Rhode Island

Sunday, April 10, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.

Congregational Church of Plainville
130 West Main Street Plainville, Connecticut

ROSE AUCTION

Small group format pruning demo and opening the garden

Sunday, June 19

Connecticut Rose Society 35th Annual Rose Show

Pond House in Elizabeth Park
East Hartford, Connecticut

Friday - Sunday, September 9th - 11th 2016

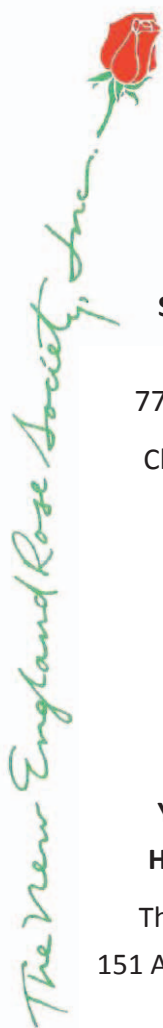
Yankee District Rose Show and Lobster

Fest Weekend

Cultural Center of Cape Cod
307 Old Main Street, South Yarmouth, Massachusetts



New England Rose Society Upcoming Program Information



Saturday, March 19, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Methuen Senior Center
77 Lowell Street Methuen, Massachusetts

Chemical Safety: Craig Dorschel, Chu Jung,
George Doorakian, and Barbara Leduc

Wednesday - Monday, March 16-20

Boston Flower Show

Seaport World Trade Center
Boston, Massachusetts

Friday - Sunday, April 1st - 3rd 2016

**Yankee District 2016 Spring Convention
Hosted by the Rhode Island Rose Society**

The Mainstay Hotel and Conference Center
151 Admiral Kalbfus Road, Newport, Rhode Island

Saturday, April 16 at 10:00 a.m.

Methuen Senior Center
77 Lowell Street Methuen, Massachusetts

Demonstration - Pruning Roses

Saturday, May 21 at 10:00 a.m.

Methuen Senior Center
77 Lowell Street Methuen, Massachusetts

Nominations for 2017 Board

Practice Entering Roses in a Rose Show

Sunday, June 26, 2016

Annual Rose Show

Tower Hill Botanic Gardens
11 French Drive, Boylston, Massachusetts

7:30-9:30 - Enter Roses

10:00-12:00 - Judging

2:00-4:00 - Public

Saturday, July 16, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Visit Member's Garden, TBD

Friday - Sunday, July 29-31

ARS National Miniature Rose Show and Conference
Grantville, Pennsylvania

Friday - Sunday, September 9th - 11th 2016

**Yankee District Rose Show and Lobster
Fest Weekend**

Cultural Center of Cape Cod
307 Old Main Street, So. Yarmouth, Massachusetts

Saturday, September 17, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. Which

Roses did well, which didn't and why?

Saturday, October 15, 2016

Founders Day Luncheon

Fusilli's Café

107 Main Street, Reading, Massachusetts

Saturday, November 19, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Installation of Officers, Winterizing Roses

After every meeting Consulting Rosarians hold a small discussion to answer your Rose questions during "Ask the Experts."

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Rhode Island Rose Society Upcoming Program Information

Saturday, March 12, 2016, 9:30 a.m. - Noon

Annual Business Meeting

Champlain Room at Weaver Library

41 Grove Avenue, East Providence, Rhode Island

Introduction of new officers, and presentation by Patsy Cunningham – “Daylilies – You’re Going to Love Them” We will also be having cake to celebrate the RIRS's Birthday.

Friday - Sunday, April 1st - 3rd 2016

Yankee District 2016 Spring Convention

Hosted by the Rhode Island Rose Society

The Mainstay Hotel and Conference Center

151 Admiral Kalbfus Road, Newport, Rhode Island

Saturday, April 9, 2016, 9:30 a.m. - Noon

Garden Opening

Victorian Rose Garden at Roger Williams Park

Elmwood Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island

Annual Rose Day – Demos On Pruning, planting, climbers, general garden maintenance, and plant raffle.

May 14, 2016, 9:30 a.m. - Noon

Pre-Rose Show Meeting

Garden Classroom at Roger Williams Park

Floral Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island

Program to be determined, but will cover aspects of preparation for the Rose Show: Flower selection, grooming; filling out entry tags, arrangements, disqualifications, etc. Rose show schedules will be handed out at this meeting.

There will a Victorian Rose Garden work session following the meeting to spread mulch and plant new roses. A

healthy work force is needed to move and spread the mulch, and plant the new roses.

Saturday, June 18, 2016

Eighteenth Annual

Rhode Island Rose Society Rose Show

North Kingstown Community Center

30 Beach Street, Wickford, Rhode Island

Saturday, July 9, 2016, 9:30 a.m. - Noon

Garden Maintenance

Victorian Rose Garden at Roger Williams Park

Elmwood Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island

Saturday, August 13, 2016, 9:30 a.m. - Noon

Garden Maintenance/Annual Tool Sharpening Clinic

Victorian Rose Garden at Roger Williams Park

Elmwood Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island

Saturday, September 10, 2016, 9:30 a.m. - Noon

Champlain Room at Weaver Library

41 Grove Avenue, East Providence, Rhode Island

Chemical Safety Presentation

(One Chemical CR Credit)

Friday - Sunday, September 9th - 11th 2016

Yankee District Rose Show and Lobster

Fest Weekend

Cultural Center of Cape Cod

307 Old Main Street, So. Yarmouth, Massachusetts





**FOUR-MONTH
AMERICAN
ROSE
SOCIETY
MEMBERSHIP
FOR ONLY
\$10**

**LET ARS HELP
YOU GET STARTED**

Yankee District Judges Seminar

The American Rose Society requires all of its horticultural judges to undergo a four hour recertification every four years. For the majority of judges in the Yankee District, 2016 is the year to be recertified. All Yankee District judges (and those who may be interested in becoming a judge), are encouraged to attend the recertification seminar to be held in conjunction with the Yankee District Convention on April 1, 2016 starting at 1:00 p.m.

We will have an excellent faculty for the seminar including Bruce Monroe, Jacqueline Bruskin, Dave Long, and John Mattia. Besides covering some of the basics, new this year will have a critique of roses using pictures taken at various rose shows at the national and local levels. It should be fun and informative.

Any questions please contact: Dave Ciak at htroses@aol.com

SAVE THE DATE!!

WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 9 & 10, 2016



**YANKEE DISTRICT ROSE SHOW
&
LOBSTERFEST!!**

**FRIDAY EVENING - SUNSET LOBSTER ROLL CRUISE- ON
BEAUTIFUL CAPE COD BAY**

**SATURDAY MORNING - YANKEE DISTRICT ROSE SHOW
CULTURAL CENTER, MAIN STREET, SOUTH YARMOUTH**

**SATURDAY EVENING - LOBSTER FEST - GRAYS BEACH
YARMOUTH PORT!**

SUNDAY MORNING - YANKEE DISTRICT BUSINESS MEETING

**Enjoy the Cape! Crowds are gone, prices are down,
weather is GREAT!**