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Newsletter of the Yankee District of the American Rose Society

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**2018 YANKEE DISTRICT  
SPRING ROSE CONVENTION**

*Hosted by the New England Rose Society*

**March 23-25, 2018**

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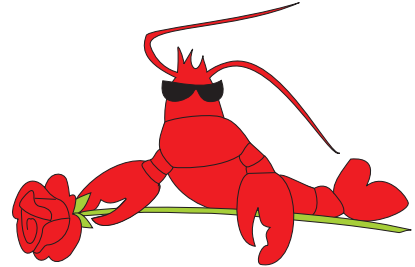
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**SEPTEMBER 7-8, 2018**

## *Barnstable Harbor Sunset Eco Tour*

**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 7TH - 5:00 P.M.**

Barnstable, Massachusetts



## *Yankee District Fall Rose Show & Lobsterfest*

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 8TH**

Dennis, Massachusetts

## *In Memoriam*



Dennis Mendes

December 18, 1955 - August 28, 2017



Jim Parker

November 9, 1927 - October 20, 2017

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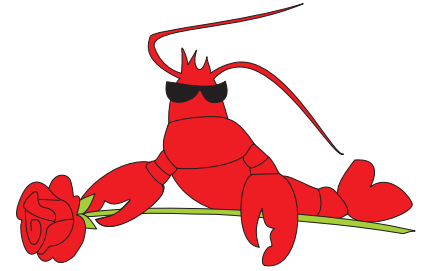
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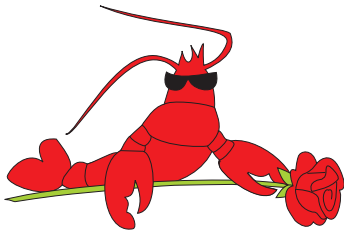
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# From the District Director Craig Dorschel



2018 is a year of transitions in the American Rose Society and the Yankee District. I am now in my final year as your District Director, and Pat Shanley is in her final year as ARS President. This summer, the national election will choose a new ARS Vice President (and future President) along with District and Regional Directors. At the National Convention in San Diego this October current Vice President, Bob Martin, will be installed as President, along with the other officers and board members, and the new term will begin.

Our District Convention, always a fun and informative event, takes on special significance in an election year. Both our present and incoming presidents, Pat Shanley and Bob Martin will be in attendance, as will Bob's successor in the persons of the two candidates for Vice President, Diane Sommers and Chris VanCleave. (Last summer, after careful consideration, I made the difficult but, I believe, prudent decision to withdraw as a Vice Presidential candidate. Instead, I am running for Region 0 Director). At the convention, you will be able to listen to Diane and Chris' remarks and interact with them personally. We will also be electing a District Member of the National Nominating Committee (who is also District Prizes and Awards Chair), our District Secretary, and Treasurer for the three-year term beginning in October. This may seem early, but the results of these elections must be reported to ARS Headquarters by the end of July, and we will not meet again as a district until September.

The national ballot will also contain several proposed revisions to the Bylaws of the American Rose Society, for which I have some responsibility, as I am Chairman of the Bylaws Committee this term. Bylaws are living documents which should be examined from time to time, to see if they conform to accepted practice, are unambiguous, and up to date with practices such as electronic communications. The proposals have been approved by the committee and the Board of Directors and require approval by the membership to go into effect. Some of the proposed changes are simple housekeeping or deal with unlikely scenarios, which nonetheless should be addressed. Two that may be of more interest deal with term limits for directors and officers, and with definition of district and regional membership. The current bylaw regarding term limits is ambiguously worded, which caused a heated debate during the 2012 election cycle. This is resolved in the proposal, which also imposes a lifetime limit of six terms (eighteen years) service as an ARS officer and/or director.

People are sometimes surprised to learn that the eighteen districts are not confederations of local rose societies, but instead are geographic subsets of the membership of the ARS in which affiliated rose societies participate. To be an "official" member of a district, one must be a member of ARS with voting privileges and a resident (or transferee) of the geographic area of the district. Our Yankee District bylaws already

# District Director's Message continued

reflect this, but now this will be, appropriately, part of the national bylaws. Let me be very clear. One must be an "official" district member to vote or hold office, but otherwise anyone interested in roses is not only welcome but encouraged to participate in district events. Of course, they are also encouraged to join ARS and one of our local societies!

Speaking of roses (bet you thought I was all about politics and policy), I'm sorry to report that rose rosette disease (RRD) appeared on three plants in separate parts of my property late last season. Since the first sighting in Elizabeth Park a few years ago,

RRD has taken residence in New England. Research is underway to discover effective methods of control, but once a rose is infected, it is doomed. Heartbreaking as it is (believe me) to remove and discard a rose, this must be done to limit spread of the disease. I feel it is important for CRs to know the facts of RRD and to inform others (especially Master Gardeners), to be on the lookout for RRD and take appropriate action.

Sorry to end on a down note. Cheer up! Spring will come, and the roses will bloom again!

See you at the convention.

## Secretary's Report September 10, 2017 - Gettysburg, Pennsylvania Audrey Osborn

The meeting was called to order by District Director, Craig Dorschel, at 9:05 a.m. Craig had remarks and recap of the ARS board meeting, stating that a \$125,000 donation has been made to the ARS by Ann Harder of Texas, rendering the ARS in much better standing.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

NEWSLETTER – Andy Venable reported that Pam Murphy will help with editing *The Rose Window* starting with the next issue. Please consider contributing articles for the newsletter to Andy.

PRIZES AND AWARDS – no remarks

HORTICULTURE JUDGING – no remarks

ARRANGEMENT JUDGING – no remarks

CONSULTING ROSARIAN – Dave Long stated that

there are currently 36 active consulting rosarians, an increase of three, even though we have lost a few.

Connecticut Rose Society - 14

New England Rose Society - 8

Rhode Island Rose Society - 12

Lower Cape Rose Society - 2

WEBSITE – Patsy Cunningham stated that by her combining a couple of accounts she runs, there will be a small savings.

ROSES IN REVIEW – Andy Venable reminded everyone to log onto the ARS website and fill out your reviews. There will be a small extension for remitting roses in review this year.

MEMBERSHIP – no remarks

PHOTOGRAPHY – We will have a photography contest at the September, 2018 district rose show.

# Secretary's Report continued

FINANCES – Income sharing for 2016 District Convention – there will be a 60%/40% (district/host society) split with \$1,533.94 going to the Rhode Island Rose Society.

Convention income of 2017 \$1,787.90 with \$1,644.19 listed as expenses, Connecticut may have a small amount due with the 60/40 split.

Dave Long and Craig Dorschel are donating their travel expense to ARS.

## OLD BUSINESS

2018 YANKEE DISTRICT CONVENTION will be in Andover, Massachusetts, March 23-25. There will be an arranging workshop by Nancy Redington. Curtis Aumiller and Jo Singer will be there as well. The Samurai Rosarian will present Oriental arranging. The fee will be \$65 for the day, materials and lunch included.

DISTRICT ELECTIONS will be held at the March convention. There are no term limits for secretary and treasurer. National Nominating Committee – Oz can

run again. We are looking for recommended roses for the Yankee District.

## NEW BUSINESS

Expenses for schools/seminars – Becky Martorelli reported that the hotel charged \$750 for the use of two rooms for the CR school. Craig said in the future, we should try to get the rooms comped.

Nancy Redington said often if we have a luncheon, the hotel will comp the room. Craig said it is reasonable to charge CRs to cover expense. Hotels often charge for AV equipment.

Dave Ciak proposed in a motion that the District purchases a portable indoor-outdoor sound system. Patsy seconded the motion. The motion was carried and Craig will look into this.

Mike Lowe Trophy needs to be located. We will make a decision on which society will have it in 2018. Oz will bring it to the March convention.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

## District Treasurer's Report – 2017 Steve Rogers, Treasurer

We had a beginning balance of \$9,781.25. Net income during the period was \$2,287.90 (Spring Convention Net Proceeds: \$1,787.90, Refund of Hotel Deposit: \$500.00). Expenses for the period were \$3,966.17 (District Awards & Committees: \$619.38; Web Site: \$13.30; YD Director's Contribution to ARS Annual Fund: \$400.00; YD Contribution to the ARS Annual Fund: \$400.00; 2016 Convention Host Profit Share: \$1,533.49; 2017 Spring Convention Refundable Advance: \$500.00; 2019 Spring Convention Refundable Advance: \$500.00). As of December 31, 2017, we have an ending balance of \$8,102.98.





# 2018 Yankee District Convention

Hosted by the  
New England Rose Society

## Schedule

### FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 2018:

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Floral Workshop, Salon D Ballroom.  
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Registration and photo submissions, front of Salon D Ballroom.  
Dinner and breakfast on your own:

Restaurants in hotel: 189 Prime, Characters Bar and Grill

Across street from hotel: Chateau, 131 River Rd, Andover, MA 01810

Chili's Grill and Bar, 131 River Rd, Andover, MA 10810

8:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. Hospitality Suite.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2018:

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Registration and photo submissions, front of Salon D Ballroom.  
9:00 a.m. - 9:05 a.m. Craig Dorschel, Introduction.  
9:05 a.m. - 9:20 a.m. Diane Sommers, ARS VP candidate.  
9:20 a.m. - 9:40 a.m. Chris VanCleave, ARS VP candidate.  
9:40 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Ann & Joe Gibson, "E.M. Mills, The Man, The Legacy, The Garden."  
10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Break, Raffle Tickets, Door Prizes and Vendors.  
10:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Pat Shanley, American Rose Society President.  
11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Nancy Redington and Joan Singer, hands on floral arranging demonstration, volunteers will make dinner centerpieces.  
11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Lunch Buffet and Curtis Aumiller presentation on "Rose Photography." Vendors and Raffle Tickets.  
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. American Rose Society Vice President, Robert Martin, "If You're Not Having Fun, You're Doing Something Wrong."  
2:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. Break, Raffle Tickets, Door Prizes and Vendors.  
2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. David Pike, Witherspoon Roses presentation: "The Five Essentials For Growing Great Roses."  
3:15 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Raffle and Vendors.  
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Cocktails.  
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Dinner, Awards and Rose Auction.  
10:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. Hospitality Suite.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2018

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Yankee District Meeting, Hospitality Suite.

# Convention Speakers



**R. CURTIS AUMILLER**  
**ARS National Chair of**  
**Photography**  
**ARS Penn-Jersey District**  
**Chair of Arrangement**  
**Judges**

Curtis hails from Camp Hill, Pennsylvania and has been judging roses for over seven years. He is a horticulture, arrangement, and photography judge for the ARS and has given presentations about judging and taking rose photos in Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, and Rhode Island. Curtis has about 150 rose bushes of various varieties at his home, and loves to help his mother and friends with their roses. Curtis and his husband, Joe, have two Bichon Frises, who also love to help in the garden. Curtis has conducted arrangement schools, arrangement seminars, and judged arrangements at the national level. He has won many local and district awards, and has won blue ribbons at nationals. Curtis was the Penn-Jersey District 2012 Outstanding Consulting Rosarian and awarded the ARS Silver Honor Medal for the Penn-Jersey District in 2013.



**CRAIG DORSCHEL**

Past New England Rose Society President, Yankee District Director, Horticulture and Arrangement Rose Judge, Master Rosarian and has grown roses for 35 years.

Craig has advanced degrees in chemical and pharmaceutical sciences.

**ANN AND JOE GIBSON'S** affiliation with the American Rose Society began in 2005. Their home



rose garden of twelve rose bushes in 2005 has not only expanded to a garden of 400+ in 2017, but has also become a test garden for roses part of the mini/miniflora test garden trials and a visitation site for local

groups. Their garden was featured at the 2011 national convention. Throughout this expansion, they have both become ARS Accredited Consulting Rosarians in 2008 and ARS Accredited Horticulture Judges in 2011. Ann and Joe judge a minimum of six shows per year in the northeast and national conventions.



In the capacity of Consulting Rosarians, their professional background in education has prepared them to present rose information to library groups, rose enthusiasts, rose centers, (including Chuck Hafner's Garden Center), garden clubs, and visitors at the New York State Fair. Participation in Consulting Rosarian credit approved instruction in the northeast and across the country, as well as being presenters at New York District Consulting Rosarian Schools since 2012, has kept them current with the latest information in the rose world.

Volunteer work at the E.M. Mills Rose Garden, Syracuse, New York, has provided them the opportunity to assist with the maintenance of the garden, provide tours to groups of Central New Yorkers, collaborated with student volunteers from Syracuse and Cornell Universities to establish a program and to develop a documentary highlighting the garden.

# Convention Speakers continued



## **ROBERT B. MARTIN JR.**

Robert B. (“Bob”) Martin, Jr. has been growing roses for more than 40 years. He and his wife, Dona, live in Escondido, California, where they have a rose garden of more than 460 roses of all types. He is an ARS Master Rosarian, an Accredited Horticultural Judge, and an Accredited Arrangement Judge.

In 2015, Bob was elected and installed as the Vice President of the American Rose Society. Later this year, he will be installed as the next President of the American Rose Society.

Bob is the Chairman of the American Rose Society Horticultural Exhibitor’s Committee, and Editor of the American Rose Society quarterly publication, *Rose Exhibitors’ Forum*. He maintains a website covering U.S. rose shows at [www.roseshow.com](http://www.roseshow.com), as well as a facebook site for Rose Exhibitors’ Forum. Bob has also been an editor of *Horizon Roses* for twenty one years and the national editor for ten. He is the author of the book, *Showing Good Roses*, and was honored for his lifetime contribution to rose education as the 2009 recipient of the ARS Klima Medal.

Bob is an active rose exhibitor at all levels and the 2007 recipient of the ARS Guy Blake Hedrick, Jr. Award. During his 30 year exhibiting career, he has shown roses in more than 220 shows, winning more than 1,400 trophies in every exhibiting class, including thirteen national trophies. Bob has also judged an additional 84 shows and is a frequent lecturer at judging schools throughout the country.

Bob hybridizes roses and currently has fourteen registered varieties, including 'Butter Cream,' 'Peter Cottontail,' and 'Pasadena Star,' as well as his the most

reviewed rose in Horizon Roses, 'Dona Martin', a sport of the extraordinary exhibition hybrid tea, 'Randy Scott.'

Bob is married to Dona Martin, who is also a Consulting Rosarian and an award-winning rose photographer, whose work has been featured in [RoseShow.com](http://RoseShow.com)



**DAVID PIKE** was born in Martinsville, Virginia; raised in Greensboro, North Carolina, and was educated at Campbell College. After marrying Mr. Witherspoon’s youngest daughter, Rhonda,

David began in a starting position in 1979 at Witherspoon Rose Culture. David has been taught the rose business from the ground up – literally. “That first summer, Mr. Witherspoon took me out to a stall in a cow pasture,” David recalls. “He gave me a shovel, left me with a dump truck, and said, ‘We need that stuff back at the office.’” That was David’s lesson on the value of good cow manure.

Mr. Witherspoon soon found that his own passion for roses and people was matched by David’s and the fit was ideal. “Going to the homes of our customers and caring for their roses, I learned the varieties and what they needed and I really enjoyed getting to know the customers.” David became president of Witherspoon Rose Culture in 1983 and has worked diligently to build a staff of caring rose professionals, who put a very personal touch on their impeccable service of installing and maintaining rose gardens.

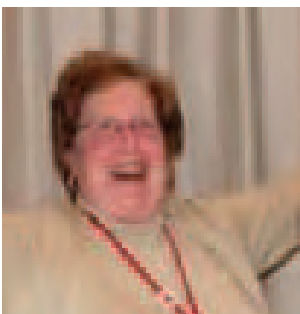
David is a frequent speaker at garden clubs, rose societies, gardening shows, and radio talk shows. He is a Consulting Rosarian, and he shares his love of roses and how to properly care for them, with thousands of rose lovers. David has been featured in numerous local and national print media, including *Southern*

# Convention Speakers continued

*Living.* “The Gardens at Witherspoon” holds over 2000 beautiful rose bushes and has been awarded the official designation “Outstanding Rose Garden Maintenance” given by All-American Rose Selections. In 1999, David’s vast experience with roses took him to The Netherlands where he was invited to judge in the World Rose Trials in The Hague. He has served as a judge at the Biltmore International Rose Trials at the Biltmore Estate since 2011, and has served on the Board of Directors for the Wing Haven Foundation at the Wing Haven Gardens and bird sanctuary in Charlotte, North Carolina.

A true “family man,” David taught his three children about the value of good work ethics. He is currently CEO of Witherspoon Rose Culture and his son, Taylor, is the Chief Operating Officer. David’s youngest daughter, Mary Alice, has joined the Rose Garden Shop team in Durham and manages the website.

David is very excited about the discovery of a new rose, the fabulous 'Tiffany' sport, which was found in his own private garden. By his recollection, it was August, 2002, the month of his father-in-law’s passing that this rose began blooming white. David named this beautiful champagne colored version of 'Tiffany,' 'R. K. Witherspoon.'



**NANCY JUSTICE  
REDINGTON**  
**Mother of three sons,  
grandmother of two  
grandsons**

Nancy is a Medical and Cytological Technologist and works on the evening staff at the Chambersburg Hospital Laboratory. She is a Pennsylvania Certified Horticulturist and Landscape Designer, and owns Nancy J. Redington Porcelain and Ceramic Studio.

For fun and giggle –

Penn State Master Gardener, American Rose Society, Master and Cyber Consulting Rosarian, Arrangement and Horticulture Judge, Penn-Jersey District Director

Awards – Outstanding Consulting Rosarian, Outstanding Judge, Silver Honor Medal

Within the rose community, Nancy has served as editor of the local society newsletter, district newsletter, District Chair of Horticulture Judges, District National Nominating Committee, District Secretary, Show Chair at local, district, and national shows.

In 2003, Nancy with CR husband, Joe, built a seven bedroom home on a ¾ acre lot. The house is set on a hill, which allowed for the creation of six terraced gardens with walking paths. The landscape contains more than 1200 rose plants, 50 trees, and an extensive collection of iris and daffodil varieties. The garden features a waterfall and two ponds with a collection of water lilies and lotus plants.

“We love unannounced company, and in that way do need to quickly clean up.” Nancy established the philosophy that there is no such thing as trash. Everything has a potential to be used in a floral arrangement. Thankfully, most of the muscle maintenance in the garden is done by middle son, Mike (age 41), who is autistic and lives at home. Youngest son, Jim (age 26), although now in North Carolina maintains his own rose garden and is a CR, and Hort and Arrangement judge (almost finished). Nancy’s most proud achievement was winning the “Best in Show” at the 2011 Milwaukee Mini National with a stretch arrangement of the four most perfect 'Unbridled' roses that ever came out of her garden. This is the only time that an arrangement at a National Show has earned that distinction.

# Convention Speakers continued

Nancy was further honored at the last two Mini National shows, where her arrangements were awarded the Mini Gold, Mini Silver and Mini Bronze certificates. Nancy's philosophy is two-fold: Everyone can do a prize winning arrangement with a few common sense rules and Have Fun – S0000, Let's have fun!



**PAT SHANLEY**  
**American Rose Society**  
**President**  
**ARS Marketing Committee**  
**Chair**

Pat Shanley lives and gardens in Glen Cove, New York, where she has designed her new garden of 150+ roses. Pat Shanley's first experience growing roses wasn't rosy. She was frustrated to find her roses needed to be chemically treated to survive. Seeking help, she sought out advice from her local rose society. And, the rest is rose history. Since that fateful day, Shanley has slowly risen to the top of the national rose scene.

Pat currently serves as President of the American Rose Society and Chairman of its Marketing Committee. She is the creator and president of the Manhattan Rose Society. Her articles have been published in *The Rosarian*, *Dune Rose*, *Skyscrapers & Roses*, and *The American Rose* magazine. In addition, she has co-authored *The Sustainable Rose Garden – A Reader in Rose Culture*, a book dedicated towards providing rose gardeners with tips and tricks on how to effectively plant/maintain an environmentally friendly rose garden. She was the Guest Editor of the *ARS 2012 American Rose Annual*. She also serves as a member of the Steering Committee for the Great Rosarians of the World (GROW) Award Lectureship, and is responsible for organizing the organization's annual GROW-East lecture series every year.

Since her beloved pet dog suffered a premature death due to the accidental ingestion of chemical pesticides, Pat has been a passionate advocate of sustainable rose gardening. She wants to see more eco-friendly methods incorporated and utilized in the gardening world. This desire doesn't stem entirely from the environmental benefits, however. She believes switching to more environmentally friendly rose gardening is the key to attracting young, budding rose enthusiasts to local societies. Pat ultimately believes she and other sustainable rose gardening advocates, have a great opportunity to lead and innovate in today's emerging new world of roses.



**JOAN SINGER (JO)**

Jo has lived in the Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, area all of her life. She graduated Waynesboro Area Senior High School, and later graduated Shepherd College, Shepherdstown, West Virginia, with a degree in secondary education, business education. She is the office manager for a human service agency which supports persons with intellectual disabilities.

Jo has been around roses all of her life. Her first experience was with her grandfather. She would go with him in the little red wagon to get manure for his "tea" for his roses. She would then have to walk home, since the wagon was filled with the manure. She can still remember those tall thick canes with shiny leaves and big fragrant blooms. Later, Nancy Redington enlisted her as a member of her 'cohorts in rose crime,' and she has been doing arranging ever since (approximately twenty five years). "We always have some adventure on our trips to rose shows and conventions. I am not a 'natural' like she is (Nancy). I have to really work to get a win. Sometimes I even surprise myself."

# Convention Speakers continued

Jo is active in our local and district societies. (York Area Rose Society and the Penn-Jersey District Society) She has been awarded the Silver and Bronze medals, and named Outstanding Consulting Rosarian for 2013. She is a Master Rosarian and a life member of the American Rose Society.

Jo and her husband, Randy, are slaves to their three diva cats who demand lots of their time. There is no time left for spraying the roses!



## DIANE SOMMERS

Diane is currently the ARS Region Five Director. She has grown over 400 rose bushes in her Wisconsin garden and has been a member of the ARS and her local rose society for over 30 years. Diane has served as president to two Local Rose Societies, North Central District Director (NCD) for six years, and ARS Treasurer. A Master Rosarian, Horticulture Judge, and Arrangement Judge, Diane has also chaired the ARS Finance, Membership, and Strategic Planning Committees, and has been a trustee for the MET and the ARSET. Diane has been recognized for her dedication and accomplishments with two Bronze Medals, the NCD Silver Medal, NCD Outstanding Judge, and NCD Outstanding Consulting Rosarian. In 2010, Diane chaired the ARS National Miniature Conference and Rose Show in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.



## CHRIS VANCLEAVE

Uniquely qualified for the office of Vice President of the American Rose Society, America's Favorite Rose Gardener (Nicknamed "The Redneck Rosarian"), Chris VanCleave is passionate about gardening and growing roses. Chris serves as Chairman of the Helena Alabama Beautification Board, where he has spearheaded efforts to create a sustainable landscape using Earth-Kind roses, and will launch the nation's first Earth-Kind municipal rose trial in the U.S. in October at the Helena Sports Complex. He was a contributor to the *2015 Southern Living Gardening Book*, has appeared on P. Allen Smith's *Garden Home* television show and has been featured in *Southern Living Magazine*. His writing appears at About.com, HomeDepot.com as well as various magazines and on his popular website, RedneckRosarian.com. An agent of change with over twenty years' experience in process innovation at one of the nation's top financial institutions, Chris is breaking new ground and opening new doors for roses in the social media age.

Chris has served the ARS in multiple roles on a local, district, and national level. Chris has been a member of the Marketing & Membership committee for six years, and he has worked with the ARS leadership to restart the fledgling *Fragrant Rose* e-newsletter. He is a sought-after speaker at many home and garden shows, conferences, and other ARS events.



# 2018 Yankee District Convention Floral Workshop

**Friday, March 23, 2018**

## Taking the next step - Moving on from Traditional

National Arrangement Chair, Nancy Redington, and National Award winning Arranger, Joan Singer, will again present a day of developing arranger skills. They will be assisted by two skilled arrangers and arrangement judges, Curtis Aumiller, who will be also speaking on Saturday and our very own District Floral Arrangement Chair, Craig Dorschel. Having four experienced designers at the workshop will enable all the participants to have ample one-on-one time with a designer to assist in achieving success in their work.

There will be a review of Traditional arrangements as a refresher before moving on into the styles classified as Modern. Beginners, if they desire, will be accommodated with extra time in the traditional styles in order to feel comfortable to move on to the Modern classifications.

Samples of modern designs like Underwater, Stretch, and Transparency will be on display for participants to review and analyze.

The day will be filled with hands-on experience for all participants with "one on one" instructor support. Nancy believes that the hand is the greatest teacher and as such, most of the time

will be spent learning with participants manipulating the floral material, to move it into the Modern category.

In the afternoon, Craig Dorschel will demonstrate the Oriental manner styles most seen in rose shows. His skills in Ikebana will

illustrate the relationship of Oriental to Modern Designs.

Beginners are not only welcomed but encouraged. This one-day event will give students a chance to express themselves with floral designs of their choice.



# District Floral Workshop cont.

You will need to bring: Pruners and or scissors, a water resistant drop cloth (could be an old plastic table cloth), bath towel, paper towels, at least three containers, (one should be small - no larger than five inches) and two medium containers. For diversity of styles, at least one container should be a low bowl, even a pie dish will work. If you have any needlepoint floral holders (kenzans), that would also be a helpful tool, otherwise oasis will be provided. A small watering can will be useful. Remember to bring sufficient and suitably-sized boxes to carry home your completed designs.

If you have a favorite vase that you have never been able to figure how to use, bring it along,

and the staff will help you see suitable ways it can be used in floral design.

Cameras are welcome, and if anyone would like to leave their design to be featured on the tables for the Saturday banquet, are encouraged to do so. Your name will be displayed along with your design on the table. Any questions about the actual workshop or supplies needed, please contact Nancy Redington at [rosered1@comcast.net](mailto:rosered1@comcast.net). If you have questions about the suitability of any containers, take a picture and email that to Nancy as well. The workshop qualifies as a required arrangement judge audit.

## 2018 Yankee District Floral Workshop

The Floral workshop will be held Friday, March 23, 2018 from 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. at the DoubleTree Hilton, 123 Old River Road, Andover, MA 01810, in the Salon D Ballroom. Lunch, drinks, refreshments, handouts, oasis, and plant material will be provided. You are welcome to bring any plant material.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$65/Person (Before 3/2/18)      Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$70/Person (After 3/2/18)      Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make a check payable to: ARS Yankee District. Lunch, drinks, refreshments, handouts, oasis, and plant material will be provided. Please mail check to:

FRANK HOPKINS  
4 BRADY LOOP  
ANDOVER, MA 01810





# 2018 Yankee District Convention Rose Show in Photographs

**March 24, 2018**

## 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 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 24, 2018.
4. Entries will be placed by the committee.
5. Judging will start at 8:45 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 photograph may not be entered in more than one class.
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 class (Class 7) where color, black and white, or combinations are allowed.
11. Photographs can be no smaller than 8" x 10" or no larger than 8" 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 a 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.

# District Rose Show in Photographs cont.

## Criteria for Judging

- Conformance: 5 Points, Adhering to the requirements of the class descriptions.
- Specific Section: 50 Points, Entry is correct for the class in the schedule.
- Composition: 15 Points, Formation, layout, arrangement, balance, harmony.
- Technique: 15 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

### – MOST PERFECT STAGE –

Class 1 – A photo of one bloom of a hybrid tea, grandiflora, floribunda, miniflora, or miniature at its most perfect stage (no side buds permitted).

### – SPRAYS –

Class 2 – A photo of one spray of two or more blooms of a hybrid tea, grandiflora, floribunda, miniflora, miniature, or polyantha.

### – ONE BLOOM OR SPRAY –

Class 3 – A photo of one bloom or spray of two or more blooms of any old garden rose, shrub, or large flower climber.

### – FULLY OPEN –

Class 4 – A photo of one fully open rose of any variety including singles with stamens showing.

### – GARDEN –

Class 5 – A photo of a garden with the primary subject being the roses.

### – NOVICE –

Class 6 – 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 place, 2nd place, or 3rd place at any local, district, or national photography show.

### – CREATIVE –

Class 7 – A photo taken of any variety of rose or part of any rose, that uses creativity to show the rose in a different light.

### – JUDGES ONLY –

Class 8 – A photo of any variety of rose, or a garden with the primary subject the roses.



# 2018 Yankee District Convention Registration

**March 23-25, 2018**

DOUBLETREE BY HILTON

123 OLD RIVER ROAD, ANDOVER, MA 01810

DoubleTree by Hilton, 123 Old River Road, Andover, MA 01810, Reduced Room Rates of \$109.00 per night, plus tax Thursday, March 22 - Saturday, March 24, 2018, Telephone 978-975-3600, [www.bostonandover.doubletree.com](http://www.bostonandover.doubletree.com)

Convention registration form deadline: Thursday, March 1, 2018

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Rose Society Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Convention registration fee includes buffet lunch with speaker, Curtis Aumiller, on Rose Photography. Lunch includes buffet of grilled chicken caesar rollup, roast beef and boursin on baguette with onion sprouts, roasted portabella and vegetable rollup with arugula and garlic aioli, baked ziti in tomato cream sauce, ricotta and fresh mozzarella, tortellini and pesto salad, garden salad, strawberry Italian cheesecake and chocolate mousse cake, coffee and tea.

Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$70/Person (Before 3/2/18) Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$80/Person (After 3/2/18) Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**SATURDAY PLATED DINNER BANQUET:**

Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$40/Person Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner includes mixed field greens with goat cheese, rice pilaf, midnight chocolate layer cake, coffee and tea, and choice of:

- Chicken Breast     Salmon     Sirloin Tips     Grilled Vegetable Stack

(Please choose one per person attending)

All meals include tax and gratuity.\*Please indicate any allergy concerns.

Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to "ARS YANKEE DISTRICT" and mail check and registration to:

Frank Hopkins, 4 Brady Loop, Andover, MA 01810

Are you going to participate in the Rose Photo Contest?     Yes     No

Any questions, please contact Convention Chairperson Teresa Mosher:

[purplerosesinbloom@yahoo.com](mailto:purplerosesinbloom@yahoo.com) • phone: 978-689-3735

# California Dreamin' (Nothing is the Same!)

By Audrey & Oz Osborn

April 20, 2017, Oz and I boarded the bus to take us to Logan Airport. We spoke about how glad we were that we completed pruning our roses before making our trip to Monrovia, California. We were on our way to visit the Pacific County Rose Society, which was hosting a rose show and Mini National Conference. Were we ever in for a treat of many firsts!

Arriving at LAX Airport, we realized there were no shuttles or buses that brought visitors to Monrovia, and it was over sixty miles away! The sun was just starting to set, so we knew we had to act quickly to get to our destination. Our first “first” was loading Uber on our phone, and arranging for a ride to Monrovia – piece of cake. We met a really cool driver, who loved to garden, and was a musician for his day job (and when he pulled out an autographed photo of Steven Tyler we knew this was meant to be). He loved raising birds in his yard and had moved fifteen years prior from the New York Metropolitan area. We had a lot to talk about, and the ride went quickly and was very enjoyable.



The Mini National Conference was combined with the 62nd Annual Pacific Southwest District Convention. It was held at the Courtyard by Marriott in Monrovia. The Pacific Rose Society Annual Rose Show was held at the Los Angeles County Arboretum in Arcadia about five miles away! Hmmm, we didn’t realize this either.

Our second “first” was the most fortunate and memorable experience we could have ever wished for! Our dear friend, Baldo Villegas, invited us to spend the weekend with him and John Mattia, and we were given official rose posse hats, so it was official!

The “first” in this instance was driving the congested roads of southern California with a seasoned driver – someone who knew the area like the back of his hand. What a treat we were in for!

Our first destination was the Huntington Botanical Garden in San Marino, California. The roses were truly spectacular. One of my favorite displays was the



# California Dreamin' continued



'Flower Girl' rose planted onto a concrete base that resembled a tree trunk, surrounded by 'Burgundy Iceberg.'

The temperature in the garden was 92 degrees, when I posted pictures on Facebook. While we were cooling off with ice cream, we thought of how cold it was back in New England. No wonder we were relieved that our roses were pruned at home!

After leaving the garden, we returned to the hotel, freshened up, attended a wine cheese reception, and reconnected with rose friends from all over the country. Then we walked to a nearby restaurant for dinner.

The next day, Saturday April 22nd, was the rose show. Arriving at the Los Angeles Arboretum and Botanic Garden in Arcadia, California, we passed many award winning exhibitors in the parking lot preparing their roses for exhibits, with tables set up right by their cars. The judges for the rose show were instructed outdoors on the patio after their breakfast. During the time that they were at work judging the roses, we attended quite a few rose lectures given by world renowned speakers.

The rose exhibits were gorgeous. Even the roses that did not place on the awards table. I would have been happy to have exhibited. I was thrilled to view the photography contest and saw some extremely beautiful pictures. Our own Yankee District national award winning photographer, John Mattia, was awarded The King of Photography with an arrangement of 'Opulence.'



*Oz Osborn, John Mattia & Baldo Villegas*

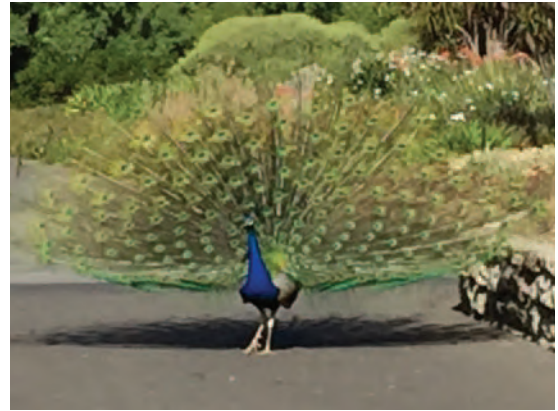


# California Dreamin' continued



The grounds of the Botanic Gardens were very photogenic, especially the peacocks that roamed freely. We spent the entire day at the rose show and botanic gardens, and that evening we attended the banquet dinner. Various awards were presented and there was a rose auction. Too bad we didn't have a thousand dollars to bid on a rose!

The next day we got up early and saw ROSES! First we went to The Rose Hills Memorial Park and

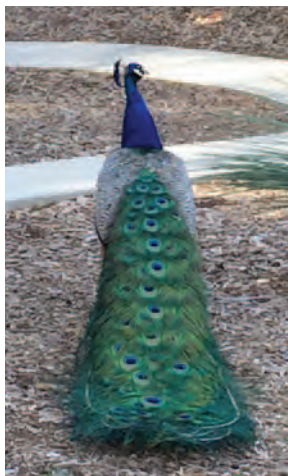


Mortuary in Whittier, California. Wherever you stood, the roses and backgrounds were fantastic, just perfect for taking photos of roses!

What a treat we were in for after we left Rose Hills! A woman that I had met the night before mentioned to me that she lived in Fillmore,



*ARS Vice President Bob Martin and wife, Dona, preparing roses*



*Suzanne Horn*



*The roses of Past ARS President, Tommy Cairns and Luis Desamero*



# California Dreamin' continued



and there was a nursery we should visit, where they sell over 120,000 rose plants, with over 800 varieties. I asked Baldo if he had ever been to Otto & Sons Nursery, and he exclaimed that was the next place he had planned to drive to! Greeting us in the parking lot was Suzanne Horn, who was a guest rose speaker at the nursery for rose day.



*Suzanne Horn*



*John Mattia, Suzanne Horn & Baldo Villegas*



*'Opulence' - King of Photography  
exhibited by John Mattia*



# California Dreamin' continued



*Home of Kitty and Bob Belendez*

After leaving the nursery, we drove to Kitty and Bob Belendez's home. Here is what we saw pulling up to their house! The Belendez rose gardens were beautiful – many roses were grown in pots, and there were various climbing roses reaching over twenty feet up arches! Roses surrounded the in ground pool, and it was unbelievable that there were so many exhibition worthy roses all over the yard the day after a national rose show. Baldo had one more rose garden to visit

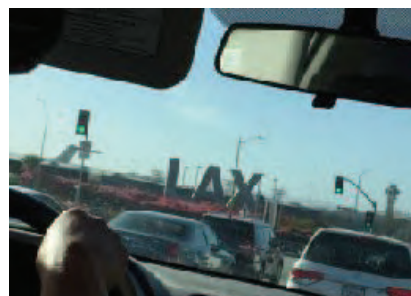
before dropping us off at LAX Airport and that house was at good rose friend, Suzanne Horn. All Suzanne's roses were grown in large pots and she had a great showing at the national rose show just the day before!



*Roses grown in large pots at Suzanne Horn's garden*

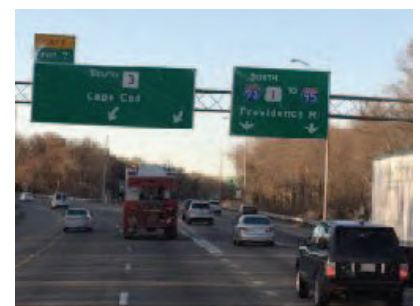


*Roses on archway at Kitty and Bob Belendez's home*



*Leaving Paradise!*

Leaving Glendale and heading to LAX Airport, we realized our mini rose vacation (an extended weekend packed with fun and rose camaraderie) was coming to an end! We had a fantastic time, and recommend a rose show/convention as a great get-a-way for rose lovers at any hobby level.



*Back to Reality!*



Photo - Teresa Mosher



## Spring is Coming by Big Boy

Let's see now, while I'm shoveling snow, I'm thinking to myself 'When Spring comes . . . every time I plant a rose, I've got to sprinkle in some of that Bio-tone®!' Just like in the old days, we automatically sprinkled in a little lime. Every once in a while, I forget, but I've got to do it, until it becomes a habit. The garden centers have been planting with Bio-tone® for years now, with good results.

I've noticed Roseland picked up the Easy Elegance®'s 'Yellow Brick Road.' I got a couple of them years ago, now I'm going to get another. Those Easy Elegance® roses have the right name, they're easy, they're no care, they're nice too! I think I'll get another 'Grandma's Blessing' and a 'My Girl.' Talking about easy, I'm going to get another 'Easy Does It.' And, that new 'Easy Spirit,' sure looks nice, and it has a little fragrance too! Now, I think I'll get two of them. All the Easy to Love® roses in Roseland, are right where the price sign is. And then as you move down the aisle towards the left, the Easy Elegance® roses are next.

Talking about roses, are you coming to the Yankee District Convention? I heard there's going to be nice roses at the rose auction on Saturday night. I know what they are, but my lips are sealed. One of them is an Easy

Elegance® rose. I've been looking for it for years. Now, I can get it. Be sure to bring your checkbook or cash. No charge cards at the rose auction.

Did you notice in the *American Rose Annual*, on page 64? The New England Rose Society got mentioned. 'Macy's Pride,' won the prestigious New England Rose Society Award! I would say this is the most informative *Annual* the ARS has put out. You see that gorgeous Austin rose on the cover, that is 'Princess Alexandra of Kent'? Roseland has it! Now it's time I start looking for epsom salt on sale. I buy it when it's on sale, not when I need it (because I use so much). I use more epsom salt than fertilizer!



'Camaieux' photo - David Dunn

# An Unexpected Turn of Events . . . Beginning Anew

By Marci Martin

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## Fighting the Good Fight

Bob and I took a walk down to the school's campus and made a visit to their Physical Plant. I wanted the powers-that-be to know that we had found out about this (not from them, which would have been a courtesy). We then went to the town hall and talked to the town planner, the building inspector, and anyone else that would talk to us. I invited the planner, his assistant, and our environmental officer over to see the impact this behemoth would have on the wildlife corridor, and on our property value. We live way up atop a huge hill, and there would be no way to screen this three acre solar array from our view. We also pored over the wetlands maps and shook our heads. I let everyone know that those maps were wrong! Turns out the last time they were updated was back in the '70's.



Seven months ago, I had a visit from a friend. He works for the big private school out behind us as part of their gardens and grounds crew. This school owns a lot of property, including the land and homes to our south and the forest at the bottom of our hill on the east side. He wanted to know if I had heard what the school planned to do with that forest, and when I said no, he filled me in. The school planned to clear-cut the forest and put in a large solar array which would supply 25% of their electrical needs. This forest has been a beautiful background to my lovely gardens for the eighteen years we have lived here! It is lovely at all seasons, and its potential demise made me sick at heart.

At his suggestion, I called the town hall, saying I had heard a rumor about this. Our town clerk called me back after checking with the Planning Department, and she let me know it was not a rumor. This was the beginning of many months of trying to stop this travesty from happening.



# Beginning Anew continued

The Town Planner and his staff visited several times. We were told that we would be extremely impacted, but nothing could be done, because the school owned the property. My response to that was, isn't there a law protecting residential neighborhoods against industrial solar arrays? And, if not, shouldn't there be?

I wrote a letter to the school's Headmaster on September 21 and invited her to our property so she could see what our impact would be from their project.

## There is nothing 'green' about destroying a forest to put in a solar array . . .

The Headmaster is an English lady, and she brought her right-hand fellow with her about ten days later. They strolled through all my gardens and she just loved all of them. They came inside and toured the downstairs, too, all the while, remarking how lovely it all was. I served them a tea at the dining room table, and our neighbors, Mary and Chris joined us. The gentleman from the school gave us a whole presentation about reducing their carbon footprint, being sustainable, and going 'green.' Their plan was to take down all the trees.



My argument was that taking down acres of forest was certainly not going to help our environment in any way! Solar panels will never supply shade on a hot day. They will never clean the air. They will never provide shelter for small animals and birds. We begged them to use some other land, their rooftops, maybe solar carports on campus, but they were determined. They thanked us for our hospitality, and they left.

## Seeking Legal Council

We hired an environmental engineer to come take a look and we walked the woods with him. He told us that it sure looked like wetlands to him and that the best thing for us to do would be to hire a lawyer. He



## Beginning Anew continued

mentioned that the town hall would probably be more receptive to someone local, so we called our friend and neighbor, Tim Fitzgerald. Within two days, he let us know what our problem was. In our town, there were no laws for large solar arrays, which is why the prep school in question felt they could just forge ahead. Tim went to other documents in the planning office and used the verbiage from the five pages of regulations for wind turbines and communication towers, to make a text amendment to protect Windsor neighborhoods from these industrial arrays. We submitted it to the town planner's office in late October, and it was on the agenda for the December 12 meeting.

### Accepting the Inevitable

In the end, it became evident that we would not be able to win against this large institution. There was no vote in December, and with the January meeting looming, we received an invitation from the headmaster to meet in her office on campus. When we arrived, she was very nice and said that they knew that, although unintentionally, they had wounded us deeply. Buying our property was mentioned. The following morning, their real estate agent arrived with their proposal. They offered us much more than we could have expected on the current market, offered their gardens and grounds crew to move my roses and dig new gardens for them within a twenty five mile radius, and half the closing costs. This offer is sight-unseen and as-is. They made us an offer we couldn't refuse, and we accepted.

### Starting Over

And so, after almost eighteen years here at our beautiful home in Windsor, we have found a new home in Suffield, Connecticut. We will be moving in April, and there will be more stories to tell. But, there



is a moral to this story. Everyone should call their town planner and make sure that there are regulations in effect to protect residential neighborhoods against these huge, industrial solar arrays! With the 'go-solar' movement, I think most folks figure that the panels will go on rooftops. This school didn't want to do that . . . it was easiest for them to kill this forest and put all the panels in the same spot. Their offer to us came the morning of the January 10 Planning and Zoning meeting. We knew that they were grandfathered in, and we couldn't stop them. But, when I called the town planner and pulled our text amendment, I made him promise me, that he would write a new one. He did make me that promise, and I know he will follow through. Hopefully, this never happens to anyone in Windsor again.



# Through the Photographer's Lens

## June 10, 2017 - Preston, Connecticut

### By Andy Vanable

This past season was fraught with many ups and downs in my family. Both my mom and dad were in and out of hospital many times this past summer, and I was unable to visit any gardens to feature in the newsletter. June 10th was the day before my dad first went in the hospital. Originally, I was planning to feature Dave Candler's garden like I would any other, and supplement my pictures with pictures from the other rosarians. But, after I thought about it, I realized that we had a unique opportunity to have four rosarians with a lot of photographic experience (and a camera buff), submit pictures on how they interpreted the visit. The following is what was submitted. I did not Photoshop or manipulate the pictures (including mine). I wanted the photographers to express themselves through their picture choices. All of the pictures taken that day were taken in nearly identical conditions, in the same garden, within an hour or so. All of the garden ornaments were there, as well. And, yes, I purposely omitted captions. While roses and what they are, are indeed important, it is the photographer and the photographer's vision of the garden is what I consider to be most important here.

#### **My personal experiences of the day . . .**

The invitation came innocently enough. I was invited to go and visit a good friend's (Dave Candler) rose garden to take pictures. Deciding to go was a no-brainer. Well yes! Of course I'd go! And, after seeing what roses Dave brings to the shows, I'm sure I'll see something interesting there, too.

The morning of the visit, I hopped in my truck and rolled the windows down. It was hot outside, and I had a long way to go. No air conditioning today – the truck does not have it! While I annually make the trek to Connecticut at least four times a year for Connecticut Rose Society activities, this was the first time that the

windows were down. In less than a mile, I smelled it . . . rose . . . wild rose . . . from all of the *Rosa multiflora* growing along the side the road. Interestingly, I had never smelled it before while driving, but there it was. And, there it was again, even though I was travelling at some 60 miles per hour. I thought, wow! What had I been missing all the other times I drove through the Connecticut countryside with the windows rolled up? It usually takes me an hour and a half or so, to get to where I'm going in Connecticut, and today was no different. When I got to Dave's house, I was greeted with friendly rose folks, and a half dozen chipmunks chasing each other through the garden. Man, are they fast! Dave called them "Chip" and "Dale" after Disney's famous animated characters. I happily went through the garden taking pictures of anything that was in bloom. The camera I used that day was my Canon PowerShot SX170. Dave later gave us a guided tour of his beautiful garden and grounds. He has an interesting collection of landscape roses intermixed with show roses. He even had a plant of my Vanajacqui ('George Oliva') that was not in bloom. Dave's garden has many interesting garden accessories and ornaments. The roses are laid out in rows, as any good Navy man would have them. The house and barn were from the 19th century, and brought back many pleasant memories of that bygone era of farming and farm houses in New England. After we toured the grounds, we fed and petted the horse, and took lots and lots of pictures. Dave gave us snacks and any cuttings we may want. Of course, I couldn't resist a cutting of 'Lyda Rose,' and maybe, just maybe, she'll be big enough to plant in the ground this year. I even took some pollen to sprinkle here and there. After we were done with our snacks, we all went our separate ways, but not before taking a few more snapshots of the roses. Great garden, Dave! Thank you for the invite.

## Through the Photographer's Lens continued



### Jacqui Nye

I was using a Canon Rebel T3.

It was a pleasant day in the garden. Dave has many roses of all types. One really large bed and several others scattered about the yard. He even has one in his horse paddock where we were told that Lil Horse does his pruning for him! Dave has used many hardscape features in his garden so there was something new to look at from every angle. This made it for a photographer's dream shoot. We sat for a while later and had light beverages, fruit, and snacks. I was able to meet Judy and her husband and learn more about them. Glad that I was invited to a day in the garden.



Through the Photographer's Lens  
(Jacqui Nyg) continued



Through the Photographer's Lens  
(Jacqui Nyg) continued





# Through the Photographer's Lens continued

## Judy Paniccia

Stepping into Dave's backyard is like going back in time, complete with a country house, a big red barn, and grassy areas divided into different sections. There are flower beds, and a large fenced in area for his pony (one of his secrets to his successful rose garden). Under the trees were chairs and a table to relax. There were bird houses nearby. On the side of the house is his very large and beautiful rose garden.

We spent time wandering among the rose beds discussing roses. Most roses were labeled so we could write down our new favorites. Bob used his new camera – a Sony A7 II with a FE 4.5-5.6/ 70-300 G OSS lens. I used my Nikon S9100. We spent a lovely afternoon with our gracious host Dave giving us tips on how to photograph roses. Later, we had tea and lemonade with cookies. He sent us on our way with cuttings of roses. What a wonderful way to spend the afternoon looking and photographing roses with friends. It could have been one hundred years before in the same place.



Through the Photographer's Lens  
(Judy Paniceia) continued



Through the Photographer's Lens  
(Judy Paniccia) continued



# Through the Photographer's Lens continued



Bob Stryker



# Through the Photographer's Lens continued



Dave Candler



# Through the Photographer's Lens (Dave Candler) continued



# Through the Photographer's Lens (Dave Candler) continued



# Through the Photographer's Lens continued

Andy Vanable





Through the Photographer's Lens  
(Andy Vanable) continued



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# Vanayoung the Story Behind 'Our Forever Young'



Every rose that I introduce will have a story or be named for a special person that had a major effect on my life. 'Our Forever Young' is no different than any other rose I have introduced thus far. The following was finished some eight years ago. It was years in the making, and was written through countless revisions and many late night sessions. When my story was completed, I vowed never to work on it again, until a rose was introduced to go along with the story. It took me until last year to find a rose, that I felt was good enough to be named in their memory.

The story was originally a very small part of another one I wrote about a very courageous young lady, Hera, and her equally courageous and loving mother. Unfortunately, I had to cut Hera out of her own story, and substitute what you will read here. The words and events within still hurt as much today as they did all those years ago. Some day, I will complete my story about Hera and her rose, Vanasong, but that story will need to wait until another time . . .

. . . Every 28 years, calendars repeat. This is a fact that cannot be disputed, and, exactly 28 years to the day, after I entered high school, my daughter entered the same high school that I did. She and I experienced the same holidays, vacations, football games, band concerts, and everything else a typical, red-blooded, American high school student experiences – exactly 28 years apart. Her class even lost one of its members during its senior year . . .

## Some Four-Letter Words I Know . . .

**Sign** is a four-letter word I know very well. There are thousands of them all around us guiding us through our daily lives. I try to pay attention to them, whenever I can. One particular sign I know, marks a spot in a quiet little town, on a dark and lonely stretch of road. Graduation Day was only but a week away. The six were the “Cream of the Crop,” the smartest, the brightest, the “Best of the Best” the little town had to



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offer. With high school all but a memory, they had their whole lives ahead of them. They were focused on the future. Determined to make *their* mark on the world around them, and live out the “Great American Dream” . . . college . . . marriage . . . children . . . a house . . . get rich . . . retire . . . and watch the next generation do it all over again. That’s what’s supposed to happen. That’s what we’ve been told, since we were so very young.

**Fate** . . . it’s one of those four-letter words we deal with every day. At times, I am thankful that fate has intervened, and at times, I loathe the great depths it can bring. We never know when it’s going to change the lives of the people we know. On one dark and rainy night, fate intervened with the “Best of the Best,” and struck them down. Five of the six were killed instantly, while the sixth slipped into another four-letter word, I wish I didn’t know, called “coma,” never to fully awake. Fate has twisted its dirty deed, and transformed the “Cream of the Crop” to the “Forever Young,” in our hearts and minds.

**Song** . . . a four-letter word we listen to nearly every day. Some make us happy, and some can be quite sad. More often than not, the words of songs have great strength and power. Many times the words



help us to grow and learn about ourselves. The world is full of many such great songs. They often bring back memories of the people we know best. At times they can remind us of some of our earliest and most precious memories.

“We’ve Only Just Begun” by the Carpenters is one such great, and powerful song. It’s usually played on happy occasions. With heavy hearts, we sang it on Graduation Day, but six of the smartest and brightest voices weren’t there to sing it with us. Scattered throughout the class, were cold, gray, empty, metal chairs. They were decorated with white flowers and neatly tied



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ribbons, conspicuous by their emptiness. Chairs — so, silent — so, eerily silent — as we sang along . . . chairs — waiting — so, patiently waiting — waiting for your return. We sang that song to mark the beginning of our quest for the “Great American Dream,” but now, that song brings back memories that symbolize something quite different.

**Hear . . .** it’s what we do when we listen to the songs. Sometimes we enjoy hearing a song played really loudly, and sometimes a quiet one is just right. We hear voices of people, places, animals, and so many other great and wonderful sounds throughout our daily lives. These are the sounds of today. They are quite different than the sounds of so long ago. I can think of so many interesting and wonderful sounds in this world I’d like to hear. But, I’d take a world full of silence, if I could, just to hear your voices again, and sing that Carpenters’ song one more time with you.

**Weep . . .** a four-letter word that my eyes do every time I work on this story. My son sometimes comes with me, when I visit that dark and lonely stretch of road, with the sign marking the spot. He knows why I visit the area, but he does not understand why I weep



*One of the many white flowers placed on the graves and memorials the night of my daughter’s graduation*

when I leave. But, alas, I weep in memory of you, our forever young, and for what might have been.

**Tear . . .** one of those four-letter words we don’t always understand why, but they just appear. Many people have cried a tear or two for you, and I’d be lying if I said I never did. And, this quiet little town, with the sign marking the spot, on that lonely stretch of road, went into shock and great disbelief. After that dark and rainy night, this quiet little town has cried many a tear for our forever young. For these things are supposed to happen someplace else, not here.



*‘Our Forever Young’ HMult 2016 – Vanable*



*Monument in front of Burrillville High School commemorating the event*

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**Time . . .** that four-letter word that keeps a steady pace moving towards a future. It's been over thirty years since Graduation Day. Our hair is a little thinner and is much more gray than we'd like to admit. We've gained a little weight, and have a house with a child or two, we now call our own. Yes, we've aged quite a bit, since that fateful night. We've smiled a little smile, laughed a little laugh, sang a little song, and cried a little tear or two. That elusive "Great American Dream," is starting to get a little bit closer, now.

**Heal . . .** it's what happens to us after we have been wounded. Time is supposed to heal all wounds, and I must confess that it has healed many for me. But, time hasn't dimmed those memories we have of you, our forever young . . .

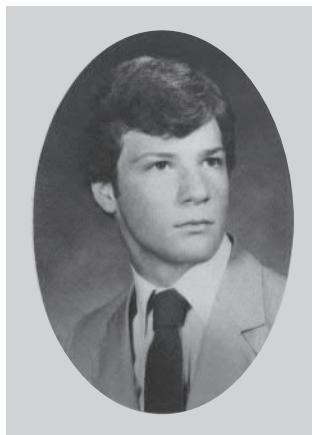
**. . . Mark . . . John . . . Gene . . . Fran . . . Karl . . . Bill . . .**  
all four-letter names of my former high school classmates, on a sign, on a dark and lonely stretch of road, in a quiet little town you may all know. May you rest in peace.

Andrew A. Vanable

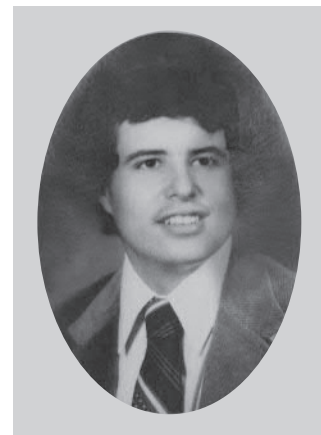
Burrillville High School Class of '82



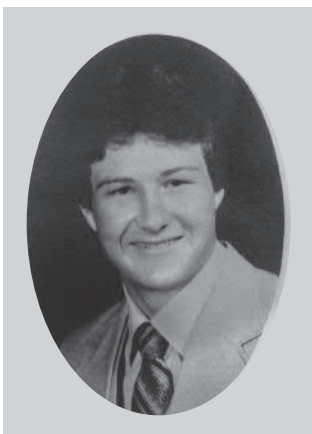
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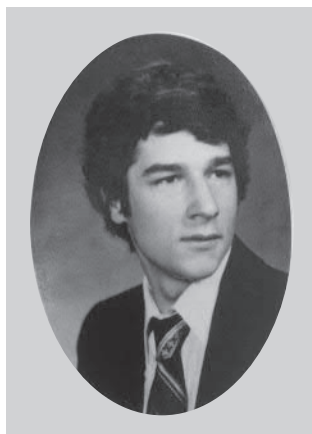
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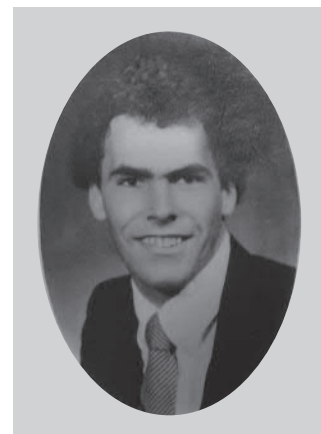
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*Francis M. Malley '81*



*Karl A. Russell '82*



*William J. Keable '82*

# 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. At the New England Rose Society Founder's Day Celebration, Frank and Belva Hopkins were awarded this prestigious honor from the New England Rose Society. Congratulations, Frank and Belva.



Photo: Chu Jung

*Frank & Belva Hopkins  
2017 New England Rose  
Society Bronze Award  
Recipients with New  
England Rose Society  
President, Teresa Mosher  
& District Director, Craig  
Dorschel*

## ARS Fall National Convention Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

Yankee District members, Cindy Ehrenreich, Audrey Osborn, and John Mattia all made it to the head table in the Photography Division, and Andy Vanable made it to the head table in the Horticulture Division at the ARS National Convention in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania back in September. Yankee District members received Best in Classes in seven of the ten photography



*One Spray & Best in Show, Photography  
'Dainty Bess' Exhibited by John Mattia*

# News From Around the District continued



*Arrangement - Photography Division  
Exhibited by John Mattia*

classes they were eligible to enter. Cindy Ehrenreich received one Best in Class, Audrey Osborn received two Best in Classes as well as Princess of Photography. John Mattia received four Best in Classes, as well as the Best in Show Photography Division, and Andy Vanable had the Best Seedling in the Horticulture Division. Congratulations, all!



*Best Seedling - Photography Division  
'Corrina' x 'Success Story' Exhibited by John Mattia*



*Fully-Open Bloom - Photography Division  
'Morning Magic' Exhibited by Cindy Ehrenreich*



*Private Rose Garden & Princess of Photography  
'California Dreamin' " Exhibited by Audrey Osborn*



*Yankee District Historic Garden  
Photography Division - Elizabeth Park  
Exhibited by Audrey Osborn*



# News From Around the District continued



*Creative Interpretation - Photography Division  
Exhibited by John Mattia*



*Best Seedling - Horticulture Division  
'Grandma Bunny' x Unknown  
Exhibited by Andy Vanable*

## Bits and Pieces

The **Rhode Island Rose Society** is celebrating its 20th anniversary with a buffet luncheon and guest speaker, Mike Schwartz, President of A.R.T.S. (American Rose Trials for Sustainability), on March 10, 2018 at Chelo's Restaurant, in East Providence, Rhode Island - Tickets \$20.00. People interested in attending should contact Angelina Chute at [apc1090@aol.com](mailto:apc1090@aol.com) for ticket information.

**Margaret Bercovitz** and **Jay Hartling** recently became our newest Yankee District Consulting Rosarians. Welcome aboard, Margaret and Jay!

**John Mattia** won King of Photography for his exhibit of 'Opulence' at the Mini Nationals. Congratulations, John!

**Frank** and **Belva Hopkins** both received Lifetime Achievement Awards from the New England Rose Society. Congratulations, Frank and Belva.

**Dave Candler** would like to invite everyone to visit his newly unveiled website for the **Connecticut Rose Society**. It can be viewed at [ctrose.club](http://ctrose.club), or by scanning the QR code below.





# Connecticut Rose Society Upcoming Program Information

## **FEBRUARY 22-25, 2018 - Connecticut Flower Show**

Connecticut Convention Center  
100 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, Connecticut

## **SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2018 - Calendar Contest**

**Rich Cowles - Entomologist, CAES**

**Plant Pests in the Rose Garden**

Congregational Church of Plainville  
130 West Main Street, Plainville, Connecticut

## **FRIDAY MARCH 23 - SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2018**

**Spring Convention and Floral Workshop**

**Yankee District 2018**

**Hosted by the New England Rose Society**

Doubletree by Hilton  
123 Old River Road, Andover, Massachusetts

**SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.**

**Annual Auction/**

**One-on-One Opening the Garden**

Congregational Church of Plainville  
130 West Main Street, Plainville, Connecticut

**SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.**

**Prides Corner Tour - Hosted by Adam Wells**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.**

**Judges Critique/**

**Wes Harvell - J&P Roses**

**First Rose of Summer**

Congregational Church of Plainville  
130 West Main Street, Plainville, Connecticut

**Sunday, June 17**

**Connecticut Rose Society 37th Annual Rose Show**

Pond House in Elizabeth Park

West Hartford, Connecticut

**JULY MEMBER'S PICNIC - TBA**

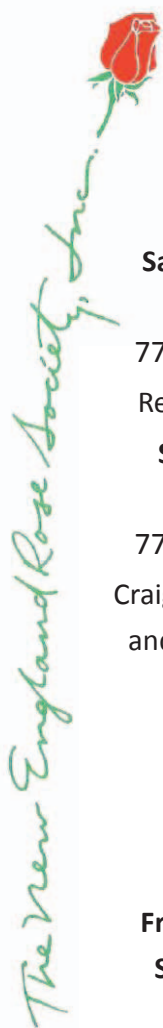
**FRIDAY - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 - 8, 2018**

**Yankee District Fall Rose Show and Lobsterfest**

Dennis, Massachusetts



# New England Rose Society Upcoming Program Information



**Saturday, February 17, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.**

Methuen Senior Center  
77 Lowell Street Methuen, Massachusetts  
Rebecca Reed, David Austin Representative

**Saturday, March 17, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.**

Methuen Senior Center  
77 Lowell Street Methuen, Massachusetts  
Craig Dorschel, Introduction to Floral Arranging  
and Preparing for the Floral Workshop at the  
District Convention

**Wednesday - Sunday, March 14-18**

**Boston Flower Show**

Seaport World Trade Center  
Boston, Massachusetts

**Friday March 23 - Sunday, March 25, 2018**

**Spring Convention and Floral Workshop  
Yankee District 2018**

**Hosted by the New England Rose Society**

Doubletree by Hilton  
123 Old River Road, Andover, Massachusetts

**Saturday, April 21, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.**

Methuen Senior Center  
77 Lowell Street Methuen, Massachusetts  
Pruning and Planting Rose Demonstration

**Saturday, May 19, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.**

Methuen Senior Center  
77 Lowell Street Methuen, Massachusetts  
Meeting, Dave Candler, Rose Photography

**Saturday, June 9, 2018 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

**Stephen Coolidge Estate**

137 Andover Street North Andover, Massachusetts  
Rose Garden Soiree

admission fee and information: [www.thetrustees.org](http://www.thetrustees.org)

**Sunday, June 24, 2018**

**Annual Rose Show**

Tower Hill Botanic Gardens  
11 French Drive, Boylston, Massachusetts  
7:30 - 10:00 a.m. - Enter Roses  
10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Judging  
12:30 - 3:30 p.m. - Open to Public

**July/August, 2018**

Visit Member's Garden, TBD

**Friday - Saturday, September 7 - 8, 2018**

**Yankee District Fall Rose Show and Lobsterfest**  
Dennis, Massachusetts

**Saturday, September 15, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.**

Methuen Senior Center  
77 Lowell Street Methuen, Massachusetts  
Officer Nominations  
Which roses did well, which didn't and why?

**Saturday, October 20, 2018, 12:00 p.m.**

Founders Day Luncheon  
The Chateau Italian Family Dining  
131 River Road, Andover, Massachusetts

**Mary MacDonald, Rest•Stop•Ranch**

**Saturday, November 17, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.**

Installation of Officers, Winterizing Roses

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# New England Rose Society Visit to George & Paula Doorakian's Garden - August 12, 2017



*George demonstrating how to hybridize new roses*



*George's Stout Silver Medal for his daylily cultivar, 'Rose F. Kennedy'*



*Guests in attendance learning from Master Hybridizer, George Doorakian*

# George & Paula Doorakian's Garden continued



*'Rainbow Sorbet'*



*George with  
his hybrid  
daylilies  
and roses*



# George & Paula Doorakian's Garden continued



*Bibianne Fletcher & Jeannette Danehy*



*Beautiful variegated leaves on George's hybrid maple tree*



*'Neil Diamond'*



*George and guests touring George's beautiful garden*

# George & Paula Doorakian's Garden continued



*Perfection at its best - The Master Hybridizer and his hybrids*



*'Bee Bop'*



*Marion Stevens & Clarence Rhodes*

# New England Rose Society Visit to Stanley Park - September 23, 2017



*Wally Parsons, Bibianne Fletcher & Dave Long  
with Paul Kuczynski*



*Stanley Park Guide, Paul Kuczynski*





# Visit to Stanley Park continued



*Colin Browning, Bibianne Fletcher, Dave & Sandy Long  
with Paul Kuczynski*

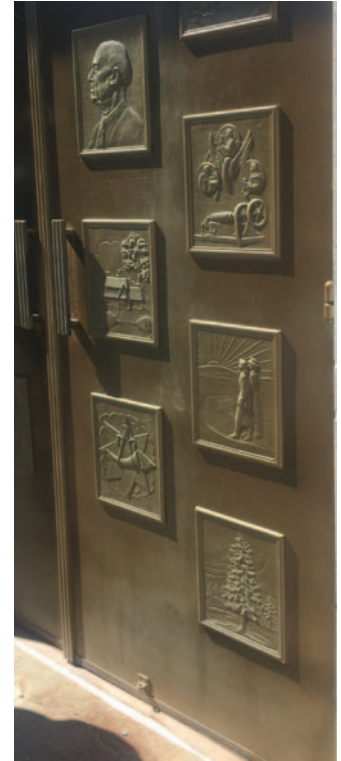


*Wally Parsons with Sandy & Dave Long*

# Visit to Stanley Park continued



*Wally Parsons, Sharon O'Connor & George Doorakian*





# Rhode Island Rose Society Upcoming Program Information

**Saturday, February 10, 2017, 9:30 a.m. - Noon**

Rose "Jeopardy" Competition/Election of Officers

Champlain Room at Weaver Library

41 Grove Avenue, East Providence, Rhode Island

**Saturday, April 14, 2017, 9:30 a.m. - Noon**

Garden Opening

TBD

**Saturday, May 12, 2018, 9:30 a.m. - Noon**

Regular Monthly Meeting

TBD

**Saturday, March 10, 2018, 9:30 a.m. - Noon - 4:00 p.m.**

20th Anniversary Meeting/Installation of Officers

Michael Schwartz

President of the ARS Sustainability Trials

(Limited Availability - Please contact Angelina Chute  
for details and ticket information)

Chelo's

911 Warren Avenue, East Providence, Rhode Island

Annual Preparation for the June Rose Show

**Saturday, June 16, 2018 – All Day**

**Twentieth Annual**

**Rhode Island Rose Society Rose Show**

**"A Kaleidoscope of Color"**

North Kingstown Community Center

30 Beach Street, Wickford, Rhode Island

**Friday March 23 - Sunday, March 25, 2018**

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# Roses in Review Summary - 2017

## Andy Vanable, Yankee District Roses in Review Coordinator

Many Thanks! To all who participated in last year's Roses in Review. We had 41 reporters with 147 reports from all of the societies in the district. The following are summaries for roses that received three or more reports. The 2018 season will be here soon. Be sure to look for information on filling out your 2018 reports later this year.

### FLORIBUNDA

'At Last' - 4 reports - disease-resistant - good color - easy to grow - shade tolerant - no fragrance

'Jump for Joy' - 3 reports - profuse bloomer with great color - hardy - little fragrance

'Novalis' (Poseidon) - 3 reports - tall - fragrant - beautiful color - hardy - great garden rose

'Violet's Pride' - 3 reports - hardy - great color - lacks vigor - blackspots

### GRANDIFLORA

'Anna's Promise' - 4 reports - medium height - not hardy - lacks vigor - little fragrance - blackspots

### HYBRID TEA

'Good as Gold' - 7 reports - medium height - winter hardy - great color - no form - some blackspot

'Mercury Rising' - 3 reports - no consensus on exhibition form, winter hardiness and height - little fragrance - disease resistant

'Neil Diamond' - 9 reports - medium height - fragrant - may be winter tender - some blackspot

'Pretty Lady Rose' - 5 reports - great color with many blooms - very fragrant - winter hardy - some blackspot

'Smokin' Hot' - 5 reports - no consensus on height - little to no fragrance - unique color with small blooms - exhibition form - some blackspot

### LARGE FLOWERED CLIMBER

'Tropical Lightning' - 4 reports - no consensus on height - great color - sparse blooms - some scent - winter tender in some areas

### MINIATURE

'You're the One' - 3 reports - winter hardy - medium/tall height - strong grower - good repeat - no fragrance - disease resistant

### SHRUB

'Calypso' - 5 reports - winter hardy - no consensus on height - vigorous - good color on blooms that fade quickly - some fragrance - very disease resistant

'Champagne Wishes' - 4 reports - winter hardy - medium height - some fragrance - vigorous - disease resistant

'Head Over Heels' - 4 reports - medium height - some fragrance - great color with many blooms - vigorous - disease resistant

'Olivia Rose Austin' - 6 reports - winter hardy - no consensus on height - very fragrant - very disease resistant

'Take It Easy' - 4 reports - winter hardy - no consensus on height - slight fragrance - some blackspot

'Tranquility' - 3 reports - winter hardy - nice color - no consensus on height and vigor - slight fragrance - disease resistant

'Watercolors Home Run' - 5 reports - short/medium great color - could bloom a little more - many late season blooms deformed - little-to-no fragrance - very disease resistant



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## Reclassified Roses

The following roses have been reclassified by the Registration Committee. Please remember to enter your roses in the correct classes:

'Shadow Ninja' (GARninja), or, 2007, Garhart from floribunda (F) to grandiflora (Gr)

'Brenna Bosch' ('Luvbren0804'), m, 2014, Anthony, from miniature (M) to miniflora (MinFl)