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*'Flower Girl,' grown as a standard - Rose Hills Memorial Park & Mortuary, Whittier, California - photo - Audrey Osborn*

# The Rose Window

Newsletter of the Yankee District of the American Rose Society

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## ARS Fall National Convention

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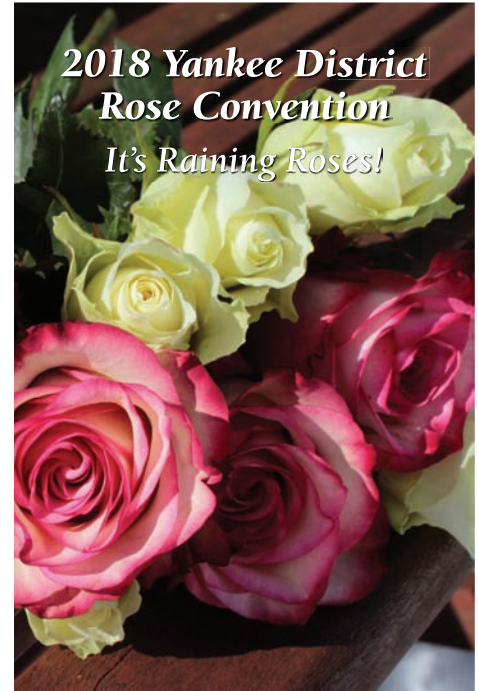
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**FRIDAY - SUNDAY, MARCH 23-25, 2018**

# Yankee District Spring Convention

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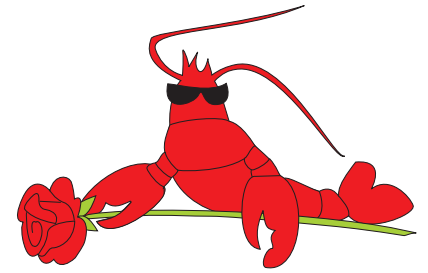
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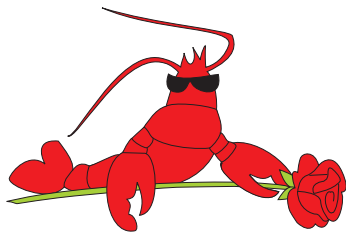
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# From the District Director Craig Dorschel



Here it is July already. By now, the first flush of roses has finished, and the second should be on the way. We had another tricky winter and spring. Once again, the early season was mild — buds were swelling as early as January, and in late February, I found myself driving through Pennsylvania with the air conditioning on full. Of course, cold snaps followed nipping any new growth. At least the wet spring relieved the drought conditions of last summer. Wouldn't it be great to have a "normal" winter and spring for a change?

We had a great district convention and consulting rosarian school around the first of April thanks to the hard work of Becky Martorelli and everyone else who helped the Connecticut Rose Society put on the event. Kudos!

The next district event will, as was the case in 2015, be held at a remote site, the ARS National Convention at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Just as was the case at Syracuse, our district challenge classes will be included in the rose show (and everyone is welcome and encouraged

to enter horticultural exhibits, arrangements, and photographs in the main show), and we will have our meeting on Sunday morning before the garden tour. Gettysburg is a bit longer of a drive than Syracuse, but still easily doable. I've seen the hotel, and it is very nice. Besides all the fun of an ARS convention, you will have the opportunity to visit the historic sites. If you haven't already done that, you should. I hope many of you will make the trip.

Time passes so quickly! I'm coming up on my last year as District Director and am hoping to serve you and the American Rose Society in another capacity going forward. Over the past several years, thanks to the efforts of the Officers, Staff, Directors, and volunteers the ARS has made considerable progress in achieving financial stability and halting the loss of members. We are now growing again and it is important to maintain that momentum. Next year is an election year in the ARS. We will be electing a District Secretary and Treasurer at our District meeting next March, and Directors and a Vice President (and future President) will be elected in the summer. I encourage everyone to study the issues and be sure to vote. Participation in the national election has been low — only roughly 20% of the membership votes. Please do not think that your vote is unimportant. The 2009 Vice Presidential election was decided by three votes nationally! The election is a year away, but please (election or no election!) maintain your ARS membership so that when the time comes, you will be eligible to vote.

Thank you!



*Bob & Kitty Belendez's Garden Arbor  
photo - Audrey Osborn*

# Secretary's Report

## April 2, 2017 - Glastonbury, Connecticut

### Audrey Osborn

The meeting was called to order by District Director, Craig Dorschel, at 9:37 a.m. Craig thanked the Connecticut Rose Society for a great convention noting that their keynote speaker had cancelled due to pneumonia, but the replacement speaker did a great job.

Dave Ciak made a motion to accept the minutes from September 10, 2016, and that motion was seconded by Sandy Long. The minutes were accepted.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**NEWSLETTER** — Andy Venable was congratulated for winning the Gold Award in the newsletter competition. Andy thanked members for contributing and helping with the newsletter. He thanked everyone for making our district the best rose district in the country.

**PRIZES & AWARDS** — Oz Osborn stated that locally, everything was status quo. Oz mentioned that at the National Convention next September in Gettysburg, we can show in either the district or national categories. Four district trophy classes will be at the show for Yankee District members. For the photo competition, there will be a district-featured class for photographers – historic gardens in the Yankee District. There will be \$10 cash prizes awarded.

**HORTICULTURE JUDGING** — No report

**ARRANGEMENT JUDGING** — Craig Dorschel stated that Nancy Redington has a lot on her plate. There will be an arrangement workshop next year at the district convention hosted by the New England Rose Society.

**CONSULTING ROSARIAN** — Dave Long said that a successful CR school was held, with 43 attendees. There are now three new consulting rosarians as a result of the school. New ground is being explored — go to phone — go to meeting — new electronics. The Yankee District has 32 active CRs. The next audit will be in 2021.

Irwin Ehrenreich received the Outstanding Consulting Rosarian for the Yankee District.

**WEBSITE** — Patsy Cunningham has saved the district a great deal of money, as she was able to combine several websites, using one password and a much cheaper rate. Thank you Patsy. Patsy added, If anyone wants to include something on the website, send it to her, and if you come across anything outdated, please mention that to her as well.

**ROSES IN REVIEW** — Oz Osborn is passing the baton to Andy Venable for 2017. Oz said it is difficult to come up with a report with so few reports on some roses. 'Doris Day' had a 6.9 average and was the highest rated Floribunda rose. 'Neil Diamond' was the highest rated hybrid tea with six reports and a 7.5 average. The best mini was 'The Lighthouse,' with an 8.5 for exhibition and 8.0 as a garden rose. The best minifloras were 'Eternity' at 8.6 and 'Hello Sunshine' at 8.2, The best shrubs were 'Champagne Wishes,' 'Take it Easy,' and 'Calypso.'

**MEMBERSHIP/OLD GARDEN ROSES** — Mirjana Toyn said that work is being done to set up Drop Box. Mirjana will be speaking in Gettysburg, and she will bring a hoop for her dress.

**PHOTOGRAPHY** — John Mattia said he has done nothing this year, but the photo shows have been doing well.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**— The Yankee District is in good shape financially. We are approaching \$10,000. Our conventions have been very successful. There has been a large savings with the website thanks to Patsy. Dave Long thanked Steve for the financial support to help directors attend conventions, which, in turn, the directors contributed to the ARS.

Frank Hopkins questioned where is the Yankee District located, and the answer is according to the bylaws,

# Secretary's Report continued

members of the District who are paying members of the ARS living within the district boundaries, comprise the Yankee District. If the Yankee District ceases to exist, our money goes to the ARS.

## OLD BUSINESS

RECAP OF 2017 CONVENTION — Becky Martorelli stated there were 79 people, with two speakers in attendance. The raffle netted \$1,213, the mini rose sale \$265, and the rose auction \$990 — \$2,468 to be adjusted with outstanding bills. The convention made money.

Mark Windham one of the keynote speakers, had to cancel due to pneumonia. Jatinder Aulakh was a substitute at the last minute. He did a fantastic job. He was a free speaker, and a donation of \$150 was made to the Valley Lab.

Becky Martorelli said it looks as if we will meet the projected income for the convention. Marci Martin thanked everyone for coming, and said Becky and her committees did a marvelous job.

## POSSIBLE NATIONAL CONVENTION

Has interest waned? Marci mentioned she would rather have the convention in June, and do a full national. Syracuse is interested in doing a 2019 mini convention, Pat Shanley mentioned Tenarky District was another society expressing interest. Tipton Rose Society (is Richard Anthony organizing?) has expressed an interest for 2019. If Craig Dorschel is elected to the vice president position, the host region may put on the convention for his inauguration as president in 2021.

LISTS OF RECOMMENDED ROSES — Jim Hering proposal — would you approve, yes or no, he would take to convention mini/minifloras. Richard Anthony said it was too premature for mini/minifloras to vote.

Carol Spears — wanted a list from rose societies their recommendations for best roses. Zero sent.

Local societies members should tell local nurseries which roses grow well in their area, and have members support mail-order rose sales to increase good roses for commerce locally.

## NEW BUSINESS

2017 DISTRICT SHOW AND FALL MEETING — GETTYSBURG: There will be a room for our district meeting at the convention.

2018 SPRING CONVENTION — Andover, Massachusetts: Location — Double Tree, Andover. Theme is "It's Raining Roses." There will be a photo contest, floral arrangement workshop with Nancy Redington. Curtis Aumiller and Craig Dorschel will speaking. Lunch and supplies — \$75 Two arrangements will be made. Jacqui Nye will chair the photo contest.

2018 LOBSTERFEST AND ROSE SHOW — the weekend of September 7th and 8th. There will be a boat ride, dinner at the wharf, rose show, followed by a lobsterfest. Business meeting sometime during the weekend.

2019 SPRING CONVENTION: Ocean Edge, Brewster, Massachusetts (Cape Cod)

NOTICE OF DISTRICT ELECTIONS, SPRING 2018;  
ARS ELECTION, SUMMER 2018:

We will need candidates a year from now for election at the business meeting in Andover. Oz is eligible for re-election as Prizes and Awards. There are no term limits for Secretary and Treasurer. Craig Dorschel will run for ARS Vice President, so he will not be available to run for Region 0 Regional Director. We also need a nomination for District Director.

## OTHER NEW BUSINESS:

Craig Dorschel mentioned that the national ARS bylaws are vague in places. The Bylaws Committee has put forward several proposals to remedy this regarding eligibility of past ARS presidents to hold elective office, replacement of candidates who withdraw after close of nominations, and definitions of district and regional membership. Situations related to the 2015 election in Region 9 were mentioned. (Note: these proposals were approved by the ARS Board of Directors at their April meeting and will appear on the 2018 triennial ballot for action by the membership.)



# Secretary's Report continued

Financial — Two times cash to keep society viable. Profit sharing for host society. Things have changed since 2013.

Steve: At the convention money is made from the auction, raffle and rose sale. Historically, the registration fee should cover convention expenses. The registration fee is working money for the convention. Some speakers cost more. We need to have the money available to cover expenses and travel fees.

A motion was made to institute host society profit sharing — 60/40 District/Society (after expenses are met).

John Mattia — We need \$7,000 in the account to protect against weather or some other disaster. After all the money is in, make sure there is \$7,500 to cover liability to hotel plus \$2,000 district expenses.

Dave Long — Above and beyond — what if something comes up? What about profit after expenses — profit on net, not gross. There is \$9,781 in account. After final accounting we have money as a group to talk about overage.

Steve Rogers: Bump up the directors money so it can be sent to ARS.

Pat Shanley — More people would agree to run for the Board of Directors of ARS. The directors are supposed to give, get, or raise \$1,000 for the ARS. By raising the money to be set aside for the directors, it makes it easier for them to meet their contribution. Being a member of the Board of Directors they need to help the ARS through the Annual Fund to raise money.

Dave Ciak — Make a motion for directors line item for contribution to ARS.

Craig Dorschel — Vote on this concept.

Steve Rogers will set up a plan.

Dave Ciak: Restate — Motion to divide net profit (after expenses are met) between the host society and the district 60/40 to be adjusted annually. Mirjana seconded the motion. Motion voted on and passed. Rhode Island will be getting money from last year's convention. We will meet again in Gettysburg.

Dave Cannistraro — Approve to make a motion to approve financial as planned. Marci Martin seconded the motion. Donation and travel expenses passed.

As there was no other new business, there was a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

## In Memoriam



John H. Arthur  
1931 - June 19, 2017



Emerson "Bob" P. Joslin  
January 25, 1945 - May 14, 2017

# ARS National Convention

## ARS National Convention September 6 – 10, 2017

*All events, times, and locations  
on this schedule are subject to change!!!*



### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2017

7 - 9pm Finance Committee Meeting

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2017

8:00 - 8:30am – Executive Committee meeting

9am – 5pm – ARS Board of Directors Meeting – breakfast, lunch, snacks

Dinner – On Your Own

7:30pm – Gettysburg Ghost Tour – optional cost \$10  
(meet outside room C & D, back lobby)

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2017

Morning – Early afternoon - See the Sights of Gettysburg – On Your Own

Vendors – lobby outside showroom

4:00pm - Jon Corkern, ARS Membership Director - “How to Grow Your Local Society”

5:00pm – ARS Members Meeting

6:00 pm – Welcome Reception – Cash Bar 6pm – 8:30pm

7:00 – 8:30pm – Buffet Dinner

9:00pm – Hospitality

9:00pm – Prep Room Opens for Exhibitors

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2017

5:00am – 9:00 am - Exhibitors Coffee

Vendors – lobby outside showroom

9:30am - Judges’ Instructions – Coffee, pastries

9:45 am – Horticulture, Arrangement, Photography entries **CLOSE**  
Prep room cleanup



# ARS National Convention continued

10:00am – Horticulture, Arrangements and Photography judging **BEGINS**  
Clerks instructions – coffee, pastries

10:30 am – 11:30am – “A Brief History of the Rose Through the Ages”, Mirjana Toyn

12:15pm – 1:45pm – Buffet Lunch – Judges included in this lunch

1:00pm - Judging ends / Rose Show open to the Public

2:00pm - Rose Show Awards presented

2:30pm – Paul Zimmerman

3:30pm – Christian Bedard

4:30pm – Rose Show Closes and tear down  
Raffle winners posted

5:15pm - Mass

6:00pm – Cash Bar (6 – 8:30)- “Modern Day Rosarian” by the Rosy Rosarians

7:00pm – Awards Banquet - Presentation of National Trophies  
District Silver Honor Medals to be announced/presented at Awards Banquet  
Patrons to be acknowledged at the Awards Banquet.  
*Celebrity Look-a-likes* – Julie and Andrew Hearne

Hospitality Immediately following the Banquet

## **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2017**

8am – All-American Breakfast Buffet, \$24, Optional  
Fruit juices; diced seasonal fruits; assortment of cereals;  
fluffy scrambled eggs; applewood bacon and country sausages;  
breakfast potatoes; steel cut oatmeal with dried fruit and nuts;  
assortment of pastries, bagels, breads, croissants; butter and  
preserves; milk, coffee, tea

9am - District meetings  
Penn-Jersey  
Colonial  
New York  
Yankee

11:30am – 4:30pm – Bus trip to Chambersburg  
View gardens of Georgie Dettinburn, Nancy Redington, Pat Lawrence. Bus will take a scenic route through the Adams County Apple Orchards. Lunch provided to bus travelers.

Visit historic Gettysburg, Wine festival, area attractions





# Four Score and Roses Galore!

**AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY**

and the Penn-Jersey District

**2017 Fall National Convention**

Registration Form

Please print your name exactly as you wish it to appear on your name tag.  
Your email address and other information will not be published, shared, or sold by the ARS.

First Registrant's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Registrant's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (including area code): \_\_\_\_\_

Address, city, state, zip: \_\_\_\_\_

email \_\_\_\_\_

Local society or business name \_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan to Exhibit?      \_\_\_ horticulture      \_\_\_ arrangements      \_\_\_ photography  
Challenge classes?      \_\_\_ horticulture      \_\_\_ arrangements

Would you like to Judge? \*\*      \_\_\_ horticulture      \_\_\_ arrangements      \_\_\_ photography

Would you like to Clerk? \*\*      \_\_\_ horticulture      \_\_\_ arrangements      \_\_\_ photography

\*\* All judges and clerks must be registered for the convention. So that assignments can be made in a timely manner, registrations for persons who are interested in judging or clerking must be received by August 11, 2017. If interested in judging or clerking, please check your preference by using 1 as you favorite, then 2, then 3.

	How many	Price	Total
Registration until August 11, 2017	_____	<b>\$159</b>	\$ _____
Late registration after August 11, 2017	_____	<b>\$179</b>	\$ _____
Ghosts of Gettysburg Tour Thursday, September 7, 7:30pm	_____	<b>\$10</b>	\$ _____
All-American Breakfast Buffet, Sunday, September 10, 8am	_____	<b>\$24</b>	\$ _____
Garden Tour Sunday, September 10, 11:30am (includes lunch)	_____	<b>\$30</b>	\$ _____
Sandwich meat preference: ham ___ turkey ___ veggie ___			
Do you have any dietary restrictions? (if so, please specify)			
	<b>Total Enclosed</b>		\$ _____

Your registration includes: Friday Welcome Reception; Saturday lunch buffet; Saturday Awards Banquet; rose show entry; all educational programs; hospitality room; and convention goodies. Make your check payable to: Penn-Jersey District. Send check and registration form to: **Georgianna Papale, 2371 Perricrest Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15220.** Refund Policy: Registration fees less \$15.00 will be refunded if a cancellation notification is received before August 11, 2017. All cancellations received after August 11, 2017, will be reviewed after the convention and refunded to the maximum extent possible.

Wyndham Hotel Reservations may be made by: calling 717.339.0020 "press 3" to make a reservation; or by going to <https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/groups/american-rose-society>. Reservations must be received by August 11, 2017, for special rates and mention Penn-Jersey District of the ARS.

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# Rest•Stop•Ranch Angel Ministry & Gardens by Andy Vanable

One of our country's deep secrets is how we deal with our aging older generation. This problem has gotten a lot worse in recent years as the Post World War II generation (Baby Boomers) is becoming retirement age. Many families go through traumatic and often tumultuous times trying to make their loved ones last days comfortable. The constant stress on the oldest generation and their caregivers is often too much to handle on their own. These caregivers often look towards the many angels in this world to help guide them through these rough times.

This past July, I visited a ministry dedicated towards temporary relief from the seemingly overwhelming onslaught of triumphs and setbacks that our oldest generation and their caregivers experience on a day-to-day basis as the Baby Boomers age and struggle with daily living. Mary MacDonald and Karl Ackerman run this



*'Sweet Drift'*



ministry with an absolutely gorgeous garden complex in Topsfield, Massachusetts called Rest•Stop•Ranch. Part of this complex includes a handicap-accessible walkway that gives visitors wheelchair access to the

# Rest•Stop•Ranch continued



gardens. These gardens are expertly laid out to give visitors and their caregivers a view of a wide variety of flora planted throughout at the perfect level for those who are wheelchair-bound. There are many sitting areas and secret garden rooms scattered throughout the ranch. These garden rooms include a plethora of ornamental and non-ornamental native



Rudbeckia

and non-native plants. Sprinkled throughout these garden rooms are roses varying from species roses to modern shrub and hybrid tea varieties. Many of these rosy-beauties are highly fragrant and easily accessible to the visitors to see (and smell) as they wish. Mary explains that the roses in the garden are some of the most therapeutic and important plants growing there. These roses (especially the fragrant ones) evoke many pleasant memories within the visiting patients that suffer from dementia and other traumatic illnesses. These memories are often triggered by the roses, and

impart great happiness and a temporary healing to those who are suffering.

While I was touring the Rest•Stop•Ranch, I couldn't help but notice the pond by the parking area with the huge koi swimming within. Sorry, guys and gals, I didn't have any food to share with you. I only brought my camera to take pictures. Over along the east corner of



*Koi fish in pond next to parking area*

the garden by the main road, there was a huge area with vegetables growing in it creating an edible feast. To the left of the vegetable garden was an active compost pile ready to supply the plants with some homemade black gold. And, of course, there were hundreds and hundreds of annuals and perennials throughout the four-acre complex, creating a beautiful backdrop for the roses. The background color these flowers



*Sitting area with roses along handicap-accessible walkway*

# Rest•Stop•Ranch continued



Tradescantia (*Spiderwort*)



Delphinium (*larkspur*) with red roses



Lamium maculatum (*dead-nettle*)

possess is worth the trip to the ranch by itself. Many of the plants have varied textures, and variegations, and variations, and colors ranging from white to pinks to blues and violets and every color in between. There was a Caregivers Confessional secret room that had a layer of moss that invited visitors to remove their shoes and feel the soft moss between their toes. Beyond the confessional room was a walkway of cedar trees that seemed like one stepped into the rainforest somewhere in the tropics. And, everywhere in the gardens one was to look there is a rose (two or three) there to be enjoyed. What a sight to see!

Mary and Karl's garden oasis ministry is not limited to just the beautiful garden they created, but the ministry has a support group that meets bi-monthly



'Sundowner'

# Rest•Stop•Ranch continued





# Rest•Stop•Ranch continued



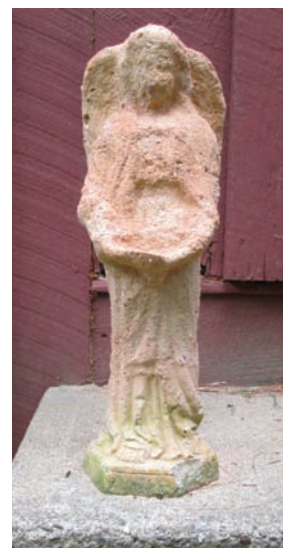
*Karl Ackerman & Mary MacDonald*

to help caregivers through the rough times as their loved ones decline and succumb to the inevitable. Ironically, my own family is starting to have our oldest generation in need of a little extra help to cope with life in general, and it's

refreshing to know that there are people out there such as Mary and Karl ready to help during this time of need. Mary and Karl, the resident Rest•Stop•Ranch not-so-secret gardening angels, are there to help the once active and virile members of our society age gracefully and cope with the ultimate destination in life.

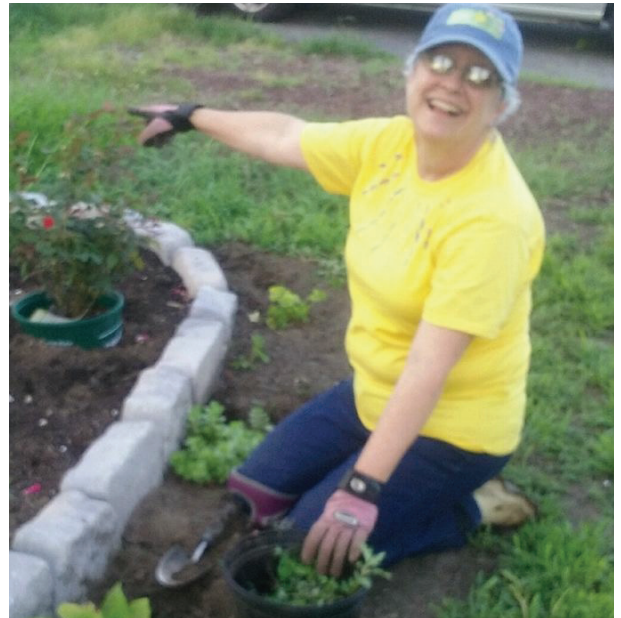
Thank you, Mary and Karl for setting up this garden oasis for those in need. I know you were able to help me escape from my own pressures of an aging generation while I was there. When I first found out about your gardens, I thought your retreat was a garden for people in wheelchairs that needed a place to go and relax. But, I now know that it is much more than that. It is a ministry of healing set up by special angels sent down to help out an entire community through its garden, its garden's tranquility, its teachings, and so much more. You are there to listen, to learn, to help, and to give back. I wish you much success throughout the tenure of your ministry. You really are two not-so-secret angels sent to help where it is needed most. You're making such a difference in so many people's lives. Keep up the good work. A lot of people are counting on you, now.

*For more information about Rest•Stop•Ranch visit [www.rest-stop-ranch.com](http://www.rest-stop-ranch.com).*

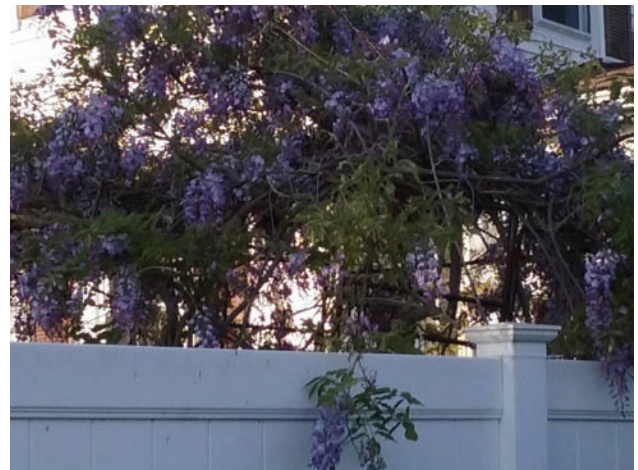


# When a Rose Garden Saves You

by Jacqui Nye



It's been a heck of a year! My husband began with heart palpitations on Memorial Day, 2016, went through three heart procedures, including a valve replacement, then we got the news that he got fibrosis from the afib medications he was put on. Oxygen for life now! Top that off with shingles in June, 2017. What's a wife to do? Head to the garden.



All winter we spent in and out of the hospital, and I spent that time planning new rose beds. Designing, plantings, which roses will be my next purchases. Then Spring came, and I went right to it – digging up a large portion of my side property – getting rid of grass for roses!! I learned how to use a rototiller, and pulled out as much quack grass as possible. Then I placed the “bones” of the garden. Carloads of pavers, and mulch, hauling compost, moving plants, and rescuing roses from Big Box Store body bags. I added some perennials or “weeds” some rosarians call them — all the while

# When a Rose Garden Saves You continued



tending the other roses that were already planted in the other beds.



Then the neighbors and strangers started commenting. They watched for those months as my yard was transformed from a lot into a garden. They saw the blooms coming and started driving by slowly, and then they would be surprised when I popped my head up from behind a bush to say hi! The look of joy and happiness on their faces, the thumbs up



# When a Rose Garden Saves You continued

from grown men, the conversations were many and spontaneous. Then I realized I was sharing my love of roses and gardening with the world (or, at least my little part of the world), and it was transformational.

What began as therapy to lose myself from responsibility and nerves, turned into a saving grace – a place of peace where birds and people can come and simply be. I'm glad now that my sunny side of the house is out front. I wouldn't have it any other way.



*All photographs courtesy Jacqui Nye*

# A Special Day in Methuen

by Teresa Mosher  
& Andy Vanable

Rose Societies (both at the local level and the national level) are losing members at alarming rates. The best that many can do is to keep existing numbers from dropping below the previous year. Younger people, and in particular, children and youths under eighteen, are not spending as much time gardening as past generations did. On Saturday, July 15, 2017 the New England Rose Society (NERS) held its first annual Youth Event and Ice Cream Social, and invited youngsters under eighteen from the Greater Methuen Area to come and learn about roses.

Teresa Mosher, Pam Murphy, and Andy Vanable presented a modified version of one of the ARS' Kids N' Roses programs to the attending children. In addition to the great knowledge the children learned about roses, they each received free passes to the local go cart racetrack, miniature golf, batting cages, and Friendly's Restaurant. They each received a free Junior Membership to the NERS, so that they can continue on their journey to growing and enjoying roses. After the presentation, everyone in attendance participated in a very popular "make your own ice cream sundae" (with a little help from Jean DiVincenzo and Corrine LaCharitte).

Members of the NERS brought specimens of different classes and shapes of roses to share with our young students. Dave Cannistraro donated a miniature rose, 'Diamond Eyes,' and Teresa Mosher donated a signed copy of her book, *A Year in My Rose Garden*, to be raffled



Photo: Craig Dorschel

at the event. Ellie Boucher and Deb Moran brought their grandchildren to the event, and Craig Dorschel took care of the photography. Little did we know, but a special surprise awaited us when the oldest child in attendance (Anthony - 13), informed us that he already had his very own garden, and he already has roses growing in it! He even went on to state that he knows how to take cuttings and create his very own baby roses that he nurtures to full size! Fabulous, Anthony! We see a bright future with roses growing in it for you.



Photo: Craig Dorschel

It was a pleasure teaching and learning from these future rosarians about our special hobby. Who knows? There may even be a future Consulting Rosarian or two in attendance?

A great time was had by all who attended. Future plans are being made to make this an annual event for the Greater Methuen Community, and to re-introduce the love of gardening, and the enjoyment of the rose to as many young, budding rosarians as possible. The ARS has a lot of great information and tools available. We would highly recommend getting *your* community involved as well. After being with these special children and teaching them about the joys of growing roses, the future of gardening and the enjoyment of the rose has taken a giant step forward to being enjoyed for many generations to come.

Until next year . . .

# Vanajacqui – the 'George Oliva' Story by Andy Venable



Photo: Jacqui Nye

'George Oliva' HMult 2017 – Venable

I first met Jacqui a few years ago at one of our Rhode Island Rose Society (RIRS) meetings. She reminds me that I was stern and quite matter of fact with her at one of my many planting demonstrations, that I have done throughout the years. But, as anyone who knows me, I don't sugar-coat the truth, especially when I talk about roses. I tell it like I see it! Jacqui and I have since had many discussions about roses and the people who grow them. Her curiosity and willing to listen (and learn) about roses never ceases to amaze me. Not long after I met Jacqui, I gave her one of my seedlings, and she promptly killed it. She was afraid to tell me, fearing that I would think differently of her. But instead, I took it in stride, and explained to her that killing it might not be her fault, and the seedling may have died no matter *who* may have been taking care of it (including me). But, in the process, I knew I had started getting Jacqui hooked on growing seedlings, and how having your

very own seedling in your yard can be just as satisfying and rewarding to grow as any other rose.

Throughout the many months since I met Jacqui, I have watched her get

more involved with roses, having fun growing them, and enjoying the company of the people who grow them. She quickly has become a part of this close-knit community we have in the District (and beyond). Lately, she expanded her rose-growing experience by including exhibiting and arranging. I may have had a part in this, by encouraging her to enter the Rhode Island Rose Society (RIRS) show even though she had no roses with what she called "worthwhile foliage." I reminded her that there was a class in the show where foliage wasn't allowed (rose-in-a-bowl), and she entered a bloom in the class and put it up to the head table. She started to get "hooked" on exhibiting, and is quite good at showing roses, taking photographs of roses, and making arrangements for our local, regional, and national shows. She has won at every level she has competed at – not too bad for someone who just started getting serious about growing/showing roses a few short years ago.

Throughout Jacqui's tenure in the RIRS, she and I have had many discussions about roses and life in general. We found out we have a lot in common. We were both born a few years apart in the wild and tumultuous 1960's. We both have a son and a daughter who were both born half-dozen years apart. We both have long-lasting, quality, and loving marriages, grow lots of roses, and enjoy taking care of the roses at the



Photo: Andy Venable

First Bloom July 28, 2015

## Vanajacqui continued

Roger Williams Park Victorian Rose Garden. I have tried to share with Jacqui all that I can about growing and enjoying roses to the fullest, and she is an excellent student.

A couple of years ago, I brought some of my seedlings that were in bloom to one of our regular society meetings. This meeting was like so many other meetings we have every year, and I couldn't begin to tell you what the presentation was that day, but I never miss an opportunity to share my seedlings with the other members (especially when they are in bloom). Jacqui was smitten with the seedlings, and while I had intended to give all of the seedlings to another rosarian in the District to test for me, Jacqui informed me that it was her birthday. Since it was Jacqui's birthday, I decided to give a seedling to her as a birthday present, instead. I'll admit that I also had an ulterior motive in mind when I gave it to her. I wanted to encourage her to grow seedlings and to replace the one that she had lost. (Not to mention that I didn't have a good place to keep the seedling for the winter, and feared losing it to Mother Nature's wrath). Jacqui has taken very good care of that seedling, and planted it, and loved it, and nurtured it to a full-sized rose full of hundreds of perfumed, purple/pink blooms ready to be shown to the world! She gave it the care it needed, and I know that if I had kept it, it would have been "just another seedling" that I would have to "deal with" through the winter. Who knows? Maybe it would be extinct now?

One day, after one of our society meetings, I went to Jacqui's house to check out the seedling, see her

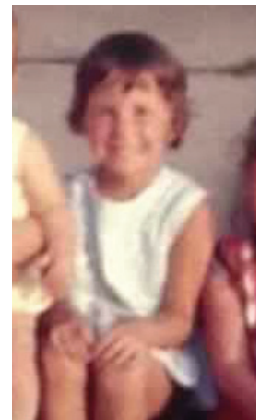
recent rose additions, and to give her advice on her garden. We started talking and discussing the seedling, and possibly introducing her. The names that were discussed were (like Jacqui) fun and whimsical names. Later during that visit, I shared one of my stories with her about a long-ago tragedy in my life. When Jacqui was done reading, she wept. She is not the first person to weep after reading this story, but when I asked her about it, she told me that she had lost her father to a violent attack, when she was only eight years old. And,



*George Oliva Bilodeau*

in a demented twist of fate right out of an Alfred Hitchcock film, her mother would not be able to take care of Jacqui (and her brother and sisters). My story had stirred up hidden emotions within her about her father. We both knew then and there that this little seedling would be named in memory of Jacqui's father. She even had a named picked out and ready to go (George Oliva).

Now, I can't even think of comprehending a childhood without a mom and a dad. I have a pair of great parents who are still with us on this Earth. Generation after generation, mothers and fathers have special bonds with their children. And, there is nothing more special than the bond a father has with his daughter. The daughter is forever "daddy's little girl" in his heart and mind, and no one better cross it! I am blessed with a wonderful daughter full of beauty, great common sense, a wonderful love of life, she enjoys roses, music, and everything that is good and just in the world. She has her



*Jacqui Bilodeau*

## Vanajacqui continued



Photo: Jacqui Nye

own garden, where she grows vegetables and herbs. I see so much in her that is just like her mother, yet she is so much like me, too. We both share the same common core beliefs in life, and act quite a lot alike. We both have an enthusiastic love of

music of all genres through the many decades of the 20th Century up to present day songs. We both have shared our love of music through our favorite instrument that we both play – the oboe. This special father/daughter bond we share has been between us since the day she was born, and will continue until the day we both die.

Not long after Jacqui and I decided we would introduce the little seedling if it turned out to be worthy of introduction, I code-named her rose, Vanajacqui. While I haven't grown Vanajacqui for quite a long time, Jacqui gives me periodic updates on him and his progress becoming the mature rose that he has become. Jacqui posts his pictures all over my Facebook wall, which have stirred more conversations among our friends than any other of my other seedlings I have pictured there. Jacqui, his rose mom (daughter), has taken very good care of him, and isn't afraid to show him off every chance she can. He was even entered in last year's Mini-National Photography Contest held in Pennsylvania.

This simple rose that Jacqui has lovingly nurtured into the mature rose that he has become, will never fill the void in Jacqui's childhood without a mother and father. Instead, he is a living memorial for Jacqui,

her family, friends, and rosarians worldwide of a life cut short – cut down in cold blood decades before its time. He is that reminder of a broken bond between a father and his little girl – a reminder of what should have been, but never will be. I'm sure George Oliva is looking down from wherever he is, and smiling at the great, caring, and loving lady Jacqui has become. His hands are stretching out reaching for his daughter through the canes bearing his name. Reach for him, Jacqui. He is there for you, now.

Jacqui, enjoy your rose, 'George Oliva.' Vanajacqui is official, now. Keep both the rose and his memory close to your heart. Even though he was taken from you and your family way too soon, may he live on in your heart, and through his namesake rose. It has been my honor to give you this rose, and name it in memory of the most important person in your life, your father. Without him, you would not be on this Earth, and what a great loss that would be. May you enjoy him through the years. And, now that I have a piece of him growing in my yard, I'm sure I'll enjoy him just as much as you do. He is a great addition to our gardens and to all of the other rosarians who have him as well. May he continue to give memories that we can enjoy for the rest of our lives.



Photo: Andy Venable

'George Oliva' July 20, 2017





# A Blanket of Rose Petals

by Marci Martin

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We all have trials in life, and our latest one happened in the end of August. My mom's health failed and she went totally downhill in a ten day period. As her health care agent, I had to sign the papers for hospice on a Friday and she only lasted until Monday afternoon. They moved her into a lovely sitting room and over those three days she had lots of company . . . family and friends came to visit and although she mostly slept, I think on some level she knew we were all there.



On the last day, I sat facing her, my sister, Jeanne, was opposite me, my son, Chip, was beside me, and my brothers, Wally and Jim and my husband, Bob, were all around her. We spoke softly and sweetly and let her know that it was okay to go as we'd all take care of each other. We asked our dad to come from heaven and pick up his bride as she had been waiting for him almost twenty one years, and in the quiet end, we believe that Dad did come, and that he whisked her away with a sigh.

Mom didn't want a viewing and her wish was for a direct cremation. Her ashes were returned to us the following week. As her health care agent since my dad's death, I had heard her wishes many times. I was given custody of the remains of Dad's ashes years ago, and Mom wanted me to save out an equal amount of her cremains and mix them with his, which I did. The bigger portion of her remains were to be taken to Cape Cod out to the far dunes . . . not in the water

## A Blanket of Rose Petals continued

as she couldn't swim . . . As it turned out, she reunited with Dad at a really good time. Labor Day Weekend is our time to go to the Cape for our annual two weeks. We brought Mom to the Cape with us on September 3rd. Before we packed up and left, I made sure all the roses in the gardens were well watered for our two weeks away. Then, I pulled a huge bagful of rose petals and put them in the cooler to keep them fresh.

Chip and Jess and the four kids came out to the beach with us for the weekend. We have a lovely second-floor home that we rent and it has plenty of room. Sunday morning dawned a picture-perfect day and we decided that was the day to take Mom/Grammy out to her final destination. We brought our Explorers out to the National Seashore, dropped the pressure in the tires below eleven PSI, and traveled over the dunes and the sandy desert out to the Race Point Lighthouse and beyond. We parked our vehicles on the beach. I put Mom's ashes in a pretty tin pail with a rose on the front and Chip offered to carry his grandmother's ashes to their destination. I grabbed the rose petals and put them in a huge basket which grandson, Austin, carried down the beach. The sky was never so blue and the ocean was never so clear as

that morning. The surface of the water was indigo, but the breaking waves looked like melted aquamarine. This spot is right at the Race. This is where the great Atlantic is flowing into Cape Cod Bay and the bay is trying to flow into the ocean. The water is wild in this spot . . . constant motion. The wildlife there is amazing. We watched



## A Blanket of Rose Petals continued



whale spouts close to shore and their great backs and dorsal fins sliding into the water. Seals were gliding through the water and the aquatic birds were just beautiful. Chip told me to let him know when I found the perfect spot, and just after that I said, "This is it!" Up against the big dune, in front of the Race and all its happenings, was a plateau in the side of the cliff.



Chip scooped out a nest in the sand with both his arms and gently poured his grandmother's ashes in. We took turns with a spoon, stirring her into the sand. Her great-grandchildren Chris, Austin, Adele, and Emma sprinkled brightly-colored rose petals into the hole and then carefully covered it all over. We said lovely things, and gave her our love and then spread a blanket of sweet rose petals all over the beach in her honor. I thought it was the most lovely funeral I ever saw. Dance with Dad, Mom... you've earned your respite. Love you!



*All photos courtesy Jessica Slayton*

Photo - Teresa Mosher



# All Star Break Report ~ July 2017 ~ by Big Boy

I'm going to tell you one thing, there is – no I think . . . or what do you think? . . . Or, Joe said . . . 'Lady in Red' is **RED** — seriously **RED!** I see that someone in *The American Rose* magazine said it is good to plant two 'Lady in Reds' together to make a splash. I think I'll do that next year! And, so far, she's clean as a whistle. And, talking about clean, a few years ago when we went to the Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden, I happened to sit down next to that 2006 award winner, 'Carefree Spirit.' When I got home, I went to Roseland and got two. Next time I go to Roseland, I am going to get two more!

With this rainy wet spring, it's easy to tell who's got it — 'Campfire,' 'Winner's Circle,' 'Head Over Heels' (Typical Easy Elegance Rose), 'Cape Diamond,' and 'Party Hardy' (give these two plenty of room to grow). The Knockouts and the Drifts they've never looked better, all clean as a whistle!

Boy, do we have a lot of colorful stuff coming for next year from Weeks. Starting with 'Lady in Red' leading the way, followed by 'Rosie the Riveter,' 'Parade Day,' 'Top Gun,' 'Frida Kahlo,' and last, but not least, 'Easy Spirit' (which is not only an award-winner but got put into that easy-to-love series)!

Next year there are two new Knock Outs, but I noticed Weeks only picked up 'White Knock Out' with that deep mahogany foliage. I'm going to make sure I get myself one. The other Knock Out is very ordinary looking — nothing to get excited about. The true test for roses is, are you going to buy another one? My 'Olivia Rose Austin' looks better this year, but I'm not going to rush out and buy another one. 'Violet's Pride' — I have two, it's okay, but I'm not going to get another.

Every year at our rose show, I wander over to the gift shop and get a spool of the waxed-tying twine. I know it costs more, but what a difference from the regular unwaxed. Anything you tie up, it lasts year, after year, after year. What a difference!

The Weeks sales representative, Jerry Amoroso, recommended I get 'Watercolors Home Run' — very colorful and very disease resistant. Isn't that 'Easy Does It' a nice rose? Nice looking, nice color, good repeat bloom, winter hardy, disease resistant — I have two, I think I'll get another.

This rainy year has proved that old saying: "roses like three things, water, water and more water!"

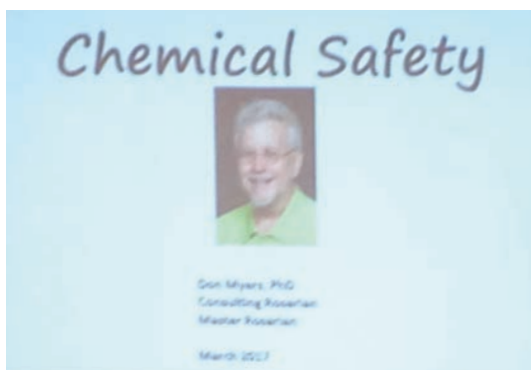
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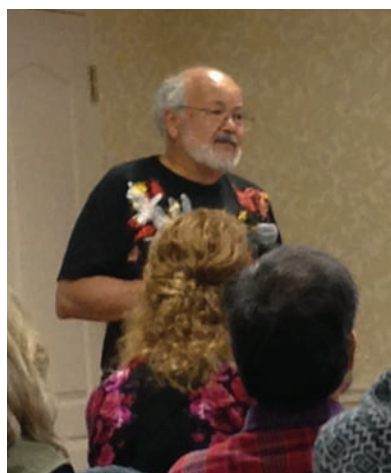
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*Don Myers via the Internet –  
A first for the ARS*



*Ed Cunningham*



*Baldo Villegas*



*Pat Shanley*



*Mirjana Toyn and Dave Cannistraro*



*Our Newest Consulting Rosarians, Rachelle  
Desrochers, Paul Raymond, and Patti Curtain*

# Yankee District Convention continued



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Diane Brailsford  
and  
Marci Martin



Liz Munroe  
and  
Elizabeth Beck



Marci Martin and John Mattia  
with Becky Martorelli



Photo: Teresa Mosher

Silver Medal  
Recipients in  
Attendance



Jacqui Nye

# Yankee District Convention continued



*Mirjana Toyn and Louis Horne*



*Patty Curtin and Dave Candler*



*Andy Vanable and Marci Martin*

Photo: Patsy Cunningham



*Warren & Maureen Kummer with John Mattia*



*Pam Murphy and Teresa Mosher*



*Dot Ciak and Zack Lau*



*Sue Mascott and Jim Wagner*



*Jeannette Danehy and Marlene Norton*



*Baldo Villegas, Nancy Gaiewski, and Diane Brailsford*

# News From Around the District

## Yankee District Special Awards

The Yankee District and the Connecticut Rose Society honored **Becky Martorelli** and **Louis Horne** with well-deserved Awards of Merit. Congratulations, Becky and Louis, and a very big THANK YOU for all of your hard work and dedication you *both* have given to the Yankee District and ALL of the local societies.



Photo: Teresa Mosher

*Becky Martorelli with District Director, Craig Dorschel*



Photo: Jacqui Nye

*Louis Horne with CRS President, Marci Martin*

## Silver Medal Award

The highest honor that can be given by the Yankee District to any member is the ARS Silver Medal. Recipients of the medal do exemplary work above and beyond for the local, district, and national organizations. This year's recipient of the Silver Medal is Dave Ciak. Congratulations, Dave, and thank you for your hard work and dedication to the District.



Photo: Joe Gibson

*2017 Silver Medal Recipient  
Dave Ciak with District Director  
Craig Dorschel*



# News From Around the District continued

## Outstanding Judge Award

Each year the Yankee District honors a judge in the District as the Outstanding Judge of the Year. Judges who receive this award are honored for their knowledge of growing and showing the finest specimens, and for making good, fair, and impartial decisions, while judging. Dave Long is the recipient of the Yankee District 2017 Outstanding Judge. Congratulations, Dave!



Photo: Andy Venable

2017 Outstanding Judge, Dave Long  
with District Chair of Judges and  
Deputy District Director, Dave Ciak

## Outstanding Consulting Rosarian Award



Photo: Andy Venable

2017 Outstanding Consulting Rosarian  
Irwin Ehrenreich with District Chair of  
Consulting Rosarians and Region 0  
Director, Dave Long

The Outstanding Rosarian award is given to the District Consulting Rosarian who exemplifies teaching rose culture and information about the enjoyment of the rose. Irwin Ehrenreich from the Rhode Island Rose Society is the recipient of the 2017 Yankee District Outstanding Consulting Rosarian Award. Congratulations, Irwin on a well-deserved honor.

# News From Around the District continued



## 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 January, the Rhode Island Rose Society and the Connecticut Rose Society both have given out this most prestigious award to three of their most deserving members. Congratulations, Cindy, Irwin, and Dave.

Photo: John Mattia



Connecticut Rose Society  
Dave Candler with Connecticut Rose Society  
President, Marci Martin



Photo: Clive Nickerson

Rhode Island Rose Society  
Irwin & Cindy Ehrenreich

# News From Around the District continued

## Bits and Pieces

We welcome our three newest Yankee District Consulting Rosarians, **Patty Curtin**, **Rachelle Desrochers**, and **Paul Raymond**.

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

**Jacqui Nye**, **David Dunn**, and **Clive Nickerson** did extremely well in the 2016 ARS Photography Contest. **Jacqui** received Honorable Mentions for her pictures of 'Ingrid,' 'Julia Child,' and Elizabeth Park, and second, as well as first, for her pictures of Hershey Gardens. **Dave Dunn** received Honorable Mention for 'Conundrum,' Third for 'Beauty Secret' and 'Gold Finch,' Second for 'Grace Seward,' and a First for *R. rugosa*. **Clive** received First with his seedling picture of a rose he hybridized. Congratulations, **Jacqui**, **David**, and **Clive**. Great pictures!

**The Connecticut Rose Society** was featured in the Northeast section of the March/April issue of *The American Rose*.

**John Mattia** wrote about the special group of rosarians he belongs to, aptly named "The Rambling Rosarians" in the May/June issue of *The American Rose*.

**Carol Ann Rogers** received an Award of Merit for her series of articles titled "Carol Ann's Health and Safety Corner," featured quarterly in *The Connecticut Rose* edited by Dave Long. Congratulations, Carol!

**Mirjana Toyn** received an Award of Merit for her article titled "Keepers of Lost Gems," that was published in the August, 2016 issue of *The Connecticut Rose*, edited by Dave Long. Congratulations, Mirjana!

**Andy Vanable** received an Award of Merit for his article titled "From the Nursery," that was published in the March, 2016 issue of *The Rose Window* that Andy edits. Congratulations, Andy!



**The Rose Window**, edited by **Andy Vanable** received a Gold Award in the 2016 ARS Newsletter Competition. Congratulations **Andy** and **MANY THANKS** to everyone who contributed items to include in the newsletter.

JULY 2016

## The Rose Window

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EDITED BY  
ANDY VANABLE





# Connecticut Rose Show

## June 18, 2017

Queen – Veterans' Honor John Mattia	Miniflora King – Coal Miner's Daughter Susanne Redway	Old Garden Rose in Picture Frame Tuscany Superb Janice Champagne
King – Signature Zachary Lau	Miniflora Princess – Show Stopper Dave & Dorothy Ciak	Dave & Dorothy Ciak Trophy Foolish Pleasure, Fitzhugh's Diamond Dave & Dorothy Ciak
Princess – Cajun Moon John Mattia	Miniature Spray – Tattooed Daughter David Candler	Cycle of Bloom – Always and Forever Marci Martin
Court Gemini Zachary Lau	Miniflora Spray – Regina Lee Zachary Lau	Rose-in-a-Bowl (Large) – Tuscany Superb Janice Champagne
Hot Princess Zachary Lau	Miniature Full Bloom – Black Jade David Candler	Rose-in-a-Bowl (Miniature & Miniflora) Family Holiday Dave & Dorothy Ciak
Marilyn Wellan John Mattia	Miniflora Full Bloom – Seattle Sunrise Zachary Lau	Founders Trophy – Marilyn Monroe Zachary Lau
Moonstone John Mattia	Genesis – <i>R. gallica officinalis</i> Zachary Lau	Three Hybrid Tea and Grandiflora Folklore, Miss Kitty, Red Intuition Zachary Lau
Hybrid Tea and Grandiflora Full Bloom Rosemary Harkness Susanne Redway	Dowager Queen – Tuscany Superb Janice Champagne	Rainbow Collection – No Award
Hybrid Tea and Grandiflora Spray Barbra Streisand Marci Martin	Victorian – No Award	Ron Brand Memorial – No Award
Floribunda Single Bloom Playboy Zachary Lau	Single Petal – No Award	Judges Class – Fitzhugh's Diamond Craig Dorschel
Floribunda Spray Queen – Playboy Zachary Lau	Large Flowered Climber – Clair Matin Susanne Redway	Novice – Crescendo Kathleen Culkin
King – Chihuly Susanne Redway	Classic Shrub – F. J. Grootendorst Mike Fuss	Fragrance – Gentle Hermione Thomas Fabian
Princess – Hot Cocoa Marci Martin	Modern Shrub – Carefree Delight Janice Champagne	Seedling Fourth of July x Unnamed Seedling John Mattia
Polyantha Spray – No Award	David Austin – Heritage Susanne Redway	Best Knock Out – Knock Out Rich Mascola
Miniature Queen – Irresistible Zachary Lau	Small Garden – You're the One Eleanor Fedele	Naturally Grown – Tuscany Superb Janice Champagne
Miniature King – Heather Sproul Zachary Lau	Bill Turull Memorial Trophy Teasing Georgia David Candler	Donna Fuss Memorial Trophy F. J. Grootendorst Mike Fuss
Miniature Princess – Chelsea Belle Rich Mascola	Dave & June Berg Rose Bowl No Award	Lily Shohan Trophy – Tuscany Superb Janice Champagne
Miniflora Queen – Charismatic Dave & Dorothy Ciak	Large Rose in Picture Frame Pretty Lady Judith Paniccia	Sweepstakes – Zachary Lau
	Small Rose in Picture Frame Hot Tamale Zachary Lau	

# Connecticut Rose Show



Photo: John Mattia

Dave (& June) Berg receive Lifetime Achievement Award from The Connecticut Rose Society



Photo: Andy Venable



Three Hybrid Tea and Grandiflora 'Folklore,' 'Miss Kitty,' 'Red Intuition' exhibited by Zachary Lau



Janice Champagne and President, Marci Martin



Photo: Andy Venable



Photo: Andy Venable

Classic Shrub – 'F. J. Grootendorst' exhibited by Mike Fuss



Best Novice – Kathleen Culkin with President, Marci Martin

# Connecticut Rose Show



*Dorothy Ciak  
and President,  
Marci Martin*



*Photo: Andy Venable*

*Miniflora Queen  
'Charismatic'  
exhibited by  
Dave &  
Dorothy Ciak*



*Photo: Andy Venable*



*Zachary Lau  
and President,  
Marci Martin*

*Photo: Andy Venable*



*Queen  
'Veterans' Honor'  
exhibited by  
John Mattia*



*Miniature Queen 'Irresistible'  
exhibited by Zachary Lau*



*Rich Mascola  
and President  
Marci Martin*



# Connecticut Rose Show



*Dave Ciak and  
President, Marci Martin*

*Photo: Andy Vanable*



*Genesis – R. gallica officinalis  
exhibited by Zachary Lau*



*Judith Paniccia and  
President, Marci Martin*



*Floribunda Spray King – 'Chihuly'  
exhibited by Susanne Redway*

*Photo: Andy Vanable*

*Photo: Andy Vanable*



*Modern Shrub  
'Carefree Delight '  
exhibited by  
Janice Champagne*



*Photo: Andy Vanable*

*Lily Shohan Trophy  
'Tuscany Superb'  
exhibited by Janice Champagne*



*Mike Fuss and President  
Marci Martin*



*Bill Turull Memorial Trophy  
'Teasing Georgia'  
exhibited by David Candler*

*All photos by Dave Candler  
(except where noted)*

# 2017 Connecticut Rose Society Awards

## by Marci Martin

First, I'd like to announce that David Candler is the Connecticut Rose Society's (CRS) recipient of the Bronze Honor Medal for 2017. Dave has been a member of CRS for close to 20 years and is a past president, a great recruiter for new members, an excellent photographer (not just for CRS, but also for the Yankee District), and



Photo: John Mattia

our tireless Webmaster forever. He is very deserving, and we all congratulate Dave on his many accomplishments. And thanks, Dave, for also being such a wonderful friend. We all appreciate you!

During my last year as president of CRS, I got to thinking that maybe we should have annual awards to show our appreciation for our hard-working members. The Bronze is great, but that can only be awarded once, and I thought maybe we could make this work on a local level. Vice-President, Dave Ciak and I discussed this and decided we would make this an annual affair. When it was decided that Tom Fabian would be Dave's new VP as of July 1, 2017, we brought him into the fold to decide what we would do.

We decided to honor our emeritus members with

a Lifetime Achievement Award and also to select our Rosarian of the Year. Lifetime achievement was decided by vote of the CRS Board, and Rosarian of the Year was sent out to our entire membership for nomination. I presented most of the award winners at our June Annual Meeting and one at our Rose Show.

I am pleased to announce that Connecticut Rose Society's recipients of the Lifetime Achievement Award are as follows:

### NANCY MIXTER

Nancy Mixter is one of our founders and was integral in saving the Elizabeth Park Rose Garden back in the 1970's when the City of Hartford was ready to plow the garden under. Nancy walked with the Connecticut Valley Garden Club and literally blocked the bulldozers' entry into the park. Nancy is the niece of Gene Boerner, the father of the floribunda rose. At 94, she still grows some roses at her home in Simsbury.

### WALLY & MARTY PARSONS

Wally and Marty, also founders of CRS, were active with our society for many years, although once they



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# Conn. Rose Society Awards continued



Photo: Dave Candler

retired we didn't see them in the winter. They went south and joined rose societies first in Texas and then in Florida. This made Wally very happy, as he could enter his southern roses in Texas and Florida rose shows. We lost Marty to cancer a year or so ago, but she and Wally will never be forgotten by their home rose society. Any time we needed sewing done (table cloths for our rose show) they were right there to take over.

## DAVE & JUNE BERG

Long before CRS began, when Mike and Donna Fuss were just beginning to grow roses, they contacted the American Rose Society for guidance. Mike and Donna were told that they needed to contact a local Consulting Rosarian, and luckily for them there was one right there in their town of Bloomfield, Connecticut . . . his name was David Berg. The stars must have been in just the right place, and David and June also became founders of the Connecticut Rose Society. Dave and June were active up until June's Alzheimer's Disease dictated that they must move to assisted living, and even after June left us for her trip to heaven, Dave still attempts to attend our rose show every year, accompanied by his daughter, Jane. Dave is solely responsible for making sure that any of us who needed a 'Clair Matin' rosebush got one! It was my honor to present Dave with his award at our rose show on June 18th.

And now, ta-daah! It is my honor to announce Connecticut Rose Society's Rosarian of the Year!

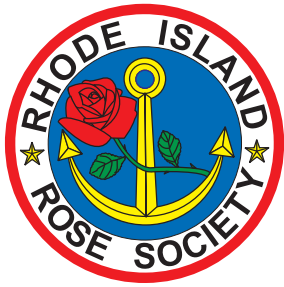
## TOM FABIAN

Tom has been our membership chair for a number of years now. He is the first person there to help on any project he finds out about. When CRS decided to tackle the Connecticut Flower and Garden Show in Hartford back in 2015, Tom became instrumental in building displays for the last two years. This year's offering was 'At the Edge of the Enchanted Forest,' our version of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. Tom designed and built (with Bob Martin's help) a beautiful cottage which got the prize for Best in Show for outbuildings. Tom is a hard-working, seemingly tireless, wonderful asset to the Connecticut Rose Society, and I am happy our rose society selected him for this important award.

I am so happy that we decided to do this. I think it is important that outstanding folks in any group receive some recognition, even though those people are usually the most humble of all when it comes to being noticed for importance. I'm also very happy with the awards we selected (thanks to Dave Ciak for finding the company). I wanted something beautiful that could be used with roses, rather than just a basic trophy. Our recipients were surprised and pleased, and so were Dave, Tom, and I. Congratulations to all our award winners!



Photo: John Mattia



# Rhode Island Rose Show

## June 17, 2017

Queen – Cherry Parfait Clive & Dacia Nickerson	Rose-in-a-Bowl (Large) – Julia Child Dacia & Clive Nickerson	Masterpieces of Garden – Summer Wine Ed & Patsy Cunningham
King – Dark Desire Paul Raymond	Rose-in-a-Bowl (Miniature/Miniflora) Lemon Drop Paul Raymond	Wine and Roses – Cherry Parfait Ralph & Alice Thomas
Princess – Jardin de Bagatelles Irwin & Cindy Ehrenreich	Dowager Queen – Gallica Macrantha Patsy & Ed Cunningham	Sea of Roses – Champagne Kisses Mike & Angelina Chute
Court – Dublin Mike & Angelina Chute	Victorian Award – Rose de Rescht Irwin & Cindy Ehrenreich	Small Garden Challenge – Super Hero Kim McInnes
Court – Smokin' Hot Ralph & Alice Thomas	Genesis Award <i>R. gallica versicolor</i> Clive & Dacia Nickerson	Au Natural – My Girl Mike & Angelina Chute
Hybrid Tea and Grandiflora Open Electron Lynne Harrington	Classic Shrub – Linda Campbell Jacqui Nye	Rhode Island Gold Rosarian Tea Clipper Irwin & Cindy Ehrenreich
Hybrid Tea and Grandiflora Spray Earth Song Mike & Angelina Chute	Modern Shrub Sophia Renaissance Mike & Angelina Chute	Mystery – No Award
Floribunda – Daybreaker Ralph & Alice Thomas	David Austin – Queen Nefertiti Irwin & Cindy Ehrenreich	Seedling – No Award
Floribunda Spray Passionate Kisses Mike & Angelina Chute	Brownell – Rhode Island Red Mike & Angelina Chute	Fragrance – Dee-Lish Nancy Gaiewski
Large Flowered Climber Dublin Bay Irwin & Cindy Ehrenreich	English Box (Floribunda) Cinco de Mayo Ralph & Alice Thomas	ARRANGEMENTS
Novice – Graham Thomas Lynne Harrington	English Box (Shrub) – Graham Thomas Mike and Angelina Chute	Champagne Moments (Mini Gold) Cindy Ehrenreich
Miniature Queen – Edisto Craig Dorschel	English Box (Other) – Olympiad Ralph & Alice Thomas	Sake Poetry (Oriental Award/ People's Choice Patsy Cunningham
Miniflora Court – No Award	English Box (Small) – Christopher Marlowe Irwin & Cindy Ehrenreich	Noir et Blanc (Bronze Certificate) Patsy Cunningham
Miniature Spray – Joy Paul Raymond	Best Red Rose – Dark Desire Paul Raymond	Jug Wine Celebration (Silver Certificate) Elissa della Piana
Miniflora Spray – No Award	Victorian Rose Garden Graham Thomas, Hot Cocoa, Dublin Mike & Angelina Chute	Tuscan Holiday (Judge's Award) Craig Dorschel
Miniature Open – No Award		Sweepstakes Irwin & Cindy Ehrenreich
Miniflora Open – No Award		

# Rhode Island Rose Show



*Hybrid Tea Open  
Lynne Harrington*



*Queen 'Cherry Parfait'  
exhibited by Clive & Dacia Nickerson*

*Photo: Clive Nickerson*



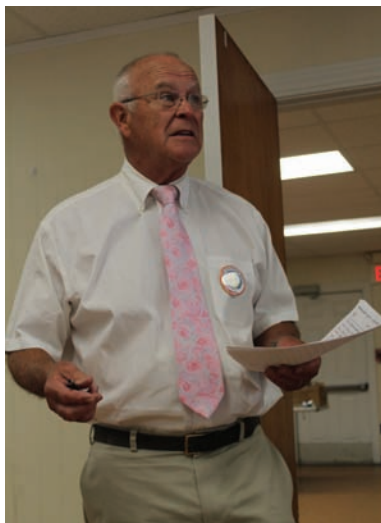
*Small Garden Challenge  
Kim McInnes  
with Paul Raymond*



*Victorian Award – Irwin & Cindy Ehrenreich  
with Paul Raymond*



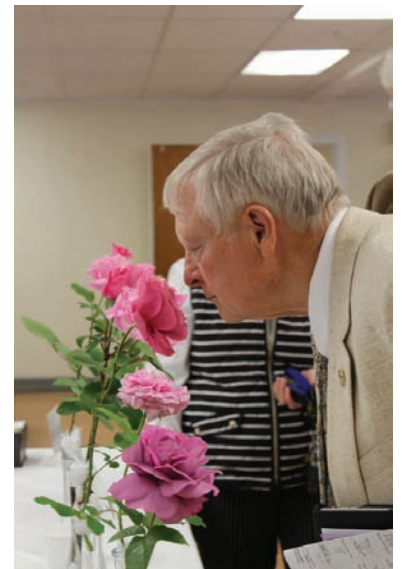
*Dowager Queen 'Gallica Macrantha'  
exhibited by Ed & Patsy Cunningham*



*Show Chair, Paul Raymond*



*English Box (Floribunda)  
'Cinco de Mayo' exhibited by  
Ralph & Alice Thomas*



*Dave Candler*

# Rhode Island Rose Show



*Large Flowered  
Climber  
'Dublin Bay'  
Irwin & Cindy  
Ehrenreich*



*Jug Wine  
Celebration  
(Silver Certificate)  
exhibited by  
Elissa della Piana*



*Hybrid Tea and Grandiflora Open  
'Electron' exhibited by  
Lynne Harrington*



*English Box (Small)  
'Christopher Marlowe' exhibited by  
Irwin & Cindy Ehrenreich*



*Masterpieces of Garden  
Patsy (& Ed) Cunningham*



*Hybrid Tea Court  
'Smokin' Hot'  
exhibited by  
Ralph & Alice  
Thomas*

# Rhode Island Rose Show



*Joe Gibson*



*A Queen for Dacia Nickerson! (& Clive)  
with Paul Raymond*



*Masterpieces of Garden – 'Summer Wine'  
exhibited by Ed & Patsy Cunningham*



*Floribunda – 'Daybreaker'  
exhibited by Ralph & Alice Thomas*



*Sake Poetry (Oriental Award/People's Choice)  
exhibited by Patsy Cunningham*



*Hybrid Tea and Grandiflora Spray  
'Earth Song' exhibited by  
Mike & Angelina Chute*

# Rhode Island Rose Show



*Hybrid Tea and Grandiflora Spray  
Mike & Angelina Chute with Paul Raymond*



*Miniature Queen – 'Edisto'  
exhibited by Craig Dorschel*



*Rhode Island Gold  
Rosarian Award  
exhibited by  
Irwin & Cindy Ehrenreich*

*All photos by Patsy Cunningham and  
Jacqui Nye (except where noted)*



*Victorian Award – 'Rose de Rescht'  
exhibited by Irwin & Cindy Ehrenreich*



*Classic Shrub – Jacqui Nye*

# New England Rose Show

## June 24, 2017

Best Red Rose – Olympiad Jon Heino	Hybrid Tea and Grandiflora Spray Marilyn Monroe Zachary Lau	Classic Shrub – No Award
Buck Trophy		Modern Shrub Queen Oranges & Lemons Jon Heino
Scept d’Isle, Falstaff, The Pilgrim Oz & Audrey Osborn	Hybrid Tea and Grandiflora Open Dick Clark Craig Dorschel	Modern Shrub King Out of the Blue Lee MacNeil
Dorr Memorial Award – No Award	Floribunda Bloom – Chihuly Belva Hopkins	Modern Shrub Princess Heritage Oz & Audrey Osborn
Three Rose Bowl Tess of the Durbevilles Oz & Audrey Osborn	Floribunda/Polyantha Spray Cinco de Mayo Pamela Murphy	Rose-in-a-Bowl (Large) Watercolors Home Run Pamela Murphy
Stages of Bloom Hybrid Tea and Grandiflora Dick Clark Oz & Audrey Osborn	Climber Bloom – Golden Showers Oz & Audrey Osborn	Rose-in-a-Bowl (Miniature) Sweet Chariot Andy Vanable
Stages of Bloom Miniature/Miniflora Vice Versa David Candler	Climber Spray – Raspberry Cream Twirl Lee MacNeil	Rose-in-a-Bowl (Miniflora) No Award
English Box Hybrid Tea and Grandiflora Whisper, Liebeszauber Jon Heino	Miniature Queen – You’re the One Dave Candler	Novice – Cinco de Mayo Pamela Murphy
English Box Old Garden Roses Alika, Alain Blanchard Audrey & Oz Osborn	Miniature King – Bees Knees Dave Cannistraro	Judges of the Show – Patron Joe Gibson
English Box Shrubs – The Pilgrim Oz & Audrey Osborn	Miniature Princess – Hilde Zachary Lau	Most Fragrant (People’s Choice) Fragrant Cloud Oz & Audrey Osborn
English Box Miniature/Miniflora Vice Versa Dave Candler	Miniature Spray – You’re the One Dave Cannistraro	Best in Show – Marilyn Monroe Zachary Lau
Big Little Look Alike Mr. Caleb, Patron Oz & Audrey Osborn	Miniature Open – Diamond Eyes Colin Browning	Sweepstakes – The Osborns Arrangements
Who Am I? – Empty Pockets Seedling Andy Vanable	Miniflora Queen – Hello Sunshine Oz & Audrey Osborn	La Vie en Rose (Edith Piaf) Scarlet Bonica, Hot Cocoa, Ebb Tide Jacqui Nye Gold Certificate
Queen – Falling in Love Jon Heino	Miniflora King – Memphis Magic Zachary Lau	It Must Have Been the Roses (Jerry Garcia) – No Award
King – Grande Amore Belva Hopkins	Miniflora Spray – Leading Lady Zachary Lau	
Princess – Tahitian Sunset Jon Heino	Miniflora Open – Harm Saville Dave Candler	
	Dowager Queen – <i>Rosa virginiana</i> Dave Cannistraro	
	Victorian Award – Rose de Rescht Oz & Audrey Osborn	

# New England Rose Show



Rose in a Bowl (Large)  
'Watercolors Home Run'  
exhibited by Pamela Murphy



Miniature Princess – 'Hilde'  
exhibited by Zachary Lau



Novice/Floribunda/Polyantha  
Spray Pamela Murphy with  
President, Teresa Mosher



Three Rose Bowl  
'Tess of the D'urbevilles'  
exhibited by  
Oz & Audrey Osborn



Floribunda Bloom  
Belva Hopkins with President,  
Teresa Mosher



Victorian Award 'Rose de Rescht'  
exhibited by Audrey & Oz Osborn



Best Red Rose – Jon Heino





# New England Rose Show



*La Vie en Rose (Edith Piaf) – Jacqui Nye  
Gold Certificate*



*Princess  
'Tahitian Sunset'  
exhibited by Jon Heino*



*Hybrid Tea and  
Grandiflora Open  
Craig Dorschel with  
President, Teresa Mosher*



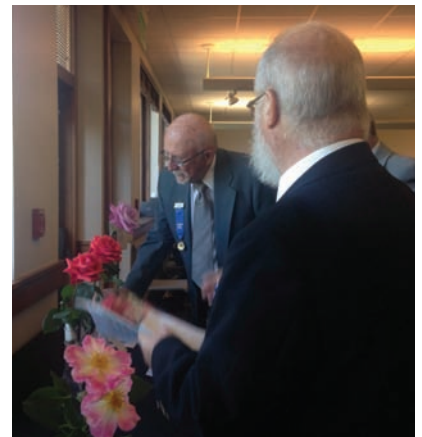
*Buck Trophy  
'Scept d'Isle,' 'Falstaff,' 'The Pilgrim'  
exhibited by Audrey & Oz Osborn*



*Dowager Queen  
Rosa virginiana  
exhibited by Dave  
Cannistraro*



*English Box Shrubs – The Pilgrim  
exhibited by Oz & Audrey Osborn*



*Wally Parsons and  
Ed Cunningham*

# New England Rose Show



*La Vie en Rose (Edith Piaf)*  
exhibited by Jacqui Nye  
Gold Certificate

*Miniature Princess*  
Zachary Lau



*Who Am I?*  
'Empty Pockets'  
Seedling  
exhibited by  
Andy Vanable



*Modern Shrub Queen*  
'Oranges & Lemons'  
exhibited by  
Jon Heino

*Rose-in-a-Bowl*  
(Miniature)  
Sweet Chariot  
exhibited by  
Andy Vanable



Pam Murphy selling roses



*Best in Show/Hybrid Tea and Grandiflora Spray*  
'Marilyn Monroe' exhibited by Zachary Lau

# New England Rose Show



*English Box Miniature/Miniflora  
'Vice Versa' exhibited by  
Dave Candler*



*Miniflora Queen – 'Hello Sunshine'  
exhibited by Oz & Audrey Osborn*



*Floribunda Bloom – 'Chihuly'  
exhibited by Belva Hopkins*



*Miniflora Open Dave Candler  
with President, Teresa Mosher  
and Craig Dorschel*



*Manny "Big Boy" & Betty Mendes*



*President, Teresa Mosher and Marci  
Martin with Jean Divincenzo*

# Roses in Review - 2017

## Andy Vanable, Yankee District Roses in Review Coordinator - 2017

Attention Yankee District Members – I have received notice by the ARS National Roses in Review (RIR) Coordinator, Don Swanson, that the website page for Roses in Review 2017 has been activated ([www.stsrv.com/rir/rirsplsh.htm](http://www.stsrv.com/rir/rirsplsh.htm)), and the time to review our roses is now.

2017 marks the 91st time that the ARS has evaluated new rose introductions. RIR (previously, called “Proof in the Pudding”) is an important part of getting the most enjoyment from our roses. The ARS uses these reports to determine national ratings for roses in commerce. These ratings help us to determine which roses are the “best” to grow. These ratings are published annually in *The American Rose* and in *The Handbook for Selecting Roses*. It’s up to us to make sure that the Yankee District is well represented in these surveys. It’s quick. It’s easy. It’s our duty as good rosarians to share our knowledge and experiences with others.

The deadline for reporting is September 26, 2017. Remember, you don’t have to be a member of the ARS to participate. You don’t have to be a consulting rosarian, either. You just need to grow the roses being reviewed (copy of the list of roses is available on the website and in the July/August issue of *The American Rose*), and be willing to share your knowledge. Many of the roses that we have bought at our annual spring conventions are on this list. I urge all Yankee District Society members to participate, and if you do not grow any of the cultivars listed, there is a check box on the website to click on that states that you do not grow any of the roses being reviewed. By clicking on this box, your participation in this survey is also included. Questions? Comments? Concerns? Feel free to contact me at [avanable1@cox.net](mailto:avanable1@cox.net). We’re counting on your participation.

## Reclassified Rose

The following rose has been reclassified by the Registration Committee.  
Please remember to enter your roses in the correct class:

'Margie' [Marmie] from climbing miniature (CI M) to Miniflora (MinFI)