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R. canina at the New York Botanical Garden

ARS Fall National Convention

September 10-13, 2015, Syracuse, New York



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Silence of the Roses

by Stephanie Vanable



'Lady Elsie May'
Photo: Andy Vanable

Such loving beings, behold!
A flower none can match.
But that of a rose, I seek.

Such hope it all gives us.
Can it be Love? Peace? Lust?
Or, is it deception?

Do we hold a rose too great?
A power to mend all?
Or it is true of this rose?

Can it bring peace and love?
Does it give in to our desire?
Or can it be we're lost?

Only giving it away,
To heal a broken heart
We never meant to betray?

Show me old rose, I beg!
Are thy a power of old?

So old that we have trust:
To heal a broken heart.

To stem the trail of a tear?
To show what we can't say?

To give the person we love
A key to our locked soul?
Or is it all for naught?

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'Evelyn'

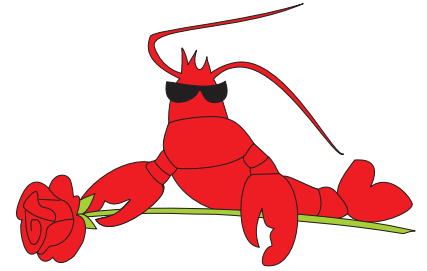
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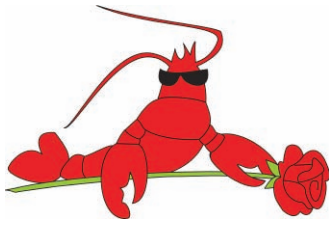
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From the District Director Craig Dorschel



Hello fellow Yankee District Rosarians.

Summer is the busy season for rosarians. I hope that while you are keeping up with the watering, deadheading, fertilizing and spraying (if you do it) that you take the time to look at (and smell!) the roses.

In this issue, we recap our rose shows. While we can time the blooming for a fall show by timing our summer pruning, spring shows are at the mercy of Mother Nature. All we can do is take our best guesses at timing the shows and cross our fingers. The last two winters were anything but mild, but the subsequent result was quite different. Last year, the bloom was very late, which was not helpful for the earlier shows. Though the New England show was blessed with the largest number of roses seen in many years. This year, the extremely snowy second half winter resulted in as late a pruning for me as I can remember (finishing on May 6). Then May turned into July and the roses bolted into bloom starting even before Memorial Day. Naturally, I was concerned for our shows, but there were beautiful displays of roses at all of them. Somehow, the roses always come through. Congratulations to the winners, and thanks to everyone who participated, especially to those who do the hard work of organizing and setting up the shows.

Our next big event is the National Convention in Syracuse, September 10 through 13. Rather than hold our traditional fall event that weekend, our four non-traveling trophies will be contested as part of the national show and we will have a brief district meeting there. While

the time has passed for discounted registration fees, it is still possible to register. National Conventions are always enjoyable. Those featuring the inauguration of a new ARS President are especially so, and this one will be no exception. An outstanding list of international speakers has been recruited, and the program is organized such that it should be possible to hear them all. You owe it to yourselves to attend if at all possible.

At the convention, I will be installed as your District Director for a second term. I have truly enjoyed serving you, my constituents, and the ARS for the last three years. Thanks for your support, and I'm really looking forward to the next three years.



'Pristine'
Photo: Dave Candler

Secretary's Report, March, 2015

Audrey Osborn

The meeting was called to order by District Director, Craig Dorschel. Craig announced that financial reports and agendas were available for those who needed them, and asked for additions to the agenda.

Sandy Long asked to have a discussion on the status of the New Hampshire Rose Society. The agenda was approved with the addition.

Last year's Secretary's report was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

NEWSLETTER (Andy Vanable) — Andy read a letter he wrote about his visions for the newsletter. He said in part that the newsletter is the base of an organization, and it is *our* newsletter, not his. And as such, he needs contributions from Yankee District members of pictures, stories, events and happenings around the District to incorporate into the newsletter.

PRIZES & AWARDS (John Mattia) — John stated that George Doorakian was most deserving of the Silver Medal that he was awarded at the banquet dinner. John stated that he enjoyed his terms in office on the District and National level. He nominated Oz Osborn to the position of PRIZES AND AWARDS. Oz accepted the nomination, and was voted in as the new Yankee DISTRICT PRIZES AND AWARDS CHAIR.

HORTICULTURE JUDGING (Dave Ciak) — Next year, the Yankee District needs to hold a judging seminar at the Spring Convention in Newport, Rhode Island. Most of the District judges need to attend.

ARRANGEMENT JUDGING (Craig Dorschel) — Craig nominated himself to the position as Chair of Arrangement Judging. There will be an arrangement program on August 14th headed by Nancy Redington at the New England Rose Society. It will be "Moving up from Traditional Arrangements." There will be a novice class for arrangers at the Syracuse convention.

CONSULTING ROSARIANS (Dave Long) — There are 37 active Consulting Rosarians in the District. Most of them need a chemical seminar to stay current.

WEBSITE (Patsy Cunningham) — URI has upgraded its server, and the upgrade seems to have fixed the problem of messages bouncing back. Patsy said if we didn't receive something from her in the next couple of days, to contact her, and she will make sure to put you back on the list.

ROSES IN REVIEW (Oz Osborn) — There were twenty five reports on 37 roses. Oz noted that often times only one person reports on a rose. Oz will publish the reports if there are three or more comments on any one rose. To spray? Or, not to spray? Oz hopes for more reports next year.

MEMBERSHIP (Mike Fuss) — There has been a loss in ARS membership down 8.6% from 2006, and currently, it is down 2.6% per year. In 2015, there are 7,736 ARS members. In 2014, there were 306 District members. Currently, there are 283 members (down twenty three) in the Yankee District (which is a 7.5% decrease in membership since last year). Discussed were two ways to attract new members — from the website and trial memberships. A discussion ensued as to whether or not members could sign up through PayPal.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND DISTRICT BUDGET — Steve Rogers was not present. There was one addition to the report, a one-time expense of \$75.00 for the District Ralph Moore plaque. The District has a reasonable cushion. We are in good financial shape for the next year. Dave Long's expense of \$600.00 was donated by the District to the ARS. Next year, the Direct will make the contribution to the ARS. If there is time and space we will have a one-hour District meeting in Syracuse. The Treasurer's Report and Budget was voted on and passed.

Secretary's Report continued

DISTRICT ELECTIONS — In September, there are three District offices that need to be filled:

- District Member of the National Nominating Committee — John Mattia presently holds this position, and having the Yankee District with a national presence in ARS National Activities is important. John's term will be over. Oz Osborn was nominated and appointed to be the next Yankee District Member of the National Nominating Committee.
- District Secretary — Audrey Osborn is presently the District Secretary. Audrey was nominated and reappointed as District Secretary.
- District Treasurer — Steve Rogers is presently the District Treasurer. Steve Rogers was renominated and reappointed as District Treasurer.

OLD BUSINESS

Recap of 2015 Convention in Brewster — The Osborns said the convention financially looks promising — The District should be fine monetarily.

Dave Long inquired about the status of the New Hampshire Rose Society. New Hampshire has not paid their ARS dues. Sue Mascott said they might disband. Laura at ARS headquarters sent out a beautiful template, which Craig sent to Susan to distribute to the 45 ARS members living in the State of New Hampshire. Susan stated that she will think about disbanding the Society.

NEW BUSINESS

- Craig spoke about the upcoming fall convention in Syracuse. It will be a combined Three-District Show with trophies from the New York, Penn-Jersey, and Yankee Districts brought to the show.
- 2016 Yankee District Convention will be held April 1st, 2nd and 3rd in Newport, Rhode Island. Cindy and Irwin Ehrenreich will be the chairs. Craig suggested Jeff Ware, the Executive Director of ARS, to be invited to the convention.
- 2017 Connecticut will host the convention

- 2018 New England will host the convention
- 2019 Lower Cape will host the convention.
- The conventions will continue to be on a four-year rotation. Discussion on the future of the District conventions beyond 2019 — Patsy Cunningham suggested maybe having a convention every other year. It was suggested to have the conventions at a common place.
- Possible National Convention in the District — An exploratory committee was formed to look into hosting a National ARS Convention (possibly Spring of 2017). Dave Cannistraro, Marion Cafferky, Audrey Osborn, Greg Davis, Craig Dorschel, and Dave Long will form the committee. The committee will correspond with group emails. Freeconferencecall.com was suggested for meetings. Noted that there is a company that will work with the hotel and ARS for booking, etc. The split for hosting a convention is currently, 60% (Society) 40% (ARS).

Joe Gibson, the Chair of the upcoming Syracuse Convention in 2015, made a few suggestions and pointers to keep in mind when planning a convention, such as conflicting dates (when another event is being held in town), fire codes — building capacity (addendees had to cut off at 340 for the Syracuse Convention).

- Travel expenses for the directors were approved. The meeting was adjourned by District Director, Craig Dorschel.



'Dr. John Dickman'
Photo: Dave Candler



ARS Fall National Convention

**September 10-13, 2015
Syracuse, New York**

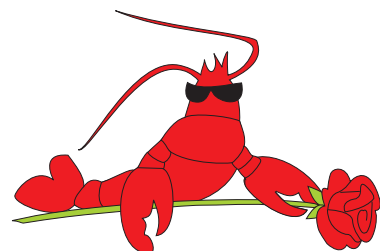


***Join the American Rose Society
for the Ultimate Celebration of
ALL that is Roses.***

For all who love roses and love growing roses, the American Rose Society 2015 Fall National Convention is where you will want to be! Our esteemed speakers are gathering from around the world to celebrate the rose, and provide you with an experience of learning, enlightenment and friendship!

The best exhibitors of roses in the country will be here to compete for top prizes, along with top rose photographers and arrangers. Maybe YOU will join in the competition too?

***Hosted by the New York, Penn-Jersey, and
Yankee Districts of the American Rose Society***





ARS Fall National Program

WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 9, 2015

7:00 PM TO 9:00 PM

ARS FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 10, 2015

8:00 AM TO 8:30 AM

ARS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

8:45 AM TO 5:00 PM

ARS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

9:30 AM TO 3:30 PM

TOUR

Dickman Farms and Beak & Skiff Orchards

3:00 PM TO 5:00 PM

EARLY REGISTRATION

6:00 PM TO 7:00 PM

WELCOME TO NEW YORK!

COME AS A ROSE AND WELCOME RECEPTION

Greet old friends and make new ones as we kick off the Convention with light appetizers, a no-host bar and a preview of Convention activities! Come dressed as your favorite rose, but add an aura of mystery to let others guess which rose you are! Save your big reveal for the stage as we award prizes for best costume and also reward those who were able to identify the most roses in the room!

After the reception, explore and enjoy the many dining options in Syracuse for your dinner. Consider exploring nearby Destiny USA, a 2.4 million square foot shopping complex with full price and value retail, fine dining and entertainment venues. Ask the hotel about their free shuttle service to Destiny USA.

FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 11, 2015

9:00 AM TO 9:45 AM

CONVENTION ORIENTATION AND AGRS UPDATE

Want to make the most of your Rose Convention experience? Meet convention organizers and convention veterans who will share with you their tips for maximizing all that is available to you. And, the American Garden Rose Selections™ (AGRS™), the national rose testing program, has made its first selections and will give a brief update to convention attendees. All are welcome whether you are a first-timer or a veteran!

Presenter: Jolene Adams, ARS President, Hayward, CA

Members of the Convention Committee

Jeff Wyckoff, AGRS™, Des Moines, WA

10:00 AM TO 11:00 AM

ROSE SHOW CHAMPIONS

What goes into growing and grooming a National Rose Show winner? The best rose exhibitors in the country are here, and they will share their insights in this informative panel.

Moderator: Pat Shanley

ARS Vice President, Glen Cove, New York

Panelists:

Bill Kozemchak, Levittown, PA

Bob Martin, Escondido, CA

Don Myers, Wake Forest, NC

11:30 AM TO 1:00 PM

A LOOK AT THE GREAT ROSE

FAMILIES OF EUROPE

Luncheon, Roundtables and

Featured Speaker



A look back at the many multi-generational families who have lead and shaped the field of roses over the decades.

*Featured Speaker: Alain Meilland, Meilland International
Cannet des Maures, France*

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The E. M. Mills Memorial Rose Garden

A 2015 Review & 90th Anniversaries in This Garden

by Jim Wagner



Photo by Easchiff

It is likely that many of you are familiar with the E.M. Mills Memorial Rose Garden in the public rose garden in Thornden Park in Syracuse. But, you may, or may not, be aware that this is the third location for a public rose garden in Syracuse. These gardens were initially known as “municipal” rose gardens.

E. M. Mills Memorial Rose Garden — The third location of a public rose garden in Syracuse

The first municipal rose garden was at Kirk Park, following the setting aside by the Syracuse Parks Department of three acres of the park for roses on May 9, 1911. Three years later, these roses were moved to Mt. Olympus, where they remained there until the early 1920s, when this land was acquired by Syracuse University for its School of Forestry. On December 13, 1921, the city of Syracuse purchased the unoccupied American countryside estate, Thornden, from the heirs of a Major Alexander Davis, who had acquired the land in 1873. It is believed that the name, Thornden, came from the hawthorn, a common native tree in Britain and America. A species that was, and still is, on the Park property.

Why this rose garden came to be named for Dr. Mills?

Subsequent to the City’s purchase of the Thornden Park, the beloved president of the Syracuse Rose Society (SRS), and the then president of the American Rose Society, Dr. Edmund M. Mills, a local Methodist minister and Syracuse Rose Society founder, was seriously ill and away. In his absence from Society activities, it was proposed that a municipal rose garden be named for Dr. Mills to commemorate his service to American rose growing.

Within the SRS a committee was appointed to assume the responsibility of such a rose garden. Letters and other communications took place between the Syracuse Mayor, the Parks Department, and the then SRS vice-president, Dr. G. Griffin Lewis to meet to choose the location for this rose garden. The site chosen was about two acres at the southwest entrance to the park (near Syracuse University).

A tentative plan was for a circular plot, with a pillared garden-house in the center (like spokes from an axle), with eight paths radiating outward. Four of these spokes

E. M. Mills Memorial Rose Garden cont.

would be spanned ten feet apart for climbers, and the other four spokes were to be bordered on each sidebar with rows of pillar and standard roses. These eight spokes (four for the arches for the climbing and four for the brick covered paths), are still in place. Initially, only climbers and standards were to be paid by the SRS treasury, but it was later decided that all the roses were to be the gift of the Society or friends of the Society. A letter was sent to the *Post Standard* requesting help in the obtaining of funds for plantings in this garden. The response locally and all over the country by admirers of Dr. Mills, was far greater than expected, with the final number of roses bushes funded being greater than 5,000.

Formal Dedication of this Garden, July 2, 1924

On July 2, 1924 the garden was dedicated as The Edmund M. Mills Rose-Garden. By the time of the dedication, Dr. Mills had recovered from his illness, was still active, and took part in the actual dedication. According to newspaper accounts of this event, there were 200,000 blooms on 6,000 rose bushes, that had been planted the prior year. It is believed that 'Lady Ursula,' a pink Hybrid Tea rose, is the oldest rose planting in the garden. In the *1925 ARS Annual* there is a photo opposite page 33 showing the Mills Garden at the time of its dedication on July 2, 1924. The Edmund M. Mills

Municipal Rose Garden in Thornden Park, is now called the E. M. Mills Memorial Rose Garden.

A lower rose garden in 1931

In 1931, a lower garden, across from the present garden, was dedicated, but this garden was later abandoned (probably around 1940). A few years ago, when we had a hot, dry summer, outlines of the beds where these roses were planted were visible.

Replacement of roses lost in the Mills Rose Garden from the harsh winter of 2013-14

Prior to the harsh winter of 2013-14, there were about 5,000 rose bushes of many different types and varieties in the garden. Like many of us had had, there was a considerable loss of roses. At the time of this writing (mid-April), it is anticipated that we will receive about 150 to 175 full-size bushes from an order approved by the Syracuse Parks Department. 35 of these roses were paid for by SRS, (the cost of which, was partially covered by a donation from one of our newer members), and 40 exhibition-type hybrid tea roses were ordered for a bed in memory of Win Gaskin. The donation came from an organization that Win was very active in. In addition, one SRS member will be providing the funds to purchase 60 miniature roses to replace those lost in the miniature beds.



*Dr. E. M. Mills in
rose-garden of Mrs.
Harriett R. Foote
Marblehead, Mass.
ARS Annual 1924*

E. M. Mills Memorial Rose Garden cont.



*The Edmund M. Mills Municipal Rose-Garden in Thornden Park, Syracuse, N. Y., dedicated July 2, 1924, in honor of the President of the American Rose Society.
ARS Annual 1925*

The second best rose garden in the United States Award

Prior to a few years ago, the Mills Rose Garden was considered one of ten AARS accredited public display rose gardens in New York State. Each year, several of the finest new varieties of roses were contributed by the AARS for display in these gardens for the public to view, prior to being introduced to the general public the following year. A year or so before AARS became defunct, the Mills Garden was recognized as the second best rose garden in the United States.

July 2, 2014, the 90th Anniversary of the dedication of the E. M. Mills Memorial Rose Garden

On July 2, 2014, the Mills Garden celebrated its 90th anniversary with a cake during a coffee break in the gardens. An article recognizing this event was included in the *SRS Bulletin*, *The Empire Rosarian*, and the *ARS & You* newsletters.



*Cake and group photo of those present at the time of the celebration
of the 90th anniversary of the dedication of the E. M. Mills
Memorial Rose Garden on July 2, 2014*

The Yankee District Rose Convention 2015

Dr. Suni Bolar

CONSULTING ROSARIAN

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edited by Rafiq Bolar



Ocean Edge Resort Inn Brewster, Massachusetts

Photo: Suni Bolar

The Yankee District Rose Convention held on March 20-22nd, 2015 at the Ocean Edge Resort in Brewster, Massachusetts, was one of the best conventions that my husband Rafiq and I have ever attended. We were one of the speakers at the convention giving a presentation on 'Rose Hybridizing 101.'

It was our first visit to Cape Cod, Massachusetts, and we were really excited (especially our children, Rhea and Adam). We left New Jersey early morning on Friday, March 19th, beating the snowstorm all the way to Brewster, Massachusetts. We arrived at 3:30 p.m., which left us with enough time before registration to tour historic Provincetown and to take pictures of the many scenic lighthouses there.

The venue of the convention was the 'Ocean Edge Resort and Golf Club.' The hotel's Nickerson Mansion was



Provincetown, Massachusetts

Photo: Suni Bolar

built in 1890 and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The rooms were luxurious with spectacular views of the ocean and the grounds offered several architectural elements for photography.

Registration on Friday night was followed by a delicious buffet dinner,

during which we had a wonderful get-together with old friends and also time to make new ones. The hospitality room was a popular venue throughout the convention to hang out with friends over good food, wine, and good camaraderie. It was well stocked by Greg Davis.

The first speaker on Saturday, was noted Redneck Rosarian, Chris VanCleave, (also the host of the Rose Chat Podcast). Chris presented an informative talk on 'Social Media and Roses.' Chris is an awesome rose ambassador for the American Rose Society and for the rose world. He, and his lovely wife, Tina Lovvorn-VanCleave, are doing an amazing job in spreading the joy of growing roses.



Chris VanCleave.

The second speaker was ARS Vice Presidential candidate, Sam Jones, who gave an interesting presentation on 'American Rose Society's delegation in China, 2013.' The presentation gave an insight in to how different countries can collaborate on research projects and advance the art and science of growing roses.

Yankee District Convention continued



Bob Martin



Sam Jones

Rafiq and I were the next speakers. Our talk on 'Rose Hybridizing 101' was well received. We were happy to get feedback from the attendees, that they had learned a lot from our presentation, and enjoyed it very much.

After our presentation, we adjourned for a buffet lunch and got a chance to visit the many vendors at the convention. Patrick Looney and Teresa Mosher did a great job in helping out with the mini rose sale which was a great success.

The plated Saturday night banquet was held in the Mansion Ballroom, Cape Cod's largest luxury ballroom. Audrey and Oz Osborn were awarded the Lifetime Yankee District Achievement award by Craig Dorschel. George Doorakian was awarded the Silver Honor Medal for 47 years of service to the New England Rose Society and the ARS.

Craig also announced the winners of the ARS photo contest from the Yankee District and showed the winning photographs. The Rose Auction was a huge success. We were amazed at the quality of bare root roses sold at the auction!



Bob Martin, Vice Presidential candidate for the ARS, was the next speaker. His talk on 'Tools (for roses) you never knew you needed,' was the most comprehensive talk on tools we have heard to date. It was even more enjoyable with Bob's terrific sense of humor.

Richard Anthony

We loved the last slide where he showed of a crystal gazing ball predicting the winner of the ARS election!

The last speaker of the day was Richard Anthony, who gave a talk on 'Top Rated Miniature and Miniflora Roses.'



Rafiq and Suni Bolar before their presentation. Photo: Chris VanCleave

Yankee District Convention continued

Oz and Audrey Osborn did an amazing job in organizing such an outstanding and enjoyable convention. Rafiq and I would definitely love to attend future Yankee District Rose Conventions.



Audrey Osborn and Chris VanCleave



*George and Paula Doorakian
Photo: Suni Bolar*



Dorothy and Dave Ciak



*Will the real Bob Martin please stand up!
Photo: Marci Martin*



After hours in the "Hospitality" Room.

Wee Intruders Spread Dread

Marci Martin

MASTER ROSARIAN

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Last Monday morning, Bob and I decided to take a walk down by the Farmington River. Our little town of Windsor, Connecticut, has beautiful, paved walking trails to take lovely walks in the woods. Windsor's River Trail begins behind the town center, just over the railroad tracks. There is a lovely pond to walk past before walking over the bridge that leads into the woods by the river, and on this particular morning, we were greeted by a basso-profundo bull frog that was really making a racket!! Bob went over to the water's edge to see if he could spot him, and my eyes followed Bob walking past several *Rosa multiflora* plants, on his way to the pond when, what I saw, made me stop in shock! Take a good look at the picture I have posted with this



Photo: Marci Martin

story. See the red, deformed stems and foliage on these wild roses? This is the dreaded 'Rose Rosette Disease.' Right here in River City.

Rose Rosette Disease is vectored by a tiny mite called an eriophyid mite. It carries the disease in its mouthparts and infects roses while feeding. This mite is so small that it makes garden-variety two-spotted spider mites look like buffalos. It spreads by blowing long distances in the wind, and I suspect birds may carry them in their feathers, too, as they love to eat *R. multiflora* seeds. These little mites are especially attracted to *R. multiflora*, but they can blow on to your cultivated roses and spread the disease to them, too.

I discovered Rose Rosette Disease at the Elizabeth Park Rose Garden back in the summer of 2009. That discovery came with the same feeling of shock I felt last Monday! I had never seen the disease before, but I had been reading about it for years. I called my friends John Mattia, Mike Fuss, and Dr. Jim LaMondia, who is a fabulous scientist and plant pathologist at our Valley Lab Agricultural Station. The plant in question was an old garden rose rambling on the fence line. It had finished blooming, the gardeners had cut it back, and when it began to regrow, it was covered with weird-looking stems that were hyper-prickled and the foliage looked like it had been sprayed with Round-Up. All of the new growth

Wee Intruders Spread Dred continued

was terribly distorted. Up until that point, no one knew that Rose Rosette Disease (RRD) was in Connecticut. Because it had never been here before, Jim LaMondia needed to read up on it, but he suggested because of the terrible symptoms, that we cut back and rogue out the plant. He said to put it in black plastic bags and send it to the incinerator. He also suggested, because the plants at the Park are planted so closely to each other, that we rogue out the roses on either side, as well, and leave the ground fallow until the next spring.

Last summer, my friend, Baldo Villegas, found RRD on the *R. multiflora* on our neighbor's property. I also had a suspicious couple of plants in my yard last spring which I rogued out. Later on in the summer, another rose bush in my garden, 'Whisper,' became symptomatic. I alternated Floramite and Forbid (newer miticides, as the eriophyiid mites are resistant to many miticides) whenever I sprayed last summer, in case there were any eriophyiid mites blowing around. Because I was pretty sure I had demolished all the mites, I left 'Whisper' in the garden until this spring. After several weeks of growing, it threw a couple suspicious stems, so I cut it back, dug it out, and sent it to the dump in a black plastic bag.

This winter, our neighbors took out all the *R. multiflora* at the bottom of our hill. (What wonderful neighbors)! This is your first line of defense against RRD because the tiny mites seem to prefer *R. multiflora* to other roses. *R. multiflora* is on the noxious weed list because each

tiny bloom turns into a small red hip full of seeds. The birds gobble them up and subsequently spread *R. multiflora* far and wide in their droppings and every seed germinates!! These roses were brought here from Asia during the great depression to try to hold back the dust bowl in our stricken midwest. They did help to hold the soil but they have spread everywhere throughout these United States. Not everyone is upset about RRD. Many farmers are happy that this disease is killing these wild roses that are so out of control on their farmlands.

It's very hard to talk about a disease like this. There is no cure for it yet, but Texas A&M University has a team headed by David Byrne, that is studying this disease. There are volunteers (such as myself) that are on the lookout for it, so we can check out where it is spreading. I just remember that knowledge is power, and the more we learn, the closer we will get to stopping this awful disease in its tracks.

If you suspect that you have RRD in your garden, please take a cutting in a sealed plastic bag to your local ag station to report it. Then, rogue the plant out, put it in a black plastic bag and take it to the dump like I did. Also, join the American Rose Society. The *American Rose* magazine has many articles on RRD, and as progress is made in finding a cure, I'm sure it will be posted there first . . . which will be a major relief to rosarians from sea to shining sea.

Rose Rosette Disease often varies in its appearance, depending on the microclimate and host plant it is in. Be on the lookout for any unusual and abnormal growth.



Photo: Andy Vanable

News From Around the District

District Director Citations

The Yankee District honored **Audrey and Oz Osborn** with well-deserved District Citations at the District Convention last March. Congratulations, Audrey and Oz, and a very big THANK YOU for all of your hard work and dedication you have given to the District.

Photo: John Mattia



*2015 District Director Citation recipients
Audrey and Oz Osborn*

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 George Doorakian. Congratulations, George, and thank you for your many years of service to the District.



*2015 Silver Medal Recipient
George Doorakian with District
Director, Craig Dorschel*



*2015 Outstanding Judge, Carol Rogers, with District
Chair of Judges and Deputy District Director, Dave Ciak*

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. Carol Rogers is the recipient of the Yankee District 2015 Outstanding Judge. Congratulations, Carol!

Outstanding Consulting Rosarian

The Outstanding Rosarian Award is given to the District Consulting Rosarian who exemplifies teaching rose culture and information about the enjoyment of the rose. George Doorakian from the New England Rose Society is the recipient of the 2015 Yankee District Consulting Rosarian Award. Congratulations, George on a well-deserved honor.



2015 Outstanding Consulting Rosarian, George Doorakian with District Chair of Consulting Rosarians and Region 0 Director, Dave Long



Silver Medal recipients in attendance at the Yankee District Convention March, 2015



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. In June, the Connecticut Rose Society bestowed this honor to Becky Martorelli, for her outstanding service to the Connecticut Rose Society. Congratulations, Becky.



Becky Martorelli with CRS President, Mirjana Toyn and Marci Martin

Photo: Dave Candler

Bits and Pieces

Congratulations to **Linda Shmoon** for receiving her accreditation as an ARS Horticulture Judge.

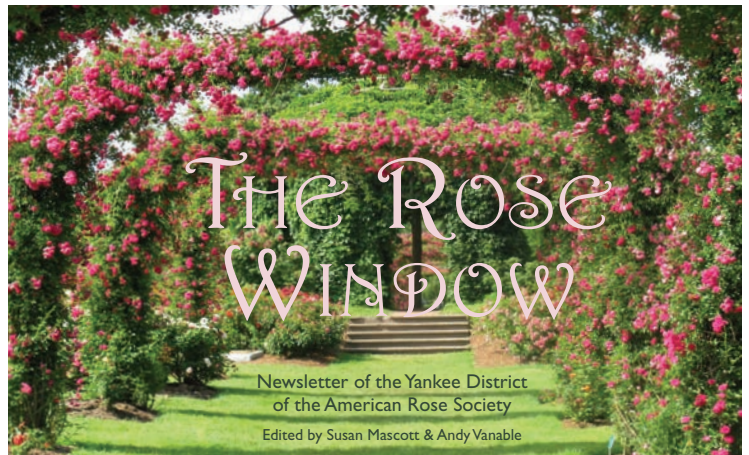
Mirjana Toyn received three Awards of Merit for her articles titled "Roses, Love and Secrets," "A French Connection," and "Got OGRs? Perpetual Love" that were published in the February, August, and November issues of *The Connecticut Rose*, edited by Dave Long.

Becky Martorelli received two Awards of Merit for her articles titled "Recipes with Roses" that were published in the May and August issues of *The Connecticut Rose*, edited by Dave Long.

Carol Ann Rogers received two Awards of Merit for her articles titled "Carol Ann's Health and Safety Corner" that were published in the February and November issues of *The Connecticut Rose*, edited by Dave Long.



The Rose Window, edited by Andy Venable and Susan Mascott received a Bronze Award in the 2014 ARS Newsletter Competition. Congratulations Andy and Susan, and MANY THANKS to everyone who contributed items to include in the newsletter.



Interested in Becoming a Rose Show Judge?

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE BASIC QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Must be an ARS regular or joint member 36 months before applying.
2. Must have personally grown garden roses or been involved in their culture for five years.
3. Must know the characteristics of at least 100 varieties across a range of classes.
4. Must know and follow show rules and be aware of ARS judging standards.
5. Must be detail oriented.
6. Must be able to make and backup decisions.
7. Must be of high integrity and put aside personal preferences.
8. Must be diplomatic and constructive.
9. Must have won two ARS certificates and five blue ribbons for at least three years, in at least five rose shows.
10. Must have clerked in at least three rose shows.
11. Must complete a judging school and pass the written and practical tests.

IF INTERESTED, CONTACT DAVE CIAK, YANKEE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN OF JUDGES AT HTROSES@AOL.COM.

2014 ARS Photography Contest

CONGRATULATIONS to **John Mattia** for his receiving recognition in the 2014 American Rose Society Photography Contest (Master Classes). John received first prizes in classes 14.2, 14.3, and 14.5; second prize in class 14.1; fourth in classes 14.3 and 14.4; fifth in classes 14.1, 14.2, and 14.4. Excellent pictures, John, and what creativity!



'Robusta' class 14-2



Class 14-3
Arranger: Nancy Redington

Portfolio: What's in a Rose Name?

Class 14-5





NEW ENGLAND ROSE SOCIETY

You're Invited to the
Seventy Fifth Anniversary
Founder's Day Luncheon
with Guest Speaker Peggy Martin
on October 17, 2015 from 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Tewksbury Country Club
1880 Main Street, Tewksbury, Massachusetts 01876
~ \$40.00 Per Person ~

Join the New England Rose Society for a Once-in-a-Lifetime Celebration.
Our guest speaker will be Peggy Martin, a renowned Rosarian
from Louisiana, who will speak on the history of the "Peggy Martin Rose."
A Buffet of: Mixed Green Salads, Rolls & Butter, Chicken Parmesan, Grilled
Salmon Filet, Penne Pasta with Marinara, Vegetable Medley,
Assorted Pastries, Anniversary Cake, Coffee and Tea will be served.
Cash bar will be available, door prizes and Big Boy's Raffle!



"The Peggy Martin Rose"

Please make out a check to the NERS
for \$40.00 per person and mail to:
Lee Forsythe, P.O. Box 1287
Forestdale, Massachusetts 02644

*Payment must be received
by September 4, 2015.*



Connecticut Rose Show

June 21, 2015

Queen - Natasha Monet John Mattia	Miniflora Spray - Shawn Sease David Candler	Founders Trophy - Natasha Monet John Mattia
King - Moonstone John Mattia	Miniature Full Bloom - Fairhope Sue Redway	Three Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora Keepsake, Natasha Monet, Touch of Class John Mattia
Princess - Hot Princess John Mattia	Miniflora Full Bloom - Show Stopper Dave and Dorothy Ciak	Rainbow Collection Elina, Hot Princess, Keepsake Natasha Monet, Uncle Joe John Mattia
Court - Elina John Mattia	Genesis (No Entries)	Ron Brand Memorial Great Maiden's Blush Harison's Yellow, Salet Mike Fuss
Court - Keepsake John Mattia	Dowager Queen - Tuscany Superb Janice Champagne	Novice Exhibitor - Mister Lincoln Jason Hartling
Court - Rock & Roll Sue Redway	Victorian Queen - Chevy Chase Steve and Carol Ann Rogers	Fragrance - Bishop's Castle Maari Lang
Hybrid Tea and Grandiflora Full Bloom Rosemary Harkness Sue Redway	Single Petal - Starry Night Sue Redway	Seedling (No Entries)
Hybrid Tea and Grandiflora Spray (No Entries)	Large Flower Climber - Excelsa Mike Fuss	Best Knockout - Double Knockout Sue Redway
Floribunda Single - Lime Sublime Steve and Carol Ann Rogers	Classic Shrub - F. J. Grootendorst Mike Fuss	Naturally Grown Roses - Sexy Remy Patricia Barnish
Floribunda Spray - Livin' Easy Sue Redway	Modern Shrub (No Award) David Austin Shrub William Shakespeare 2000 Dave and Sandy Long	Donna Fuss Memorial Trophy F. J. Grootendorst Mike Fuss
Polyantha Spray - The Fairy Steve and Carol Ann Rogers	Hybrid Tea and Grandiflora English Box (No Award)	Lily Shohan Trophy (Best Old Garden Rose) Chevy Chase Steve and Carol Ann Rogers
Miniature Queen - Magic Show David Candler	Miniature and Miniflora English Box (No Entries)	Best English Box Louise Odier, Fantin-Latour, Mme Plantier Dave and Sandy Long
Miniature King - Giggles Rich Mascola	Old Garden Rose English Box Louise Odier, Fantin-Latour, Mme Plantier Dave and Sandy Long	Sweepstakes Sue Redway
Miniature Princess - X-Rated Sue Redway	Small Garden - (No Award)	ROSE SHOW IN PHOTOGRAPHS Best in Show - Betty Boop Janice Champagne
Miniature Court - Chelsea Belle Steve and Carol Ann Rogers	Bill Turull Memorial Trophy Sally Holmes Dave and Sandy Long	Most Perfect Stage - Betty Boop Janice Champagne
Miniature Court - Child's Play Rich Mascola	Dave and June Berg Rose Bowl (No Entries)	Sprays - Dainty Bess Janice Champagne
Miniflora Queen - Whirlaway Dave and Dorothy Ciak	Dave and Dorothy Ciak Trophy Moonbeam, Cooper Dave & Dorothy Ciak	One Bloom or Spray Old Garden Rose, Shrub, and Large Flower Climber <i>R. gallica versicolor</i> (Rosa Mundi) Janice Champagne
Miniflora King - Shameless Dave and Dorothy Ciak	Cycle of Bloom - Impatient Maari Lang	
Miniflora Princess - First Choice Dave and Dorothy Ciak	Rose-in-a-Bowl (Large) - Be-Bop David Candler	
Miniflora Court Abby's Angel, Baldo Villegas, Double Take Dave and Dorothy Ciak	Rose-in-a-Bowl (Miniature and Miniflora) Memphis Music David Candler	
Miniature Spray - Chelsea Belle Steve and Carol Ann Rogers		

Connecticut Rose Show



*Miniature Full Bloom - 'Fairhope'
exhibited by Sue Redway and Julia Dibella*



Photo: Dave Candler

*Connecticut Rose Society Founder, Dave Berg
cutting the ribbon to open the show with
Mirjana Toyn and Mike Fuss*



Photo: Dave Candler

*Dave and Dorothy Ciak with a Clean Sweep
of the Miniflora Court*

Connecticut Rose Show



Photo: Dave Candler

Sweepstakes winner, Sue Redway
with John Mattia



Photo: John Mattia

Founders Trophy - 'Natasha Monet'
Exhibited by John Mattia



Miniflora Spray - 'Shawn Sease'
Exhibited by David Candler



Photo: Dave Candler

R. gallica versicolor (Rosa Mundi)
Exhibited by Janice Champagne



Novice Exhibitor
'Mister Lincoln'
Jason Hartling
with John Mattia



Photo: Dave Candler

Miniflora Princess - 'First Choice'
Exhibited by Dave and Dorothy Ciak



Dave and Dorothy
Ciak Trophy
'Moonbeam,' 'Cooper'
Exhibited by Dave
and Dorothy Ciak

Photo: John Mattia

Connecticut Rose Show



Photo: Dave Candler

Miniature King - 'Giggles'
Rich Mascola



Classic Shrub - 'F. J. Grootendorst'
Mike Fuss with John Mattia



Miniflora Full Bloom
'Show Stopper'
Exhibited by Dave
and Dorothy Ciak



Naturally Grown Roses - 'Sexy Remy'
Patricia Barnish



Dowager Queen
'Tuscany Superb'
Exhibited by
Janice Champagne



Fragrance - 'Bishop's Castle'
Exhibited by Maari Lang



Photo: Dave Candler

Bill Turull Memorial Trophy - 'Sally Holmes'
Sandy (and Dave) Long with John Mattia



Rhode Island Rose Show

June 20, 2015

Queen - Smokin' Hot Mike and Angie Chute	Dowager Queen - Gallica Macantra Patsy Cunningham	Au Naturel - Molineux Kathy and Bob Carniaux
King - Love and Peace Ralph and Alice Thomas	Victorian Queen - Rose de Rescht Rachelle Desrochers	The Rhode Island Gold Rosarian Award Julia Child
Hybrid Tea and Grandiflora Open Bloom About Face Ralph and Alice Thomas	Genesis Award - <i>R. gallica versicolor</i> Andy and Susie Vanable	Audrey and Oz Osborn Mystery Rose Ralph and Alice Thomas
Hybrid Tea and Grandiflora Spray Cherry Parfait Mike and Angie Chute	Classic Shrub - Belle Poitevine Audrey and Oz Osborn	Seedling & Sports Abigail Adams Rose x Unknown Andy and Susie Vanable
Floribunda - Francois Rabelais Irwin and Cindy Ehrenreich	Modern Shrub - Lyda Rose Patsy Cunningham	Fragrance (Judge's Choice) Fragrant Cloud Audrey and Oz Osborn
Floribunda or Polyantha Spray Day Breaker Mike and Angie Chute	David Austin Rose - Sir John Betjeman Irwin and Cindy Ehrenreich	Fragrance (People's Choice) The McCartney Rose Mike and Angie Chute
Large Flowered Climber and Hybrid Wichurana Rosarium Uetersen Irwin and Cindy Ehrenreich	Brownell Rose - Golden Arctic Mike and Angie Chute	Sweepstakes Award Mike and Angie Chute
Novice - Queen of Sweden Kim MacInness	English Box Floribundas and Polyanthas Day Breaker Mike and Angie Chute	Rose Arrangements Division
Miniature Queen Soroptimist International Audrey and Oz Osborn	English Box Shrubs Lichfield Angel, Lady of Shalott Kathy and Bob Carniaux	Autumn Fest and the Newport Winter Festival Patsy Cunningham
Miniflora Queen - Fitzhugh's Diamond Audrey and Oz Osborn	English Box Other Cherry Parfait Mike and Angie Chute	Chinese Dragon Boat Races and the Black Ships Festival Patsy Cunningham
Miniflora King - Double Take Audrey and Oz Osborn	English Box for Smaller Blooms Cinco de Mayo Ralph and Alice Thomas	Anything Goes! Narragansett Pow-wow, Afrika Nyaga Drum and Dance Festival, Kenyon Johnny Cake Festival, Bowen's Wharf Seafood Festival Mari-Ann Suvari
Miniflora Princess - Shameless Audrey and Oz Osborn	Best Red Rose - Black Cherry Sofi Cofield	Newport Kite Festival, South County Hot Air Balloon Festival and RI Scottish Highland Festival Mari-Ann Suvari
Miniature Spray - Joy Paul Raymond	The Victorian Rose Garden Love and Peace, Rainbow Sorbet About Face Ralph and Alice Thomas	Newport Jazz Festival and Newport Folk Festival Marj Deangelis
Miniflora Spray (No Winner)	Masterpieces of the Garden - Lyda Rose Patsy Cunningham	People's Choice Arrangement Mari-Ann Suvari (Newport Kite Festival)
Miniature Open Bloom - Shameless Irwin and Cindy Ehrenreich	Festival of Roses Julia Child, Twilight Zone, Amiga Mia Irwin and Cindy Ehrenreich	
Miniflora Open Bloom (No Winner)	A Sea of Roses - White Cap Mike and Angie Chute	
Rose in a Bowl (Large Rose) Cherry Parfait Ralph and Alice Thomas	Small Garden Challenge Super Hero, Rose de Rescht Rachelle Desrochers	
Rose in a Bowl (Miniature or Miniflora) Black Jade Irwin and Cindy Ehrenreich		

Rhode Island Rose Show

Photo: Dave Candler



*Miniature Queen - 'Soroptimist International'
Exhibited by Audrey and Oz Osborn*

Photo: Patsy Cunningham



*Hybrid Tea Open - 'About Face'
Ralph and Alice Thomas*

Photo: Patsy Cunningham



Silver Certificate Exhibited by Mari Ann Suvari

Photo: Patsy Cunningham



*Modern Shrub - 'Lyda Rose'
Exhibited by Patsy Cunningham*

Photo: Dave Candler



*Rose in a Bowl (Large Rose)
'Cherry Parfait' Exhibited by
Ralph and Alice Thomas*

Photo: Patsy Cunningham



*Large Flower Climber 'Rosarium Ueterson'
Cindy and Irwin Ehrenreich*

Rhode Island Rose Show

Photo: Dave Candler



Seedling - 'Abigail Adams Rose' x Unknown
Exhibited by Andy and Susie Venable

Photo: Patsy Cunningham



Classic Shrub 'Belle Poitvine'
Audrey and Oz Osborn

Photo: Patsy Cunningham



Mini Gold Certificate - 'Shawn Sease'
Exhibited by Patsy Cunningham

Photo: Dave Candler



English Box Other - 'Cherry Parfait'
Exhibited by Mike and Angie Chute

Photo: Dave Candler



Exhibited by Dacia Nickerson

Photo: Patsy Cunningham



English Box Shrub
'Litchfield Angel,' 'Lady of Shallott'
Kathy and Bob Carniaux

Rhode Island Rose Show

Photo: Patsy Cunningham



Miniature Spray - 'Joy'
Paul Raymond

Photo: Dave Candler



Bronze Certificate and People's Choice
Exhibited by Mari Ann Suvari

Photo: Dave Candler



Dowager Queen
'Gallica Macantra'
Exhibited by Patsy
Cunningham

Photo: Dave Candler



English Box for
Smaller Blooms
'Cinco de Mayo'
Exhibited by Ralph
and Alice Thomas

Victorian Queen
'Rose de Rescht'
Rachelle Desrochers



Photo: Patsy Cunningham

Rhode Island Rose Show

Photo: Patsy Cunningham



Masterpieces of the Garden - 'Lyda Rose'
Exhibited by
Patsy Cunningham

King - 'Love and Peace'
Exhibited by Ralph and
Alice Thomas



Photo: Dave Candler

Photo: Patsy Cunningham



Best Red Rose - 'Black Cherry'
Sofi Cofield



English Box Floribunda/Best English Box
'Daybreaker'
Mike and Angie Chute

Photo: Patsy Cunningham

Photo: Dave Candler

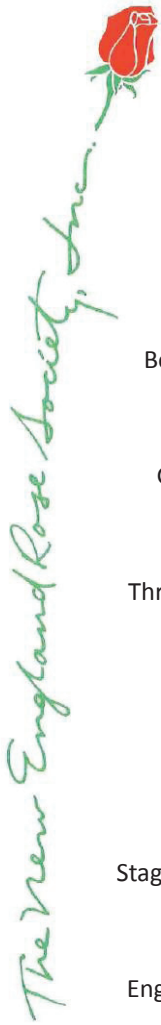


Rosa gallica
versicolor
Exhibited by
Andy and Susie
Vanable

A Sea of Roses
'White Cap'
Exhibited by
Mike and Angie Chute



Photo: Dave Candler



New England Rose Show

June 28, 2015

Best Red Rose - Veterans Honor David Cannistraro	Hybrid Tea/Grandiflora Princess Tahitian Sunset Audrey and Oz Osborn	Miniflora Spray Harm Saville Craig Dorschel
Three Shrubs Gertrude Jekyl, Glamis Castle Tess of the d'Urbervilles Audrey and Oz Osborn	Hybrid Tea/Grandiflora Spray Happy Go Lucky David Candler	Miniflora Open Liberty Bell David Candler
Three Miniature/Miniflora - Kristin Audrey and Oz Osborn	Hybrid Tea/Grandiflora Open Dick Clark Audrey and Oz Osborn	Dowager Queen Baronne Prévost Jon Heino
Three Rose Bowl - Falstaff Audrey and Oz Osborn	Floribunda - Day Breaker Jeanette Danehy	Victorian Queen Jacques Cartier Audrey and Oz Osborn
Stages of Bloom Hybrid Tea/ Grandiflora - Cherry Parfait Audrey and Oz Osborn	Floribunda/Polyantha Spray Wing-Ding George Doorakian	Classic Shrub Belle Poitevine Audrey and Oz Osborn
Stages of Bloom Miniature/Miniflora Ready Audrey and Oz Osborn	Large Flower Climber Single Bloom Dublin Bay David Cannistraro	Modern Shrub - All the Rage Audrey and Oz Osborn
English Box Hybrid Tea/Grandiflora Wild Blue Yonder Audrey and Oz Osborn	Large Flower Climber Spray Rosarium Uetersen Audrey and Oz Osborn	David Austin Shrub Golden Celebration Jon Heino
English Box Old Garden Rose Jacques Cartier Audrey and Oz Osborn	Miniature Queen - Ralph Moore David Candler	Rose Bowl (Large Rose) - All the Rage Audrey and Oz Osborn
English Box Shrub Tess of the d'Urbervilles Audrey and Oz Osborn	Miniature King - Daddy Frank David Candler	Rose Bowl (Miniature) - Incognito Craig Dorschel
English Box Miniature/Miniflora Jeanne Lajoie Audrey and Oz Osborn	Miniature Princess - Incognito Audrey and Oz Osborn	Rose Bowl (Miniflora) - Harm Saville David Candler
High/Lo Love and Peace, Bees Knees Audrey and Oz Osborn	Miniature Spray - You're the One David Cannistraro	Novice (No Entries) Judges (No Entries)
Who Am I? Jon Heino	Miniature Open - Little Jimmy Dickens David Candler	Fragrant - Parole Teresa Mosher
Hybrid Tea/Grandiflora Queen Dream Come True Jon Heino	Miniflora Queen Overnight Scentsation Audrey and Oz Osborn	Mike Lowe District Trophy Rose de Rescht, Alika, Jacques Cartier Audrey and Oz Osborn
Hybrid Tea/Grandiflora King - Olympiad David Cannistraro	Miniflora King - Tammy Clemons Craig Dorschel	Sweepstakes Audrey and Oz Osborn
	Miniflora King - Dr. Troy Garret Audrey and Oz Osborn	Best in Show David Cannistraro You're the One

New England Rose Show



*English Box Hybrid Tea/Grandiflora
'Wild Blue Yonder'
Exhibited by Audrey and Oz Osborn*



*Best in Show - 'You're the One'
David Cannistraro with Craig Dorschel*



*Hybrid Tea/Grandiflora Queen - 'Dream Come True'
Jon Heino with Craig Dorschel*



*Floribunda/Polyantha Spray
'Wing-Ding'
Exhibited by George Doorakian*

New England Rose Show



*Most Fragrant - 'Parole'
Teresa Mosher*

Photo: Dave Candler



*Rose Bowl (Large Rose) - 'All the Rage'
Audrey and Oz Osborn*



*Rose Bowl (Miniflora) - 'Harm Saville'
David Candler*



New England Rose Show



*Mike Lowe District Trophy
'Rose de Rescht,' 'Alika,' 'Jacques Cartier'
Audrey and Oz Osborn with Craig Dorschel*



*Manny "Big Boy"
Mendes*

Photo: Teresa Mosher

ARS Program continued

Prior to the presentation at the lunch, we've set-up roundtables based on rose interests, so grab a seat at the table of your choice where your friendly host will greet you and guide the conversation to share ideas, resources and expertise. You're sure to learn something new!

1:15 PM to 2:15 PM

GETTING THAT AWARD-WINNING ROSE PHOTO

Taking photos of roses is a fun and rewarding hobby, and through the ARS there are multiple ways you can achieve recognition for your work. This panel of expert photographers and photography judges will share with you what it takes to make a photo go from good to great. All of the ways you can share your photo with other rose lovers and a schedule of rose photography competitions will be covered as well.

Moderator: Curtis Aumiller, ARS National Chair of Photography, Camp Hill, PA

Panelists:

*Susan Fox, Ramsey, IL
Bill Kozemchak, Levittown, PA
Sally Long, El Cajon, CA
John Mattia, Orange, CT*

2:15 PM to 2:45 PM

Refreshment Break: Cookies and Rose Lemonade

Join us in our vendor marketplace for a refreshing cup of rose lemonade and cookies.



2:45 PM to 3:45 PM

A CONVERSATION WITH WILL RADLER

Tinkering to Produce Roses
with Personality

Join us for an intimate conversation with celebrated hybridizer, Will Radler, whose influence has changed the way that gardeners use roses in landscaping and in the garden. He has revolutionized the way that mainstream America thinks of roses. With over 80 million Knock Out Roses sold, Radler's commercial success has broken all records for sales of a new rose, and today, the Knock Out Rose is the most widely sold rose in North America. Our conversation will look at how Will has inspired and influenced a new generation of rose gardeners.

*Moderator: Clair Martin, Curator Emeritus
Huntington Rose Garden, Goodyear, Arizona*

*Featuring: Will Radler
Chief Tinkerer for Rose Innovations, Greenfield, WI*

4:00 PM to 5:00 PM

THE ART OF SELLING OF ROSES

Roses have a colorful and vibrant history. This picture-packed presentation will cover the ways that roses have been sold and marketed to the public over the years. The result is an enduring love affair between roses and the world. Join us for a colorful vintage journey that will tell the tale of roses through catalogs, photo features, advertisements and more!

*Moderator: Clair Martin, Curator Emeritus
Huntington Rose Garden, Goodyear, Arizona*

Speaker: Robin Gee, Los Angeles, CA

6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

PATRON'S RECEPTION

The American Rose Society recognizes its Patron donors and takes this opportunity at the Fall National Convention to thank them for their generosity.

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

ROSES IN PARADISE

RECOGNITION DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION

Top honors of the American Rose Society will be presented by ARS President Jolene Adams and we will take this opportunity to thank Jolene for her service as ARS President at this buffet dinner. John Mattia will be presented with the ARS Blake Hedrick Award.

9:30 PM to 11:30 PM

HOSPITALITY AND ROSE TRIVIA AT PARLOR 139

The night is still young, so join us at 10:30 p.m. for a round of rose trivia or just have a drink and relax after a full day of rose fun! There will be medals awarded to the winning trivia teams so more than bragging rights are on the line!

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2015

ROSE SHOW ENTRIES CLOSE AT 9:00 AM

8:00 AM TO 10:00 AM

ROSE SHOW JUDGES BREAKFAST

1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM

ROSE SHOW OPEN TO PUBLIC

9:00 AM to 10:00 AM

AN UPDATE ON ROSE ROSETTE DISEASE

Rose Rosette Disease (RRD) has emerged as a major disease

ARS Program continued

of roses and threatens to significantly impact the garden rose segment of the industry in the United States. RRD is well established in the Southeast and is slowly spreading to New England in recent years. There is an urgent need to stop RRD. The industry and researchers are working together towards a solution. A major effort is behind an almost \$4.6 million Specialty Crop Research Initiative grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture-National Institute of Food and Agriculture. Get the latest update on what the industry is doing to fight the spread of RRD and best practices for rose gardeners.

Speaker: Dr. Dave Byrne, Texas A&M AgriLife Research Horticulturist, and Rose Rosette Disease Research Project Director, College Station, TX

Moderator: Pat Shanley, Vice President American Rose Society, Glen Cove, NY

10:15 AM to 11:15 AM ROSE CRAFT LOUNGE

Take a break and get crafty with us! You will love our rose crafting projects that we have prepared for the Convention. It's fun! It's free! Grab some friends or make new ones, you'll leave with several creations that you will enjoy showing off at lunch!

No RSVP is necessary, you can just drop by or drop in during the lounge hour, but you'll want to come a little early and stay a little late to get all the projects done that we have planned for you!



11:30 AM to 12:30 PM BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE RHS CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW WITH DAVID AUSTIN ROSES

The most famous Garden Show in the world is the RHS Chelsea Flower Show in England. Indulge in a tour of the 2015 David Austin Roses Exhibit with Michael Marriott, Senior Rosarian. David Austin Roses launches their new roses at the Chelsea Flower Show and their 18 time Gold Medal exhibit often features celebrities and costumed models on Press Day. Michael will share what it takes to put on a spectacular exhibit that captures the attention of the world and gardeners everywhere. He will also share the processes involved in developing the new varieties introduced at Chelsea from the initial crossings of the parents to selecting them for introduction.

Speaker: Michael Marriott, Senior Rosarian David Austin Roses, Albrighton, England

12:45 PM to 2:15 PM THE FUTURE OF ROSE HYBRIDIZING Keynote Luncheon

Presented in partnership with the Rose Hybridizers Association. With breakthrough techniques that have made roses more disease resistant than ever before, along with with the ability to continue to create fragrance and beauty, roses seem to be on track to be invincible. However, the upcoming challenges of gardening trends where people want easy-to-grow plants with reliable results, along with the threat of Rose Rosette Disease, may make this one of the most challenging chapters in rose history. Hear from some of the brightest minds in the rose hybridizing world about how they are rising to these challenges and proposing solutions.

Moderator: Jim Sproul, General Director Rose Hybridizers Association, Bakersfield, CA

Panelists:

Michael Marriott, Senior Rosarian David Austin Roses, Albrighton, England

Alain Meilland, Meilland International Cannel des Maures, France

Thomas Proll, Lead Breeder, Kordes Roses Sparrieshoop, Germany

Will Radler, Chief Tinkerer Rose Innovations, Greenfield, WI

2:30 PM to 3:30 PM BREEDING ROSES FOR BEAUTY, FRAGRANCE AND DISEASE RESISTANCE IN GERMANY



With a tradition of over 125 years of rose hybridization, Kordes Roses are known around the world for their beauty. With an emphasis on breeding for disease resistance and winter hardiness along with fragrance, abundance of flowers and more, Kordes produces over 2 million rose bushes per year. Lead breeder, Thomas Proll, from Kordes will share a rose breeding update of what is happening in Germany.

Speaker: Thomas Proll, Lead Breeder Kordes Roses, Sparrieshoop, Germany

4:00 PM to 5:00 PM ARS MEMBERS MEETING

ARS President Jolene Adams, The Board of Directors of the ARS and the Executive Staff of the ARS will present updates on major initiatives of the ARS.

ARS Program continued

4:00 PM to 5:00 PM

ROSE HYBRIDIZERS ASSOCIATION MEETING

Rose Hybridizers Association members are invited to gather for an informal group meeting.

5:00 PM to 6:00 PM

NEW YORK, PENN-JERSEY AND YANKEE DISTRICT MEETINGS

An opportunity for ARS District Directors for the New York, Penn-Jersey and Yankee Districts to meet with district members to discuss upcoming activities.

6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

RECEPTION

No-host bar. Saturday night is dress-up night for our final evening together. Many of us don't get to see each other many times during the year, since we are gathering from all around the country. So, look your best, grab your rose friends and take a turn in our photo booth to bring home your complimentary photos of our memorable convention! Plan to come on the earlier side so we can all get our turn!

7:00 PM to 10:00 PM

A ROOM FULL OF ROSES INSTALLATION DINNER AND ROSE SHOW AWARDS

The convention concludes on a high note with National Fall Rose Show winners receiving their awards from ARS President Jolene Adams.

Rose Show Awards Masters of Ceremonies: Chris VanCleve and Teresa Byington, Rose Chat Podcast

Once every three years, the newly-elected Board takes its oath of office and is officially installed for the new term. Incoming ARS President Pat Shanley will take office.

*Featured speaker: Steve Hutton, President/CEO
STAR Roses and Plants/Conard-Pyle*

*Installation Master of Ceremonies:
Robin Gee, Los Angeles, CA*

*Installation Ceremony:
Jim Hering,*

ARS President Emeritus, Marion, OH

Marilyn Wellan, ARS Past

President, Colfax, LA

Jeff Wyckoff, ARS Past

President, Des Moines, WA



10:00 PM to Midnight

PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION

SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 13, 2015

10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY

2015-18 BOARD PLANNING SESSION

The new ARS Board gets ready to serve our members at their inaugural planning retreat.



Roses in Review 2015

It's that time of year again, and we need your help to evaluate new roses!

The 2015 Roses in Review (RIR) marks the 90th time that the members of the American Rose Society have evaluated new rose introductions. The ultimate value of this is realized only when we have a broad base of participation. We need your contribution, whether you grow only one plant of one variety on the list, or many of them. We need input from

"garden" rosarians as well as exhibitors, and from new rosarians as well as seasoned veterans. We also welcome reports from those who are not yet ARS members. The complete results of this survey will be included in the January/February, 2016, issue of *American Rose*, and will help determine the ratings in the *ARS Handbook for Selecting Roses*. Please take a few minutes of your time to evaluate your roses. Please only evaluate roses you grow from the cultivar list.

Reclassified Rose

'Springshow' [mp, 2010, Walsh, Richard] has been reclassified from a floribunda (F) to shrub (S).



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