



THE ROSE WINDOW

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DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Art Emmons

2003 marks the beginning of another 3-year term for me as The Yankee District Director and I'm thrilled to be back. Every 3 years The American Rose Society (ARS) elects new officers and a new board, including your District Director. The term of office begins and ends coincidental with the Fall ARS convention.

There are exciting things to report about both the Yankee District and The American Rose Society. 2003 was an outstanding year here in the Yankee District. First we had a very successful convention in March in New Hampshire. It was great time and a great success. Many thanks to our New Hampshire friends for the super time.

In May an ARS Consulting Rosarian school was held at Elizabeth Park in Connecticut and 22 new Consulting Rosarians from all over New England were certified. The ARS CR network is one of the most valuable resources of the ARS and many thanks to Yankee District CR chairwoman Carol Ann Rogers for her tremendous efforts. Congratulations to all 22 new enthusiastic rose ambassadors.

In September the Yankee District held an ARS Horticultural Judging School with our good friends out on Cape Cod. Congratulations to the 9 new apprentice judges we badly need to help judge our shows. And, many thanks to our Judging Chairwoman, Terry Emmons, for organizing a very successful school and gathering a great faculty. Also, many thanks to our Lower Cape Rose Society Rose friends for hosting another great time.

Even though we truly had a great time at Yankee District rose events in 2003, 2004 promises to be just as fun or even better. In March we will all gather in Windsor Connecticut for the annual Yankee District winter convention. The Connecticut folks have put together one of the best programs of national and local speakers possible. There's complete information about the convention in this newsletter. Every year we meet in late March, right before growing season, to shake off the winter cobwebs and start the season with some great programs.

And you don't want to miss our Yankee District rose show in Harwich Port on Cape Cod in early September. The Saturday show will surely feature some of the best roses possible and there will be some afternoon programs. Finally, you do not want to miss the lobster fest on the beach on Saturday night. We promise a superb time and great rose conversations!

These are very promising times for the American Rose Society as well. Marilyn Wellan is our new President and we are very honored she'll be visiting the Yankee District to speak at our March Convention. Marilyn brings a new vision and outlook to the American Rose Society. You can't deny her positive attitude and bright persona.

Also, the ARS has a new Executive Director beginning on January 1, 2004. Benny Ellerby comes to ARS from a very successful term as Director of The US Junior Chamber of Commerce. (More commonly called the Jaycees). Those that have met Benny are vocal in their praise of both his credentials and personality.

2004 does promise to be a great year in roses and we look forward to seeing you on the rose path somewhere. Hope your winter is peaceful and your spring arrives quickly and warm.

UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

RHODE ISLAND FLOWER SHOW – FEB 21-24 – RHODE ISLAND CONVENTION CENTER, PROVIDENCE

PEOPLE, PLACES & PLANTS SPRING FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW (formerly the Portland Flower Show)

FEB 27 -MARCH 7, SCARBOROUGH DOWNS, SCARBOROUGH, ME.

PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW – MARCH 7-14, PHILADELPHIA CONVENTION CENTER, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

NEW ENGLAND SPRING FLOWER SHOW – MARCH 13-21, BAYSIDE EXPO CENTER, BOSTON, MA.

YANKEE DISTRICT CONVENTION – MARCH 19, 20, 21 - WINDSOR, CT. (see inside for more info!)

GARDEN STATE ROSE SOCIETY ROSE SHOW – JUNE 12 –MILL CREEK MALL, SECAUCUS, NJ

NEW ENGLAND ROSE SOCIETY ROSE SHOW – JUNE 19 – FIELD STATION, WALTHAM

RHODE ISLAND ROSE SOCIETY ROSE SHOW – JUNE 19 – ROGER WILLIAM PARK, PROVIDENCE

CONNECTICUT ROSE SOCIETY ROSE SHOW – JUNE 20 – ELIZABETH PARK POND HOUSE, W. HARTFORD
LOWER CAPE ROSE SOCIETY ROSE SHOW – JUNE 26 – HARWICH COMMUNITY CENTER, HARWICH
NEW HAMPSHIRE ROSE SOCIETY ROSE SHOW – JUNE 26 – HUNT MEMORIAL BUILDING, NASHUA
MAINE ROSE SOCIETY SHOW ROSE SHOW – TO BE ANNOUNCED
MID-MAINE ROSE SOCIETY – MID MAY - ROSE SALE – FOSTER AUCTION SITE, NEW CASTLE, MAINE
YANKEE DISTRICT ROSE SHOW/LOBSTER FEST – SEPTEMBER 11 – HARWICH COMMUNITY CENTER, HARWICH, MA

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THE 2004 ARS YANKEE DISTRICT ROSE CONVENTION
MARCH 19, 20 & 21, 2004
HILTON GARDEN INN, WINDSOR, CT

HOTEL RESERVATION

You are invited to attend the Spring Rose Convention and Annual Meeting of the ARS Yankee District. A block of rooms has been reserved at the HILTON GARDEN INN; WINDSOR, CT, and will be saved AT A SPECIAL RATE UNTIL FEBRUARY 27th of \$89.95 plus 12% tax and fee. **PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY WITH THE HOTEL BY FEB. 27th**, and tell them you are attending the **ARS Yankee District Rose Convention to obtain the special rate**. The hotel is located approximately **10 miles north of Hartford, CT, west off of exit 38 of Interstate 91**. The hotel phone number is **1-800-HILTONS or 860-688-6400**.

THE FOLLOWING CONVENTION REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MARCH 10TH

NAME(S) _____

PLEASE PRINT NAME(S) AS YOU WOULD LIKE THEM TO APPEAR ON YOUR NAME TAG

ADDRESS _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE (____) _____ - _____

REGISTRATION FEE for convention: No. _____ x \$32.00 each \$ _____

After March 10th: No. _____ x \$40.00 each \$ _____

(Includes Saturday breakfast, breaks & all daytime programs)

LUNCH (plus "rose art" surprise) No. _____ x \$18.00 each \$ _____

SATURDAY EVENING BANQUET

CHICKEN MARSALA No. _____ x \$37.00 each \$ _____

HERB GRILLED LONDON BROIL No. _____ x \$37.00 each \$ _____

BOSTON BAKED SCROD No. _____ x \$37.00 each \$ _____

SUNDAY BREAKFAST No. _____ x \$17.00 each \$ _____

(All meal prices include tax & gratuity)

The Yankee District ANNUAL MEETING will follow breakfast.

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

_____ Please make check payable to the **ARS Yankee District** and mail check and this registration form **no later than March 10th** to: **Steve Rogers, 63 Dusty Lane, Wethersfield, CT, 06109. For further information contact David Long: E-mail: longd_facilities@uconn.edu Telephone: (860)434-5522**

Rhode Island Rose Society (www.rirs.org)

Submitted by Patsy Cunningham

Our annual potluck lunch will be in the Mediterranean Room of the Roger Williams Park greenhouses on January 10. On February 14, Angie Chute will unveil the Rhode Island Rose Society's new guide to growing roses, free to RIRS members who attend this meeting and to be sold later. The program will be on rose catalogs and mail order roses. Our annual meeting is March 10 this year and we will "open" the Victorian Rose Garden on April 17, with mini programs on planting and pruning. Our May 8 meeting will focus on the rose show schedule and a program on exhibiting. June promises to be a good time, with a few different events planned.

Our rose show will be June 19 at the Roger Williams Park Mounted Command Center, and Barbara Briggs has agreed to be this year's show chair with Lorraine Shelley as assistant chair. The planned New England Botanical Gardens at Roger Williams Park with its glassed conservatories has been delayed so we'll be in the stables for the show for at least another year. There'll be a society rose tour June 27, focusing on gardens in the Providence metro area. We'll be taking a daytrip by bus to the Cranford Rose Garden in the Brooklyn Botanical Center next June 5. The first two weeks of June are peak spring rose bloom in

Brooklyn, according

to Jackie Fazio their Director of Horticulture. They have 2700+ rose bushes and are known for their climbers. The cost will be \$35 with no additional admission fee. Members from other societies are welcome if we have unfilled seats after March 13. When we went on June 5, 1999, there were climbers festooned on chains and draped over other unique supports. There was a Dr. Van Fleet (the once blooming climber that New Dawn sported from) with a trunk like a tree climbing over their central gazebo. I never made it out of the rose garden that day, but the Botanical Gardens include huge glass conservatories, a Japanese garden, a Shakespeare garden and much more. Mike Chute will present a comprehensive program on spraying roses on July 10 and on September 11 we'll tour and evaluate the Victorian Rose Garden. Other programs are in the planning stages. Marie Giordano has catalogued our library, it can be seen at <http://www.rirs.org/library.htm>.. If anyone has rose related books they'd like to donate or loan to us, they'd be welcome. Our President's Award winner for 2003 was Barbara Briggs. Barbara has been invaluable for her work as hospitality chair, executive secretary, garden maintenance and much more.

Connecticut Rose Society (www.ctrose.org)

Submitted by: Dave Candler

It has been a very good year for CRS. Starting out on a challenging note with the early and severe winter, most plants survived, and they eventually recovered, albeit 10 days later than usual for the first bloom cycle. This allowed the Rose Show to proceed in mid-June, but with fewer entries. Quality of the Hybrid Teas remained high, but many Floribundas and other roses were often too late to compete in CT.

Some events of note from the past season:

Donna Fuss was awarded the Society Bronze Medal for long and valuable service to the organization.

A number of CRS members completed the Consulting Rosarian course and test resulting in certification.

Several CRS members successfully completed the Horticultural Judging School and are now working to complete their five-show judging apprenticeships:

Carol Ann Rogers & Steve Rogers

Patsy Cunningham (CRS and RIRS member)

David Cannistraro (CRS and NERS member)

Craig Dorschel (CRS and NERS member)

Looking to the future, the programs continue to be both

informative and interesting. We start the year with our

Member's Holiday Luncheon complemented with a slide presentation by nationally renowned rosarian Frank Benardella: "European Rose Trials". For the remainder of the season we look forward to these

programs: (all are in the Pond House, Elizabeth Park, West Hartford, CT, and we meet at 2:30 PM)
Date-Presentation-Presenter Feb 2004 "Growing Roses in the Greenhouse" Tom Pinchbeck, Pinchbeck Nurseries, Guilford. March "Landscaping with Roses" Oz Osborn. March 19-21 District Convention: Hilton Garden Hotel, Windsor. See separate article for details. April 4 "Opening the Garden and Pruning Demonstration" CRS Consulting Rosarians. June 6 "Exhibiting Roses-Principles and Techniques" Tim Roy. June 20 CRS Annual Rose Show
Website - www.ctrose.org, Dave Candler, 860-889-0302 or [DavCandler@aol.com](mailto:DaveCandler@aol.com) with any questions. Information about the Rose Show or Apprentice Judging, call: Steve Rogers, Show Chair: 860-563-1835, Mike Fuss, Show Chair of Judges: 860-243-1586 Program recommendations: Dave Long: 860-434-5522

District Treasury Summary Report

1/1/03 to 12/31/03

Submitted by: Steve Rogers, Treasurer

We had a beginning balance of \$5241.16. Income during the period was \$5488.52 (Spring Convention: \$2571.38, Fall Convention: \$1630.00, CR and Judging Schools: \$1263.50, Interest: \$23.64). Expenses for the period were \$4371.91 (Newsletter: \$807.07, Spring Convention: \$38.96, District Awards: \$220.00, Web Site: \$136.25, Fall Convention: \$1936.01, CR and Judging Schools: \$1159.31, District Committee expenses: \$74.31). As of 12/31/03 we had an ending balance of \$6357.77. Additionally, we have \$500.00 on deposit for the 2004 Spring convention.

Maine Rose Society

(www.mainerosesociety.com)

Submitted by Frank O'Connor

Jerry Cinnamon is the new President. He was elected at our November business meeting. The term is supposed to be one year. I served for three. Claire Homan was awarded the ARS Bronze Honor Medal for over forty years of dedicated service to the Maine Rose Society. She has been the treasurer for years, (Nobody has been able to wrestle the check book from her). This year Sari Hou, our web master, was awarded the 2002 King of Local Rose Societies awarded by the ARS. We have not finalized our show plans or programs. We will finish this up at our January meeting.

YANKEE DISTRICT ROSE SHOW

Submitted by Art Emmons

The Yankee District will host its annual District Rose Show at the beautiful Harwich Community Center on Cape Cod on Saturday September 11th.

Come join us for what is always the best rose event of the year. The rose show will open for entries at (?) and will be closed for judging at 10am. During judging a special program will be conducted in the beautiful community center garden, right outside the rose show. A lunch will be followed by a very special program by Robbie and Marsha Tucker; owners of Rosemania and the great miniature rose hybridizers.

And no one wants to miss our very special clam bake on the beach on Saturday evening in the stunning September sunset. Be sure to mark your calendar now!



FIFTY YEARS LATER

Many types of plants have been grown in pots or containers of some type for many thousands of years. You see this in pictures from long ago. The general public seems to think that roses are perennial shrubs that should be grown in the ground and would like for them to live forever. Maybe that is true in mild climates but in the Northern climates in the United States that is not always true.

About a week after the Iraqi war started I got so disgusted with all the Tokyo Rose (no pun) reports that I turned off my TV and radio and started to read some books. One of the books I read was the 1953 ARS Rose Annual. I found this article, THE ROSE, LOVELIEST OF POT PLANTS, by Mrs. Merrill A. Newman, San Mateo, California.

She states that you can grow any type of rose in a pot and goes through a long list of varieties which will grow in pots including climbers. She describes various types and sizes of redwood containers she uses and the preparation of the containers and the growing medium used. She goes on to describe her fertilizing and watering techniques. She says very few of her potted roses have to be repotted with a complete soil change. She says that each year she uses a

sharp trowel to remove a slice of soil around the edge of the container. This cuts off the ends of the roots and the void is filled with fresh growing medium.

Mrs. Newman describes growing climbers with the trellis being built outside of the container. She also describes some of the advantages and things that you can experiment with. She says that in ten years more than five hundred roses have found a happy home in containers in her garden.

I have used many of the same techniques and experienced some of the same good results. There is an introductory paragraph at the beginning of the article which says, "We hope now that someone will work out a method for caring for potted roses during the winter so that this method of culture will become more popular in cold

climates." Mrs. Newman, wherever you are, my method of growing roses in containers with casters and keeping them in the garage seems to fulfill your hope. They grow so well I call them "My California roses". I only grow two hundred in containers.

Submitted to the Rose Window 2003 by Clarence Rhodes, Portland, Maine.

2003 AWARDS GIVEN IN THE DISTRICT
OUTSTANDING CONSULTING ROSARIANS:

JOE & MARION CAFFERKY

OUTSTANDING JUDGE:

MIKE CHUTE

CONSULTING ROSARIAN NEWS

Carol Ann Rogers, CR Chair

Happy New Year to all. First, I would like to congratulate all of our newly appointed Consulting Rosarians in the Yankee District who attended our school in 2003. They are as follows: Joseph Albanese, Linda Cotton, and Robert Prill from the Connecticut Rose Society, Jerry Cinnamon from the Maine Rose Society, Gregory Davis and Edward Hempel from the Lower Cape Rose Society, William Angell, Lisa Corbin, Craig Dorschel, Valerie Fisk, Cynthia Fraser, Chu Jung, and Barbara LeDuc from the New England Rose Society, and Herma Altman, Angelina Chute, Nancy Edgar, Robert Forand, Linda Kammerer, Linda Shamoon, and Crystal, John and Lorraine Shelly from the Rhode Island Rose Society. I again thank our knowledgeable instructors and everyone else who participated and helped to make the day such a success.

As a reminder, there are twenty-three CRs in the Yankee District who must re-certify before the end of 2004 and four who have until the end of 2005. This includes ten members of the Connecticut Rose Society, two members of the Maine Rose Society, one member of the Lower Cape Rose Society, eleven from the New England Rose Society, and three from the New Hampshire Rose Society. Remember that CRs now have four years to complete their re-certifications so the class of 2003 and everyone else who completed the qualifications in 2003 have until the end of 2007. Those who need to re-certify received a letter stating their status included with the annual CR survey which was mailed on January 2, 2004.

To review how to re-certify, the ARS has initiated a new program to make it easier to accomplish this through accumulating continuing education credits. You must attain 4 credits to re-certify. Credits will be assigned to programs based on relevancy of the subject, scope, complexity, depth of the subject matter and the credentials of the speaker who will also be awarded appropriate points. The district CR chair has the authority to make the decisions on programs held at the local and district level. The national CR chair has the authority to approve national convention programs. Local relevant offerings are worth 1 credit, district relevant offerings are worth up to 2 credits, and national programs are awarded 4 credits, as is

attending a CR school or seminar. **There will not be a CR school in the Yankee District next year so it is important to pay attention to announcements in The American Rose Magazine for schools scheduled in neighboring districts. It is important for local societies to start offering programs to help our CRs meet their goals. I am also encouraging all CRs to attend our district convention in March, which will be held in Windsor, Connecticut. For those people needing to re-certify in 2004, your attendance at our convention will fulfill your 4-credit requirement. The National CR Chairman who will be one of our prestigious speakers has approved this "bonus". CRs who do not meet the designated requirements by the end of 2004 will be deleted from the active consulting rosarian list; however, extenuating circumstances will be reviewed.**

There have been several inquiries about the ARS Consulting Rosarian Emeritus Program. This designation was approved by the ARS board of directors in June of 1994. The honor is reserved for those who have served as CRs for at least 10 years and no longer wish to be active CRs. **A CR may request emeritus status through the district CR chair.** Upon approval of the request by the chairman and the district director the designation will be made. A CR emeritus certificate will be presented in gratitude of past service. It is suggested that this presentation take place at a district meeting or some other suitable occasion. Purchase of the certificate will be made with district funds.

The Consulting Rosarian Emeritus will no longer be required to meet the requirements set forth for CRs. The Consulting Rosarian Emeritus' name will be removed from the active ARS CR list. There is a CR emeritus form to be filled out which requires the signatures of the district director, district CR chair and the national CR chair. I have these forms, and if I can be of any assistance regarding this program, please let me know.

I hope everyone has a restful winter, and I am looking forward to receiving your surveys. Let's try for a 100% return this year, and hopefully I'll see many of you at the convention in March.

LOCAL SOCIETY AWARDS

CONNECTICUT – DONNA FUSS

LOWER CAPE – GREG DAVIS

MAINE - CLAIRE HOMAN

RHODE ISLAND – BARBARA BRIGGS

NEW ENGLAND ROSE SOCIETY – BIG BOY & BETTY MENDES – LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP AWARD

NEW ENGLAND ROSE SOCIETY

(www.rosepetals.org)

Submitted by Craig Dorschell

Founded in 1940, the New England Rose Society is the oldest rose society in the Yankee District of the ARS. Nowadays, most of our members reside in the Greater Boston region and central Massachusetts. We meet at the University of Massachusetts Field Station on Beaver St. in Waltham, and visitors are always welcome.

On Saturday, January 17, CRS President Dave Candler will make a presentation on "Robust Watering Techniques." The program begins at 10:00 am and includes a pot luck lunch.

On Saturday, February 21, we will have our annual Rose Photography Show, judged by Diane and Judy Conrad (photography) and Tessie McKeown (horticulture). Diane and Judy will hold an informal question and answer on "How to take a better picture." Once again the program begins at 10:00 am, and once again there will be a potluck lunch.

On Tuesday, March 23, beginning at 6:00 pm, we have our first spring pizza party (\$3.00 donation per person) with a program on "General Rose Culture" given by Ann Hooper.

The weekend of April 24 and 25 we will be having our annual rose plant sale. This is a great opportunity to pick up great roses at great prices. Pruning and planting demonstrations will also be offered. The sale is open from 8:00 to 5:00 both

days, rain or shine, but come early for the best selection.

The second pizza party (\$3.00 donation) will be on Tuesday, May 4. Jerry Amoroso of Weeks Roses will give a presentation on rose production, industry trends, and new varieties for 2004-2005. The evening begins at 6:00 pm.

Starting at 9:00 on June 5, 2004, we are hosting the NHRS for a seminar on rose grooming and arranging for shows. David Cannistraro will discuss grooming, and Valerie Fisk will discuss arranging. Lunch (hamburgers, hot dogs, etc.) will be provided. Our spring rose show will be Saturday, June 19.

Rounding out our schedule of activities for the next few months, David Cannistraro will be hosting a tour of his garden in Stow, Massachusetts, on July 17. Lunch to be announced.

Please check our web site, rosepetal.org or give us a call for up-to-date information. We hope to see you!

MY NEW FIND

"MUCK BOOTS"

Submitted by Audrey Osborn

Beyond Waterproof!



Oz and I purchased these at the Rhode Island Flower Show last February. We wore them all spring, summer, fall and now winter. They are comfortable both in warm and cold weather, and offer lots of support when we are on our feet for hours and hours.

“A great waterproof shoe designed specifically for those dirty jobs around the home and garden. The Daily™ shoe is completely resistant to grass stains, home cleansers, fertilizers and barnyard muck. Features include slipper-soft comfort, easy-on/easy-off convenience, debris-free collar, and quick clean-up. Keep your feet clean, dry and protected with the Daily™ home and garden shoe!”

CONGRATULATIONS!!

It is with tremendous pleasure and pride that we (Terry and Art Emmons) announce that there are nine new American Rose Society

Apprentice Horticultural Rose Judges in the Yankee District! Please join us in congratulating the following:

Tessie McKeown (New Hampshire)
Irwin Ehrenreich (Lower Cape)
Greg Davis (Lower Cape)
Craig Dorschel (New England)
David Cannistraro (New England)
Patsy Cunningham (Rhode Island)
Nancy Edgar (Rhode Island)
Carol Ann Rogers (Connecticut)
Stephen Rogers (Connecticut)

This is a tremendous achievement and a great accomplishment for them. The Judging School (held in Harwich on Cape Cod in early September) was very challenging and demanded excellent preparation to pass.

This is also a great benefit to all the rose societies of the Yankee District as we need new judges for our shows.

Please – congratulate these fine folks and we look forward to seeing them on the “show trail” soon!

Terry Emmons (Yankee District Chairperson of Judges)

Art Emmons (Yankee District Director)

COME TO THE YANKEE DISTRICT CONVENTION IN MARCH

The Connecticut Rose Society will be hosting the 2004 Yankee District convention in March of 2004. It will be held at the Hilton Gardens Hotel. This is a brand new hotel in historic Windsor, CT. It is located high on a hill, with a wonderful view, and direct access off of Interstate 91. This is a central location with many attractions and great shopping in close proximity.

The committee has been working very hard to create a fun and interesting weekend. They have assembled an outstanding group of speakers to give both informative and interesting programs. Marilyn Wellan, the newly elected President of the A.R.S. will be the after dinner speaker. Marilyn grows over 600 roses at her home in Colfax, LA. She is the second woman to hold the office of president in the history of the ARS. She has held many previous offices in the ARS, the Gulf District and her local society. She is both an accredited Horticultural and Arrangements Judge, and a Consulting Rosarian for the ARS. Marilyn has chaired a National Convention, edited a district newsletter and created the “White Book”, a guide for rose society leaders.

Bob Martin, is the author of **Showing Good Roses, a Complete Exhibitor's Guide**, definitive word on exhibiting. Bob has been growing roses for over 30 years. Bob is the Pacific Southwest District Director. He is the editor of the ARS quarterly publication The Rose Exhibitor's Forum. Bob is an accredited Rose

Horticultural Judge and Consulting Rosarian for the ARS.

Don Myers is a plant pathologist and expert on roses for the Bayer Company. He has held many offices for his district and local societies. Don is an accredited Rose Horticultural Judge and Consulting Rosarian for the ARS.

Tom Rathier is a Scientist with the Valley Laboratory of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station in Windsor, CT. Tom has degrees in both Biology and Chemistry. He is an expert in plant pathology, soils, pesticide use and cultural practices for production of woody and herbaceous plants.

Our own John Mattia, has served on several national committees. He is an accredited Rose Horticultural Judge and Consulting Rosarian for the ARS. John is an expert exhibitor, hybridizer and digital artist.

Two panels will also be part of the program. One on Old Garden Roses and one on Modern Shrubs.

As well as the great speakers and hospitality, there will be door prizes, a raffle and a rose auction. Consulting Rosarians – if you attend all of the lectures on Saturday, you will receive all four CEU credits and be re-certified until 2008.

The food also promises to be a treat. On Saturday, a continental breakfast is included in the registration. There is a lunch with John Mattia presenting a special program using digital photography. The dinner Saturday night begins with a cheese and fruit display during the cocktail hour, followed by a three course meal. (Your choice of entrée) The Connecticut Classic Breakfast on Sunday is a full breakfast buffet with juice and coffee and teas. There will also be

muffins, Danish, and bagels, fresh fruit, scrambled eggs, French toast, bacon, sausage and breakfast potatoes.

So please save the dates of March 19-21 and join us for what plans to be a memorable weekend of roses. This is an opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new ones who all share our love of roses.

A registration form with all of the information is included elsewhere in this newsletter.

2004 Yankee District Convention Schedule

Hilton Garden Inn, 555 Corporate Drive, Windsor, CT (1-860-688-6400) or (1-800-HILTONS)
Approximately 10 miles north of Hartford, CT, west off of Exit 38 of Interstate 91

Friday, March 19th:

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm Registration in the Lobby

6:00 pm – midnight Hospitality Suite Open (Location: Windsor)

Saturday, March 20th: Location: Ballroom (off Main Lobby)

8:00 – 8:45 am Continental Breakfast (coffee, tea, juices, muffins, Danish, fruit preserves and butter)

8:00 – 8:45 am

Registration

8:45 – 9:00 am

Welcome

9:00 – 9:45 am

Panel: Old Garden Roses (Moderator: Dan Russo)

10:00 – 10:45 am

Speaker: Don Myers (“Making the Most of Fungicides...” (for CR Credit)

11:00 – 11:30 am

Coffee Break / Door Prizes

11:30 – 12:15 pm

Speaker: Bob Martin (“Stupid Exhibitor Tricks”)

12:30 – 2:15 pm

Luncheon / Speaker: John Mattia (“Digital Rose Stories”)

2:30 – 3:15 pm

Panel: Modern Shrub Roses (Moderator: Donna Fuss)

3:30 – 4:15 pm

Speaker: Tom Rathier – CT. Agr. Ctr. (“Get Your Hands Dirty...” (for CR Credit)

4:15 – 5:00 pm

Raffle

6:00 – 7:00 pm

Social Hour – Cash bar and hors d’oeuvres

7:00 – 10:00 pm

Banquet Dinner: Keynote Speaker, Marilyn Wellan, President (“Rose Gardens of

America”)

AFTER DINNER: Yankee District Awards Rose Auction

9:00 – midnight

Hospitality Suite Open (Location: Windsor IV)

Sunday, March 21st:

8:00 – 9:30 am

Breakfast: Connecticut Classic (Location: Windsor III)

9:30 – 12:00 pm

Annual Yankee District Meet

12:00

Check out time

The New Hampshire Rose Society(www.nhrosesociety.org)

Submitted by Tessie McKeown

The New Hampshire Rose Society is 27 years old, having been founded in May 1976. It started with 16 members who were brought together by a common passion—that of growing beautiful roses. There are currently 63 members. Monthly meetings start in April with a program on spring care of roses. Meetings are held at each other's houses. This gives us an opportunity to see what's growing in members' gardens and to appreciate the fruit of their labor.

The NHRS holds an annual Rose Show in June. This year it will be held at the Hunt Memorial Building in Nashua, NH on June 26. Another opportunity to exhibit is in the fall on the Triple Six-Pack Show. At this show, members can enter three blooms of different varieties in 10 classifications. Since the show is judged openly, it becomes a learning experience, especially for newer members. On the last two fall shows we did not bring in a judge as we did in the past. Instead, members used small change to vote for first, second, and third prizes in each class. We found this not only a novel idea, but also

a lot of fun. We have called this our “Nickel and Dime Show.”

This year, the Consulting Rosarians in our society have done seminars at three Home Depots in New Hampshire to spread the word on roses. Although we only gained two members, it is nonetheless a great opportunity to draw increased awareness to our organization.

This coming March we are looking forward to participating in the Keene Flower Show. Mike will present a slide lecture on “Roses and Gardens”, followed by question and answer on the basics of growing roses. We will also set up a booth for a rose clinic.

In June of 2002, the NHRS hosted a garden tour of five of the members' gardens in Southern NH. This proved to be a very worthy fund- raiser for the society. In June of 2003, there was an Open House at the Lowes gardens. Their 4000 or so roses was a source of

inspiration to admiring rose aficionados in New Hampshire and neighboring states.

This spring we are planning to hold rose sales in conjunction with local garden clubs as a fund-raiser for the society.

Our web site lists upcoming events this year. www.nhrosesociety.org. Our webmaster is John Waterman.

THE LOWER CAPE ROSE SOCIETY (www.lowercaperosesociety.org)

Submitted by Oz Osborn

The rose cycle continued on the Cape into the autumn season. The LCRS hosted a Yankee District Judging School, from which we proudly qualified two apprentice judges – Greg Davis and Irwin Ehrenreich. Greg also received the Bronze Honor medal at our annual October luncheon attended by over fifty members. Greg's energy and enthusiasm has involved him in every LCRS activity. He has also extended himself into Yankee District and Penn Jersey functions. Earlier in the year Greg and Rev. Ed Hempel became Consulting Rosarians (giving Greg the "Triple Crown"). By the way, Irwin has started "The Roseman Nursery", drive to the Cape someday this spring and pick up a few roses from the newest rose center in New England 3780 Rte 6A Barnstable.

Audrey Osborn starts her second year as President, and, with the holidays now over, all of the members eagerly await the next rose go-around on the Cape.

C.L. Fornari and Ann Firth will warm things up during the January and February meetings respectively. C.L. author of several garden books and a call-in radio garden show host, will provide a presentation on digitally photographing your garden (January 17) while Ann, a local garden designer and Master Gardener, will focus on perennials as companion plants in the rose garden.

March will give the members an opportunity to travel to Connecticut for the Yankee District Winter Convention. Our April meeting will be learning the techniques of pruning and different types of feeding programs, followed by a work party in the Millie & Tip O'Neill Rose Garden.

May will find the members present for the dedication of our Veteran's Garden by the Harwich Community Center. This garden consists of Memorial Day, WWII Memorial, Purple Heart, and other appropriate varieties. During the spring and summer we will have several planting sessions in an attempt to complete the front of our building. These gardens (which are quickly approaching 1000 roses) provide ideal hands-on demonstrations for present and potential members.

"Oz" Osborn will Chair the Rose show which will be held on June 26th. He can be contacted at Ozrose@comcast.net or 508-430-5329.

The Yankee District rose show will be held at the home of the Lower Cape Rose Society on September 11 .. contact Art Emmons for details.

The Lower Cape Rose Society slowly completes the 2004 rose circle with its October luncheon on Sunday October 17th. All are invited. Our pride of roses will be protected for the oncoming winter at the November meeting. Finally we'll celebrate the joys of December on Saturday 11.

ROSES IN REVIEW 2003

By Clarence Rhodes, Yankee District RIR Coordinator

Thanks to all the reporters who submitted a RIR report for 2003. The RIR reports submitted by individuals across the country is the method used by ARS to determine the rose ratings in the Buyers Guide. The RIR National Coordinator, Phil Schorr, has to receive at least 10 reports for a single variety to record a finding. We had thirty-five reporters in the Yankee District this year. The more reports, the better the result numbers. Look for the 2004 RIR list in the ARS magazine and be a reporter. You do not have to be a member of the American Rose Society to submit a report.

If you were a contributor to the Yankee District RIR in 2003, your name will be in the "hermetically sealed envelope" at the District Convention and eligible for the prize. Also, anyone reporting will receive a copy of the report in the mail.

Roses with five or more reports.

VARIETY	TYPE	REPORTS	GR	ER	WH	PLANTS
MARMALADE SKIES	FL	5	7.8	7.7	YES	18
CRIMSON BOUQUET	GR	7		7.7	7.0	YES 22
ANDREA STELZER	HT	7	7.8	8.0	YES	9

BARBRA STREISAND	HT	6	7.3	7.7	BL	10	
GEMINI	HT	15	7.6	8.4	BL	43	
LOVE & PEACE	HT	11	7.7	7.9	BL	35	
MARILYN MONROE	HT	8	6.9	7.7	BL	16	
MELLOW YELLOW	HT	10	7.6	6.7	BL	10	
PEARL	HT		6	7.4	7.6	YES	8
CONSTELLATION	MIN	5	7.7	7.3	YES	6	
HILDE	MIN	5	8.0	8.0	YES	12	
JILLY JEWEL	MIN	6	7.9	7.9	YES	8	
MERLOT	MIN	5	7.6	7.5	YES	10	
SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL	MIN	5	7.6	7.6	YES	6	
CAREFREE SUNSHINE	SH	5	7.4	6.5	YES	5	
KNOCKOUT	SH	11	8.9	7.3	YES	21	
OUTTA THE BLUE	SH	6	8.1	7.0	YES	10	
STARRY NIGHT	SH	5	8.4	7.1	YES	25	

There were 267 reports on 105 varieties.

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