

**The Rose Window 2012**  
**A publication of the Yankee District**  
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**Audrey Osborn, Editor**

It went by too quickly, it lasted too long. At times I was brilliant and carried the show alone, other times I procrastinated and greatly appreciated the excellent help from my very capable Chairpersons. I am thankful for every one of them and the hours of time and effort that each has devoted to their position. I know first hand how much my wife has devoted to the Yankee District over the years in her position as Editor of the Rose Window. In particular, I have been blessed with two nationally known gentlemen, who have made my job a helluva lot easier.....Craig Dorschel, our current Chair of Horticultural Judges, has constantly endeavored to improve the tenuous situation of ARS Certified Judges in the Yankee District. As you know, he has presented several judging schools and judging seminars. For those of you who did not attend the Fall Yankee Meeting, Craig has taken on the responsibility of the District Director. This is a great opportunity for several members to step up and give Craig the help that he needs during his term. There is also a good possibility that Craig will be asked to serve as the National Chair of Horticultural Judges when Jolene Adams becomes the ARS President.....Dave Long, our current Chair of Consulting Rosarians, has brought the title of CR to a new level within our district. His attention to detail has made it possible for our current Consulting Rosarians to be in compliance with the ever changing ARS regulations. He has also made positive changes in the annual Yankee District CR Report form for the benefit of all members. Dave has volunteered his time to serve the ARS as the new Director of Region 0. I must mention that Clarence Rhodes has ended his term as Regional Director, doing a fine job representing us on the ARS Executive Board..... Serving as Yankee District Director brought me to St Louis and inside the ARS Board of Directors Room for the first time as I as I watched Marilyn Wellan pass the President's gavel to Steve Jones. There have been many national conventions and Executive Board votes since then, the more memorable pertaining to

the 100 Grand Campaign Fund and the mandatory Consulting Rosarian Reporting. I hope all my comments and votes affected the ARS in a positive way. Most importantly, it gave me a chance to be on a first name basis with many very fine people. I could mention a hundred of them but let me keep it to a few, Jeff Wyckoff, Jeffrey Ware, Carol Spiers, Laura Pfender, Marilyn Wellan, Jolene Adams, Pat Shanley, Oline Reynolds, Dr Jim Hering, Steve Jones, Ed Griffin, Bob Martin, George Hartley, and Baxter Williams.....On the district level I have seen the Silver Honor Medal, the O/S Judge Award and the O/S Consulting Rosarian Award given to some of the finest in the Yankee District. Our Spring Conventions have been of the highest quality, and I am grateful to each local society for their hard work to make these affairs successful. The YD Fall Meetings have regained their popularity with Judging and CR seminars and schools, presentations by nationally acclaimed speakers, rose shows with new challenge class trophies and the now famous Cape Cod lobsterfests.....During my term the Yankee District has lost some unforgettable people who dedicated years of their lives to the make the District what it has become today. Each of our societies have also lost members who served so well to promote and improve ourselves on the local level. All of them will be greatly missed and thought of fondly, whenever we think of roses.....

Thank you, everyone,  
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Yankee District Judging News  
By Craig  
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Judging  
Chair



Speaking only for myself (but likely for others, too) this was a difficult year for rose exhibiting. Once again the spring bloom came early—even after a later pruning than last year, and I was essentially bloomed out by show time. Topping it all off, I got behind on weeding with all the weekend activity, and when I did weed, the fungi had gotten there first (despite sprays).

Many of you did do better, and there were, as always, some beautiful blooms on the tables. Congratulations to all the winners.

Several Yankee District exhibitors (including yours truly) had hoped to compete in the National Mini Show, held in Syracuse, but were foiled by the early bloom. We ended up with a sizable contingent of judges instead: three Daves (Candler, Ciak and Long) and me.

The district show was also affected by a number of conditions, but the show, smaller than usual, went on anyway. One feature this year was hosting a national travelling trophy, the Milton S. Hershey Bowl, which was taken home by Louise Coleman. Congratulations to Louise and all the other winners.

Just so everyone knows that fickle weather is not confined to New England, the fall national show in Los Angeles was much smaller than anticipated as conditions there left many of the Cali power exhibitors with nothing to enter.

Because of scheduling problems, the judging school set for this year was cancelled. In 2012, we will be having a judging seminar on Friday afternoon, March 23, in conjunction with the annual convention in Newport, RI. The program for the seminar will be geared to current judges (who are encouraged to attend if at all possible), though it is open to anyone who wishes to attend. Nearly all our judges must audit a school or seminar in 2012 to remain on the active roster, so if you cannot attend in March, you will need to attend the school in September.

Yes, the school has been rescheduled. It will be held on Friday/Saturday, September 7 and 8, at Tower Hill Botanic Garden in Boylston, MA. Our district show, hosted this time by New England Rose Society will be there on the 8<sup>th</sup> as well. This, of course, is a departure from our practice of the past several years, where we have gathered on Cape Cod. So we'll swap the dunes and ocean views of the Cape for the forested hills and views of Wachusett Mountain and reservoir to be found in central Massachusetts. Alas, there is no beach on the reservoir for a clambake, but a group dinner in a local restaurant is quite possible. Stay tuned for details. Tower Hill is located a few miles northeast of Worcester and is a reasonable drive for most. The facilities there are beautiful, and the management has provided us with a room for the show and a separate quiet room for lectures and the practical exam.

This would be a good time to thank the folks from the LCRS, and especially Greg Davis and the Osborns for organizing and hosting the fall district event for at least the last 10 years.

I hope all our fortunes are better in 2012, and that there will be lots of great roses for the forthcoming shows.



# Who Should Belong to ARS?

By Pat Shanley, Chairman, ARS Marketing & Membership Committee

From the January edition of *The Rose Window* the newsletter of the Yankee District, Audrey Osbornm Editor.

Let's start with the definition of a "Rosarian". Basically, this is a person who has fallen in love with Roses and longs to know everything there is about them! Some Rosarians are in love with Modern Roses, some with Old Garden Roses and some with any kind of rose at all. Some are gardeners who grow simply for the pleasure of planting, tending and watching their roses bloom. Some grow exclusively to produce prize winning roses for exhibition. Some don't grow roses at all – for one reason or another – no place to grow them, health restrictions that prevent them from working in a garden – but love them just the same and seize every opportunity to visit rose gardens, read and learn about their beloved hobby.

Which of the above Rosarians should belong to the American Rose Society? All of them. There is something for every aspect of this hobby available from ARS and it comes with membership. Should you belong to ARS? If you're reading this newsletter, you are interested in roses and the answer is yes, you should.

I have had members tell me that they can't actually grow roses anymore, so they are giving up their ARS membership. I always find this amazing. Why wouldn't you want to continue to be involved in the world of roses, even if you can't grow them anymore – for what ever reason? One lady told me that she had to sell her home and move into a retirement community and so must give up her garden and doesn't see the need to belong to ARS anymore. There is so much more to the world of roses and if you grew them for half your life, how can you cut them out of your life completely and not even want to read about them in *American Rose* magazine?

What about visiting rose gardens? Did you know that your membership card is the ticket to free or reduced admission to over 200 botanical gardens, nationwide? So even if you aren't growing them or reading about them, wouldn't it be worth it to get into those great gardens for free or less than the admission price?

In my local rose society – The Manhattan Rose Society, (New York City) – there are members who don't have a place to grow roses, but still keep their membership – because we have wonderful speakers, garden tours, dinner meetings and events, that are for members and guests only. They take that interest further and all belong to ARS as well. Why? Because it is a symbiotic relationship. We come together, at Manhattan Rose Society, as a group of "Rosarians" – interested in roses and we learn about roses for our geographic area. We belong to ARS to get a broader range of information on growing, breeding, preservation, history, art, international events, etc. and in doing so, we connect with "Rosarians" nationwide and internationally.

If you are not already an ARS member and you are uncertain as to whether or not you want to join, we have come up with a 4-Month Trial Membership Program. If you are a member of a Local Rose Society, you can join, on a 4-Month Trial Membership, for just \$5.00. If you join a Local Rose Society you will receive the 4-Month Trial Membership for Free. The benefits of these trial programs are listed below. It's a great value and a win-win offer!

Membership in ARS is so much more than just a magazine subscription. It's a coming together of like minded people for a beautiful cause. This world needs more beauty, more passion, more love of roses. Should you join ARS? Should you continue to renew your membership in ARS? The answer is a resounding YES!

# What's Up With That?!

Reprinted from the University of Minnesota Extension Website,  
Yard and Garden News published on-line, August 1, 2009 By Dr. David C. Zlesak



This is sure a unique rose with its purple-red petal bases!! It is the new All-America Rose Selection (AARS) floribunda entry coded 09R408. Why haven't we seen this dramatic petal trait before in the roses at the local garden center? The answer is that this trait has been very difficult to bring it into modern rose cultivars and is coming from a source other than rose.

One of rose's closest relatives, *Hulthemia persica*, is the source. Over the past 30+ years dedicated breeders have painstakingly made crosses between this wild rose relative and the rose and then have made repeated back-crosses to the rose. The backcrosses to rose have been to gain

more rose characteristics while still trying to retain the attractive red petal bases.

*Hulthemia persica* is native to the region once part of the old Persian empire (what is now Iran and Iraq). It is typically found growing in very dry areas and has been difficult to cultivate in typical garden settings due to relatively high humidity and soil moisture compared to where it is native. It is different than rose (*Rosa*) in that it: 1) does not have the two pointed paired stipules at the base of the leaf where the leaf attaches to the stem, 2) has only a simple leaf with one leaf blade rather than a compound leaf with multiple leaflets, and 3) it has a deep red blotch at the petal base. *Hulthemia persica* typically has rich yellow petals with deep red blotches.

Plants of *H. persica* tend to be more spreading and raspberry-like in growth habit than rose. Early *Hulthemia* / Rose hybrids have been available at a few specialty nurseries and have tended to have an awkward growth habit, be susceptible to mildew and black spot, bloom for a limited time, and be difficult to grow in the garden. Breeders are now making great strides in

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## District Treasury Summary Report 01/01/11 - 12/31/11 Steve Rogers, Treasurer

We had a beginning balance of **\$5930.51**. Income during the period was \$1956.19(Spring Convention). Expenses for the period were \$3146.11: (Web Site: \$98.40; Spring 2011 Convention: \$552.19; District Awards & Committee expenses: \$514.04; Fall District Convention Rose Show: \$531.48; District Director Attendance, ARS Fall Convention: \$400.00; 2012/2013 Spring Convention Advances \$800.00/\$250.00. We have an ending balance of **\$4740.59**. Note: 2012/2013 convention advances are pre-paid convention expenses.

## Consulting Rosarians (CRs) Wanted & Needed Dave Long, Yankee District Consulting Rosarian Chair

Reviewing the Introduction to the current CR Manual (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, July 2001): One can find the origins of the CR program. "In the early days of the American Rose Society, Dr. Robert Huey conceived the idea of providing a bureau of information for rose growers. In 1920, this group was formalized as 32 past presidents of ARS, hybridizers, nurserymen, scholars and other noteworthy rosarians were designated 'Consulting Rosarians', and the CR program was born. In 1949, the ARS Board of Directors greatly broadened the scope of the service by deciding the Consulting Rosarians would be appointed by each district, following guidelines promulgated by the board. This made the expertise of CRs available nationwide. To ensure further that Consulting Rosarians were well qualified, in 1996 a system of CR schools and exams, run by the districts, were established."

"The American Rose Society is primarily an educational institution, and the Consulting Rosarian program is an important element in helping the Society to carry out its educational function. Hence, it is essential that every CR be qualified to give advice on rose culture. It is also important that every CR take an active part in the American Rose Society, in its districts, and in local rose societies, Consulting Rosarians are expected to inspire love and appreciation of roses. They should help recruit new members of both the ARS and local societies. Above all, they should be knowledgeable in all aspects of rose culture and should share this knowledge willingly and cheerfully."

The Yankee District number of Consulting Rosarians has diminished in recent years. In 2004, the District had 77 CRs. By 2008 we had 63, and in 2010 we had 52. **As of January 12, 2012 the District has 36 active Consulting Rosarians!** The trend is clearly downward and the trend must be changed if we want an active rose growing district for the future. We need to encourage active rosarians to become Consulting Rosarians.

A 'Consulting Rosarian' is a person designated by the American Rose Society as being a knowledgeable grower of roses who gladly shares his or her experience with others. The experiences can be shared one-on-one in any garden, they can also be shared with garden clubs, nursery centers, local rose societies, district rose conventions and with anyone who just wants to talk about roses. ARS now has Cyber CRs. CCRs actually started in 1999 with some 300 CRs in 48 states who

volunteered to serve as Cyber Consulting Rosarians and agreed to have their E-mail addresses made available through the ARS web page. In this capacity they answer rose care questions received electronically via the internet, from the public as well as from ARS members. Rhode Island Rose Society has started a 'List Serve' via E-mail to allow anyone signed up to that 'list' to ask questions regarding rose culture. The question goes out to all addresses on the 'list' and responses based on one's experiences are shared. CRs should and do participate in this interaction. The Yankee District Web page and all the local societies in the Yankee District list the active CRs with E-mail addresses to allow anyone interested in roses to contact a CR in their local area to have a Q and A session, or even a garden visit to review first-hand the rose culture issues. I can't tell you the happiness and joy that comes over the person with questions when they see and understand the solution or answer to their issue. The hope is that this enthusiasm is carried over and inspires that person to plant and nurture more roses and share that joy with their family and friends.

Yes, the number of CRs has diminished over the last several years as well as rose sales from wholesalers, garden centers, etc. I don't need to tell anyone that the economy is down and people have cut back purchases and tightened their budgets, but this too will pass and the cycle will change upward. CRs can help the situation by having demonstrations on how to start a new rose bush from a cutting. Any CR would be happy to share a cutting with a neighbor or friend and show how a new rose bush can be started. Further, CRs can also demonstrate how to 'cross' roses and generate a new cultivar. Granted, this is more detailed and time consuming than the cutting process, but it is another way to develop a new rose bush at a very low cost.

As John Mattia says – 'always keep in mind: **THIS IS A HOBBY FOLKS – LET'S NOT MAKE IT DIFFICULT!**' John and I disagree a little bit regarding ARS' pressures to make certain facets mandatory, but I feel ARS is trying to keep a certain standard of performance and education level with a controlled CR Program. We certainly need more CRs like John Mattia who is willing to share his 45+ years of rose growing experience with **ANYONE** who is willing to listen. I learn something new from John every time we discuss roses.

There are many ways a CR can share his or her knowledge. This sharing is an invaluable asset to the local society and to rose growing in general. I would like to encourage all CRs to increase their sharing time and for all non-CRs to seriously consider becoming a CR.

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# A Look at the Future of the Rose Industry

Posted on GardenWeb (<http://forums2.gardenweb.com/forums/roses/>) by [karl\\_bapst\\_rosenut](mailto:karl_bapst_rosenut@rosenut.com) 5a NW Indiana ([rosenut@rosenut.com](mailto:rosenut@rosenut.com)) on Mon, Sep 12, 11 at 16:45

The Indiana-Illinois District meeting was held on September 10 in Collinsville, Illinois at the Gateway Convention Center. Dr. Keith Zary, formally head hybridizer for Jackson and Perkins and now working for Garden's Alive gave a program on the status of the rose growing industry.

Garden's Alive bought the bankrupt Weeks Roses and Jackson and Perkins (J&P). They immediately fired the CEO, President and CFO of these companies and replaced them with experts in the field of Roses. Keith said the holding company, Blackstreet, who bought these companies just a few years ago paid over \$200,000,000 for them. Garden's alive bought them in bankruptcy for \$7,000,000. The holding company who purchased J&P, Wayside Gardens, and Park Seeds knew absolutely nothing about roses or the plant industry and pretty well drove them to ruin.

J&P printed a really nice catalog for 2012 but they have no product to back up the catalog. (this explains why so many have complained about having to wait so long for roses from them.) DR. Zary said it appears they'll have nothing through 2015 as they've not contracted for any product through then.

Weeks and their hybridizing staff are pretty much intact and will be able to continue to supply retailers with current and new rose varieties. The major change is only in their testing fields which were moved to Tipp City, Ohio. They'll be concentrating on developing exceptionally disease resistant and cold hardy varieties including hybrid teas. This is something they couldn't do in California. As an example, 10,000 test seedlings were planted outdoors in Tipp City last year to test for winter hardiness and disease resistance. Of these only 10 survived the cut.

Rose breeding will now be done in the Midwest in keeping with the public's demand for these types of roses. All roses will now be sold under the Weeks name. Keith said all roses will be own root. Grafting is very labor intensive and current immigration policy makes it difficult to obtain cheap labor. He said the major problem with the rose industry was due to the building bust. Fewer new homes means less need for landscaping. The growers were losing money because of having to pay mortgages on unused land. In some cases over half of the growing fields were not being used.

Considering that J&P was selling 50,000,000 roses a year until very recently, that's quite a downfall for them. I have noticed I've not seen any or very few J&P branded roses in the garden centers for a few years. Star Roses/Conard Pyle is getting out of the rose growing business and will license out the growing of their product. They're still a strong company due to the success of the Knock Out line of roses. Were it not for that they'd be out of business also.

The AARS testing group will probable be defunct soon, as rose testing is being done in house by the growers.

Keith's program was more on the current status of the rose growing industry as opposed to roses in general. Anyone thinking they'd get a heads up on what rose were in the pipe line were disappointed but his talk was very enlightening as he explained why so many big name growers are going bankrupt.

Overall though, the future looks good. Consolidation in the industry has strengthened the few remaining growers and the changes they've made further helps them. These large holding companies bought them and pretty well ruined them. Was not aware Garden's Alive owns so many mail order garden and plant supply companies. They pretty well own the mail order plant industry.

YANKEE DISTRICT FALL ROSE SHOW

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SECTION B HORTICULTURE DIVISION

**CLASS 6 HYBRID TEA/GRANDIFLORA BLOOM WITHOUT SIDEBUDS**

<b><u>Queen</u></b>	Gemini	Exhibitor	Louise Coleman
<b><u>King</u></b>	Uncle Joe	Exhibitor	Louise Coleman
<b><u>Princess</u></b>	Louise Estes	Exhibitor	Louise Coleman

**CLASS 7 HYBRID TEA/GRANDIFLORA OPEN BLOOM**

Louise Estes	Exhibitor	Louise Coleman
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**CLASS 8 FLORIBUNDA BLOOM without side buds**

Easy Does It	Exhibitor	Dorothy Stewart
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**CLASS 9 FLORIBUNDA SPRAY**

Gene Boerner	Exhibitor	Julie Gammon
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**CLASS 10 POLYANTHUS SPRAY**

The Fairy	Exhibitor	The Osborns
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**CLASS 11 ONE BLOOM OR SPRAY OF A CLIMBER**

No winner

**CLASS 12 ONE CLASSIC SHRUB BLOOM OR SPRAY**

Pink Grootendorst	Exhibitor	The Osborns
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**CLASS 13 ONE MODERN SHRUB BLOOM OR SPRAY**

Bonica	Exhibitor	Julie Gammon
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**CLASS 14 DOWAGER QUEEN**

No winner

**CLASS 15 VICTORIAN AWARD**

Rose de Resch	Exhibitor	Craig Dorschell
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**CLASS 16 ONE MINIATURE BLOOM WITHOUT SIDEBUDS**

<b><u>Queen</u></b>	Ty	Exhibitor	The Osborns
<b>King</b>	x	No winner	
<b>Princess</b>	x	No winner	

**CLASS 17 MINI SPRAY**

White Mini Wonder	Exhibitor	Craig Dorschel
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**CLASS 18 ONE MINI-FLORA BLOOM WITHOUT SIDEBUDS**

<b><u>Queen</u></b>	Whirl Away	Exhibitor	Dave Ciak
<b>King</b>	Shameless	Exhibitor	Dave Ciak
<b><u>Princess</u></b>	Louisville Lady	Exhibitor	Dave Ciak

**CLASS 19 MINI FLORA SPRAY**

No winner

**CLASS 20 MINI OR MINI FLORA OPEN BLOOM**

Jilly Jewel	Exhibitor	Craig Dorschel
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**CLASS 21 ROSE BOWL - LARGE ROSES**

Macy's Pride	Exhibitor	The Osborns
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**CLASS 22 ROSE BOWL - MINIATURE**

Hot Tamale	Exhibitor	Louise Coleman
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**CLASS 23 ROSE BOWL - MINI FLORA**

No winner

**CLASS 24 ENGLISH BOX - LARGE ROSES**

Gemini, Moonstone, Elegant Beauty, Louise Estes	Louise Coleman
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**CLASS 25 ENGLISH BOX - MINIATURE ROSES**

No winner

**CLASS 26 JUDGE OF THE SHOW**

Bee's Knees	Judge	David Cannistraro
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**SECTION A YANKEE DISTRICT CHALLENGE CLASSES**

**CLASS "O" MILTON S. HERSHEY BOWL**

Sheer Bliss  
Century II  
First Prize  
White Delight  
Red Lion

Exhibitor

Louise Coleman

**CLASS 1 J. HORACE McARLAND MEMORIAL TROPHY**

No winner

**CLASS 2 RALPH S. MOORE DISTRICT AWARD**

No winner

**CLASS 3 ALL AMERICAN ROSE SELECTIONS PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY**

No winner

**CLASS 4 YANKEE ROSARIAN TROPHY**

Fire Midland  
Mary Rose  
Sharifa Asma

The Osborns

**CLASS 5 YANKEE DISTRICT MINI-FLORA TROPHY**

Cooper  
Eternity  
Leading Lady  
My Inspiration  
Show Stopper

David Ciak

## Yankee District CR - MR Listing as of January 12, 2012

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RIRS	C	Angelina Chute	<a href="mailto:APC1090@aol.com">APC1090@aol.com</a>	2003	
RIRS	C	Michael Chute	<a href="mailto:mikechute@aol.com">mikechute@aol.com</a>	1996	<b>2007</b>
RIRS	C	Edward Cunningham	<a href="mailto:edcps116@cox.net">edcps116@cox.net</a>	2000	<b>2010</b>
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LCRS	G	Julie A Gammon	<a href="mailto:sunshine8467@comcast.net">sunshine8467@comcast.net</a>	2006	
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CRS	L	David R Long	<a href="mailto:longcottage@comcast.net">longcottage@comcast.net</a>	2000	<b>2011</b>
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CRS	M	Marcella P Martin	<a href="mailto:windsorroselady@gmail.com">windsorroselady@gmail.com</a>	2000	<b>2010</b>
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CRS	M	John P Mattia	<a href="mailto:jpmattia@gmail.com">jpmattia@gmail.com</a>	1977	<b>2005</b>
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CRS	P	Martha Parsons	<a href="mailto:ramblinrosarian@gmail.com">ramblinrosarian@gmail.com</a>	2001	
CRS	P	Wally Parsons	<a href="mailto:ramblinrosarian@gmail.com">ramblinrosarian@gmail.com</a>	2001	<b>2011</b>
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CRS	R	Daniel G Russo	<a href="mailto:drramblerroses@sbcglobal.net">drramblerroses@sbcglobal.net</a>	1991	
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# I CAN'T HELP WONDERING

by Oz Osborn

“Are You Your Garden’s Biggest Enemy?” was the topic of Cynthia Westcott’s presentation at a National Convention in 1954. Although I did not attend, I imagine that she held everyone’s attention as she addressed many aspects of correct rose culture.... I wonder if she talked about overwatering, or should I say the improper use of water. Many rosarians are guilty of applying too much water at one time, or watering too often with too little. The soil must be allowed to dry between irrigations, but of course not to the point of a wilted cane in the middle of the summer. A moderate drying causes air to be drawn into the soil, which is necessary for proper root energy. We all have heard that roses don’t like wet feet, but we should keep the soil moist. In conclusion, let’s water deeply but less often.....I wonder if she talked about the benefits of keeping the roses properly mulched. It will help keep the soil moist, avoid extreme temperature changes, aid in keeping weeds under control, be a source of food value and improve the appearance of the garden. After waiting as long as I could during the warm weather of November, I applied twelve inches of mulch around each rose bush in the name of winter protection. My hybrid tea roses demanded and received two feet of mulch protection, which will be evenly spread throughout the garden in the Spring. There are many mulches for sale at the nurseries - different sizes of pine bark, expensive cocoa shells, dehydrated and composted cow manures, and more. Horse manure has to be my choice, because it’s free and readily available, a perfect fit for our 800 roses. - Which brings to mind a convention speaker who stated “You can’t beat good old horse manure”. This prompted a fairly new rose grower to ask, “How old does the horse have to be?” ..... I wonder if she talked about fertilizing the roses. I think that this area should be called the art of fertilizing because so many variables are in use. The first decision will be whether to use organics with its slow constant release and safety against burning tender root systems, or to use synthetics (such as 10-10-10) which provide a mega dose of nutrients all at once. There are also “organic” synthetics, (but this term merely pertains to a portion of the nitrogen). Another big decision will be either to use granular or liquid formulations. Obviously the liquids will travel down to the root area quickly and be absorbed almost immediately. Remember to read the label. While fish emulsions are organic, others, such as Miracle Gro, are not and could burn the roots. It is always a good idea to water the gardens the day before any fertilizer is applied. Some rosarians apply fertilizers in early Spring and maybe one more time during the growing season. I have always heard that roses are heavy feeders and tend to fertilize on the heavier side. I will start with an Espoma product in early March and, depending on the temperatures, use an organic liquid two weeks later. April thru September, I will alternate organic granules and liquids every three weeks. Maybe I do fertilize more often, but not with an overdose at any one time. As I said at the start, this part of rose growing is an art more than a science, and something is better than nothing.....I wonder if she talked about protecting her roses from disease and insects. Dr Westcott probably would have stressed the advantage of spacing the roses to ensure proper air circulation. Planting the roses three feet apart reminds me of the old adage, “Proper planning prevents poor performance”. Once the rose has been planted, correct pruning techniques that keep the center of the bush open to provide additional air movement will also be beneficial in preventing and being aware of any damaging diseases and pest. It must be stated that much has changed in fifty years, including the chemicals used in our spray programs. I think the major change has been an emphasis toward the use of less toxic materials for the backyard gardener. Many radio garden programs, community newspaper articles and Master Gardener presentations stress the use of horticultural oil and neem oil based spray applications and IPM methods for fighting disease and insect damage. However, the rosarians who truly seek perfection in their gardens or on the exhibition table still seek products which are chemically based. They must be sure to take the important addition step of protecting themselves as well as their roses. Approved protection devises for the eyes, lungs and skin are very important. The other obvious difference in the last half century is the development of bullet proof, or should I say disease resistant, roses. Is there any rose grower who has not heard of the many “Knock Out” roses. The emphasis is on shrub roses, from the “Carefree” roses, “Meidiland” series, “The Fairy” and “Bonica”.....I have been to many national and district conventions, and even more local society meetings. I heard many lectures and seen some impressive powerpoint presentations. It is to be hoped that my rose growing and showing abilities have and will continue to improve because of all of them. But the one person that I regret not meeting was the wonderful Cynthia Westcott, I would have been taking many notes when she spoke, because many times I feel that I am my garden’s biggest enemy.

It Happens Every Spring!  
The Yankee District  
Convention 2012  
Hosted by the Rhode Island Rose Society  
MARCH 23, 24, 25 WEEKEND  
NEWPORT, RI

Let's all sail into Newport for this year's Yankee District Convention, "Ocean of Roses" where waves of exciting events and outstanding speakers will energize us for the growing season. Internationally recognized Claire Laberge, Horticulturist of the Montreal Botanical Garden, is the keynote speaker.

This year, the Rhode Island Rose Society is proud to host the American Rose Society (ARS) Yankee District Spring Convention on the weekend of March 23-25, 2012 in Newport at the Best Western – Mainstay Inn.

Anyone may attend. You don't have to be a member of the ARS or even belong to a rose society to attend; so, invite your friends and family. Registration is only \$35 per person.

**Hotel Registration:** The Newport Best Western – Mainstay Inn is located across from Newport Grand Casino at 151 Admiral Kalbfus Road. You may make hotel reservations by calling 401-849-9880 and mentioning "Yankee District" to receive the phenomenal group rate of \$62.09 (plus tax) per night.

There will be something for everyone! Oceans of opportunities will abound to exchange ideas with rosarians who share your passion, to be entertained and educated by the experts, and to socialize with old friends and make new ones. It will be a fun-filled weekend in Newport starting with Friday night in the Hospitality Room.

**Friday Night Hospitality:** If you arrive on Friday, join us in the Hospitality Room reserved for the enjoyment of the Yankee District. Rosarians from all over New England will congregate to share beverages, appetizers and conviviality. Your contributions of beverages, appetizers and snacks to add to the festivities would be appreciated.

**After Dinner Speaker Saturday:** A major highlight of the convention this year is our keynote speaker, internationally recognized Rosarian Claire Laberge, Horticulturist of the Montreal Botanical Garden where she tends to over 10,000 roses and 1000 different varieties.

**Speaker Program:** On Saturday, the full program of rose related presentations will include Harry Eudenbach, head gardener at a private estate and author of Estate Gardeners of Newport: A Horticultural Legacy; Jerry Amoroso, the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic Regional Sales Manager for Weeks Roses; Heather Faubert, the director of the University of Rhode Island Plant Protection Clinic; and ARS Master Rosarians discussing the challenges of sustainable rose gardening.

**Consulting Rosarian Credits:** The Sustainable Rose Challenge and Heather Faubert's lecture on Winter Moths have been approved for 1 CR credit each.

**Saturday's Big Raffle:** Saturday afternoon everyone will have the opportunity to take a chance to win wonderful prizes --- a multitude of items including garden related products, meals and services. Donations welcome for the raffle. Members, businesses, and other rose societies are invited to make donations of items or services in order to make this event a huge success.

**Rose Auction:** What can be more enticing to a rosarian than to leave the convention with a new rose bush or oceans of new roses! Master Rosarian and Auctioneer Extraordinaire Mike Chute will auction off bare root roses from major growers at the conclusion of the dinner program. This will be your opportunity to get new varieties and other outstanding roses at great prices. Be the first in your Rose Society to own a 2013 introduction! In only a few short weeks the roses can be put in the ground to grace your garden.

**District Meeting:** The Convention will wrap up on Sunday morning with the Yankee District Meeting. Afterward, you will have time to enjoy Newport-- the mansions, the Brick Market Place and scenic Ocean Drive.

**Don't miss the boat. Attend the "Ocean of Roses" Convention.**

Clive Nickerson and Frank Karikas, Convention Co-Chairs

# 2012 Yankee District Convention Schedule

March 23 – 25, 2012

## Friday, March 23

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	ARS Judging Seminar
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Convention Registration
8:00 pm	Hospitality Suite opens

## Saturday, March 24

8:00 - 9:15 am	Convention Registration, Vendors
9:15 - 9:30 am	Welcome
9:30 - 10:20 am	Jerry Amoroso - <i>New Roses for 2012</i>
10:20 -10:45 am	Coffee Break, Vendors
10:45 - 11:35 am	Harry Eudenbach - <i>Estate Gardeners of Newport</i> , book signing
12:00 – 1:30 pm	Luncheon
1:30 – 2:20 pm	Heather Faubert - <i>Winter Moths</i> (1 CR credit)
2:20 – 2:45 pm	Break for vendors
2:45 – 3:30 pm	ARS Master Rosarians - <i>Sustainable Rose Challenge</i> (1CR credit)
3:30 pm	Super Rose and Garden Raffle
5:45 pm – 6:45 pm	Social Hour - Cash Bar
6:45 pm 10:00 pm	Awards Dinner
	Speaker: Claire Faberge
	<i>The Rose Garden at the Montreal Botanical Garden</i>
	Yankee District Awards
	Rose Auction
10:00 pm	Hospitality Suite Open

## Sunday, March 25

9:30 am 11:00 am	Annual Yankee District Meeting
11 am	Check out time

### ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS

**Claire Laberge**, our after-dinner speaker, has been the horticulturist in charge of La Roseraie, the Rose Garden at the Montreal Botanical Garden, for the past 22 years. She supervises the care and maintenance of 1,000 different varieties totalling over 10,000 roses. Her program describes how Integrated Pest Management has changed the environment of the rose garden followed by a brief overview of the stunning MBG Rose garden She will include details about the MBG's award-winning Species Rose Collection.

**Jerry Amoroso** is the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic Regional Sales Manager for Weeks Roses. His program will describe the hot new roses for 2012 plus a sneak peek into what's coming in 2013! Harry Eudenbach holds a Bachelor of Science in Plant Science with a concentration in Landscape Design and is also a licensed Arborist. Presently, he is the head gardener on a private Newport estate. His program will focus on Newport's Estate Gardeners whose expertise played a crucial role in the development and maintenance of some of the finest gardens and grounds in America. Harry will sign copies of his book, *Estate Gardeners of Newport, A Horticultural Legacy*, after his program.

**Heather Faubert** has been a plant scientist at the University of Rhode Island for 30 years. She is currently the director of the URI Plant Protection Clinic. Her program discusses winter moths and the damage they cause and concentrates on biological control. Eligible for one CR credit.

**ARS Consulting Rosarian Panel:** Four ARS Master Rosarians discuss the challenges of sustainable rose gardening as an alternative to using chemical pesticides. Each panelist will present a personal list of sustainable varieties. Questions and comments from the audience will be encouraged. Eligible for one CR credit.



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Convention Registration Form Deadline: March 12, 2012

Send Registration Form and check made payable to RIRS Convention by March 12 to:

RIRS Convention  
 Angelina Chute  
 64 Forbes Street, East Providence, RI 02915

NAME(s): \_\_\_\_\_

(Please print name(s) as you want it to appear on name tag.)

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fee for Convention** \_\_\_\_\_ x \$35 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 After March 12 \_\_\_\_\_ x \$40 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Luncheon** – Deli Buffet includes soup, sliced turkey, baked ham, American & Swiss cheese, rolls, pasta salad, chips, cookies, brownies, coffee and tea. \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday Awards Dinner Buffet (Claire Laberge – Keynote Speaker)**

Buffet includes Steamship Round of Beef, Baked Stuffed Scrod with Newburg Sauce, Baked Stuffed Chicken Breast, Roasted potatoes, fresh vegetable, salad, assorted desserts, coffee, tea. \_\_\_\_\_ x \$35 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL (meal prices include tax and gratuity)** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Refund Policy: No refunds after March 18, 2012**

**For more information contact Convention Co-Chairs Frank Karikas (508-557-1145) or Clive Nickerson (401-785-9031).**

# Roses In Review

By Irwin & Cindy Ehrenreich

Once again I would like to thank all the members of the Yankee District who submitted a Roses In Review report. This year there were 37 reports (up from 29 last year). There were 107 varieties reported on.

The most reported on rose was Pope John Paul II with 13 reports, followed by Cinco de Mayo with 12 reports. The Pope received a garden rating of 7.5 and an exhibition rating of 7.4. Cinco de Mayo received a healthy 8.3 garden rating and an 8 for its exhibition potential.

In the Floribunda class, the top garden rating went to Super Hero with an 8.6. This also finished in the top spot last year. This rose is part of Bailey's 'Easy Elegance' series and is a great rose for the beginner as well as the experienced grower.

The Floribunda with the top exhibition score was Lovestruck. This is a lovely bloom with a hand painted quality to it that makes a nice presentation on the show tables.

The top rated Grandiflora in both categories is Rock & Roll with an 8.3 garden and an 8.4 exhibition. It's a healthy, bushy, plant with a pretty, striped bloom. It makes a good companion rose for Dick Clark.

The highest rated Hybrid Tea is Summer Love with a 8.1 garden rating and an 8 for exhibition. It's the perfect brilliant yellow with nice, huge blooms.

Lunar Mist scored an 8.8 garden rating for Climbers. This is a fantastic arbor climber with a fabulous fragrance. It's a fast grower & blooms non-stop. It's a sport of Collette and carries many of her wonderful qualities. Winner's Circle tops the exhibition spot with an 8. It's a very hardy and healthy rose with a beautiful display of fall hips.

In the Miniatures/Miniflora category Smiling Jean took top spot with an impressive 9 in the garden rating. This is a lovely, fast growing, salmon miniflora, very vigorous and hardy. In a hint from one of our reporters, it does well in the 'Rose in a Bowl' category in shows. The Miniflora Shameless received a 9.1 exhibition rating. It has perfect form and the beautiful magenta against the bright white makes it a winner on the show table.

In the shrub class, Sweet Drift scored an 8.9 in the garden rating. The Drift series is a wonderful shrub series from Star Roses, Sweet Drift being one of the newest. These are great landscape roses that require very little care. They are very vigorous and hardy. Teeny Bopper and High Voltage tied with an 8.5 for exhibition. Teeny Bopper has nice large clusters of blooms and is very floriferous. High Voltage is a nice yellow with beautiful, healthy foliage and good repeat.

In the Special Section, Kathleen Ferrier, a floribunda, scored a 9 in the garden rating and an 8.5 in the exhibition rating. This rose is highly recommended for its good repeat and hardiness.

As always, I would like to see more reports next year. The more reports that are received, the more accurate the results will be. The more accurate the results are, the better it will be for selecting the right rose for those of us growing roses in New England.



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VARIETY	Cla #	of r	Gard.	Exh	F	Wint	Heig	Black	Mild	Rus	Fragr	Comments	
Alfalfa	Pol	1	8	8				4	4	4	1	Beautiful sprays	
Cinco de Mayo	Fl	12	8.3	8	3	2	3.5	4	4	4	1.6	indecible, lovely color: mass of blooms all seas	
Colorific	Fl	6	8	7.9	3	1.8	3.2	4	4	4	1	beautiful color & form: nice color gradation; eye cat	
Drop Dead Red	Fl	5	7.5	7.4	3	1.6	2.8	3.6	4	4	1.6	very nice color; needs time to establish	
Easy Does It	Fl	7	8.3	8	3	2.2	3.1	3.6	4	4	1.6	terrific blooms, nice ruffled petals, vigorous, hardy d	
Enchanted Evening	Fl	1	7	7	3	2	4	4	4	4	3	nice color	
First Impression	Fl	3	8.3	7.8	3	2	3.3	4	4	4	1	great color, great exhibition form, nice foliage, disea	
Lovestruck	Fl	2	8	8.2	2	1.5	3	3.5	4	4	1	beautiful color; striking hand pinto look	
Mardi Gras	Fl	4	7.9	7.4	3	2.3	3	4	4	4	1.3	vivid color; many blooms; opens fast	
Monkey Business	Fl	1	7	6.5			1	3	4	4	2	slow to establish	
Pumpkin Patch	Fl	3	8.2	7.8	3	1.7	3.5	3.5	4	4	1	very vigorous, unusual color, show stopper in mass	
Shockwave	Fl	1	8.5	8	3	4	4	4	4	4	1	almost always in bloom, beautiful contrast between	
Singing the Blues	Fl	2	7.9	7.5	3	2	2	3	4	4	3.5	nice sprays & continuous blooms,	
Spanish Sunset	Fl	2	7.5	7.2	3	2	4	4	4	4	1	incredible bloom color	
Super hero	Fl	10	8.6	7.6	3	2.7	3.6	4	4	4	1.4	very hardy, beautiful blooms, floriferous, disease fre	
Sweet Intoxication	Fl	1	7.6		3	2	2	4	4	4	1	pretty lavender bloom, nice clusters, must be spray	
White Licorice	Fl	7	8.5	8	3	2.1	3.4	4	4	4	2.9	washed out color, nice form & color,	
All American Magic	Gr	1	8	7	3	3	3	4	4	4	1		
Ch-Ching	Gr	4	8.1	7.6	3	2.3	3	3.8	4	4	1.8	nice bloom color, nice bush, many blooms, must be	
Dream Come True	Gr	8	7	6.9	3	2.2	3.1	4	4	4	1.3	nice, pretty color, blooms go fast, good repeat	
Rock & Roll	Gr	3	8.3	8.4	3	2.7	3.7	4	4	4	1.5	great bloom color, especially as it ages, lots of bloo	
Sweetness	Gr	3	7.1	8.1	3	1	1.7	4	4	4	3.3	disease prone, weak canes, pretty color, nice fragr	
Alice Bracegirdle	Ht	2	7.5					4	4	4	1	vigorous strong canes, great blooms	
April in Paris	Ht	4	6.9	7.3	3	2.3	2	3.3	4	4	3.25	needs time to establish, fragrance to die for, occasi	
Brandon's Dream	Ht	1	7.8		3	2	4	4	4	4	2	always in blooms, nice color combination	
California Dreaming	Ht	1	7	7.5				3	3	4	2		
Great Rosarians of	Ht	1	7	6	3			4	4	4	1	blooms lack substance	
Here's Charlie	Ht	1	7.5	7.8	3	2	4	4	4	4	1	exhibition form	
Legends	Ht	4	7.5	7.4	3	2	2.8	3.5	4	4	2.3	good red garden rose, stingy with blooms, better in	
Over the Moon	Ht	6	7.7	7.9	3	2	2.8	3.2	4	4	1.4	queen potential, good stem length, beautiful apricot	
Pink Promise	Ht	9	7.5	7.4	3	2.4	3.2	3.8	4	4	1.4	nice soft pink color, very delicate, must be sprayed.	
Pope John Paul II	Ht	13	7.5	7.4	3	2.1	2.9	3.8	4	4	2.4	beautiful, clean, white color, good substance, best i	
Sedona	Ht	1	7.8		3	2	3	4	4	4	2	beautiful unique color, needs spraying, better in sec	
Summer Love	Ht	3	8.1	8	3	2.3	3.3	3.7	4	4	1.6	good repeat, brilliant yellow against nice green foli	
Citrus Burst	LCl	3	7	6.7	3	2	2.3	2.7	4	4	1.3	unique color, disease prone	
Jacob's Robe	LCl	2	7.5	7.2	3	2.5	2	4	4	4	2	multiple colors, constant bloomer	
Lunar Mist	LCl	4	8.8	7.4	3	3	2.8	3	4	4	2	fantastic arbor climber, hundreds of blooms, fast gr	
Morning Magic	LCl	6	8.3	7.4	3	2.6	3.8	4	4	4	1.4	very hardy, very disease resistant, vigorous, nonsto	
Perennial Blue	LCl	3	8.5	7	3	3	3.7	4	4	4	2.5	very hardy, good disease resistance, magnificent co	
Purple Splash	LCl	3	7.8	7.8	2.7	2	3.3	4	4	4	2	good color, profuse clusters of blooms, very hardy	
Winner's Circle	LCl	1	8.5	8	3	2	4	4	4	4	2	very hardy, very disease resistant, nice hips in fall	
All-American Girl	Min	1	7.5	7				2	4	4	4	1	
Alysheba	Min	1	6	6.5				2	3	4	4	1	
Ambiance	Min	9	7.8	7.8	3	2	3.3	4	4	4	1	great blooms, spotless foliage, wonderful apricot co	
Biola Centennial	Min	1	7	7	3	1	3	4	4	4	2	not very hardy, lots of dieback	
Blue Suede Shoes	Min	1	7.8	7				3	4	4	4	1	exhibition form
Caledonia	Min	1	7.6	7.6	3	2	4	4	4	4	1	good for challenge classes	
Coat of Many Colo	Min	1	7.7	6				2	4	4	4	1	
Coffee Bean	Min	1	7.5	7.5	3	1	4	4	4	4	1		
Daddy Frank	Min	2	7.7	7.8	3	2	3	4	4	4	1		

Daddy's Little girl	Min	3	7.6	7.9	3	1.7	3	3.7	4	1	nice color, good garden mini, doesn't fade, needs s
Deja Blu	Min	8	7.6	7.8	3	1.9	2.5	4	4	1.3	great color, recessed center prevents exhibition for
Double Take	Min	4	8	8.1	3	2	3.5	4	4	1	colorful blooms, opens fast, clean, no disease
Edisto	Min	6	7.7	7.9	3	2	3.5	4	4	1	good form, clean foliage, great blooms, disease res
First and Foremost	Min	4	8.2	7.8	2.5	2	3.5	4	4	1	lovely unique color, wonderfully disease resistant, be
First Choice	Min	2	8.4	8.1	3	2	4	4	4	1	grows better when grafted
Flawless	Min	7	7.7	7.8	2.5	1.6	3.3	3.9	4	1.1	good disease resistant, small, no form,nice exhibitio
Focal Point	Min	2	7.8	7.6	2.5	2.5	4	4	4	1	lovely color, nice amount of blooms, good repeat
Gem o' the Rockie	Min	3	6.9	7	2.5	2	2.3	4	4	3	nice fragrance, good constant bloomer, nice salm
Kiss an Angel Goo	Min	1	8	8.5		2	4	4	4	1	
Kristen, Climbing	ClM	1	8	8	3	3	2	4	4	2	nice blom, good color
Lo & Behold	Min	3	7.5	7.4	3	2.3	4	4	4	1	slow to rebloom
Love and Peace	Min	1	8.2			2	3	3	4	2	
Magic Show	Min	8	7.6	8.3	3	1.4	3	4	4	1.3	great blooms, exquisite form, show stopper in gard
Monty's Joy	Min	1	7.9	7.7		3	4	4	4	1	
Patriot Kordana	Min	1	6.8	6.7	2	1	2	4	4	1	
Power point	Min	3	7.2	7.6	2	2	3.7	4	4	1	great blooms, weak plant, needs time to establish
Powerhouse	Min	4	7.4	7.8	3	2.7	3	4	4	1	better form in the fall, disease prone
Renegade	Min	3	7.8	7.7	3	3	3.7	4	4	1	loaded with blooms, good disease resistance, grea
Shameless	Min	2	8.9	9.1	3	2	4	4	4	1	perfect form, beautiful magenta against bright white
Show Stopper	Min	2	7.7	7.7		3	4	4	4	1	monster plant with many blooms, give plenty of roo
Smiling Jean	Min	2	9	7.8	3	3	4	4	4	1	fantastic growth, robust, lots of blooms, not exhibitio
Spirit Dance	Min	2	8.2	8	3	2	4	4	4	1	beautiful copper & yellow blend, unique coloring
Sunglow	Min	1	8.8	8	3	2	4	4	4	1	beautiful golden color, nice bushy plant loaded with
Tiddly Winks	Min	2	8.2	8.3	3	1	3	3	4	1.5	heavy boomer, nice bi-color rose
Unbridled	Min	1	5	5	3	2	4	4	4	1	never bloomed
Warm & Fuzzy	Min	5	7.5	7.5	3	1.2	3	3.8	4	1.2	nice brilliant red, very hardy, not exhibition quality
Yellow Bird	Min	1	7	7	3	2	4	4	4	1	
All the Rage	S	7	8.1	7.1	3	2.5	3.7	4	4	1	clean foliage, great color, brilant colr, easy care
Apricot Drift	S	3	8.2	7.7	3	1	4	4	4	1	nice bloom, nice color, easy care,otsof blooms
Bubbliciuous	S	1	7.4	7.4		1	3	4	4	1	
Cape Diamond	S	7	8.3	7.4	3	2.6	3	4	4	1.6	very hardy & healthy, growth habit is straggly, florife
Carefree Celebrati	S	3	8.3	7.3	3	2.3	3	3.7	4	1	nice color, prolific, healthy plant
Carefree Spirit	S	4	8.2	7	3	2.4	4	4	4	1	spotless
Darcy Bussell	S	1	7.9		3	2	3	4	4	1	wonderful, compact bush with lots of blooms
Happy Chappy	S	4	6.5	5.8	2.5	1	3.3	4	4	1	dissappointment; very colorful,fast grower, good gro
High Voltage	S	1	8.8	8.5	3	3	4	4	4	1	healthy foliage, nice yellow, good repeat bloomer
Jeri Jennings	HM	1	7.1				4	4	4	1	
Kashmir	S	2	8.3	7	3	2.5	3.5	4	4	1	beautiful full, red blooms, very prolific, good repeat
Lavender Meidilan	S	1	8.2	7.8	3	1	4	4	4	2	excellent disease resistance, good flower color
Limoncello	S	3	8	8.1	3	2	4	4	4	1	nice, single yellow, good disease resistance
Meredith Bohls	S	1	7.8				4	4	4	1	
My Girl	S	7	7.5	7.2	3	2.1	3.4	4	4	1.1	good bloomer, extremely floriferous, healthy, diseas
Ole	S	2	8.7	7.5	3	2.5	4	4	4	1	great little rose, tons & tons of blooms, clean & har
Pink Home Run	S	3	8.5	7.7	3	2	4	4	4	1	continous blooms, very hardy & healthy, nice color,
Rhapsody In Blue	S	4	7.8	7	3	2	3.3	4	4	1.3	blooms in cluster, hardy but needs spraying, sparse
Sunny KnockOut	S	6	8	7	3	1.5	3	4	4	1	disease resistant, but blooms are not special, good
Sven	S	4	7.6	6.7	3	1.5	3.8	4	4	1	lovely bush, nice purple clusters, hardy & healthy
Sweet Drift	S	1	8.9	8	3	2	3	4	4	2	vigorous growth, heavy blooming
Teeny Bopper	S	1	8.5	8.5	3	1	4	4	4	1	Very floriferous, neat habit, nice, large clusters
The Charlatan	S	2	8.6	8.4	3	2.5	3.5	3.5	4	1	excellent for photo, great show potential, love this r
White Out	S	8	7.9	7.2	3	2.1	3.4	4	4	1	ncie, compact, neat habit, blooms continuously, nic
Duchesse de Rohz	HP	1	7.9	7.8	3	2	3	4	4	4	
Kathleen Ferrier	FI	1	9	8.5	3	3	3	4	4	2	great rose, very hardy, good repeat, highly recomm
Malvern Hills	LCl	1	6	6	1	2	2	3	4	2	not winter hardy, weak flower color
R. moyesii	Sp	2	6.5	7	3	3	2.5	3.5	4	2	very picturesque, blooms too early, stingy with bloo
R. woodsii	Sp	1	8.5	7	3	2	4	4	4	1	hardy, nice flower color

## Potting Mixes for Roses

### Patsy Cunningham

Before you know it, we'll be at that time of year when you as a rosarian may need large quantities of potting mix for your rose growing hobby. You may have ordered some bare root roses and will need to pot them up until a suitable place can be found for them. Or you may be receiving mail order miniature roses or small roses in bands that need repotting so that they can get larger and stronger before being planted directly in the ground. You might even be potting up multiflora seedlings so you can take a stab at budding roses this year. Finally, you may have just decided on growing some of your roses permanently in large containers so they can be grown on otherwise unuseable spots. In any case, you'll be needing lots of high quality potting mix.

Buying big floppy bags of potting mix at your local big box store won't do for big jobs, it costs too much to buy enough that way. You really are better off looking for the large 3.8 cubic foot bales of potting mix. Some of the good brands available locally are ProMix, SunGro and Farfad. These bales are dried and compressed and expand to about 7 cubic feet. All three have the same primary ingredients: peat moss (75-85%), vermiculite and perlite. Depending on the brand and variety, they also have lime, wetting agents, fertilizer, mycorrhizae and biofungicides.

These large bales are not available everywhere, you may need to call around. The price varies widely from store to store and also yearly as it is so dependent on shipping costs. I usually get mine at a good price from Jacavone's in Johnston or Fine Farms on the Rehoboth/Attleboro line. I expect you could also find it at your local Agway or major nursery.

If you take a look below at some of the potting mix recipes, you'll see that some people amend this soilless potting mix with homemade or purchased compost. You can get a high quality screened compost in bulk at places like Smithfield Peat on route 116 in Lincoln, RI. They'll dump a generous cubic yard (27 cubic feet) in your pickup for less than \$30. Mixing this with the potting soil does make the pots heavier, but still gives adequate drainage. Alternately, buying a bale of perlite to lighten the compost and improve drainage makes a cheap rich potting soil.

### POTTING MIX INGREDIENTS

Here's a brief rundown on some of the common ingredients in potting mixes.

**Peat Moss** – Harvested from bogs, it is the partially decomposed sphagnum moss. It has a pH of around 4.5, which is acidic. It is a lightweight and inexpensive organic material, but there are concerns about overharvesting. It is also very hard to re-wet after it has dried out.

**Vermiculite**- A mineral similar to mica, consisting of magnesium aluminium silicate. Vermiculite, in its expanded form, is lightweight, highly absorbent, and increases aeration and moisture retention. Its high cation exchange capacity (CEC) reduces fertilizer leaching.

**Perlite** - A volcanic rock that has been heated and expanded. It is pH-neutral, lightweight, and can increase air space and improve water drainage. It improves drainage far better than vermiculite.

**Limestone** -Calcium carbonate and calcium magnesium carbonate (called dolomitic limestone) are natural forms of lime that are used to increase pH and provide nutrients.

Sharp Sand – A coarse sand, also called builder's sand that adds air spaces to the potting mix. Do not use fine sand, it will fill in the spaces between the other ingredients, making it dense. It is heavier than most ingredients and can keep pots from tipping over in the wind, but obviously more difficult to move.

Coir – A peat moss substitute made from the inside of coconut shells that is an easily renewable resource. It has a pH of 5.5 to 6.8 and also lasts 2-5 times longer than peat moss before breaking down. It is easily re-

wettable and holds more water than peat, but costs more because of shipping. Some brands have way too much salt in them, so rinse well before using.

Alfalfa – Adds organic material as well as the plant growth hormone triacontanol. It can be purchased in large bags as meal, pellets or cubes at a feed store.

Superphosphate - A mixture of gypsum and calcium phosphate used as a fertilizer and commonly added to potting mixes or placed in the bottom of a rose planting hole.

Mycorrhizae- Fungi that live in a symbiotic relationship with roots making some minerals (particularly phosphate) more available, increasing water intake, and increasing drought resistance. Mycorrhizae do not thrive when strong chemical fertilizers are used.

Surfactant – Chemicals used as a wetting agent in order to improve re-wetting of the peat moss in the mix.

Vermicompost – Vermicast, also known as [worm castings](#), worm humus or worm manure, is the end-product of the breakdown of [organic matter](#) by [earthworms](#). It improves soil structure and adds micro organisms to the mix.

Bone meal - Animal bones are cooked and then ground and packaged, then sold as a slow-release fertilizer that offers a good amount of phosphorous. The N-P-K ratio of bone meal is generally 4-12-0.

Diatomaceous earth - Sedimentary rock consisting of the fossilized remains of Diatoms. It has a small but significant portion of soluble silica, which is needed for strong plant development. The sharp irregular shapes kill some insects by piercing their exoskeletons

Greensand - Used as a soil amendment and fertilizer, Greensand (0-0-3) is mined from deposits of minerals that were originally part of the ocean floor. Contains about 3% total potash, along with iron, magnesium, silica and as many as 30 other trace minerals. May also be used to loosen heavy, clay soils.

Manure- Horse and steer manure most commonly used. Use the composted form in potting mixes and screen it so that it will mix in evenly. It provides organic material, nutrients and microorganisms.

#### BASIC PROCEDURE FOR ALL POTTING MIX RECIPES

Below are some recipes and ideas for making your own rose potting soil. Add all ingredients to a large wheelbarrow or onto a clean tarp. Use a shovel or hoe to mix thoroughly. Store in a covered container. Make sure to screen any lumpy or coarse materials like the compost.

#### CONTAINER MIX RECIPE FOR ROSES from Howard Jones, Tidewater Rose Society

“In making up my potting soil, I use one-third top soil (soil in which roses have not previously been grown), one-third peat moss or other organic materials (can be any combination), and one-third Perlite. I consider the Perlite a very important component as it does not break down and is a permanent soil conditioner. Limestone, gypsum, and a cup of organic fertilizer (that I mix myself) is added to the potting mixture for each ten- or fifteen-gallon pot. Also, a shovelful of crushed pine bark would be helpful in this mixture”

Suggestions for Potting Soil Additives for Roses from Suzanne Horne, Pacific Rose Society

"I mix "water holding crystals" in with the soil toward the root zone in order to maximize the results of my watering.,,, Since my roses are in containers, I use a potting soil containing good organic ingredients like sphagnum peat moss, humus, bat guano, and worm castings. Whether roses are in the ground or in containers, the soil should be amended periodically with good organic matter such as chicken manure, fish meal, and kelp meal. I apply organic matter regularly to feed the soil and help break down fertilizer into a form the roses can use. Organic materials in the soil also help retain water, lower pH in alkaline soil and slowly release their nutrients to the plants. Fish meal is a product I use throughout the year. It is 100% organic, enriches the soil, and feeds for an extended period of time...I am also a fan of products containing mycorrhizae, beneficial soil fungi that tend to improve the initial root growth of roses by increasing the uptake of water and fertilizer. I either apply mycorrhizae directly to the root zone when planting or utilize potting soil and organic fertilizers containing mycorrhizae."

Rose Potting Soil Mix from Midwest Garden Tips website

"Mix your own with one third potting soil, one third aged compost, and one third composted manure. Add one cup perlite to improve drainage. You may also want to add to your purchased or mixed soil one cup of bone meal. Blood meal or fishmeal may be added to increase nutrients.

[RoseGardeningExpert.com](http://RoseGardeningExpert.com) – "A third of potting soil, a third of high-quality garden compost, and a third of steer manure. Add one cup of bonemeal, perlite, fishmeal, and bloodmeal to increase the nutrients in the soil."

A recipe from the antique Rose Forum

"We have about 75 OGRs in 5 gallon pots waiting (still) for the new garden beds. My husband blends his own potting mix with a good top soil we buy locally, adds composted manure (mixed with rotted hay from our horses), pine bark mulch, vermiculite and perlite. May be overkill but the roses have done extremely well and some have been in their pots for 4-5 years, still waiting for homes. The mix is lite but holds moisture well. We do feed with time release fertilizer in season and top dress the pots with mulch to inhibit weed growth from the compost...works great for us."

POTTING MIX FOR ROSES from Jessica Carson

2 parts potting soil mix  
1 part well-composted manure  
½ part good compost

½ part peat moss  
1 part perlite  
1 cup alfalfa meal and ½ cup bone meal for every 5 gallons of soil

Finally, here are a few of the videos on home made potting soil available on You Tube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PCtZFR1ia1c&NR=1>

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