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# THE ROSE WINDOW

NEWSLETTER FOR THE ROSE SOCIETIES OF THE YANKEE DISTRICT



## SAVE THE DATE!!

### Lobster Fest Weekend September 10, 11 & 12

Join us on Cape Cod for the annual lobster fest weekend. We will have activities scheduled during the daytime and evening on Friday, the District Rose Show on Saturday followed by the lobster fest, and the business meeting on Sunday morning. Info to follow from your local society. Hope to see you

## Yankee District Convention 2010

THE WEEKEND OF MARCH 26, 27 & 28

You may well know that the Yankee District Convention, held in March, rotates throughout the District. This year the New England Rose Society is the host society. The committee has been hard at work, and we are looking forward to the weekend of March 26, 27, and 28, 2010. There should be something for everyone.



Friday night we will once again see old friends and meet new ones in the hospitality room. A day

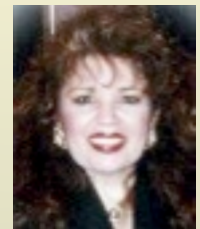
chock-full of rose gardening talks, along with the great raffle, luncheon, dinner, rose auction banquet speaker,

ending with the business meeting Sunday morning.

### Luncheon Speaker: **Laura Denktash**

*"The Rose Diva," author of "The Rose Cookbook" leading authority, Rose Ambassador and creativity stylist, inviting you to:*

*"Follow your Fascination!"*



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## District Director's Message By Oz

It was a bittersweet year for the Yankee District. There were many wonderful accomplishments that bear mentioning. However, before anyone receives kudos or accolades, we must take care of the bitter part. Sadly, three influential members of the District passed from us before we had a chance to sincerely thank them for their contributions. Martha Chapin was a long time member of the ARS and New England Rose Society. She was both an ARS Horticultural and Arrangement Judge, and perhaps best known for serving the Yankee District as the Arrangement Judge Chair. Martha was awarded the Silver Honor Medal in 1997, the Outstanding Judge Award in 1991 and the Outstanding Consulting Rosarian Award in 2000. Malcolm "Mike" Lowe was a truly a giant in the world of roses. How fortunate we all were to visit him on New Hampshire rose days at Lowe's Roses. Mike was the District Director from 1995 to 2000 and Regional Director from 2000 to 2003. He received the Silver Honor Medal in 1995, the Outstanding Judge Award in 1992 and the Outstanding Consulting Rosarian in 1988. Mike was also co-founder and past president of the NHRS and past president of the NERS. Tessie McKeown had just finished her sixth year as president of the NHRS and Chair of last year's Spring Convention. It was at this convention that Tessie was recognized as the District's Outstanding Consulting Rosarian. She also served the District as Membership Chair and was always ready to help at every event she attended. We were very fortunate to know each of them, Martha, Mike and Tessie will long be remembered, and with their passing goes a piece of us all.

I have recently returned from the ARS National Fall Convention at Palm Springs and will now begin my second term as District Director. I must state unbiasedly that the crowning moment of the Convention was the welcoming of Clarence Rhodes to the ARS Board of Directors as Regional Director of Region 0. Clarence has always been an ambassador of roses and now it is official. Congratulations, Regional Director Clarence! On the National level, Jeff Wyckoff has now taken over the reigns from Steve Jones as ARS President, while Jolene Adams waits in the wings. The ARS is moving on a positive direction thanks to the work of these three and all the dedicated District Directors, Regional Directors, Committee Chairs and other Board Members. The main concerns of the ARS are increasing the membership and the treasury. If you are not an ARS member, why not join now. Ask your local society for information, telephone the ARS (1-800-637-6534) or use your computer ARS.org You'll feel glad you did.

Now, on a local level, I must repeat every year that a successful director surrounds himself with smart, dedicated and motivated people. I don't think that there is a better Chair of Horticultural Judges in the country than Craig Dorschel. He has chaired a Judging School that brought new apprentice judges our district, has kept current on rose classification and rose show changes and has developed rose show schedules on the district and local level. Craig most recently was a rose show judge at the ARS National Fall Convention held in Palm Springs, California. Dave Long accepted the position as Chair of Consulting Rosarians during a mid season restructuring of our Consulting Rosarian program. Dave had the responsibility of checking the status of all the existing CRs in the district as well as working with those members who were preparing to take the exam at the Yankee Fall Convention on the Cape. Unfortunately, Dave became ill shortly before the date of the event. Thanks to the willingness of John Mattia to step in and Chair the CR School, everything went smoothly and now there are new Consulting Rosarians in the Yankee District. The speakers at the School, Baldo Vilages, Jolene Adams, Louise Coleman, Lois Fowkes and Patsy Cunningham were truly outstanding. This is an important title that should not be taken lightly. These people are the primary link between the general public and their local society. They should also be a willing source of information at their meetings.

In the immediate future is the Yankee Spring Convention, hosted by the New England Rose Society in Taunton, March 26 to 28. It takes a great deal of time and effort to run a successful convention. There are hotel contracts, daytime and dinner speakers, registration forms, and schedules to make and keep. All they are asking you to do is to support them by showing up. It's a once a year event, so if you're sitting on the fence and can't decide whether to go or not, ask yourself "why not?" It will be really good to see all my old friends once again and hopefully make one or two new ones.



# LOBSTERFEST WEEKEND 2009



Front row: Louise Coleman, Freda Smith, Jolene Adams, Lois Fowkes  
Teresa Mosher, Tessie McKeown, Jackie Bruskin, Baldo Villegas



ARS V.P. Elect: Jolene Adams



The Bugman attacked by lobster



Mike Fuss, John Mattia, Oz Osborn, Baldo Villages  
on the beach at Crowe's Pasture, low tide



Jolene Adams eating lobster

## EVENTS OF THE WEEKEND (2009)

1. FRIDAY - CR SCHOOL
2. SATURDAY - ROSE SHOW
3. SATURDAY EVENING LOBSTER FEST
4. SUNDAY MORNING

Join the fun at the 2010 Yankee District Fall Convention Weekend!

Dates: September 10, 11 and 12

More info will be available at [arsyankee.org](http://arsyankee.org)



SITE OF 2009 DISTRICT ROSE SHOW

Prepping a rose for the show!



**CONSULTING ROSARIANS OF THE YANKEE DISTRICT 2010**

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*Tessie & Mike: You will be missed but never forgotten*

The New Hampshire Rose Society, as well as the entire Yankee District, was dealt an unexpected blow with the deaths of two outstanding rosarians. In 2009 we lost both Mike Lowe and Tessie McKeown, two key players not only in the New

Hampshire Rose Society but also the entire Yankee District. It is very hard for me to put into words a suitable tribute to both of them, but to Irene and Bill please know that they were loved and will be missed by the Yankee District of the ARS.

COME TO THE  
YANKEE DISTRICT  
CONVENTION

March 26<sup>th</sup>  
March 27<sup>th</sup>  
March 28<sup>th</sup>

The Holiday Inn  
Taunton, MA

Lobster Fest  
Weekend  
September 10-12



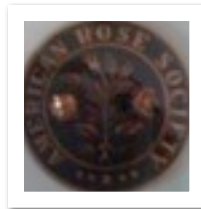
**MOTHER OF PEARL**

Cindy & Irwin Ehrenreich,  
LCRS



As some of you are aware there was a study done in Texas called the Earthkind Roses Study. They basically totally neglected hundreds of varieties of rose to determine what could survive on its own. We unintentionally performed our own Earthkind Study by neglecting the roses at our home which were not moved to our Carver Nursery. We did not spray, prune, fertilize, water, deadhead or winterize these roses. Many of the roses kept growing and blooming

but developed blackspot and dead canes due to the lack of care. One rose bush that stood out was the grandiflora Mother of Pearl. We didn't notice this bush until we started cleaning up the garden. In the middle of weeds, dead roses, and four foot tall grass, was a six foot tall multi-caned bush, fully leafed out and covered in blooms. The foliage was deep green and spotless. There were many blooms and many buds getting ready to bloom. We did have to do some pruning of dead canes but most of the bush was thriving. Although we don't recommend treating all your roses this way, you can rely on Mother of Pearl to be an easy care variety, especially in the Grandiflora class. It's also a very beautiful pale apricot with perfect form.



ARS BRONZE MEDAL  
WINNERS  
Connecticut - **Art Emmons**  
Lower Cape - **Diane Goers**  
NERS - **Craig Dorschel**  
RIRS - **Patsy Cunningham**



ARS SILVER MEDAL  
WINNER  
**Craig Dorschel**

OUTSTANDING  
CONSULTING  
ROSARIAN  
**Tessie McKeown**

OUTSTANDING  
JUDGE  
**Greg Davis**

## *Consulting Rosarian Code*

Every Consulting Rosarian, on accepting the appointment, should be fully cognizant of the Consulting Rosarian Code and should wholeheartedly be willing to live up to the code. *"I \_\_\_\_\_ accept the honor of the official appointment as a Consulting Rosarian of the American Rose Society for the \_\_\_\_\_ District. I pledge my earnest efforts toward the increase and stimulation of membership in the American Rose Society, in cooperation with the District Director. I shall uphold the highest standards of our American Rose Society in inspiring a love and appreciation of roses, their culture and exhibition. The aims and purposes of the American Rose Society shall be foremost in my mind in promoting and forming new rose societies, securing new members and serving present members and anyone interested in roses. I recognize and accept the responsibilities of this post, as well as the privilege of service."*

### **THE CONSULTING ROSARIAN GUIDE**

It is incumbent upon every Consulting Rosarian to exercise every effort to further a greater interest in the rose. They should SHARE their knowledge with those less informed on the care of roses. The Consulting Rosarian should not wait to be asked but should share knowledge voluntarily and willingly help others. They should be available to help friends, neighbors and rose society members in any way possible. In fact, they should be willing to help anyone who is interested in learning about roses and their culture. Being a Consulting Rosarian is more than an obligation to share technical knowledge concerning roses. It involves participation in every aspect of the rose society to which they belong, be it helping set up a rose show, showing slides at meetings, writing articles for news media or publications or serving on any of the society's committees. The object is to HELP others and to stimulate greater interest in growing roses and further the scope of this growth and scope of the rose society to which they belong. On the broader level, Consulting Rosarians should be ever active in furthering the cause and interests of the American Rose Society in whatever way they can. Here are some of the things a Consulting Rosarian should do:

#### **IN THEIR OWN GARDENS:**

The most obvious obligation is to grow good roses, to grow a variety of roses to include Hybrid Teas, Floribundas, Grandifloras, Climbers, Miniatures, Tree Roses, Shrubs and Old Garden Roses. There is no need to have acres of each, but there should be a few of each. The roses in the garden should include the most popular of the new introductions to be informed and better able to answer questions concerning them. Consulting Rosarians should be acquainted with everything NEW in rose culture, be it a new type of sprayer, a new insecticide or fungicide. They should be familiar with state and federal laws and regulations pertaining to use of chemicals in the garden. They should know how the garden chemicals should be used, safety precautions to follow, etc. The rose garden of any Consulting Rosarian should be open for all to enjoy and admire and the roses should be of the quality to inspire and encourage others to grow roses. The Consulting Rosarian should be familiar with chemical and nontoxic approaches to rose growing. Regardless of the approach Consulting Rosarians take in their own garden, chemical, no chemicals or Integrated Pest Management, it is important to be knowledgeable about all approaches.

#### **IN THE LOCAL ROSE SOCIETY:**

Consulting Rosarians should not have to be asked to help. They should meet with other Consulting Rosarians to share knowledge and information. They should volunteer to help wherever and whenever needed. They should be willing to hold an office, serve on the board of directors, head a committee or perform any other task which will further the interest in the society. Consulting Rosarians should let it be known they are willing to help members any way they can. Special attention should be given to helping new members with rose information. Consulting Rosarians should be willing to open their garden to others.

#### **IN THE AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY:**

1. Assist members and non-members with cultural problems.
2. Obtain new members for the American Rose Society.
3. Work together in organizing and assisting new rose societies.
4. Encourage each organized rose group to sponsor at least one rose show per year.
5. See that district and national shows do not conflict, and whenever possible, that local shows do not conflict with any other show.
6. Attend the Consulting Rosarian Meeting each year at the district meeting.
7. Be a member of the district Public Rose Garden Committee where one exists.
8. Complete and submit the annual Roses in Review survey each year, and the Triennial Survey every three years.
9. Be in attendance at the local rose shows, answering all questions.
10. Maintain an American Rose Society Membership Booth at all local rose shows.

A willingness to share knowledge and an enthusiasm for the joys of growing roses are the identifying traits of a good Consulting Rosarian. He/she must be willing to give of himself and have time to help others – members and non-members alike. A good Consulting Rosarian must, in addition, keep the aims and ideals of the American Rose Society ever in mind and must be dedicated to furthering those aims and ideals. Finally, a good Consulting Rosarian must convey to others that growing roses is a hobby with a tremendous potential for enjoyment and satisfaction that is greatly increased by sharing knowledge and love of the rose with all.

***It is against the principles of the Consulting Rosarian Program to charge a fee for rose advice.***



## Roses in Review

By Irwin Ehrenreich

Another year, another Roses in Review. Where did 2009 go? Thank you all who submitted a report-38 this year. The full report will be posted on the Yankee District web site. 131 varieties were reported on. And a total of 247 roses (we're slipping).

The top garden rated Floribunda was Benilli (8.8, 1 report). The top exhibition rating was for Shockwave (8.5, 1 report). Other highly rated Floribundas (Floribundi?) were Superhero with a garden rating of 8.6 and Janice Kellog with an 8.5. We don't have personal knowledge of Benilli, but of the others, Shockwave is an incredibly brilliant yellow and Superhero is a nonstop bloomer and very disease resistant. Janice Kellog is one of our favorites. The color is a deep burgundy red and she has a very full bloom, almost Austin-like.

The top garden rated Hybrid Tea was Apricot Candy (8.8, 1 report). The top exhibition H.T. was Spellbound (8.7, 3 reports). Other garden favorites were Sunny Delight (8.7) and Sweet Freedom (8.5). Spellbound has been a favorite of ours for many years. The coral color is lovely and the form is near perfect.



In the Grandiflora category, Mother of Pearl received a spectacular 9.5 garden rating and 9.0 exhibition rating with 2 reports. All American Magic was in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with a 9.2 garden rating and 8.8 exhibition rating. We can't say enough good things about Mother of Pearl. Besides being incredibly beautiful, you just can't kill it. It has thrived in total neglect for two years.

In the Climber category, Crimson Sky received an incredible 9.8 garden rating and a 9 exhibition rating from 1 reporter. Lunar Mist and Morning Magic both received a garden rating of 8.9. That incredible 9.8 rating was from us. This is the best new climber we've seen in years.

Among the little guys (Minis and Minifloras), Best of 04, Equinox and Sleeping Beauty all received the top garden rating of 8.5. Top exhibition scores were Equinox with an 8.9 and Tiddley Winks with an 8.7.

The top rated Shrubs were Ole with a garden rating of 9.8 (1 report), Spring Fever with a garden rating of 9.6 (1 report), and All The Rage with a garden rating of 9.1 (5 reports). Ole is a real winner. It grew to a beautiful size in its first year. For most of the season it was full of lovely soft pink clusters of small blooms. This is a great garden rose. The roses most reported on were Julia Child with 17 reports and Cinco de Mayo with 12 reports.

The roses most reported on were Julia Child with 17 reports and Cinco de Mayo with 12 reports. Both of these floribundas performed very well for us. Julia's lovely fragrance and strong yellow color, as well as her constant bloom is the reason it was voted most popular rose last year. Cinco de Mayo goes through so many color changes during its cycle that we kept changing our minds where to plant it.

In closing I'd like to mention that the reports have decreased since last year. I know that membership is down in the Yankee District, but we can still do better. Make my work harder next year by sending in your reports and reporting on more roses. It'll give you a chance to bond with your roses.





## *The Show Table*

*By Craig Dorschel*

I'd like to start with an excerpt from an article by Bob Martin<sup>1</sup>

### **“Why We Show Roses:**

8. You will help your rose society
7. You will encourage others to grow roses
6. You will encourage rose growers to grow better roses
5. You will learn how to present and display roses
4. You will learn how to grow better roses
3. You will learn and reaffirm good personal values
2. You will meet some very nice people
1. You will have a lot of fun at the rose shows”



I absolutely agree with all of Bob's points, but I cannot emphasize points 1 and 2 enough. Ultimately, we exhibit our roses for the fun and companionship of the show. If you are reading this and have never participated in a show, please do. You'll have a ball.

Looking back on 2009, there was much to be pleased about, but unfortunately some sad news as well. Our apprentice judges are making progress toward becoming accredited judges; in fact, at least one has completed the apprenticeship. Our district show continued to grow, despite the setbacks from all the wet weather of last summer, and thanks in part to the concurrent CR school we had a very distinguished panel of judges including Jolene Adams, Louise Coleman, and Baldo Villegas.

Each year, though, I have to report that some judges have left the roles. June and Dave Berg requested and were awarded emeritus judge status. We give them our thanks for their many years of service and very best wishes for the future. Sadly, as we all know, Tessie McKeown and Mike Lowe passed away in 2009, and they surely will be missed.

The national horticultural judging committee is now chaired by Bruce Monroe, our immediate past Region 0 director. The first item on Bruce's agenda has already been approved by the ARS board—reduction of the fee for taking either the horticultural or arrangement judging exam from \$50 to \$10 plus the cost of the judge's badge once the exam is passed. Bruce also feels, and I concur, that the exam itself is in need of revision, and perhaps this will happen soon.

The committee was quiet again in 2009, except for a controversial incident at the national mini show. The incident in question was disqualification of a national challenge class entry for a disbudding fault after the exhibit had been moved to the trophy table. The exhibitors, for whom I have sympathy given how easy it might have been to overlook a small side stem in the heat of battle, protested that judging was final once the exhibit had been moved, but the original ruling was upheld.

In my opinion the ruling and sustaining were proper as the guidelines state that an exhibit may be inspected for disqualifications up to the time judging is declared complete, and that the show chairman of judges, in consultation with the national chairman (if present) declare judging closed when they are satisfied all exhibits have been properly inspected.

I think this may have been a case of confusion of a local custom with an actual rule. More than once I have been told of a “rule” by someone and then been unable to find it in the guidelines. If there are specific local requirements, they should be put forth in the show schedule. The judges will observe these unless they are in conflict with ARS guidelines when ARS awards are offered. In a typical local show, the show chairman of judges will declare the judging final by dismissing the judges once he or she is satisfied that the judging is complete.

The last few paragraphs were primarily for the benefit of the judges. I hope that anyone else who has slogged through then will not feel that points 1 and 2 cited at the beginning have been contradicted. The judges do sweat the details, but still have a great deal of fun and satisfaction performing their duties. For the exhibitors, the show is the thing, and for a new exhibitor there is nothing to match the first blue ribbon or trip to the trophy table.

See you at a show in 2010!

## *Fostering an interest of roses in young people*

Lee Macneil, CR, New England Rose Society

Trying to interest today's young people in the joy of growing roses may seem like a daunting task! Kids are so busy these days, what with soccer and other sports, music lessons, dance, karate, and a myriad of other hobbies, it seems like they barely have a minute to relax between activities! Gardening of any sort may be the last thing on most adolescents' minds. But as rosarians we need to do whatever we can to "plant a seed" in their minds that may lead to the enjoyment of the hobby of growing roses later in life. Young adults upon purchasing their first home will be looking toward beautifying their yard, and if they can look back to a childhood lesson on how simple it can be to grow roses, they will be more apt to give it a try.

Because children and teens are not often out looking for someone to teach them to grow roses, you will need to go to them! The easiest way to do this is to make yourself known to the adult leaders of Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, church groups, honor societies, and other civic organizations that may be in your home town. Let the leaders know that you are willing to give instruction in rose planting and care. Very often the scouts can earn badges by planting gardens in public places. Let the leaders know how well easy care roses can work in a mixed perennial bed. Bare in mind that many volunteer gardens receive a minimum of care. Suggest very hardy

shrubs that you know will be sustainable under tough conditions. If it is financially possible donate a rose or two to these groups, either from yourself, or from your local society. Be sure to bring your camera and take photos of the young people planting, and of the finished garden. Post these photos on your club web sites and publish in newsletters (also notify local newspapers, this is excellent P.R. for your society!) When giving planting instruction and care advice, keep it simple and upbeat. But don't talk down to them, this will turn your audience off in a heartbeat! Be sure to tell the kids and their leaders not to hesitate to contact you if they have any future questions! I like to check on any public plantings I have assisted with a couple of times a year, just to see how they are doing. If your society can sponsor small signs signifying that donated roses were planted by the civic group, this is a great benefit for both clubs!

Remember children and young adults are a clean slate, impress upon them that growing roses can be easy and so enjoyable!



# Sustainable Roses The Future of Rose Gardening

By Angie & Mike Chute

Sustainability has become the new buzzword for everything from gardening to the economy. We hear in the news and in the political arena the phrases sustainable jobs, sustainable automobiles, and sustainable agriculture. As rose gardeners, we're in luck because what we have in greater numbers than ever are sustainable roses.

My husband Mike and I have been extolling the benefits of sustainable roses for almost a decade when we started to move away from the exhibition hybrid teas that require an aggressive spray program. We still exhibit roses, but most of our entries are in the shrub classes because shrubs, as well as hardy floribundas, are what we now grow except for a few favorite hybrid tea and grandiflora varieties that remain in our older rose garden. When the 'Au Natural' class was introduced in our rose show two years ago, we had many sustainable varieties we could enter from the new "sustainable" rose garden planted in our front yard. The first year we won the class with 'Playboy' and the second year with 'Rainbow Sorbet'. We credit winning the Au Natural class not because we have a magic touch, but because we had chosen to plant only sustainable varieties – roses that could be grown successfully without using chemical pesticides.

Sustainable rose gardening does not mean the same as organic rose gardening nor does it mean limiting ourselves to 'Earth-Kind' or 'Easy-Care' roses. We are not organic gardeners, but we do follow basic horticultural practices that overlap organic gardening. For instance, we plant our rosebushes further apart in our sustainable garden than we do in our other garden that we regularly spray. We prune with the idea of consciously allowing more air circulation within and around our rose bushes. We introduced other plant species in our sustainable garden to avoid a mo-

noculture that would encourage the development of rose-prone diseases and insects. In our other long-established garden we grow strictly roses. The thought of adding other species was never an option, (although we are now considering redesigning this garden and making it more sustainable). We regularly amend our soil with organics, water our roses copiously, and feed regularly, but these are gardening practices we advocate for any garden, sustainable or not.

While good horticultural practices are a must for any garden, the key to having a successful sustainable rose garden is in the selection of the right varieties. We do plenty of research, visit many public rose gardens, observe our own gardens, as well as the Victorian Rose Garden in Roger Williams Park, and make note of the varieties that grow well with no chemical pesticides. However, what we have learned, through our observations and our roles as consultants for the Chet Clayton Sustainable Rose Garden at the University of Rhode Island, is that what is sustainable in one garden may not be sustainable in other gardens.

We saw this in the Chet Clayton Garden where 'Zephirine Drouhin', which has a reputation for high disease-resistance, performed poorly and developed a bad case of powdery mildew halfway through the first season. We removed all the plants of 'Zephine Drouhin', replacing them with 'New Dawn'. Volunteers who work in the garden took the defoliated roses and planted them in their own gardens where they are now reported to be growing disease free!

The phrase "a rose garden is a work in progress" definitely refers to the development of a sustainable garden. While most of the sustainable roses we planted in our home's front garden have performed well, we have

had some disappointments. The 'Playboy' that won the first Au Natural best of class in the 2007 RIRS Rose Show developed a severe case of blackspot later in the season, and we decided it wasn't sustainable enough to remain. 'Rainbow Sorbet' grew in our garden for two seasons and then we removed it because, although it had a very clean first bloom cycle, by mid-July it had too much blackspot and we did not want it to infect the healthy plants on either side of it.

We evaluate our roses at the end of each season based on a set of sustainable standards we developed. It goes without saying that the first criterion is winter-hardiness and we plant only those varieties that are. In our very sunny sustainable garden, in addition to being zone-appropriate, the varieties we plant must tolerate the intense direct sunlight and heat of mid-summer. Sadly, mauve roses don't tolerate the kind of heat that our garden receives in mid-July through August. That is why when the blooms on the two plants of 'Rhapsody in Blue', planted on either side of our front steps, burned and shattered with the first heat wave of the summer, we replaced them with 'Super Hero' and 'Macy's Pride'. (We already know that 'Super Hero' is sustainable in our garden and we will know next season how 'Macy's Pride' performs.)

Our second criterion for sustainability is that varieties don't have to be disease-free; they have to be **disease-resistant** and able to thrive without the use of chemical pesticides. If a variety has a little blackspot, a little powdery mildew, or a few nibbled leaves it doesn't get banished automatically. However, if it has more blackspot than not, it may get replaced sooner rather than later depending on its ongoing performance. This was the case with a favorite rose, 'Julia Child'. After a floriferous and healthy first June bloom, it



## SUSTAINABLE ROSES THE FUTURE OF ROSE GARDENING

(continued)

developed a severe infection of black spot and many of its leaves dropped. It recovered in time for a mediocre third bloom. We gave it a second and then a third season and finally removed it from its prime location in the garden. We may give Julia another try elsewhere, considering that it is performing well in the Clayton Rose Garden.

Our third criterion is that the varieties we choose not only need to have a repeat-bloom, but have to bloom profusely. A bush that gives us a scant bloom isn't worth the real estate it takes up in the garden – our space is too limited. We had planted 'Moje Hammarberg', a hybrid rugosa that showed no signs of disease but didn't give us much of a show of blooms either. It was transplanted to join other rugosas planted along our back property line.

By practicing sustainable rose gardening we're not looking for "No Care Roses" – roses we can plant and forget about like we do our forsythia bushes. What fun is that? For us rose gardening means planting *and* nurturing plants. Nurturing entails caring for roses which includes watering, feeding and pruning as well as dealing with insects and diseases. Sustainable rose gardening encompasses all that without the use of chemical pesticides.

In an era where we are concerned about the environment and going green is on everyone's mind, the time for sustainable rose gardening has arrived and is, I believe, the future of rose gardening.

### Some Reliably Sustainable Varieties Include:

All the Rage  
Baby Love  
Bonica  
Crimson Mediland  
Home Run  
Kiss Me  
Knock Out  
Lady Elsie May  
My Girl  
My Hero  
Pretty Lady  
Yellow Brick Road  
Yellow Submarine



Yellow Submarine



Pretty Lady



My Girl



### Bill & Tessie McKeown At a recent Yankee District convention dinner

**TESSIE**

By Susan & Joel Mascott

Tessie McKeown was well known around the Yankee District. Her quiet demeanor did not hide her passion for roses and her dedication to the rose societies in which she belonged. She took on many tasks and performed them well over many years. Tessie's garden was always kept up and she was never afraid to try new products and share the results with other members. Each summer, members enjoyed her garden tour and meeting she hosted.

Over the years she became a CR and recently started to judge. She loved to host the NHRS holiday parties by preparing her ethnic food which every member looked forward to eating. She dedicated herself to whatever had to be done from start to finish. This included chairing the 2009 Yankee District Convention.

Her commitment to the ARS and district did not waiver even in the days before she died. We recently learned that she continued to carry out the district membership work by sending a "welcome" email to a new ARS member just as she was due to start treatment for her acute condition. Anyone that got to know her realized how strong a person she was and truly exemplified the phrase "big things come in small packages". We can say from the members of the New Hampshire Rose Society we have lost a great Rosarian and a friend that we will surely miss.

**MIKE LOWE**

By John Waterman, NHRS

My friend Mike Lowe passed away August 6, 2009. I went to Mike's open house with Kathy Beyer and my wife in 1987. While we were there my wife and I joined the New Hampshire Rose society. I have worked with Mike with the Rose shows and other events thru the years. Mike gave away roses and his time for fundraisers whenever we needed him. At our Rose shows Mike loaded the show with his roses, mostly Old Garden Roses, so our show was full.

Mike was a long time Rosarian, rose hybridizer, member of the New England Rose Society, the American Rose Society, the Yankee District Rose Society and co-founder of the New Hampshire Rose Society.

Mike received the Lester F. Harrell Award for significant contributions to the study, preservation and popularity of old garden roses in America.

Mike has served as President of the New England Rose Society and New Hampshire Rose society and was the Yankee District Regional and District Director of the American Rose Society and their first parliamentarian. He was a major contributor to Modern Roses XI, the American Rose Society's encyclopedia of roses. Mike has given much to all rosarians that knew him and to anyone that has planted a rose, even if they didn't know him.

Mike and Irene have a garden that boasts about 4000 roses that Mike and his wife Irene have taken care of in their yard. At his Open House all donations were given to NHRS (annual fund raiser)

There is much that will not fit here. However I will miss my friend very much in the years to come. On the back of Mike's headstone is an incomplete list of roses that Mike hybridized

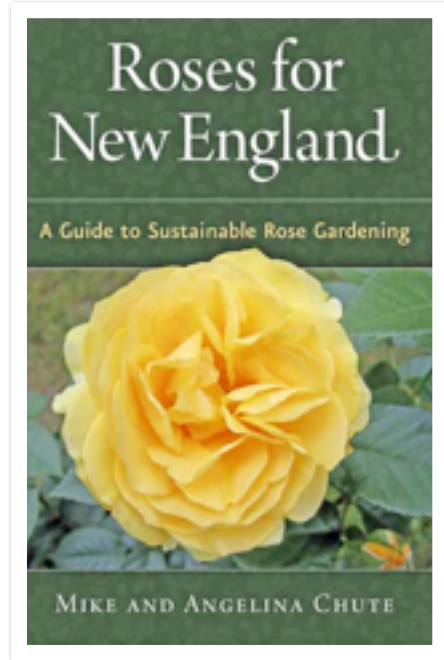
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**Roses for New England: A Guide to Sustainable Roses**

(Forbes River Publishing)

By Mike and Angelina Chute

The first book written for New England rose gardeners by New England rose gardeners. Roses for New England shows you how to grow roses better than you ever thought you could

**YANKEE DISTRICT TREASURY REPORT - STEPHEN ROGERS**

We had a beginning balance of **\$7868.40**. Income during the period was \$4642.02 (Spring Convention: \$2522.42, Fall Conv/Show: \$1824.00, CR School Refund: \$250.00, Interest: \$45.60). Expenses for the period were \$5954.76 (Newsletter: \$1499.70, Web Site: \$98.40, District Awards & Committee expenses: \$1292.84 (Includes a CR School), Fall District Convention/Show/Fest: \$2763.82, Spring 2009 Convention: \$300.00). We have an ending balance of **\$6555.66**.

Beginning Balance:

\$7,868.40

Income:

\$4,642.02

Spring Convention Income:

\$2,522.42

Fall Convention/Show:

\$1,824.00

Consulting  
Rosarian  
School Refund  
\$250.00

Interest: \$45.60

Expenses: \$5,954.76

Newsletter: \$1,499.70

Web Site: \$98.40

District Awards/Committee  
Expenses, includes a CR  
School: \$1,292.84

Fall District Convention/Show/Fest:  
\$2,763.82



# The 2010 ARS Yankee District Rose Society Convention

## March 26, 27, & 28

### Hotel Reservation

You are invited to attend The Annual Spring Rose Convention, and annual meeting of The ARS Yankee District. A block of rooms has been reserved at *The Taunton Holiday Inn* and will be saved at the special rate of 79.99 (+ tax ) **Please make reservations directly with the Hotel - Phone (508)823-0430 by March 10.** Be sure to mention The Yankee District Rose Convention to get the special rate. The Hotel is conveniently located off of Route 495 in Taunton MA.

**The Following Convention Registration must be received no later than March 16!**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
( please print name(s) as you would like them to appear on your name tag.)

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee for Convention attendance No.\_\_\_\_ X \$35.00 each. \$

After March 10 No.\_\_\_\_ X \$40.00 each. \$

Luncheon with "The Rose Diva" Laura Denktash No.\_\_\_\_ X \$19.50 each. \$

NewYork Deli wrap- turkey, roast beef, honey ham, Swiss cheese, lettuce, tomato, and dijonaise on a tortilla wrap with a dill pickle spear.

**OR** Vegetable wrap-Italian herb grilled summer vegetables in a whole wheat wrap served with a wasabi sauce for dipping.

Luncheon selection is served with red bliss potato salad, chef's dessert selection, assorted soft drinks/water coffee, tea.

Saturday Evening Award Dinner Buffet No.\_\_\_\_X \$24.00 each \$

Speaker- Joanne Rosman "Growing Austin Roses in New England"

Dinner Buffet includes tossed salad, baked stuffed chicken, sliced roast beef Au Jus, chef's choice potato and vegetable, dessert table, coffee, tea,

**\*Please note any special diet requests on this form.**

Total Amount Enclosed (Please make check payable to **Yankee District Rose Society**) \$

Please mail check and this form to Marion E. Cafferky P.O. Box 466 Wrentham, MA. 02093

Any question or for further info contact Lee Macneil. [Jacknlee1@verizon.net](mailto:Jacknlee1@verizon.net) or (978) 821-8130

Raffle donations by societies and individual members are greatly appreciated!



Yankee District Rose Society Convention  
 Friday March 26 - Sunday March 28, 2010  
 The Taunton Holiday Inn  
 700 Myles Standish Blvd.  
 Taunton Massachusetts  
 (508) 823-0430  
 ~~~ Agenda ~~~

Friday Evening- Registration 5:00 - 7:00 PM in the hospitality room.

Hospitality room open from 5:00- 11:00 PM cheese and cracker board, munchies, BYOB

Saturday March 27

8:00-9:00AM Registration. Coffee & tea available. Raffle ticket sales open.

9:15- 10:15 "Identifying and Dealing with the Asian Longhorned Beetle"  
 Jennifer Forman, Orth. Ph.D. State Survey Coordinator MA Dept. of Agriculture.

10:15- 10:30 Break, raffle ticket sales. Vendors open.

10:30- 11:30 "Integrated weed management: Tips and strategies for managing landscape weeds".  
 Randy Prostate, University of Massachusetts.

11:30- 12:00 Raffle ticket sales, door prize drawings

12: 00- 1:30 Luncheon with speaker, "Meet The Rose Diva"! A program by Laura Denktash,  
 author of "The Rose Cookbook, A Treasury of Rose Recipes From Around the World".

1:45- 2:45 Highlights of The World Rose Federation of Rose Societies Convention in Vancouver.  
 A slide presentation by our own NERS member Marlene Norton.

2:45- 3:00 Break, final raffle sales, vendors.

3:00- 4:00 "What is new in my Rose Garden"? A panel discussion of The Yankee District's most  
 distinguished Master Rosarians, telling what they do differently now.

4:00 Raffle drawings

6:00- 7:00 Cocktail hour, cash bar

7:00- 10:00 Banquet Buffet with guest speaker, Joanne Rosman: "Austin Roses for New England  
 Gardens", followed by the famous rose auction.

10:00-11:00 Hospitality room open ('til late if we are not too loud)

Sunday, March 28

10:00 Am Yankee District meeting

Yankee District Convention 2010  
 Friday March 26 - Sunday March 28,  
 Hosted by The New England Rose Society  
 at  
 The Taunton Holiday Inn  
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Hello, all fellow Yankee District Rosarians! It's nearly time to roll out of the winter doldrums, and start thinking about our favorite hobby. What better way to chase the icy wind blues away, than to gather with a group of kindred spirits, for a week-end of fun and learning!

Our Convention this year will be held at The Holiday Inn in Taunton MA, conveniently located off Rt 495 (exit 9). Due to the challenging economy we have tried to keep this convention as affordable as possible to enable all to attend! Please bear in mind that the hotel furnishes us with the meeting rooms in return for the hotel rooms reserved, the Saturday luncheon and the dinner meals purchased. So you are not only enjoying a relaxing weekend away, but you are supporting your district society as well! Please reserve your rooms directly with the hotel before March 10th. Rooms reserved for the Yankee District will be 79.99 + tax. (Be sure to mention the Yankee District Rose Society)

As always there will be raffle tickets on sale throughout the day for the drawing at 4:00 PM. Donations of items for the raffle from local societies, and individual members would be greatly appreciated. The hotel restaurants are open for your dining pleasure Friday evening, and breakfast Saturday and Sunday morning. The hotel has a very extensive work out center which is open to all overnight guests.

The hospitality room will be open Friday evening. Saturday evening after dinner, there will be a cheeseboard and munchies. Please bring your own choice of liquid libations! Please contact Lee Macneil email: [jacknleel@verizon.net](mailto:jacknleel@verizon.net) or phone (978)821-8130 with any questions.

And now to introduce our speakers...

Saturday morning begins with "Identifying and dealing with the Asian longhorned beetle" by Jennifer Forman Orth. Ph.D. Jennifer is The State Plant Pest Survey Coordinator for the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR). She does field surveys and outreach covering introduced insects, plant pathogens, and weeds that threaten Massachusetts. While the Asian longhorned beetle is not a threat to roses, it is a dangerous pest to native trees. As serious gardeners we should all be aware of, and be able to identify this fast spreading insect.

"Integrated weed management, tips and strategies for dealing with landscape weeds." By Randy Prostack Landscape, turf, nursery, and ornamental weed specialist educator based at The University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Randy's program will address keeping rose beds weed free using a wide range of methods.

With our luncheon we will "Meet The Rose Diva", Laura Denktash who is the author of "The Rose Cookbook, a Treasury of Rose Recipes from Around the World". Laura will tempt our taste for roses in foods, beverages, beauty product recipes, and entertain us with interesting rose anecdotes and history! Laura will sign copies of her cookbook purchased as well as having other rose related products for sale.

After lunch we will sit back and enjoy a slide presentation "Highlights of The World Federation of Rose Societies Convention - Vancouver" by our own NERS member, Marlene Norton. Marlene will share some of her world convention experiences with us, and show some slides from the stunning Butchart Gardens of British Columbia.

The afternoon will close with "What is New In My Rose Garden", a panel discussion comprised of the Yankee District's most distinguished Master Consulting Rosarians, who will tell us what they do differently now.

After the banquet and award ceremony, our keynote speaker, Joanne Rosman will present "Growing Austin Roses in New England". Joanne owns and operates Rosman Gardens, a two-acre private botanical garden in (cold zone 4b) Summit, New York. Joanne grows about 250 roses and tests and monitors approximately 30 varieties of David Austin shrub roses for cold hardiness, disease resistance, and reports to David Austin LTD UK. Joanne is a Consulting Rosarian of The New York Capitol Region Rose Society, a Master Gardener, and a nationally published garden writer and photographer.

The famous rose auction will be held following the program.

The Yankee District Board meeting will be at 10:00 AM Sunday morning and is open to all members.

Please mail the enclosed registration form to Marion Cafferky before March 16.

Hope to see you there!

Lee Macneil Convention Chairman

## CONNECTICUT ROSE SOCIETY HAPPENINGS

BY MARCI MARTIN

2009 was a great year for the Connecticut Rose Society, despite the wet, cold summer! We had several special events to remember Donna Fuss, a dedicated day to honor Dave and June Berg, and M. Jodi Rell, Governor of Connecticut, cut the ribbon to open our rose show to the public in June. Then, at the August CRS Board meeting, it was decided to email our newsletter instead of printing and posting it. Our membership was able to order Weeks' roses at wholesale prices this Fall, and CRS has purchased some roses to pot up for our first plant sale fundraiser in May 2010. We've had some great new folks join our rose society, and it is my hope that we will continue to grow in 2010.



After Donna passed away, we all wanted to do something special for her. Our rose show committee had several breakfast meetings last winter and one of the things we discussed at length was what we would do in her honor. We set up a new challenge class in her name, and chose a lovely silver cup trophy which is on display in the Pond House at Elizabeth Park when it is not on our show table. John Mattia designed two beautiful plaques in her memory. One hangs in the Pond House, and the other is a bronze which we unveiled in a ceremony at the Park on the evening of June 30, 2009. Mike and his family were there, and many friends were in attendance, as well. The bronze plaque will be installed at the main entrance to the

Gazebo, opposite Theodore Wirth's bronze memorial. Dave Berg announced late last spring

Dave Berg announced late last spring that he and June would be hanging up their shovels and retiring from gardening at the end of the summer. He and June and their family decided it was time to move on into an assisted living community. For the past few years, CRS has had a Wine and Roses Pot Luck Dinner at my garden in July. We decided this year, we would dedicate the day to Dave and June with love and gratitude for all they have done for all of us for so many years. They were so surprised when we had a champagne toast and made the announcement! Several people spoke, and we presented them with a gift certificate. It was a lovely day. Dave announced in a mailing about a month later that he was opening his garden to the membership, and they could come for plants, tools, sprayers—basically, all the garden related stuff that he had been collecting and using for years. He said there was no charge, but that those who would like to take advantage of this offer should make a donation to the CT Rose Society. At this date, over \$800 has come in! Despite their retirement from the garden, Dave and June continue to take care of us, and we are thankful for that, but also for their friendship which we all cherish.

Art Emmons and Dave Long were our judges for our 6-Pack Rose Show in September. We surprised Art by presenting him with the Bronze Medal! What a nice opportunity to thank Art for all the wonderful things he has done for CRS over the years. I think it was the first time I ever saw Art speechless for a moment!

Marci Martin, Connecticut Rose Society



The unveiling of the Donna Fuss Plaque at Elizabeth Park, June 30, 2010



## PART I: SITE SELECTION AND PREPARATION

Jim Wagner, Consulting Rosarian



If roses are in your gardening plans, some of the areas you may want to consider include those described below. **First, choose a good site.**

- **A sunny (six to eight hours per day) location would be ideal.** Eastern and southern exposures are better for roses than western or northern. Morning sun helps dry the plant, making it less susceptible to certain fungi.

Afternoon shade is especially appreciated in July and August, particularly for some of the dark red blooms that may burn easily when there is hot sun after an afternoon shower.

- **Trees, shrubs and large perennials are poor companion plants for roses.** Their roots invade the rose bed and rob the roses of food and water. When roses are trying to grow in the shade of larger plants, the roses grow tall and thin with sparse foliage and few blooms. Roses are heavy feeders. They cannot afford to share food and water with other larger plants.

- **Consider the use of raised beds.** They are especially good if you have drainage problems or if you want to limit soil compaction. Limit their width to three to slightly less than four feet.

- **Test the site for good drainage.** One way is to dig a "test" hole about 18 to 20 inches deep and fill with water. The water should be gone from such a "test planting hole" in 30 minutes to an hour. Another way is to cut the end off a coffee can and push down into moderately moist soil about an inch. Fill can with water. If it takes more than an hour for the water to disappear, steps should be taken to improve drainage.

The addition of coarse sand will improve drainage. If the water disappears too quickly, a water retention material (peat moss, compost or other water retaining material) should be added to the soil. Roses do not like to sit in water. Poor drainage can cause the plant to drown.

- **Test the soil for water retention.** To measure water retention, partially fill a clay pot with garden soil. Place the pot over a quart jar and pour one quart of water into the pot. Mark the amount of water that drains into the jar and subtract from 100%. Water retention should be in the 50% to 60% range. If the soil is retaining too much water, add sand and retest. If not enough water is retained, add a water retaining material (see good drainage above) and retest. Measure the amount of each component being added so that you will know how much of the material to add to your rose bed.

- **Roses like a well balanced soil mix.** This should be a blend that permits good drainage but at the same time retains the nutrients needed for good growth and blooms.

There are different opinions on the mix you should end up with. The above test will give you some idea of the best mix. Some rosarians feel that you should have one third each of top soil, coarse sand and silt (compostable materials). Others feel that the proportions of these elements should be 60%, 20% and 20% respectively.

The best soils seem to be a sandy loam with a higher percentage of sand which creates air pockets for water to drain through but with enough silt and organic matter to hold some water.

- **Have the soil tested frequently.** This applies to new beds and at least once a year thereafter. Roses like soil at a slightly acidic pH level of 6.0 to 6.5. With the results of a soil test, you can better determine what amendments to add to your soil.

Add lime, bone meal, etc. if the soil test so indicates (the addition of lime is almost always needed in New England - the question may be how much). Add more of the other components if the soil is sandy. Should the soil be clay-like use more sand and less compost material.

- **Depth of rose planting holes.** Remove soil down to 20" to 30" from the top of the bed for full sized roses and 15" to 20" from the top of beds for miniature roses. The top of the bed may be several inches above the normal soil line if you have terraced or raised beds. Preparation of beds the prior fall is ideal. For information on planting roses, see PARTS II and III.

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**June 19**

**June 20**

**June 26**

**June 27**

**Sept. 11**

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YANKEE DISTRICT ROSE SHOW - CAPE COD

[HelpMeFind.com](http://HelpMeFind.com), Found Again By Patsy Cunningham

Everyone has their favorite rose references like the 'Handbook for Choosing Roses', 'the Combined Rose List' or 'Modern Roses X' or XII. You can't beat the 'Handbook' for its lightness and portability, it can be slipped in a pocket or purse to use anytime. For any comprehensive information on roses, both Ed and I find ourselves going back again and again to the internet resource, HelpMeFind.com. What started in 1997 as a simple rose variety reference made by two people has evolved into a massive and comprehensive rose resource.

I'll start with the basics. At its core is a huge database of rose varieties, with all their pseudonyms cross referenced. When you look up a rose name, on the first page you'll be given its color, class, breeder, size, year introduced, hardiness zones, parents, a short description and a random photo. There are a number of tabs you can click for further info. The photos tab shows you user submitted photos of the rose. You can comment here on the quality and accuracy of the various photos, which is good since user submitted material is not always accurate. Another tab lets you see which website members grow the variety and another shows what nurseries sell this cultivar. Books that reference this rose, awards it has won, comments by members, are also available here. Extensive lineage and descendant charts are available for researchers. The lineage info used to be free, but now there is a yearly fee to use this and a few other advanced features. You can also do searches by breeder, for instance, you will find 101 roses listed under the [Brownells](#). (see screenshot below)

The screenshot shows the HelpMeFind.com website interface. At the top, the logo 'HelpMeFind' is displayed next to the tagline 'Roses, Clematis and Peonies and everything gardening related.' A navigation bar includes links for 'Breeder / Hybridizer', 'Plant Lists', 'Photos', 'Reviews & Comments', and 'Journals'. A search bar is present, and a 'SUPPORT HELPMEFIND' button is visible. The main content area is titled 'BROWNELL FAMILY' and shows '101 plants'. A list of roses is displayed, each with a name, description, and a small photo. The roses listed are:

- Anne Vanderbilt**: Hybrid Tea / Large-Flowered. Sub-Zero Series. Orange or orange-red. Strong fragrance. Large, semi-double (9-16 petals) bloom form. Blooms in flushes throughout the season. USDA zone 6b through 9b (default). Brownell Family (1941).
- Apricot Glow**: Hybrid Wichurana, Large-Flowered Climber. Sub-Zero Series. Peach to apricot, salmon-pink shading. Moderate, apple, fruity fragrance. Very full (41+ petals), in small clusters, in large clusters, pom-pom bloom form. Once-blooming spring or summer. USDA zone 5a through 9b. Height of 20' (600 cm). Brownell Family (1836).
- Arctic Flame**: Hybrid Tea / Large-Flowered. Sub-Zero Series. Red. Strong fragrance. Blooms in flushes throughout the season. USDA zone 6b through 9b (default). Brownell Family (1955).
- Atomic White**: Hybrid Tea / Large-Flowered. Light yellow. Strong fragrance. Blooms in flushes throughout the season. USDA zone 6b through 9b (default). Brownell Family (1948).
- Ave Maria (hybrid tea, Brownell, 1957)**: Hybrid Tea / Large-Flowered. White or white blend. Blooms in flushes throughout the season. USDA zone 6b through 9b (default). Brownell Family (1957).

Each entry includes a small photo of the rose and a 'Please Help: We need your photo of this rose.' prompt. The page also features a sidebar with various site features and a bottom navigation bar.

The advanced search is pretty powerful. Are you looking for a very fragrant disease resistant yellow climber that is hardy in zone 6? Three different choices pop up from that search: Mike Lowe's 'Autumn Sunset', Kordes' 'Moonlight' and the 1899 Horvath once blooming wichurana 'Jersey Beauty'. There are countless other search terms you can add like reblooming status, myrrh fragrance, award winner, sold by a certain nursery, bred before or after a certain year, thornless, etc.

**[HELPMEFIND.COM](http://HelpMeFind.com)**



As a free registered member, you can also rate the roses you grow, post comments on them and vote for your favorites. Its always nice to see how people have rated a rose's fragrance or disease resistance. A handy feature is the ability to list all the roses you grow in your garden. Then, when you are logged on, you will have a reference list with info on all of your roses. This can be done manually, by looking up your roses individually and adding them to your garden list. Or you can upload a text list of all your plants and the website will make it for you. Your garden list can be sorted alphabetically or by class. This is handy not only for you, it also helps other folks see what zones a particular rose grows well in. We have a listing for Roger Williams Park Victorian Rose Garden, which I'm updating this month and along with a map of the varieties. We have a listing also for the Rhode Island rose society where we could list events etc. A new feature is that if you add yourself as a member of our society on the HelpMeFind site, your listing of roses in your garden will be added to the aggregate or total list of roses grown by members of our society, potentially useful members to know if they're interested in information or cuttings from another member. Right now that feature is kind of useless to us since only the roses from the Cunningham garden are listed there.

There are other sources of information on this website. There is an [Ezine](#) (electronic magazine) that can be searched by keyword or author. It has 9 years of interesting articles on a diverse range of rose subjects such as species, florist roses, old hybrid teas, hybridizing and winterizing. There is a glossary of rose terms, a listing of rose books and publications and a searchable question and answer column that you can use. There's a pretty good links page too, with websites sorted by category.

There are some recent additions to the HelpMeFind feature list. There is a new "[cuttings exchange](#)" where you can list special varieties you have that would be willing to exchange cuttings of. There is a much longer list of varieties that members are looking to find cuttings of. If you're interested in more information about a certain rose, you can put it on your "watch list" and HelpMeFind will notify you whenever someone posts a new picture, comment or garden or nursery listing for that rose. That is a premium feature, ie you need to be a paid member for that. A few other features only open to paid members are maps, catalog requests, a personal calendar, plant availability confirmation and "print friendly printing". None of these features are necessary to the majority of users so the basic free membership will be fine

You remember I mentioned the lightness and portability of the '[Handbook for Choosing Roses](#)'. Well, HelpMeFind.com can be just as convenient and a lot more informative if you have one of the fancy new cell phones with a big screen and good internet access like the iPhone. I was impressed when a judge used one at the Newport Flower show to look up photos of a rose whose identity we were uncertain of. Quick and easy, without lugging 20 pounds of books around and still not being able to find a picture. The whole world of roses right in your pocket... sounds like a good plan for the future.



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