

# THE ROSE WINDOW

**JANUARY 2003**  
**A PUBLICATION OF THE YANKEE DISTRICT**  
**ROSE SOCIETY**

## **DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE**

**By Art Emmons**

**Greetings from The Roses at Windy Hill Farm!**

In 2002, the American Rose Society celebrated the very successful Year of the Rose with many exciting events. Although 2002 was a momentous rose year, 2003 promises to be an even more exciting year for rose growers and roses here in the Yankee District. In March we'll gather in Nashua, New Hampshire for our annual winter convention. This is always a great time with interesting speakers on diverse topics and a long weekend of garden chatting with New England friends. There's complete information in this edition of 'The Rose Window'. This annual convention is an open and friendly gathering of both expert and casual rose gardeners. Personally, my favorite part of this convention is the informal hospitality room where we chat about roses and gardening until breakfast. Also, every year this is the first rose event of the year. The following weekend we usually begin opening the rose gardens.

(continued on page 5)

## **THE LOWER CAPE ROSE SOCIETY HOSTED THE YANKEE DISTRICT FALL ROSE SHOW, CONVENTION AND BUSINESS MEETING,**

which was exactly one hour and fifty minutes long. At the business meeting, we had our choice of cabana, Adirondack, towel or sand seating. It was held right on the beach at the South Dennis Yacht Club! In fact, the night before the meeting we had a "New England Clam Bake" including lobster and fine wines right on the beach. It was truly awesome. The morning began with the rose show. While the roses were being judged, we had a variety of rose topics covered in seminars. Around noon we broke for a pot-luck luncheon. After lunch the rose show was open to the public, and there were two additional seminars held. In the evening we met at the beach for the lobster fest, enjoying a spectacular sunset with great rose friends. The next morning we gathered again on the beach for the business meeting. Minutes of this meeting can be found on page 12

### **IN THIS ISSUE**

District Director's Message	Page 1, 5
Officers in the District	Page 2
Words from the Editor	Page 3
Roses in Review	Page 4
Convention News	Page 6, 7
Bio – Clara Benson	Page 8
District News	Page 9
CR News	Page 10
Yankee CRs	Page 11
You Got Midge	Page 12
Sept. District Minutes	Page 12
Registration Forms	Page 13

### **SPRING ROSE SHOWS**

June 14<sup>th</sup> New England Rose Society, Extension Field Station, Waltham, MA  
June 21<sup>st</sup> Yankee District Rose Show/Rhode Island Rose Society, Roger Williams Park, Horse Stables Providence, R.I.  
June 22<sup>nd</sup> Connecticut Rose Society, Pond House Elizabeth Park, Hartford, Connecticut  
June 28<sup>th</sup> Lower Cape Rose Society, Harwich Community Center, Harwich, MA  
June 29<sup>th</sup> Maine Rose Society, Verrillo's Convention Center, Portland, ME



## ROSES IN REVIEW

By Clarence Rhodes, RIR Coordinator, Yankee District

This report contains only information received by U.S.P.S.. Due to computer internet problems I was not able to retrieve the reports submitted by e-mail. I am in the process of trying to receive them. If successful, they will be incorporated in the final report. The report submitted to the National Coordinator was based on the reports received via U.S.P.S.

No. of Reporter 24:	<u>HT's</u>	<u>GR's</u>	<u>FL's</u>	<u>MINI's</u>	<u>SH's</u>	<u>LCI's</u>	<u>OGR's</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
No. of Varieties	45	5	15	33	18	2	0	118
No. of Reports	123	17	37	66	34	6	0	283
No. of Plants	184	19	42	84	42	7	0	378

Of all the 118 varieties reported, 56 varieties had only 1 report. Of all varieties reported, Veteran's Honor had the most, thirteen (13) and Gemini was next with eleven (11).

### BIG ROSES --- Garden Rating

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Variety</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Plants</u>	<u>Reports</u>
1.	Knockout	Sh	8.5	9	9
2.	Crimson Boquet	Gr	8.5	10	7
3.	Betty Boop	FI	8.2	11	9
4.	Fourth of July	LCL	8.1	6	5
5.	Mellow Yellow	HT	8.0	10	9
6.	Diana, P.O.W.	HT	8.0	10	5

### BIG ROSES ---- Exhibition Rating

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Variety</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Plants</u>	<u>Reports</u>
1.	Gemini	HT	8.4	22	11
2.	Veteran's Honor	HT	8.3	25	13
3.	Diana, P.O.W.	HT	8.3	10	5
4.	Andrea Stelzer	HT	8.0	11	7
5.	Barbra Streisand	HT	7.8	9	6
6.	Black Magic	HT	7.8	7	5

### MINI ROSES ---- Garden Rating

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Variety</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Plants</u>	<u>Reports</u>
1.	Hilde	Min	8.3	9	5
2.	Sweet Caroline	Min	8.3	5	4
3.	Jilly Jewel	Min	7.8	9	5
4.	Constellation	Min	7.1	8	5

### MINI ROSES ---- Exhibition Rating

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Variety</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Plants</u>	<u>Reports</u>
1.	Hilde	Min	8.5	9	5
2.	Sweet Caroline	Min	8.0	5	4
3.	Jilly Jewel	Min	7.9	9	5
4.	Constellation	Min	7.3	8	5

### Reflection for the day

The footprints of the owner are the best manure for the garden.

ENGLISH PROVERB

## CONSULTING ROSARIAN NEWS

### By Carol Ann Rogers

There are three important issues to be covered in this report. The first is the announcement of a Yankee District Consulting Rosarian School that will take place on May 3, 2003, from 9 AM to 5 PM in the Pond House at Elizabeth Park in Hartford, Connecticut. The criteria for becoming a CR is as follows:

1. Have been a member, either regular or associate, of the American Rose Society for three consecutive years.
2. Be an active member of a local rose society.
3. Must have grown roses of various types for at least 5 years and should be knowledgeable in all equipment and materials related to rose culture.
4. Must provide three letters of recommendation by any three Consulting Rosarians on the form provided by the District CR Chairman.
5. Must attend an ARS school/workshop for Consulting Rosarians and complete an open book examination based on the material contained in the Consulting Rosarian Manual.
6. Must know and be willing to live up to the Consulting Rosarian Guide which includes sharing your knowledge with those less informed on the care of roses and participate in every aspect of the rose society to which they belong as well as furthering the cause and interests of the ARS.
7. Must be willing to attend no less than one Consulting Rosarian School/Seminar in every four-year period. \*
8. Must submit a completed individual report form annually to the District Chairman by the date designated by the District Director.
9. Must exhibit a continuing willingness to share knowledge and an enthusiasm for the rose and the ARS.

Any individual who meets these qualifications may fill out the registration form below and you will in turn receive the appropriate forms to be filled out and documented before the school. Also, the new Consulting Rosarian Manual from which the school will be based is available from the ARS. Call 1-800-637-6534 to order.

\*At the Philadelphia National Convention there were two new resolutions concerning the CR program. The first was to extend the recertification time from three to four years. "This gives all of the persons certified on or before 2003 to be okay until 2004. This group includes those grand-fathered. For those certified after 2000, the anniversary for recertification will be 4 years from the date of the initial certification. For example, if Suzy is initially certified as a CR in 2003, her recertification date is 2007."

The other resolution was to increase the educational options for recertification of current consulting rosarians. "In order to increase options for the educational portion of recertification a credit system is being proposed. During each recertification period, a CR must acquire 4 credits. Credits can be assigned to programs based on relevancy of the subject, scope, complexity and depth of the subject and the credentials of the speaker. Consulting rosarians have opportunities to attend relevant educational programs presented at national, district and local ARS meetings. Presenters are awarded the equal amount of credits." I have some information as to how this system is going to work, and anyone interested can contact me at [turtl-3@snet.net](mailto:turtl-3@snet.net).

As you already know, the annual survey is different this year. I'm looking forward to some interesting responses. I hope to see many of you at the convention in New Hampshire and at our CR School in Connecticut.

---

IN THE LOCAL ROSE SOCIETY according to the ARS Consulting Rosarian Manual, a Consulting Rosarian 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.

---

# YANKEE DISTRICT CONSULTING ROSARIANS

Arthur Emmons  
[disbudder@aol.com](mailto:disbudder@aol.com)  
 860-653-5784 CRS

Theresa Emmons  
[terryprincess@aol.com](mailto:terryprincess@aol.com)  
 860-653-5784 CRS

Steve Rogers  
[srogers07@snet.net](mailto:srogers07@snet.net)  
 860- 563-1835 CRS

Carol Ann Rogers  
[turtl-3@snet.net](mailto:turtl-3@snet.net)  
 860 -563-1835 CRS

Dave Candler  
[DavCandler@aol.com](mailto:DavCandler@aol.com)  
 860-889-0302 CRS

June Berg CRS  
[berparrose@aol.com](mailto:berparrose@aol.com)  
 860-242-8760

David Berg CRS  
[berparrose@aol.com](mailto:berparrose@aol.com)

Donna Fuss  
[dfuss@snet.net](mailto:dfuss@snet.net)  
 860-243-1586 CRS

Michael Fuss  
[mfuss@snet.net](mailto:mfuss@snet.net)  
 860-243-1586 CRS

John P. Mattia  
[jpmattia@aol.com](mailto:jpmattia@aol.com)  
 203-795-5427 CRS

Daniel Cotton  
[dancotton@att.net](mailto:dancotton@att.net)  
 860-434-5033 CRS

Daniel Russo CRS  
[drramblerroses@aol.co](mailto:drramblerroses@aol.co)  
 860-621-5444

Mimi Herald CRS  
[mimiherald@snet.net](mailto:mimiherald@snet.net)  
 203-778-0394

Wally Parsons CRS  
[WParso@cs.com](mailto:WParso@cs.com)  
 413- 572 0639 CRS

MarthaParsons CRS  
[WParso@cs.com](mailto:WParso@cs.com)  
 413-572 0639 CRS

Mrs. Martha Chapin  
[mrchapin@rcn.com](mailto:mrchapin@rcn.com)  
 978-827-5221 NERS

Audrey Osborn  
[caperose@attbi.com](mailto:caperose@attbi.com)  
 508-430-5329 LCRS

William Osborn  
[ozrose@attbi.com](mailto:ozrose@attbi.com)  
 508-430-5329 LCRS

Clarence E. Rhodes  
 207-772-8788 MERS

Manuel Mendes NERS  
[bettybigboy@attbi.com](mailto:bettybigboy@attbi.com)  
 781-828-2613

Marion Cafferky NERS  
[herselfmec@country.net](mailto:herselfmec@country.net)  
 508-384-2834

Joseph Cafferky NERS  
[herselfmec@ncounty.ne](mailto:herselfmec@ncounty.ne)  
 508-384-2834

David CannistraroNERS  
[fastboat99@juno.com](mailto:fastboat99@juno.com)  
 978-897-9448

Catherine Beyer NERS  
[bie@attbi.com](mailto:bie@attbi.com)  
 781-273-0457

Malcom Lowe NHRS  
[loweroses@aol.com](mailto:loweroses@aol.com)  
 603-888-2214

Mrs. Teresita McKeown  
[temckeown@msn.com](mailto:temckeown@msn.com)  
 603-654-2402 NHRS

Joel Mascott NHRS  
[jmascott@hotmail.com](mailto:jmascott@hotmail.com)  
 603-673-0754

John Waterman NHRS  
[roses4me2@juno.com](mailto:roses4me2@juno.com)  
 978-658-5957

Mike Chute RIRS  
[mikechute@aol.com](mailto:mikechute@aol.com)  
 401-433-3270

Joseph Kolis RIRS  
 401-739-6103

Carole Cohen NHRS  
 603-563-0244  
[Car42mx@cs.com](mailto:Car42mx@cs.com)

Ed Cunningham  
[edcps116@cox.net](mailto:edcps116@cox.net)  
 401-728-1786 RIRS

Patsy Cunningham  
[pathaml@home.com](mailto:pathaml@home.com)  
 401-728-1786 RIRS

Rod Banach NERS  
[massrose@yahoo.com](mailto:massrose@yahoo.com)  
 508-820-0793

Gene Bliska CRS  
 203-531-9471

Robert Kelsey CRS  
 860-667-1079

David R. Long CRS  
 860-434-5522

Joan Brazzell CRS  
 203-377-3116

James Brazzell CRS  
 203-377-3116

William Turull CRS  
 860-289-6517

Nancy Mixer CRS  
 860-561-2456

Elizabeth Morin CRS  
 203-271-2487

Alexander Kopper CRS  
 860-658-4740

Karen Roderick NERS  
 508-866-7032

Judy Garrard NERS  
 508-866-7032

Susan Breed NERS  
 508-359-6988

Martin Brower MERS  
 207-833-0036

Lillian Brower MERS  
 207-833-0036

James Denman NERS  
 508-485-8753

Janet Diorio NERS  
 978-658-8841

Ryk Tyszka Jackson  
 508-487-6628 NERS

George Doorakian  
 781-275-2343 NERS

Emanuel Brochu NHRS  
 603-225-5816

Elinor Hauff CRS  
 203-834-1527

Gilbert Hauff CRS  
 203-834-1527

Sam Goldstein CRS  
 860-236-1398

Marcy Martin CRS  
 860-298-8663

Benjamin Condran  
 603-778-7567 NHRS

John Osier MERS  
 207-832-5863

CRS – Connecticut R.S.

LCRS – Lower Cape R.S.

NERS – New England  
 Rose Society

NHRS – New Hampshire  
 Rose Society

MERS – Maine R.S.

RIRS – Rhode Island  
 Rose Society

QuickTime™ and a TIFF (uncompressed) decompressor are needed to see this picture.

According to the Consulting Rosarian Manual, Consulting Rosarians are expected to enthusiastically inspire a love and appreciation of roses, secure new ARS members, grow many classes of roses, be knowledgeable in all aspects of rose culture and help others by sharing their knowledge.

---

## Judging News in the Yankee District

by Terry Emmons

The Yankee District will host a Horticultural Judging School at the Harwich Community Center on Cape Cod on Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. This judging school is mandatory for becoming an ARS Apprentice Horticultural judge, and ultimately an approved judge.

Qualifications to be an ARS judge are: you must have been a member of ARS for 36 months before the school, grow roses outdoors, have successfully won at least 2 classes in an ARS rose show, have won 5 blue ribbons in 5 different shows and have clerked at least 3 times. The criteria may seem stringent but this assures good quality judges.

Interested rose growers need not meet the criteria or even wish to become a judge to attend the school. The school will be open to all ARS members on a non-test audit basis. And, the school is an excellent place to learn more about growing and exhibiting roses.

For more information, please contact Terry Emmons at 860-653-5784 or [terryprincess@aol.com](mailto:terryprincess@aol.com)

---

## YANKEE DISTRICT OUTSTANDING JUDGE

In 2002, The Yankee District awarded its Outstanding Judge Award to Ryk Tyszka-Jackson of Provincetown, Mass. Ryk has been a judge for over 8 years and is known for his knowledge and generosity.

He is always willing to teach and explain his decisions as he encourages others to do the same. He travels widely as a judge and has been known to judge shows alone when small, fledgling societies are developing their shows. Ryk is a pleasure to work with and never over-bearing, yet strong in his convictions. In short, Ryk is an outstanding judge.

---

## Yankee District Award Winners

The Yankee District Silver Honor Medal was proudly presented to Susan Mascott.

The Yankee District Outstanding Consulting Rosarian Award was presented to Oz & Audrey Osborn

Local societies presenting awards to members were as follows:

The Connecticut Rose Society presented the Bronze Medal to Sam Goldstein.

The Lower Cape Rose Society presented the Bronze Medal to Bob Trumble.

The New Hampshire Rose Society presented the Bronze Medal to Joel Mascott.

The Rhode Island Rose Society presented the President's Award to Angie & Mike Chute.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!**

---

## District Treasury Summary Report

1/1/02 to 12/31/02

By Steve Rogers, Treasurer

We had a beginning balance of \$3505.07. Income during the period was \$4714.90 (Spring Convention: \$3152.90, Fall Convention: \$1562.00). Expenses for the period were \$2978.81 (Newsletter: \$643.68, District Awards: \$140.78, Web Site: \$95.40, Fall Convention: \$1350.00, 2003 CR School: \$200.00, District Committee expenses: \$48.95, 2004 convention deposit: \$500.00). As of 12/31/02 we have an ending balance of \$5241.16. Additionally, we have \$500.00 on deposit for the 2003 Spring convention.



Steve keeps an eye on Yankee funds!

---

# **The New Hampshire Rose Society and The Yankee District of The American Rose Society invite you to the annual Yankee District Convention**

**March 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup>, 2003 at the Sheraton Nashua Hotel in Nashua, New Hampshire**

Come join us for our annual fun and entertainment-filled weekend preparing ourselves for another exciting year in the rose garden. Every year New England area rosarians gather for a casual and information -packed weekend which comes just as we complete our winter hibernation. We'll enjoy great speakers from around the USA and it's a wonderful time to meet old and new friends.

Old and new friends begin gathering on Friday afternoon in the lobby or nearby and Friday night dinner is on your own. There's an excellent hotel restaurant or several great places nearby. You'll want to eat early because we'll all get together later in the evening for casual conversation and discussions in the Hospitality Suite.

Saturday is filled with excellent programs. (See the other side of this flyer for details and schedule.) We'll begin the day with a slide presentation on New England rose gardens by New Hampshire's own Joel Mascott. Following Joel we are lucky to have Dr. Cathy Neal, an Extension Professor with the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension Service who will talk about Back to Basics: Understanding Soils and Fertilization. The morning will end with Lois Fowkes, an accomplished rose grower and flower arranger who will present a very interesting and useful program on Rose Arranging from the practical and basic perspective. (Lois gave this presentation last year to the Connecticut Rose Society and received raves!)

We will break for a luncheon around noon. After the break we'll hear from Ed Griffith on 'The Wonderful World of Roses'. Ed currently serves as the American Rose Society's Deep South District Director but he has traveled around the world to visit rose gardens and rose friends. Ed is an accomplished speaker and a great friend of the American Rose Society. We'll conclude the day's programs with Rod Banach showing us how to control the dreaded Spider Mite with a water wand. Rod and his wife Ember have recently moved to Worcester but previously fought mites on their roses in Alabama and Washington state.

At 6 pm we'll meet for an hour of cash bar cocktails followed by our annual dinner and Awards banquet. We are trying something new this year. In an effort to keep the enthusiasm and energy high, we will not have a dinner speaker but we'll complete our raffle and traditional rose auction at the dinner. This will allow us to retire to the Hospitality Suite earlier.

On Sunday morning, from 8 to 9 am, enjoy a served breakfast followed by the Annual Yankee District Meeting, (9:30—11:00).

Please call now and reserve your room at the Sheraton Nashua Hotel (1-603-888-9970) and receive the special room rate of \$89. plus tax.) Reference the Yankee District Rose Convention when you call for reservations. (Cancellations must be made at least 72 hours prior to arrival.) Only a limited number of rooms are available at this special price. Prices for the meals noted above are listed on the registration form below. See you in Nashua!

If you have any questions regarding the convention, call co-chairs Tess McKeown (603-654-2402 or [temckeown@msn.com](mailto:temckeown@msn.com)) or Art Emmons (860-653-5784 or [disbudder@aol.com](mailto:disbudder@aol.com))

## ***2003 Yankee District Convention Schedule***

Sheraton Nashua Hotel, 11 Tara Boulevard, Nashua, New Hampshire (1-603-888-9970)  
Exit #1 off Route 3 (From Rte. 3 South, take a right off exit and hotel is on right. From Rte. 3 North, take a left off exit and hotel is on right).

### ***Friday, March 14th:*** Hospitality Suite

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Registration

6:00 pm - midnight Hospitality Suite Open

### ***Saturday, March 15th:*** Balsam Room (off Main Lobby)

8:30 - 9:00 am Registration

9:00 am Welcome

9:15 - 10:00 am Joel Mascott — Slide Show 'Yankee Rose Gardens'

10:15 - 11:00 am Lois Fowkes— 'Practical Rose Arrangements'

11:00 - 11:15 am Coffee Break (coffee, tea, juices and water)

11:15 - 12:00 pm Dr. Cathy Neal— 'Basics of Fertilization'

12:00 - 1:30 pm Luncheon

1:45 - 2:45 pm Ed Griffith, Jr. - 'Wonderful World of Roses'

3:00 - 4:00 pm Rod Banach — 'Spider Mites and Water Wand'

6:00 - 7:00 pm Social hour – Cash bar and hors d'oeuvres

7:00 - 10:00pm Awards Dinner

Raffle, Yankee District Awards

Rose Auction

9:00 – midnight Hospitality Suite Open

### ***Sunday, March 16th:***

8:00 am – 9:00 am Breakfast

9:00 am – 11:30 am Annual Yankee District Meeting

12 noon Check out time

## **ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS**

**Joel Mascott:** Veteran Consulting Rosarian from New Hampshire and Chairman of the District New Products Committee, will present a slide show on members Rose Gardens.

**Lois Fowkes:** New York Regional Director of the ARS and award winning rose arranger will teach and demonstrate practical methods for making beautiful rose arrangements for the home.

**Dr. Cathy Neal:** Horticulturist associated with the University of New Hampshire will speak about 'The Basics of Fertilization'

**Ed Griffith, Jr:** Deep South District Director of ARS, world rose traveler and currently a candidate for American Rose Society President will speak about the 'The Wonderful World of Roses'

**Rod Banach:** Seasoned rose grower and recent transplant to new England from tropical Alabama will speak on how to combat those pesky spider mites with a water wand.





# WHAT GOES AROUND COMES AROUND

By Audrey Osborn

How could a girl born in Tewksbury who grew up in Brockton, have fond memories of Cape Cod and roses? Clara Benson is just that person.

"I was a little girl, and one of my best friends moved to the Bass River section of Dennis. She invited me to spend a week with her family. My mum said I could go, but I must bring my violin and promise to practice every day."

Violins and roses are still a prominent aspect of Clara's life eighty years later. Her husband Stanley played first violin for the Boston Symphony Orchestra, and Clara, at age 87, still teaches violin. Roses adorn her yard and every room of her house in Eastham.

On her first visit to her little friend Josephine's house, Clara expected to smell cookies fresh out of the oven when Josephine's mother called. Instead, Clara smelled roses. "Such a wonderful smell. Some day when I grow up, my house will smell like roses, rather than garlic. I want a house with roses!"

Clara and Stanley's life revolved around each other and the violin. They were attuned to their music, as well as to each other. Before they married, Stanley played in the orchestra at Chatham Bars Inn, and Clara waited tables. One day Clara found a beautiful candlestick in a small shop called the Swinging Basket. She couldn't wait to show it to Stanley. Imagine her surprise when Stanley had already purchased the matching candlestick, thinking to himself what a handsome piece it was. The pair of candlesticks grace a corner in Clara's living room today.

It was by accident years later that Clara came face-to-face with roses. In 1959 Stan was playing Pops with the Boston Symphony Orchestra and Clara accompanied him into Town. Horticulture Hall was across the street from Symphony Hall. Clara decided to sit out the performance that night to once again "smell the roses".

The roses were beautiful, so many of them! The people, so enthusiastic about their roses, were just so welcoming. The New England Rose Society had a new member, and today, forty three years later, Clara still grows roses, and still belongs to the American Rose Society, and on Cape Cod, the Lower Cape

Rose Society.

"I grew many of the classic roses of the day: Helen Traubel, Parade, Duet, Sutter's Gold, and Electron to name a few".

Stanley loved the rose garden, but it was Clara who did the work. Prison work, is what Stanley called gardening, although he enjoyed bringing guests to visit. Arthur Fiedler's favorite rose was Chicago Peace. He said, "It was the most beautiful rose he had ever seen in his life."

Clara and Stanley retired to Cape Cod in 1976, bringing many of the roses from their home in Newtonville to Cape Cod. Karl Jones, a renowned rose grower from Rhode Island, gave Clara some roses that would "flourish" on the Cape. Chaplain's Pink, Cadenza, Illusion, Ilse Krone Superior, were a few of the roses given to her by Karl. Today, thirty-six years later, they are still winning blue ribbons at local rose shows.

Clara always believed in the saying, "What goes around, comes around." One of her granddaughters recently visited from Texas. Unexpectedly one day she said to her grandmother, "I just love coming to your home. It always smells like roses".



Clara still takes time to smell the roses

(continued from page one)

On May 3, 2003 rosarians from around New England and the Northeast will come together for a one-day American Rose Society Consulting Rosarian school at Elizabeth Park in Hartford. There are specific requirements to become an ARS certified Consulting Rosarians but all lovers of the rose are welcome to attend. There's more information elsewhere in 'The Rose Window' about the CR School.

On September 5, 2003 the Yankee District will host a school to become an American Rose Society Horticultural Judge in Harwichport, Mass. Again there are specific requirements that must be met to become a judge but judging ARS rose shows is loads of fun and really allows one to see the complete beauty of the rose.

June is packed with rose shows around New England and one of the best will be The Rhode Island Rose Society and Yankee District Rose Show in Providence RI at Roger Williams Park on Saturday June 21. There truly are many rose related events this year and I hope we see you at some of them. But I'd like to take a few moments and tell you about some of the great times we had last year with roses.

From Maine right through Connecticut, there's a crazy and obsessed rose grower around every corner. This year we had the joy of seeing a good number of our friends' rose gardens in every New England state except Vermont. And, while we didn't get to Quebec this year, it shouldn't be forgotten that Quebec is also part of the Yankee District. Maybe this year we'll visit the fantastic Botanical Garden in Montreal!

I had the great pleasure of speaking to the two Maine Rose Societies (Mid-Maine and The Maine Rose Society) in Portland. An outstanding, excited and packed audience should have been enough satisfaction but what a joy it was to see Clarence Rhodes' legendary container garden of roses. Clarence grows some of the biggest and most vigorous hybrid teas in large containers in his driveway. He's become a Portland Maine attraction!

Speaking engagements in New Hampshire, Connecticut and Massachusetts also impressed us with warm audiences and visits to local outstanding gardens. In March I'm speaking to the Rhode Island Rose Society so the only New England state left would be Vermont....but, we can't forget Quebec!

There were many wonderful rose outings and events in 2002 but I'd like to tell you briefly about one very special weekend. On September 7<sup>th</sup> the Lower Cape Rose Society hosted the Yankee District Rose Show at the Harwich Community Center on Cape Cod. The weather on the Cape was absolutely stunning and the Community Center is one of the best meeting facilities available. The show was fantastic with many beautiful roses. Congratulations to the Shelley family of Rhode Island for an outstanding result including winning the District McFarland, Hybrid tea Queen and the National Portland Rose Bowl which can only be won in New England every 17 years.

Outside the Community Center is a new rose garden with hundreds of different roses and it looks great. The Lower Cape folks have created a real gem. And, on that September weekend the shrub roses and floribunda were just loaded with blooms. Great programs and speakers were held throughout the day and the events finished with an incredible clam bake on the beach. I don't believe a Hollywood producer could have improved the moment or the memory. On behalf of all of us that enjoyed this great weekend, I'd like to thank Audrey and 'Oz' Osborn and the entire Lower Cape Rose Society for having us.

This is my third year as Yankee District Director and I've decided to run again for the position. I have been truly honored to serve you all but also to simply mingle and enjoy roses with you. Terry, (my wife), and I have enjoyed roses for 17 years together and the American Rose Society and local rose society activities are an important part of our lives. Thank you for letting me serve you.

And now, I'm going back to the window to watch more snow pile up!

Art

**CONSULTING ROSARIAN SCHOOL REGISTRATION**  
**May 3, 2003 - Hartford, CT**

**Please fill out and mail to the address below along with a check for the \$12 registration fee made out to ARS Yankee District before March 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**Please check one:**

**I am already a Consulting Rosarian and want to attend the school to re-certify.  
(NO FEE REQUIRED)**

**I am applying for appointment as a Consulting Rosarian (Refer to above article)**

**Signed \_\_\_\_\_**

**Please print:      Name: \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Street: \_\_\_\_\_**  
**City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Phone: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Mail to: Carol Ann Rogers, 63 Dusty Lane, Wethersfield, CT 06109      (860) 563-1835**

---

**Convention Registration Form**

**Deadline: March 1, 2003**

**Send Convention Form to: NHRS Yankee District Convention, Marion Cafferky, Box 466, Wrentham, MA 02093. Make checks payable to NHRS Yankee District Convention**

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Address : \_\_\_\_\_**

<b>Registration Fee for Sat. Programs (Prior to 3/1/03)</b>	_____ person(s) x \$30.	= \$ _____
<b>Registration Fee For Sat. Programs (After 3/1/03)</b>	_____ person(s) x \$40.	= \$ _____
<b>Luncheon</b>	_____ person(s) x \$18.	= \$ _____
<b>Saturday Awards Dinner</b>	_____ person(s) x \$35.	= \$ _____
<b>Sunday Plated Breakfast</b>	_____ person(s) x \$14.	= \$ _____

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

## **REFUND POLICY: No Refunds after March 7, 2003.**

### **“YOU GOT MIDGE” by Audrey Osborn**

Uncovering my roses this spring, I felt a sense of renewal. The Northeast where I live had a relatively mild winter and my roses showed little or no dieback. Mulch removed, pruning completed, the first granular fertilizer had been applied and watered in. Now I could catch my breath and watch my roses grow. Everything proceeded on schedule, new basal breaks, ample rain, nice warm weather, in fact, a few May days in the mid 80s – followed by a 26 degree morning. In the weeks that followed, I had to prune several canes that died back right to the ground. Many new leaves were toasted, along with future blooms. The weeks that followed brought more discouraging signs. Although I maintained a strict spray program, (alternating Funginex, Orthonex, Dacolnil and Immunox) and also fed my roses with granular and liquid fertilizer, I was able to contribute only a few roses to my society's annual spring rose show. My rose beds were a “sea of green” healthy rose bushes, no diseases, and no flowers!! “My rose bushes look great but ... I have no flowers. What am I doing wrong?”

Upon careful examination of my damaged buds, I noticed a tiny brown area which looked almost burned, right where the bud should be growing. I knew I had to do some research, and soon discovered “I had midge”, but what is midge, and how do I get rid of it? Rose midge is actually called *DASINEURA RHODOPHAGA*, and it is a tiny fly that lays eggs in the buds and shoots of roses. It is a legless fly larvae about 1/16 inch in length. As the larvae feeds on the vegetative bud, it causes misshapen, bent and dying flower buds. The flower buds and leaflets turn brown, and finally fall off, leaving healthy looking plants, but no flowers.

To eradicate this pest from the garden, one must understand the life cycle of this critter. The insect over winters as a pupa in a cocoon in the soil beneath the rose plant which was infected the previous summer. If the soil stays cool the following spring, the initial bloom cycle may not be infected, as the emergence of the insect depends on the warmth of the soil. The female midge lays her eggs beneath the sepals of the flower buds. The eggs hatch in two to three days, and immediately begin feeding making many slashes in the bud or leaf tissue, where they extract sap causing death to the tissue. There may be as many as twenty larvae on a single bud, and these larvae mature in less than a week. At that time, they drop to the ground to pupate, or in warm weather, they often pupate right on the dying bud. The complete life cycle is approximately two weeks.

I spread Diazinon granules to the soil, watered in well, in conjunction with Orthene sprayed on the plant. Any sign of infestation was removed to a plastic bag, and taken to the landfill, so as not to pupate in other areas of my garden. I have examined my roses almost daily for any further signs of infestation, and have been pleased with the results of my treatment.

### **MINUTES OF THE YANKEE DISTRICT MEETING, SEPTEMBER 8, 2002**

Meeting was called to order at approximately 10:30 AM on the beach at the South Dennis Yacht Club by Art Emmons, District Director. The treasurer's report was presented by Steve Rogers and accepted. End of the year balance was \$5,718.51, \$200 advanced for CR School in May 2003; \$500 advanced to NHS for March convention. Nominating/Prizes & Awards: The three district trophies need to be cleaned up and engraved and updated with information. It was proposed to spend up to \$500 to update the three trophies. The McFarland needs a new plaque, as there is not enough room to add new names. We will focus on the AARS after the other two are done. Donna Fuss will check with the company that the park uses for plaques and engraving. Judging School will be held September 7<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> at the Pond House at Elizabeth Park. Art would host the District Meeting later in the afternoon. There will be a 3-4 hour judging seminar. If there is interest, we will have a judging school. Mike Fuss mentioned there should be a short article in every local newsletter to see if there is interest within the District for a judging school. We would need six qualified people to commit so we could prepare for a school. Donna Fuss suggested we could have a school and show separate from the society rose show. Please get information back to Terry Emmons. Arrangement Judges: Martha Chapin said there is a resurgence in arrangements. There will be an arrangement program by Lois Fowkes at the New Hampshire convention in March 2003. If you put arrangements in your show, please send a copy of the show schedule to Martha. Consulting Rosarians: Carol Ann Rogers told us there will be a Consulting Rosarian School May 3, 2003 at Elizabeth Park. Qualifications will be published in the District newsletter. Art said CRs must be willing to have their phone numbers and email addresses published so you can be available to the public. Newsletter: Audrey

Osborn asked to have submissions in to her by December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2002. Website: Patsy Cunningham asked for material to be sent to her to be posted on the website. RIR; Clarence Rhodes stated that the deadline for reporting online is September 26, 2002. Everyone filling out a report will receive a report. Requirement for CRs. Angie Chute gave us a "roadmap" of information for running a district convention. 2003 convention – Nashua, New Hampshire. Tessie hopes local societies will donate items for the raffle. 2004 convention will be held the third weekend in March, 2004. District Rose Show will be hosted by Rhode Island on June the 21<sup>st</sup>, Roger Williams Park, Providence. Art said that there will be three rose shows in our District on June 21<sup>st</sup>. The following day, (June 22<sup>nd</sup>) will be Connecticut. Local societies must assume they will have a problem securing judges

DISTRICT DIRECTOR

Art Emmons (1st Term)  
49 Day Street PO Box 703  
Granby, CT 06035  
PHONE: 860-653-5784  
[disbudder@aol.com](mailto:disbudder@aol.com)

PRIZES and AWARDS

Mike Chute  
64 Forbes Street  
E. Providence, RI 02915  
PHONE: 401-433-3270  
[mikechute@aol.com](mailto:mikechute@aol.com)

BULLETIN EDITOR

Audrey Osborn  
12 Scotch Pine Farm  
E. Harwich, MA 02645  
PHONE: 508-430-5329  
[caperose@attbi.com](mailto:caperose@attbi.com)

NEW PRODUCTS EVALUATION

Joel Mascott  
10 Cranberry Lane  
Brookline, NH 03033  
PHONE: 603-673-0754  
[jpmascott@hotmail.com](mailto:jpmascott@hotmail.com)

LEADERSHIP

Marion E. Cafferky  
Box 466  
Wrentham, MA  
PHONE: 508-384-2834  
[herselfmec@country.net](mailto:herselfmec@country.net)

ARRANGEMNT JUDGE CHAIR

Martha Chapin  
200 Lake Road  
Ashburnham, MA 01430  
PHONE: 978-827-5221  
[mrchapin@rcn.com](mailto:mrchapin@rcn.com)

SECRETARY

Sue Mascott  
10 Cranberry Lane  
Brookline, NH 03033  
PHONE: 603-673-0754  
[smascott@hotmail.com](mailto:smascott@hotmail.com)

ROSES IN REVIEW

Clarence Rhodes  
1128 Capisic Street  
Portland, ME 04102  
PHONE: 207-772-8788  
no email

MEMBERSHIP

Nancy Edgar  
97 Hallville Road  
Exeter, RI 02822  
PHONE: 401-295-1832  
[Naffe99@aol.com](mailto:Naffe99@aol.com)

TREASURER

Steve Rogers  
63 Dusty lane  
Wethersfield,CT 06109  
PHONE: 860-563-1835  
[Srogers07@snet.net](mailto:Srogers07@snet.net)

CONSULTING ROSARIAN

Carol Ann Rogers  
63 Dusty Lane  
Wethersfield, CT 06109  
PHONE: 860-563-1835  
[turtl-3@snet.net](mailto:turtl-3@snet.net)

HORTICULTURE JUDGES

Terry Emmons  
49 Day Street PO Box 703  
Granby, CT 06035  
860-653-5784  
[terryprincess@aol.com](mailto:terryprincess@aol.com)

WEBSITE ([www.arsyankee.org](http://www.arsyankee.org))

Patsy Cunningham  
54 Mt. Vernon Blvd  
Pawtucket, RI 02861  
PHONE: 401-728-1786  
[patham@cox.net](mailto:patham@cox.net)

Societies please note: Send info to be posted on  
this website for activities or announcements

LOCAL ROSE SOCIETY PRESIDENTS

CONNECTICUT - Dan Cotton 79 Sill Lane P.O. Box 1000, Old Lyme, CT 06371 860-434-5033  
[103657.1711@compuserve.com](mailto:103657.1711@compuserve.com)

LOWER CAPE - Audrey Osborn 12 Scotch Pine Farm, East Harwich, MA 02645 508-430-5329  
[caperose@attbi.com](mailto:caperose@attbi.com)

MAINE - Frank O'Connor 28 Cumberland Avenue, Portland, ME 04101 207-774-6726  
[foconnor@maine.rr.com](mailto:foconnor@maine.rr.com)

## WORDS FROM THE EDITOR

By Audrey Osborn

According to ARS and Yankee District records, there are literally hundreds of people belonging to the ARS who do not belong to a local rose society, leading me to ask the question, "Why not?" What are some of the reasons for becoming a member of a rose society? Local rose societies offer a wealth of information. For instance:

- ❖ Hands on learning experience
- ❖ How to prune, when to prune
- ❖ Best soil structure for roses; pH most suitable
- ❖ Spray programs: What to spray for. What does blackspot, mildew look like? How often do I spray? What equipment do I use? Goggles, gloves? Sprayer? What chemical or concoction works best?
- ❖ Fertilization – Organic? Granular? Liquid? When? How often?
- ❖ Interested in making additions to your rose garden? Use your ARS Handbook and join a local society's group rose order. Discounts are often substantial and it's beneficial to learn what roses are grown in your area. Members in local rose societies are often recognized by local merchants offering various discounts on rose related products.
- ❖ Another great reason simply put was summed up by our District Director, Art Emmons: "For me the single strongest reason to join a rose society is to simply enjoy the beauty of the rose with others like-minded. It gives us all an opportunity to chat and share our great hobby."

### YANKEE DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

NANCY EDGAR (401) 295-1832 [Naffe99@aol.com](mailto:Naffe99@aol.com)

### CONNECTICUT ROSE SOCIETY Hartford

Meets the first Sunday of the month, September-June at the Pond House, Elizabeth Park, W. Hartford at 2:30 pm  
Dues are \$15 household  
Contact : Linda Cotton, PO Box 1000, Old Lyme, CT 06371

### LOWER CAPE ROSE SOCIETY – Cape Cod

Usually meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday morning of the month at the Harwich Community Center, Harwich. Dues are \$20  
Contact: Ginny Trumble (508)255-9556  
[rvtrumble@aol.com](mailto:rvtrumble@aol.com)

### MAINE ROSE SOCIETY - Portland

Second Sunday of the month at the Barron Center, Portland. Dues are \$10.  
Contact: Claire Holman, 134 Capisic St. Portland, ME

### MID-MAINE ROSE SOCIETY

First Sunday of the month except January and August.  
Dues \$10 individual; \$15 family.  
Contact: Shirley Ross, P.O. Box 1161, Waldoboro, ME 04572

### NEW ENGLAND ROSE SOCIETY Waltham,

Usually meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month, occasional Tuesday evenings. Dues are \$20.  
Contact: Manny Mendes, Jr. (781) 828-2613  
[bettybigboy@attbi.com](mailto:bettybigboy@attbi.com)

### NEW HAMPSHIRE ROSE SOCIETY - rotating meeting

places. Once a month during the growing season, beginning in April. Dues: \$12 individual; \$15 family  
Contact: Susan Mascott (603) 673-0754  
[smascott@hotmail.com](mailto:smascott@hotmail.com)

### RHODE ISLAND ROSE SOCIETY - Providence

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month. Roger Williams Park, Providence. Dues are \$20  
Contact: Linda Kammerer


## FREQUENTLY ASKED ROSE QUESTION

QUESTION: When should I prune my roses? ANSWER: When the forsythia blooms in your yard.

- TIP: Use by-pass pruners, rather than anvil pruners to avoid "crushing canes".
- A small sharpener bought at the hardware store keeps your pruners sharpened.
- Alcohol swabs are handy to keep your pruners from spreading disease from bush-to-bush

### THE FIVE D'S OF PRUNING

- DORMANCY – early spring, before bud eyes break
- DEAD – remove any dead wood, or old, non-productive canes
- DAMAGED – bruised, split, broken
- DISEASED – canker, a parasitic fungus, causing lesions
- DESIGN – encourage strong new canes, get rid of crossing canes that rub together



Yankee District Rose  
Show  
June 21<sup>st</sup>  
Providence, R.I.

**YANKEE DISTRICT BUSINESS  
MEETING,  
ON THE BEACH IN SOUTH DENNIS  
CAPE COD, MASSACHUSETTS  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2008**





