

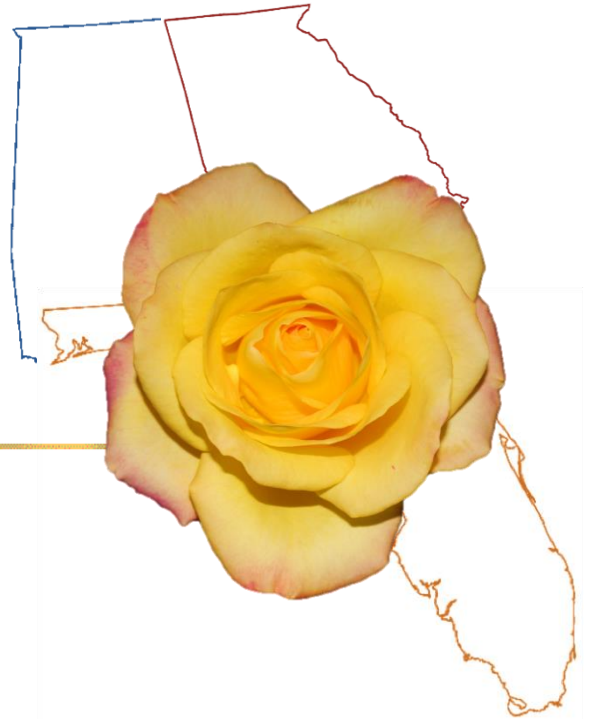
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District Director's Report



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I have just returned from the Deep South District's Mid-Winter meeting January 18-20, 2013, in Gainesville. Although we had slightly fewer registered attendees than last year, it was a great success. This year the meeting was hosted by your Deep South District leaders. The meeting started with a well-attended arrangement workshop on Friday followed by a buffet on Friday night. We were entertained by Mike Boulware, curator from the University of Florida Butterfly Rainforest Garden, who spoke on butterfly-friendly plants and companion plants for rose gardens.

The programs on Saturday featured Gaye Hammond from the Houston Rose Society who updated us on the EarthKind® research programs going on around the country. She was followed by our ARS Vice President Pat Shanley from Long Island, New York, who delivered her program on sustainable rose growing without the use of artificial chemicals. We were all feeling a little more eco-friendly afterwards. Our own Assistant District Director, Phil Paul, presented another program in our series of helping to grow our local rose societies. He offered great ideas to enhance the membership and participation of local rose societies. I hope to see many of these ideas implemented in the coming year. Our final presentation was Sandy's Picks presented by Ralph Stream, featuring the roses selected by Sandy Lundberg to watch for in the coming season.

The Saturday programs were followed by the annual banquet where the Bronze Medal winners from the local societies were recognized and congratulated. A list of the Bronze medal winners appears elsewhere in **The Bulletin**. The Anita Smith Award for Outstanding Service to the Deep South District was awarded to Kitsy Mostellar, who was recognized for her long-standing service to our district, including serving as a past District Director. Kitsy spoke of fond remembrances of her special friendship with Anita Smith for whom the award is named. Pat Shanley, our keynote

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speaker, spoke on the future of the American Rose Society. She asked us to support her efforts as Chair of the Marketing Committee to promote the ARS in our local societies and the efforts of the new Chair of the Membership Committee, Diane Sommers, to find new and innovative ways of increasing membership. She noted that most ARS members are not members of local rose societies, so we have a fertile garden in our local societies to find new members.



Pat Shanley

Ralph Stream, our chair of Consulting Rosarians, hosted a school on Sunday for those desiring to audit the course and those who wanted to take the exam to become a Consulting Rosarian in the district. Local societies need to encourage their members to become Consulting Rosarians. These knowledgeable persons play a critical role in local societies to deliver good and current rose growing information to their local members and to the public.

The good news is that the Greater Atlanta Rose Society, the Greater Gwinnett Rose Society, and the South Metro Rose Society have agreed to jointly host the 2014 Mid-Winter Meeting. Stay tuned for updates on their plans.

We still have no offers from a society to host a fall 2013 convention for the Deep South District. This will be the first time in 53 years that we will not have a fall meeting. If you have any interest in helping the district host a fall meeting, please contact Jean Stream to volunteer. If she receives enough volunteers, it may be possible for us as a district to put together a convention. If she does not hear from enough volunteers to make it practical to hold such an event, then a local society hosting a fall rose show may apply to have the district awards as a part of their rose show. The local society would have to arrange for the delivery of the awards and the return of the awards to our awards chairperson, Mary Maud Sharpe.



Don Schwarz, Nancy Miller, Linda Schuppener, Karen Prevatt, Sara Coleman, Steve Bell, Linda Bohne, and Cindy Dale confer about hosting a midwinter meeting

The American Rose Society will not be hosting a spring convention again this year. The Officers and Directors will be attending a Board of Directors Meeting in Franklin, Tennessee, March 7-9. I will bring you news from the meeting in the next edition of the Bulletin.

Enjoy your spring rose shows and festivals. Remember to volunteer to help your local societies put on these important events in your communities.

Breaking News!

The Greater Palm Beach
Rose Society has agreed to host the
2013 Deep South District Fall Convention and
Rose Show on November 8-10. Plan to be there!

Remembering Eric Yount

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Our good friend and fellow rosarian, Eric Yount, passed away on December 3, 2012. I first met Eric in the late 1990s at the Central Florida Rose Society rose show. I still remember him having a really excellent 'White Success' rose that he was going to enter in the novice class that was better than most of the other roses being exhibited in the whole show. That was the beginning of a storied career as a rose exhibitor that culminated in his winning of the Nicholson Perpetual Challenge Trophy (and other awards) at the American Rose Society National Rose Show; no small feat for a Central Florida grower. Judges likewise are still talking about his great Louise Estes that won the Thomasville Rose Show.



As I passed Eric's house on my way to work, I often stopped for a chat about all things roses. Eric would stop whatever else he was doing and go out in the garden to show me his latest scheme to produce winning roses or show me the new roses that he thought would be future winners. His successful horticultural practices were developed through experimentation and careful analysis of the results. I was impressed by his dedication and drive to produce the best exhibition roses possible, what he termed "power roses". He quickly became the man to beat wherever he exhibited. Eric wasn't secretive about his horticultural practices. I credit his advice for the marked improvement in the quality of roses I have produced in recent years.

I can describe many examples of Eric's use of experimentation and analysis in the development of his horticultural practices. He designed a mist house for grafting. Every time I visited him, it was moved to a new location or the timing of the watering cycle was changed. Ultimately, he found the right spot and the best water cycle to produce over 90% take on grafts. A lot of my roses were produced in that mist house. He put in an automated fertilization system and tried an amazing number of fertilizer combinations to produce better roses. He even convinced me to put in such a system before he finally abandoned that approach for a new one stressing organics. He once built a shade cloth cover for his whole garden to cut down temperatures a bit for bigger blooms.

After all his many wins with hybrid tea roses at the national level, I was surprised while passing his house one day that his whole garden was dug up and its prized hybrid tea bushes placed out for the trash. I stopped and asked what was going on. Eric told me that he felt the timing of future national shows would prevent him from being able to produce competitive entries. But still wanting to compete at the national level, he then replanted his garden in miniatures and minifloras, obtaining mature bushes from Harold Baker's garden. He never developed the same affection for these smaller roses as the hybrid teas so they went away as well. In his last years, Eric talked about replanting hybrid tea roses and he was still active in the national society and as a judge. You will remember that he once served as the president of the Central Florida Rose Society as well.

When I visited him last May, I was floored when he showed me a medical report that stated he suffered from Huntington's disease. This is a lethal, genetic neurological disorder made famous by the case of folksinger Woody Guthrie. In his usual analytical

way, he had researched the disorder and told me how one declines and where he was in this process. It was clear that Eric's time was limited. Still, I was very sad to hear of his passing and will greatly miss our conversations about all kinds of things but mainly roses. He was indeed one of my best rose friends.

Eric's Roses

His winning ARS Nicholson Bowl entry:
*'Let Freedom Ring', 'Pop Warner', 'Moonstone',
 'Veteran's Honor', 'Brooks Red', 'Louise Estes',
 'Big Time', 'Affirm' and 'Mavrik'*
 (in that order, from the left back row)



This article was taken from the January/February 2013 issue of Wind Chimes, the newsletter of the Central Florida Rose Society, Elaine Pawlikowski, Editor.

Thoughts to Grow By

By Eric C. Yount

Growing great roses is easy. Mother Nature has already given the plant the genetics to be outstanding. Your job is not to mess that up. They call it "death by rosarian". If you accept the fact that the rose can only be as good as its genetic potential, then you can relax and have fun. No amount of fertilizer or chemicals can make a rose bush or a bloom better than its genetics. The beauty is already in there so get out of the way and let them grow.

Roses need sun, soil, spray, food and water. A limitation of any of these five will produce less than perfect results.

- ☞ A minimum of six hours of direct sun is required. Eight is a lot better.
- ☞ Good rose soil in Central Florida contains two parts sand to one part organic material. That means about one third organic material by volume or 5% to 7% by weight. That's because sand weighs much more than organic material.
- ☞ Yes, it is easy to have too much organic material. That causes soggy soil resulting in lack of oxygen to the roots. This is a common problem for over-enthusiastic rose growers. Soggy roses are sick roses.
- ☞ Leaves are the reason we spray. Yes, we spray to prevent or kill a specific fungus, but the ultimate goal is lots of nice green leaves. Damaged leaves are less productive or fall off the plant, limiting growth. Chlorophyll is the key to powering your roses. If you have power leaves you will have power roses. Mother Nature's law, not mine. A good spray program is like brushing your teeth. Preventing disease is the key; once you have an established fungus (or cavity) it is a much more painful experience to get rid of it.
- ☞ Fertilization is the most controversial topic of all. Fertilizer sales in our country are in the many billions of dollars. That is big business! All those companies promising to make your plants bigger, greener, healthier.

Having tried almost all types of fertilizers at least ten times along my rose journey (yes, I am a little hard-headed!), I have come to the following conclusions. Hopefully my pain will be your gain.

Generally, organic fertilizers are superior to chemical. They last longer, help build your soil and do not spike the plant as severely as highly refined chemical fertilizers.

I prefer to think of fertilizers as minerals. It is really minerals that we are trying to get to the plant. It is important to remember that your soil and your soil's nutrients are not the same. Rain or irrigation causes nutrients to leach out of your soil, but the soil remains. Highly organic soil may or MAY NOT be highly nutritious soil.

Mushroom compost is the backbone of my organic feed program. It is the discarded waste product of the mushroom farming industry. It is rich in manures and other minerals. I use two to four gallons per bush depending on the size of the plant, twice a year. Mushroom compost is available in bulk at some garden centers; in our area it sells for about \$18 a cubic yard. A cubic yard is 200 gallons.

If you choose to use a liquid feeding program my choice would be Peters 10-30-20 at one tablespoon per gallon or less. It has slightly less nitrogen than most liquid feeds and that is good for the plant. Nitrogen is like tequila. It makes a great margarita but you won't want to drink it straight. Roses like steady, low-power nitrogen. Not highly concentrated shots, that gives them a hangover. Low-power nitrogen comes from Milorganite, a couple of cups per bush, available everywhere.

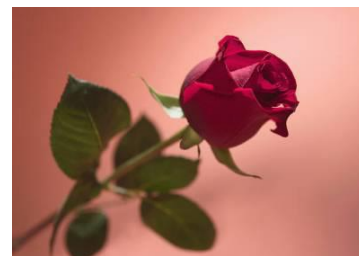
Having done umpteen million soil tests over the years there are a couple of valuable lessons I should pass on. Potassium, calcium, and sulfur are usually in short supply. Potassium particularly has a hard time sticking in our soils. The good news is we have an easy solution. Sulfate of Potash Magnesia or Sul-Po-Mag, as we call it, is an excellent fix for potassium-depleted soils. It also contains sulfur and magnesium, which is a bonus. Gypsum contains both sulfur and calcium. I put this stuff in my fertilizer spreader and feed it to the whole bed. For you a cup per bush every 45 days would be fine. Sul-po-mag and gypsum are available from some agricultural fertilizer suppliers. Ask for granular SPM and pelletized gypsum, less than \$10 per bag. Getting it is harder than using it. [Editor's Note: Remember, this is true for central Florida, but may not be true in your own garden elsewhere in the District!]

Want dark green leaves? Try this combo per bush: ½ cup of Epsom salts (magnesium sulfate), one tablespoon chelated iron, and one tablespoon manganese sulfate. It will make your leaves look like Augusta National.

Water, but not too much, is the key to getting these minerals to the roots of your roses. Irrigation requirements change with the seasons and the weather. In Central Florida we experience everything from droughts to massive hurricanes that swamp us. Generally the tender young tips of your plants will wilt if your soil is too dry. Use that as a guide and use common sense.

Temperature is the key to achieving perfection in your roses. Roses love cooler temperatures. When we get 50 to 60 degrees at night and 70 to 80 degrees during the day, you will see magnificent things happen in your garden. Many blooms will double or triple in size and the color will be much more intense. This phenomenon is part of the genetic makeup of the rose. You cannot affect it, just count your blessings and enjoy the display. Mother Nature's law, not mine.

Pruning is probably the most misunderstood concept for roses grown in Central Florida. Up north dropping temperatures in the fall force the sugars that built up in the rose over the summer down into the roots. When spring comes



these sugars are available to power the rose through its initial growth spurt without leaves. Here our roses are not in dormancy, not even close. So when you whack them down to the ground you severely set the bush back. If it's hot the bush will go into a funk and may never recover. Time and time again I have learned this lesson. Never cut more than one-half off your roses in the spring and never more than one-third in the fall. Do not remove the leaves ever. Mother Nature's law, not mine!

Try to keep in mind that roses are living things. They respond to changes in the weather, too much food, being knocked down (pruned severely), and disease just like we do. If you master the basics of growing good roses you will have that knowledge for life. The beauty of the rose is already genetically in the plant; let them grow and you will be astounded at what they can do.

This article is a tribute to one of the DSD's most valued rosarians, **Eric Yount**, who died December 3, 2012. He was a past-president of the Central Florida Rose Society, very active in growing and showing roses. As well, Eric presented his views on growing roses through numerous articles and talks to various Rose Societies.

Taken from the January 2013 issue of The Golden Isles Rose Society Bulletin, Jean Sucher, Editor. Originally published in the March 2002 edition of *Wind Chimes*, the newsletter of the Central Florida Rose Society. "Thoughts to Grow By" was a regularly occurring series of articles written by Eric Yount, the President of the Central Florida Rose Society, and was published in their newsletter *Wind Chimes*, Eric Yount, Editor.



'Conundrum' Photo by Bobbie Reed

Please plan to attend the Fall 2013 District Convention in West Palm Beach, Florida, on November 8-10, hosted by the Greater Palm Beach Rose Society and Friends. Experience the finest beaches in the world, tour the gardens of the rich and famous, and possibly win an original oil on canvas painting by renowned artist Hope Reis. If you win Queen of show, that is. Check out Hope's web site at www.HopeReis.com to see some of her beautiful paintings.

Latimer C. Farr, Rosarian Extraordinaire

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In 2005 Latimer Farr, Sr., joined the Bradenton-Sarasota Rose Society (B-SRS). Lat was born and raised in Florida and had been growing roses during most of his adult life. Sadly on December 7th Lat passed away peacefully in his Venice, Florida, home.

Lat was born in Wauchula, Florida, in 1928. He attended school there and graduated from Ft. Meade High School. Lat went on to Mars Hill College and later received his degree from Mercer University. He served his country for 17 years in the U.S. Army on both active and reserve duty. He was a Captain in the Korean War. Lat was buried in a private family ceremony in his native Wauchula on December 19th. Services were held in Venice that morning. The services were most uplifting and attendance by an overflow crowd was a perfect example of how Lat was loved by family, friends, church members, rosarians, and members of the Venice community.



Lat was married to Marilyn Kennedy of Bartow, Florida, on October 14, 1956. They

were residents of Ocala, Miami, West Palm Beach, and Venice during their marriage.

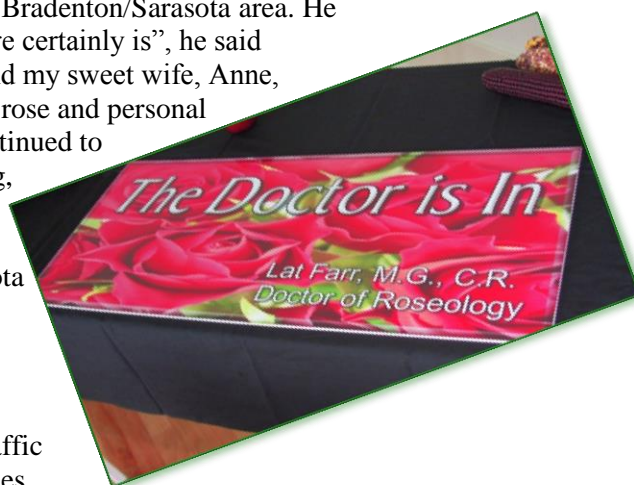
Lat had a very successful insurance business from 1956 to 1992, when he sold his large, independent insurance agency in West Palm Beach. He had a lifelong passion for insurance and was a recognized authority on insurance contracts. Lat was well published and served as an Insurance Professor at Florida Atlantic University.

Lat was a fifth generation Floridian and enjoyed all that Florida had to offer including fishing, hunting, camping and the Florida Gators. Latimer grew up in the First Baptist Church of Wauchula, was a long time member and Deacon of the First Baptist Church of West Palm Beach, and a member of the First Baptist Church in Venice for the past eight years.

We know Latimer best for his love of the rose. He was a Master Gardener and was recognized by the American Rose Society as a "Master Rosarian" in 2010. He authored the book **The Southern Queen**, which is the pre-eminent publication on roses for this area. He also lectured and volunteered at the Mounts Botanical Garden in West Palm Beach.

Shortly after we met in 2005, Lat showed me his book **The Southern Queen** and asked me if there was any need for such a publication in the Bradenton/Sarasota area. He and I had hit it off from the start and when I responded "there certainly is", he said "would you help me get it up to code?" I couldn't say no and my sweet wife, Anne, volunteered to proof the new document. That started a great rose and personal friendship between Marilyn, Lat, Anne, and I which has continued to the present. They both displayed much joy, honesty, sharing, and professionalism in everything they have ever done. It has always been refreshing to spend time with them. He donated the proceeds from his book to the Bradenton-Sarasota Rose Society.

At each event we held in B-SRS Lat would put up the big sign shown at right.



At our first Rose Festival in 2009, Lat was held up in traffic and the ladies of B-SRS helped him get a huge bucket of roses ready for display in record time [photo below right].

Lat worked with Monty Andrews of the City of Venice to add a public rose garden at Venice's Blaylock Park, accomplished with his giving, twisting vendors' arms, and getting friends to help. When my wife won a major award for her efforts in roses, she immediately called Lat first to thank him for being such a great mentor.

Lat was not only good as a rose grower, he was always full of joy and humor and ready to help anyone who asked. He really knew what SHARING meant.

I visited Lat in late November and he said to me as I was leaving what he always said – **"Don't Forget to Smell the Roses!!"** That is a good way for all of us to remember Lat, by doing it every day in all we do for others.



Photos courtesy of Philip Paul, CR

Vice District Director's Report



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I hope you all enjoyed the Mid-Winter Meeting as much as I did. For those of you who couldn't make it, the event was attended by over 140 people and the speakers passed along some excellent information.

In case you weren't there or if you want to review the material, I am busy working with our new webmaster (David Castelli) to get much of the material posted on the DSD Shares site for you. Ralph Stream has asked me to post all the Consulting Rosarian class presentations on Shares as well. What I am doing there is posting two versions; first the actual PowerPoint presentation (useful if you want to present a chapter of the CR manual to your society as suggested in my talk) and second is a PDF version which will be easier if you want to use this material as a reference. I have just completed making these conversions and they should be posted by the time you receive this newsletter. Many of the speakers have given us permission to publish their talks as well. They will also be posted soon.

My talk on "Building Strong Societies in DSD" will be posted both in the Officers' Resources and the Library sections. I want to remind you that in my talk the second page had this warning:

The Contents of This Package Can be Overwhelming

Do Not Try to Implement All At Once

Pick your Best Payoff Areas

Set Priorities over several years

If I had a **first choice** I would go after the Membership area with a vengeance. Some societies say that every member is on the Membership Committee; others leave it to one person. It takes a village to do the membership job right and that means many people, each with a task. One may work the weekly farmers' market, one may work the libraries. (By the way the ARS usually has a great program for working with libraries in June of each year.) This year let's try to work that program into your membership program. One other member might be the greeter/connector at the front door; one more might staff a membership desk at meetings. One more might follow up on renewing first year members, etc. Each task is not overwhelming in itself, and when put together it is a way to get and keep membership.

My **second choice** would be the idea of an annual Consulting Rosarian meeting with a guest speaker. Several of you told me that you didn't have very many CRs. In that case how about teaming up two or more societies to hold such a meeting? You want the CRs to be the "Technical Powerhouse" of your society, so they deserve an update focused on new tools, techniques, chemicals, and practical experiences of others. The CR classes held by the Districts are primarily refreshers and focused on those taking the test. There isn't the time to discuss, compare experiences, and learn new ways to help your members. This idea of an annual CR meeting builds a local team and, if shared between societies, it builds an even broader knowledge base for sharing ideas. Sharing is what the DSD is all about!



'Louise Estes'

Photo by Bobbie Reed

If the above two ideas were all you got done in the first year you would have a better society for sure!

The talk was designed to be an inventory of ideas, not a list that must be implemented. Use what works and discard what doesn't.

ARS & You

Another topic I wanted to cover this quarter is a discussion of a valuable publication by the ARS Local Society Relations Committee that some of you might not be aware of. The publication is the "ARS and You". This publication is **FREE for local society members** and is issued via e-mail. [Editor's Note: it is also available in the **Members Only** section of the ARS website.] Mary Ann Hext from the Tenarky District is the brand new editor and Sue Tiffany is the publisher. Mary and Sue have designed a lively format full of interesting facts about the ARS and articles that can be used in your own newsletters. The January 2013 issue has the following table of features:

- Rose Resolutions
- A message from the President – Jolene Adams
- News from ARS Headquarters
- Steps to renew your **Modern Roses** on-line subscription. An on-line subscription needs to be renewed annually. Here's how.
- Keep those Resolutions
- More Resolutions
- My Favorite Rose
- Roses Down Under
- Book Review
- Rose Research Project (the 'Easy Tea' Hybrid Tea research project)
- Links for Rose Lovers
- Reflections (See the lead article by B-SRS president Dr. Vince Celeste)
- Bright Idea
- Upcoming Events (good material to list in your own newsletters)
- Information on the ARS Trial Membership Program

If you are not receiving the ARS & You currently and would like to be sent this free publication, send me a note to rosesrus65@verizon.net and I will make sure you get added to the list immediately. Just give me the email address you want to use to receive the publication, your name and local society name. Put "ADD to ARS & You" on the Subject Line.

Have You Heard?

Devoted rosarians are always looking for more roses. And since no one nursery can carry every rose, we are also looking for more rose nurseries. A new nursery announced its presence in January.

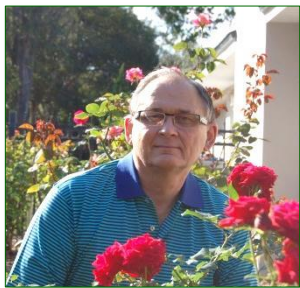
For Love Of Roses, owned by Richard Anthony, begins its life with the acquisition of Wells Mid-South Roses. The new company will offer roses hybridized by Whit Wells and other nationally-known hybridizers. They will offer both exhibition and garden miniatures and minifloras. Check out the website, www.forloveofroses.com for more information.



'Joy'

Photo by Bobbie Reed

Horticulture Judges Review



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I am going to use this quarter's judge's review column to discuss some of the statistics gleaned from annual reports submitted by our district horticultural judges. One day before the deadline of February 1, I have received reports from 35 (55%) of our district's 64 accredited judges. Our DSD judges exhibit in an average of 1.8 shows per year (range 0-7) and judge an average of 1.8 shows per year (range 0-6). All continue to grow roses. Their gardens contain an average of 127.5 plants (range 3-400) with an average of 3.9 new rose plants (range 0-20) being added per year. I was pleased to see that most of our judges continue to be active in all aspects of rose growing, although many have become less active due to advancing age. Five of our DSD judges need to audit a judge's school or seminar to remain active. I have applied for and have been granted an extension for one of that group. Usually, the national chair of horticultural judges grants a one-year extension to obtain an audit if one fails to attend the district school due to health or other issues. Upon request, I handle the whole matter. You can attend a school in any district to meet the four-year audit requirement. The next DSD Horticulture Judges School will take place in 2014.

There were several comments about the need for more judging opportunities in our district. I addressed this issue in my last column when I reported that two societies were dropping their shows in favor of "rose events." Other societies in the district were thinking along these lines as well but have subsequently decided to continue having a rose show. I am very pleased to hear that news. As I said in my last column, I believe it is incumbent upon us as judges to encourage our societies to continue having rose shows and to actively recruit new exhibiting talent. When I first began exhibiting roses and even when I became a judge there was still a cadre of excellent exhibitors in our district. Our rose shows were filled with spectacular blooms. Sadly this group is no longer, having succumbed to age and death, and our rose shows get smaller and smaller. Currently we have no district show scheduled for this year or in the future. The bottom line is that if we don't start attracting new (and younger) rose society members, the future of ARS, the District, rose shows, and societies in general is bleak.

I also received some nice comments on the 2012 judging school, my second as district chair. They say experience is a great teacher. We tried some new things and had more time to plan it. That experience will hopefully guide us to an even better school in 2014. Again, your comments are always appreciated.

The spring rose show season is nearing and many of us are already receiving judging requests. I encourage all of you to show roses as well. I am currently planning my cutting schedule to have roses for the weeks in which I am not scheduled to judge. I always look forward to the spring bloom, as it is usually the most spectacular of the year in my garden.

If you have not submitted your annual judge's report, please do so immediately. If you feel that your judging days are coming to a close, you might want to apply for judge emeritus status. Just contact me and I will process your application.

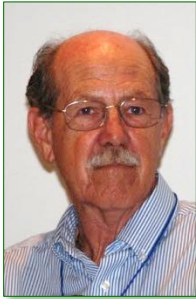
Editor's Note: We learned recently that Jim's wife, Carolyn Small, passed away on February 23, 2013. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family. BR



'Erin Elizabeth'

Photo by Bobbie Reed

Arrangements Judges Chair



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Winter is about over and soon it will be Rose Show time again! I hope many of you are ready to try something new this year. If you are an experienced designer, get out of your rut and try to work with design styles that challenge you. If you are a beginner, it's time to get your feet wet and actually *exhibit* some arrangements this year. All you experienced arrangers should make an effort to mentor at least one new arranger every year to help keep our rose show activities alive. I encourage you to help with your local show and if possible, clerk for the arrangement judges. You'll be surprised at how much you'll learn by just listening to their comments.

Thank you to all of you who attended the arrangement seminar at our recent Mid-Winter Meeting. Your attendance gave resounding support to the long-standing tradition of an arrangement workshop as part of the Mid-Winter Meeting agenda. We were pleased with the great turnout. Forty-eight people signed up for the workshop and forty-two made it to the presentation. I think everyone went away with a little more knowledge and skill in handling fresh line material. I specially want to thank Sandy Dixon and Lee Hale for their invaluable help in acquiring the materials and presenting the program. We hope you will try to organize and conduct some arrangement programs in your local societies. It will improve your craft and maybe inspire some in your society to enter their first arrangement class at your local show this year.

Regarding the rose shows, please send me your local show arrangement schedules for review. It is important that there be consistent rules throughout our District. So if you are writing an arrangement schedule for a show in the DSD, please send it to me as soon as possible at jim@fairmarsh.com. I will make every effort to review it and get it back to you within a few days.

ATTENTION ARS Arrangement Judges: I sent out via email the Arrangement Judges report form for 2012 in January, with a deadline of March 1, 2013. So far I have received reports from only 8 of our 18 accredited Judges! If you have not filed your report, please do so ASAP. If you have lost or deleted the form, contact me and I will resend it.



Workshop participants manipulate foliage.



A sample arrangement from the workshop

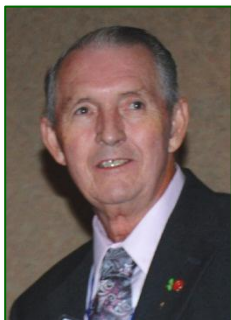


Have a wonderful spring and success in your arranging endeavors. Remember, beautiful arrangements complement any occasion, not just rose shows.

Playing with rose arrangements or components thereof always seems to bring a smile. More snot glue, anyone? It happened to Lee Hale [left] and Jim Harrell [right].



Consulting Rosarian Report



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We are off and running to another new year with so many things to consider. For the active Consulting Rosarian, it should be, “Am I doing everything I can do to help make my Rose Society stronger?” Also, how does what I do and don’t do impact the ARS?

For starters, attending and participating in all or most meetings pays big dividends and goes a long way when others see your commitment to the hobby of rose growing. Ask your President to appoint a CR coordinator who can help keep your club’s CRs on track and remind them of the requirements that will keep them active in the ARS CR Program. Also, adopt a buddy system for new members and write articles for your newsletters.

Our CRs are, for most clubs, the outstanding leaders, but that leadership needs to be extended to the District activities and possibly National commitments as well. As we all know the District is having a difficult time convincing societies to host our District events. This is where your CRs should be getting commitments from their clubs. Many society Presidents have never served in the CR capacity and some only want to get through their term. This is why the club CRs have more pull to accomplish things. In our society, CRs remain board members as long as they keep their active CR status.

I want to thank again the CR instructors Marty Pawlikowski, Cindy Dale, Phil Paul, and Walt Reed for helping me with the 2013 Consulting Rosarian school. We had 57 in attendance; seven of those took the exam and all passed with very high scores. Good job! Back in early December 2012 I sent a reminder out to those CRs who needed to audit this 2013 school to remain on the ARS active list. Of those 21 reminders, we had 10 CRs who took my reminding seriously. The other 11 CRs will have until December 31, 2013, to audit a school. As of this date the Deep South District has no other school scheduled for 2013. So these 11 CRs will have to audit a CR school in some other district by year’s end to stay active. As most of you know the CR Annual Report was due by February 1st. I will accept any late reports that may trickle in for a while. This report, like *Roses In Review*, is an annual requirement for all CRs wanting to remain active. I need these reports to keep my records current on all CR activities.

The Master Rosarian designation is for those CRs having 10 years or more of uninterrupted service. Those of you wanting the Master Rosarian status, or who have someone you wish to appoint to the Master Rosarian status, I will need the application by August 1st, not a day later, since the ARS needs all applications for their review by August 10th. That gives me very little time to process anything late. Forms are on the ARS website or I can email one to you.

I do hope every CR completes the *Roses-In-Review* report this year. It is required of all CRs. If you grow none of the listed varieties, just say that on the form and send it in. This will count as a report from you.

Our National Consulting Rosarian Chair, Cindy Dale, and her committee are looking at new ways to make this requirement a little softer for everyone.



CR school instructors Cindy Dale, Marty Pawlikowski, Phil Paul, and Walt Reed



In closing I want to thank everyone for your support and I wish you all a most pleasant spring with this "Rose Hobby".

2012 ARS Bronze Honor Medal Winners

Compiled by Henry & Teresa Seiler
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We are proud to present those valued members of our local societies who were awarded the American Rose Society Bronze Honor Medal in 2013. We recognize these members as the special people who are always taking on the myriad jobs that make a rose society work. They've probably forgotten the word "no", when asked to take on another job. They've been helping the society for years, and expect to continue to work for many more. They are the backbones of our societies, and we are happy to honor them.

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Fred Frappier

Gigi Bullman

Karrie Masee

Marie Wisniewski

Frank Parker

Walt Pilat

Joanne Maxheimer

Bronze Honor Medal winners Linda Rengarts, Chris Woods, Fred Frappier, Diane Celeste, Karrie Masee, Marie Wisniewski, Walt Pilat, and Joanne Maxheimer, accompanied by Karen Prevatt and Eleanor Ramage.



Remembering Teresa Seiler

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Teresa was born in Pensacola on September 26, 1955, to Lenore Ruth and Harry A. Presley, Sr. She graduated from Escambia High School in 1973, attended Pensacola Junior College, and completed the Respiratory Therapy Program in 1977. She began her career at West Florida Hospital, where she was employed for the past 35 years. Teresa was Director of the Respiratory Therapy Department at the time of her death. She was loved and respected by her extended family of co-workers and close friends. Her dedication to patients and their families has not been forgotten over her many years of service. Teresa touched the lives of patients and offered comfort to their families.

Teresa was a member of the Pensacola and American Rose Societies. She spent many years, with her husband, Henry, tending their rose garden and traveling to rose shows. They enjoyed sharing these beautiful roses with family and friends. Teresa and Henry have currently been serving as the District Bronze Medal chairs.

Teresa married the love of her life April 30, 1982. Teresa and Henry were married in the rose garden they helped to establish. The Pensacola Rose Society celebrated their 30th anniversary in 2012.

Karen Prevatt presents the Deep South District Double English Box trophy to Henry & Teresa Seiler at the DSD 2011 Fall National Convention & Rose Show.



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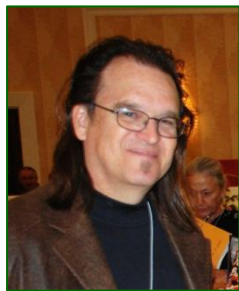
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Digital Photo Contest



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It's time to start thinking about your photos for this year's photo contest. Here are the rules and classes for this year. Classes have been revised so we will have more rose photos to enjoy!

Contest Rules

1. Contestants may enter up to three images per Class. Multiple entries of the same rose variety within the same Class are not allowed.
2. Photos must be submitted in JPEG image format.
3. Images must be taken by an amateur photographer who is a member of the ARS and living in the Deep South District, or who is a member of a local rose society located in the Deep South District.
4. Digital images that have won awards in previous ARS or DSD photography contests are not eligible.
5. Roses must be identified by their ARS approved exhibition name.
6. Identify each image submitted by using its Class and ARS approved exhibition name in the file name. Example: "Class 8 – Abraham Darby.jpg".
7. Email questions and entries to Stephen Hoy; hoy127@cox.net. Include your name, home address, and phone number.
8. **Entries must be received by July 31, 2013.**
9. Receipt of entries will be confirmed by email.

Classes

- 1: **One Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora** – one bloom per stem, no side buds permitted, at exhibition stage.
- 2: **Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora Spray** – must have two or more blooms. Single-petalled HTs or GRs are allowed.
- 3: **One fully open Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora** – one bloom per stem, no side buds permitted, stamens must be visible. Single HTs or GRs (having four to eight petals) are allowed.
- 4: **One Floribunda** – one bloom per stem, no side buds permitted, most perfect phase of beauty.
- 5: **Floribunda or Polyantha Spray** – must have two or more blooms.
- 6: **Old Garden Rose** – one bloom per stem or a spray, side buds permitted. Entries must be submitted with date of introduction. Two awards will be given: Dowager Queen for Old Garden Roses introduced before 1867, and Victorian Award for Old Garden Roses introduced in 1867 or later and for unknown date of introduction.
- 7: **Shrub Rose** – Classic Shrubs (H. Kordesii, H. Moyesii, H. Rugosa, or H. Musk) or Modern Shrubs, one bloom per stem or a spray, side buds permitted. No David Austin roses permitted in this class [see Class #8].
- 8: **David Austin Roses** – one bloom per stem or a spray, side buds permitted. Must be a David Austin introduction.



'Class of '73' Photo by Bobbie Reed

- 9: **Climber** – Large Flowered Climbers, Hybrid Giganteas, and Hybrid Wichuranas, one bloom per stem or a spray, side buds permitted.
- 10: **Species Roses** – one bloom per stem or a spray, side buds allowed. See *Modern Roses*, *ARS Handbook for Selecting Roses*, *Official List of Approved Exhibition Names for Exhibitors and Judges*, or visit www.helpmefindroses.com for information on proper classification and naming of species roses.
- 11: **One Miniature** – one bloom per stem, no side buds permitted, at exhibition stage.
- 12: **One Miniflora** – one bloom per stem, no side buds permitted, at exhibition stage.
- 13: **Miniature or Miniflora Spray** – must have two or more blooms. Single-petalled cultivars allowed.
- 14: **One fully open Miniature or Miniflora** – one bloom per stem, no side buds permitted, stamens must be visible. Single-petalled cultivars (having four to eight petals) are allowed.
- 15: **Any Arrangement** – using Miniature or Miniflora roses. Must meet ARS standards and include arranger's name and name of roses.
- 16: **Any Arrangement** – using large roses. Must meet ARS standards and include arranger's name and name of roses.
- 17: **Macro Photography** – any part of a rose photographed at extreme close range, may include insects.
- 18: **Abstract or Impressionist Photography** – a photo having non-objective, design, form, or content of a rose(s) or any part of a rose. May be digitally manipulated.
- 19: **The Rose Garden** – a photo taken of a garden prominently featuring roses.
- 20: **Novice Class** – any rose photo from an entrant who has not won an award (first, second, third, or Honorable Mention) from a Deep South District or American Rose Society Photo Contest.



Image by Eric Kim Photography.com

Mid-Winter Meeting 2013 Wrap-Up

Ralph & Jean Stream

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What a joy it was to see so many of our friends attend and have a fun, relaxing Mid-Winter weekend. We want to again thank all of our busy bees who did so much to help make this one of our most memorable MWM. We did have some of the most reliable and diligent workers on the project that can be found anywhere. Our new V.P. of ARS, Pat Shanley, was quite taken with the attendance, stating that some National conventions have fewer in attendance. Pat is a very sharp lady and the ARS will profit greatly from all her years of experience and organizational skills. We all need to stay on our toes and give support to the policies and programs these ARS leaders set forth and implement.

What an honor it was for us to have a great line up of speakers and programs. Friday afternoon many of us gathered for a wonderful rose arrangement workshop led by Jim Harrell, Sandy Dixon and Lee Hale. It was fun to learn how to manipulate leaves and learn about “snot” glue. Friday evening, Mike Boulware from the



Jean Stream and Tom Mullin oversaw the raffle. “Hot doggies!”

Butterfly Rainforest shared information about rose companion plants. He encouraged anyone visiting Gainesville to stop by and enjoy the beautiful Rainforest. It is truly spectacular.

Saturday's lineup included Gaye Hammond, from Houston, Texas. She had a great program on "EarthKind® Roses – The Next Generation". Our own Vice Director, Phil Paul, then shared many helpful tips on "Building Strong Societies in DSD". Phil

shared many easy and practical ideas that any and all of our societies can implement. If you have not yet received a copy of his program, please give him a call.

The afternoon programs started with Pat Shanley sharing information and pictures of the Manhattan Rose Society and some of their rooftop gardens. Imagine 16 stories up, roses and companion plants just smiling over the city skyline. She also talked about the future of the rose world, "An Enduring Partnership – the ARS and the Rose Industry in the 21st Century". This included details about the "American Garden Rose Selection" group. Exciting things are happening in our changing world.

Ralph finished the afternoon session with "Sandy's Picks for 2013". Ralph loves growing new Hybrid Teas, Minifloras, and Miniatures, so he was excited to share Sandy Lundberg's slides and information. Thank you, Sandy, for sharing with us.

Saturday evening Pat shared a few words and answered questions about the ARS, we enjoyed recognizing all the Bronze Medal winners, and got to see Kitsy receive the Anita Smith Outstanding Service award. Congratulations to all these dedicated leaders.

Once again our vendors, Angel Gardens, Beaty Fertilizer, Cool Roses, Earthworm Casting Organic Fertilizer, H.L. Shealy Co., K & M Nursery, and The Rose Gardener, gave us a great opportunity to stock up on all our 2013 growing season roses and supplies. These folks are so friendly and willing to support our event. Much thanks for their supporting this function with their time and contributions of products and money.

We don't want to forget those very nice raffle and door prizes. Hard to believe we had more raffle items donated than rose societies in the District. This took a lot of contact time and work but was well worth the efforts. What great support we received from everyone! The raffle is always clear profit to the host society, so the more effort put into this, the more profit you stand to make. Door prizes are always fun to win and this year we had a great selection.

Both Friday and Saturday evenings we all were able to enjoy the Hospitality area hosted by Dan Mills and John Tucker. We all know what wonderful hosts they are and this year was especially nice having it in the breakfast area of the hotel. There was lots of room to enjoy the goodies, mingle, and even sit and rest if you wanted. Thank you, Dan and John (and helpers Wayne & Lyndy Myers), and all the attendees who brought wonderful snacks for us to share. It was great!

Jean and I have had our hands in the MWM for four out of the five past MWM, and we have not seen a loss in any money in sponsoring this event. The District was the sponsor this year and will receive the entire profit of \$5,613.16 for its treasury. These profits will be used for future projects as they evolve.



Mike Boulware



Gaye Hammond



District Director Karen Prevatt presents the DSD Anita Smith Award to Kitsy Mostellar



Cindy Dale served as one of the runners delivering raffle prizes

Average profits range from \$2,000 to \$5,000. As you can see, being a host society or societies can pay big dividends. Please also remember that anyone who has helped with any of these events can and will help assist with advice, planning, and implementing the convention.

We want to thank the three Atlanta area societies (Greater Atlanta, Greater Gwinnett, and South Metro) for announcing their intent to sponsor the 2014 Mid-Winter Meeting. They will do a great job; we can be assured of that. We now need a definite response as to who will be hosting the 2013 Deep South Fall Convention and Rose Show. There was some interest shown but no definite commitment yet. [Editor's Note: See page 2!] Anyone taking this on can count on our support. As we know, the commitment to host district events does a lot to help make a stronger and richer local society. It is a win-win endeavor. So, please step up and let's start planning the future together.

News of the CR school will be in Ralph's CR column. Please check this out for details of the great results.

Eight of us brave souls went to Ronald McDonald House Sunday morning to cook and serve breakfast. You may not know, but Ronald McDonald House is a shelter for families whose loved ones are very ill. Here most are in Shands cancer wards. This was a very rewarding experience and the people were so appreciative. It was a nice way for some of us to end the weekend.

One last item, Jean applied for and was awarded a grant from the Tourist Development Council through VisitGainesville for the MWM. The DSD will receive \$1,155.58 when the paperwork is completed. Grants are another possible way clubs can earn money for district events. The General Manager at the Best Western Gateway Grand was helpful with this.

Thanks again to all those 148 attendees for participating. We hope you had fun and will plan to attend the 2014 event.

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Deep South District By-Laws Changes

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At the Fall DSD Conference in 2011, Phil Paul suggested that we consider moving our annual business meeting from the Fall Convention & Rose Show to the Mid-Winter Meeting, because the rose show and business meeting conflicted on the Saturday afternoon, leaving insufficient time for either the meeting or for viewing the rose show.

Also, because at the time of the 2011 Business Meeting, we had no local societies committed to sponsor either the 2012 Fall Convention & Rose Show or the 2013 Mid-Winter Meeting, the question was raised about what to do if either meeting was not to be held, or if no meeting was planned due to no local society being able to commit to sponsorship.

An informational vote was taken to determine the interest in dealing with such changes. The majority of delegates at the 2011 Business Meeting were in favor of modifying the By-Laws to address both conditions.

Amended By-Laws were drafted and submitted to the DSD delegates prior to the 2013 Mid-Winter Meeting, and were approved by the voting delegates at the 2013 Mid-Winter Meeting. They still must be approved by the American Rose Society Board. The amended By-Laws are presented here:



Karen Prevatt and Linda Schuppener
prepare for the vote on the by-laws

Current Wording

Article V – Management

Section 3. There shall be a District Council, which shall consist of one delegate (and an alternate) duly appointed or elected by each local society within the DSD. The name of the delegate (and the alternate) shall be registered with the District Secretary by the society president, or a member of its board of directors 30 days prior to the annual Convention. Local societies shall be responsible for replacing delegates (and alternates) who cannot serve as a delegate for any reason. The District Council shall meet at the annual District Convention and Rose Show. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the delegates of the local societies within the DSD. Each society shall have one vote in the District Council. The District Council shall make advisory recommendations to the District Board of Directors. The District Director shall preside over all meetings of the District Council.

Amended Wording

These changes refer to only the underlined portion of the current wording of Section 3; the balance of section 3 shall be left intact.

Article V Section 3

The District Council shall meet at the Mid-Winter Conference unless no Mid-Winter Conference is held due to unavailability of either a local society or a team created from multiple societies to sponsor and operate the event. In such a case, the meeting will be held at the following Fall Convention. If neither a Mid-Winter Meeting nor a Fall Convention can be scheduled, then a Business Meeting Package shall be prepared for the Board of Directors and sent to all delegates a minimum of 30 days prior to October 1st of the year. In the period between October 1st and October 31st delegates may comment on the questions by e-Mailing all delegates their inputs. On November 1st each delegate shall then send (by

e-Mail) the local society's votes on the questions to be sent to the District Director. The District Director will present the results in the next issue of the **DSD Bulletin**.

Current Wording

Article IX – Meetings

Section 1. There shall be at least one (1) annual District Convention and Rose Show. The annual District Convention and Rose Show shall be held at the time of year set by the host society with the approval of the District Director. Notice shall be posted in the DSD Bulletin at least 45 days before the date of the District Convention and Rose Show.

Section 2. The District Council shall meet in open session during the annual District Convention.

Amended Wording

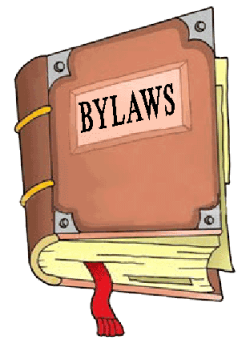
Note: The underlined portions reflect the changes in this section.

Article IX Meetings

Section 1. There shall be at least one (1) annual District Convention and Rose Show assuming a host society commits to the event; if no host society is available the meetings will proceed as described in Article V Section 3.

The annual District Convention and Rose Show shall be held at the time of year set by the host society with the approval of the District Director. Notice shall be published in the DSD Bulletin at least 45 days before the date of the District Convention and Rose Show.

Section 2. The District Council shall meet in open session or as described in Article V Section 3.



Membership Musings



Kitsy Mostellar

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It is obvious to most of us that the American Rose Society is losing members. It is also true that most of our local societies are holding their membership levels. We are making contact with those who have not renewed and we have implemented a survey to seek some answers about you and your local society. You can ask your president about the questions and offer any comments for inclusion.

Each society should have a membership chair in place to welcome new members and to encourage new ones to join. Also, this individual will pass on new ideas to the membership. Please notify me who your chair will be.

The Membership and Local Society Relations Committees are a part of ARS and are here to help. Do not hesitate to ask.

There are ARS members in the Deep South District who are not local rose society members. Please urge them to join and to be aware of special Rose Society and Deep South activities and the benefits of belonging. Encourage non-members to attend a show or a pruning demonstration or to order gardening products through the society (generally discounted). Enlist flower arrangers in your church to use garden roses grown by the members. Let us know of your membership ideas.....

There are many other ways to stand out in the community. Be creative, provide information, and share the benefits of American Rose Society membership.

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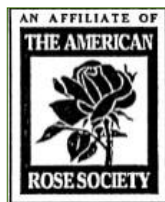
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of **The Bulletin** is **May 1, 2013**.
Please send your material early!

Coming Events

March 8-9, 2013	American Rose Society Board Meeting, Franklin, TN
April 20, 2013	Golden Isles Rose Society Rose Show, SSI Presbyterian Church, St. Simons Island, GA. Contact: Kay Harrell, 912-634-0323, kay@fairmarsh.com
April 26-27, 2013	Thomasville Rose Society Rose Show, Downtown Thomasville, GA. Contact: Rick Thomas, 800-234-9536, rthomas@rose.net
April 27, 2013	Gainesville Rose Society Rose Show, Kanapaha Botanical Gardens, Gainesville, FL. Contact John Tucker, 352-591-2145, tuckermills@netscape.com
April 27-28, 2013	Greater Palm Beach Rose Society Rose Show, Mounts Botanical Garden, West Palm Beach, FL. Contact: Al Nessmith, 561-301-2303, DrAlva@comcast.net .
May 4, 2013	Wiregrass Rose Society Rose Show, First United Methodist Church, Dothan, AL. Contact Rita Moore, 334-598-2103, rrmoore@snowhill.com .
May 11-12, 2013	Greater Atlanta Rose Society Rose Show, Atlanta Botanical Garden, Atlanta, GA. Contact Chris Woods, 770-309-6302, cwoods1268@yahoo.com .
May 11, 2013	Tampa Rose Society's Spring Rose Show, Westfield Citrus Park Shopping Center. Contact Marilyn Bertch, (813) 974-9181, mbertch@usf.edu .
May 18-19, 2013	South Metro Rose Society Rose Show, Fayetteville, GA. Cindy Dale, 770-631-3885, rosepro@bellsouth.net
Sep 20-22, 2013	ARS Miniature & Miniflora National Rose Show & Conference, Winston-Salem, NC. See http://wsrs.us .
Sep 28-29, 2013	Augusta Rose Society 71 st Rose Show at the Augusta Mall, Augusta, GA. Contact: Linda Boland, bolandl42@me.com
Nov 8-10, 2013	Deep South District Fall Convention & Rose Show, Palm Beach, FL.. Contact Debbie Coolidge, 561-684-2421, geoffcoolidge@bellsouth.net .
Nov. 15-17, 2013	Heritage Rose Foundation Annual Meeting & Conference, Lakeland, FL
Jan 17-19, 2014	Deep South District MidWinter Meeting. Contact Chris Woods, 770-309-6302, cwoods1268@yahoo.com .

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