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District Director's Report



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This is my last communication to you as your District Director. My term of office is expiring and our new District Director, Ralph Stream, will be installed at the Deep South District Rose Show and Convention October, 23-25th in Valdosta, Georgia. The election results in the Deep South District were very close. We had two great candidates for office. I congratulate **Ralph Stream** for his win and I thank **Wayne Myers** for offering his candidacy. I am disappointed that more of you did not take the time to vote in this election. We need to work together to keep our district functioning and I hope that the election results will be respected and not leave any ill will among our members.

Congratulations to Robert Martin who won his bid for Vice President of the American Rose Society. In other races congratulations are also in order, Bruce Monroe won the seat for Region 1 Director, Dr. Tommy Cairns was elected Region 9 Director; and Donald Myers was elected as the new Carolina District Director. All other ARS board members were without opposition in the election and will be returning to their seats. The vote for the bylaw amendment proposed by Pacific Southwest Director Hal Reynolds, Jr., was overwhelmingly approved so that any current member in good standing with the ARS may run for national office as Vice President/President.

On the local scene, we have cobbled together a great team for the fall rose show and district convention this year. It is being sponsored entirely by your district organization and made possible by volunteers from local societies throughout our district. Please make every effort to attend. Come help us set up Friday afternoon and catch our first speaker, **Don Myers**, who will tell us what changes are in store for the chemicals we use in our garden. The evening promises to be a fun event starting with the come dressed as your "Favorite Cocktail" for Friday's welcome reception. Volunteers are needed for the rose show; please contact **Jim Small**, **Jim Harrell**, and **Ralph Stream** if you can

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help with the show. Well known Rosarian and hybridizer **Richard Anthony** will update us on new miniature and miniflora roses at the Saturday afternoon program. We need raffle items. Please contact **Henry Everett** or **Jesse Usleton** (770-938-3134 or dandlioncat@earthlink.net) if you are donating an item or basket for the raffle. **Ralph Stream** will be officially installed as our Deep South District Director with fanfare at the Saturday Awards Banquet. On Sunday morning we have been invited to tour the gardens at the Crescent at Valdosta Garden Center before returning to our homes.

We still have no volunteer to host our January 2016 Mid-Winter Meeting. Please do not let this wonderful, long standing event die from apathy and lack of interest. Contact convention and meeting chair, **Jean Stream**, as soon as possible if your society can host this winter's meeting.

Our sympathy to the families of **Bud Boyd** and **Fermin Rodriguez**, two more rose friends in the district who have passed away since the last edition of *The Bulletin*. They were both avid supporters of the American Rose Society and our District. They will be greatly missed.

I have enjoyed my tenure as your District Director. I hope I have in some small way contributed to the District. Thank all of you who have helped during my term of office with district meetings, educational seminars, schools, conventions, and rose shows. Our District Officers and Board Members have done an outstanding job, as have each of the committee chairs. Your support has been greatly appreciated. It has kept the district alive and well these past six years.

Remembering Fermin Rodriguez

Fermin (Rod) Rodriguez, age 87, passed away on Tuesday morning, July 7, 2015, in his home. Fermin was a lifelong native of Tampa and grew up in Ybor City. After graduating from Hillsborough High School, Fermin enlisted in the US Navy. Following his military service, Fermin entered the U of Florida College of Pharmacy and earned his degree in Pharmacy. He spent over 40 years practicing pharmacy in the South Tampa area, most of that time in his own pharmacy, Westshore Pharmacy.

One of Fermin's passions was growing roses. He became a judge in the American Rose Society and devoted much of his personal time to the Tampa Rose Society, sharing his knowledge with others.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Geni, and survived by his wife, Laura; children, Gary and David Rodriguez, Guy, David, Chris, and Jon Jordan; grandchildren, Rebecca Robinson, Matt, Josh, Andrew, and Emma Jordan; and his great-grandchild, Cadence Robinson.

The family will host a private celebration of Fermin's life. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Fermin's honor to the LifePath Hospice, 3010 Azele St. W., Tampa, FL 33609, or to The Michael J. Fox Foundation, P. O. Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5014.



From the Tampa Rose Society

Most of you have already heard about or read the Obituary in the *Tampa Tribune*, Sunday, July 12, about Fermin Rodriguez passing on July 7. Fermin was Editor of *Tampa Talks Roses* newsletter and served as Membership Chairman for ten years. He considered being Editor "his greatest achievement in the rose world." He won several national awards from ARS for outstanding newsletters including the Bronze Medal in 2005 and 2009 and Silver Medals in 2006 and 2007. He also garnered ARS Awards of Merit for outstanding articles published in newsletters.

In 1979 he joined the Tampa Rose Society and since held every office except Secretary or Treasurer. In 1981 he began showing roses and considers his five Queens of Show to be his greatest achievement in showing. He considered Allen Wolking and Will Evans to be his mentors. At one time he grew 150 roses of all types in their South Tampa garden. His garden has been on many tours and was even featured on a Home and Garden TV special featuring outstanding rose gardens around the country. Needless to say, his garden was also featured many times in the *Tampa Tribune* and *Tampa Times* as well as magazine articles. He was not only a Consulting Rosarian and an accredited ARS Horticultural Judge, but also served two terms as Assistant District Director of the Deep South District. He and his precious wife Laura also traveled to many shows around the US and internationally.

Fermin also practiced pharmacy for over 40 years, most of that time at Westshore Pharmacy which he owned. He suffered from Parkinson's Disease the last few years and thus wasn't able to attend meetings more recently.

He was always happy to give of his time to others, speaking at local garden clubs or other organizations interested in roses and sharing his plants via the TRS raffles. He was certainly revered and loved by all members of TRS, the Deep South District, and ARS who knew him. Those of us who had the privilege of being mentored by him will be forever grateful.



Laura & Fermin Rodriguez touring Bob Martin's garden at the 2014 San Diego convention.

American Rose Society Election Results

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And the winner is... American Rose Society voting ended on Friday, July 31. The results are now posted on the ARS website. Our new officers include:

- ARS PRESIDENT: Pat Shanley**
- ARS VICE-PRESIDENT: Bob Martin**
- REGION 3 DIRECTOR: Kitsy Mostellar**
- DEEP SOUTH DISTRICT DIRECTOR: Ralph Stream**
- BY-LAWS AMENDMENT: Passed**

We congratulate the winners, and welcome their work for the American Rose Society. They will be formally installed at the ARS Fall National Convention in



Cheers!

Syracuse, NY, on September 12, 2015. Our consolation goes to those who lost their races; we hope they will find other ways to serve the American Rose Society in the future.



However (there’s always a however), Don and I were surprised to learn that there were only 1322 votes counted. Of the 1590 votes cast, 237 were disqualified as duplicate votes. Ouch! With 7837 American Rose Society members, that means fewer than 20% of the total membership attempted to vote, and 17% of those votes cast were disqualified. There seems to be insufficient interest in the governance and operations of the ARS, and much confusion about the balloting system. Let’s hope for better in the next round of elections.

Bob Martin commented “I do not believe that the election procedures used in this election were member-friendly... [and regarding duplicate vote disqualifications] I believe that every member’s vote is entitled to be cast once and counted, and that we need to identify ways to make sure this happens. I have added this to my list of issues to be examined upon taking office. I solicit your comments on how we might improve our election procedures.”

Some races were fairly clear cut – Bob Martin won over Sam Jones by 400 votes – while others, including our own race for Deep South District Director, were as narrow as two votes. If you thought your vote wouldn’t count, you were wrong. Next time, please learn about the issues and vote! You do make a difference.

Thank You

Hello, all rosarians. I want to thank all of you who supported me in the 2015 Triannual Election. We all knew it would be a very close race and it was. My opponent was a formidable candidate and Wayne Myers will be in our District’s future for many years to come.

I will be looking at new and different ways we can all support our district functions and events. Exhibiting will be one of my biggest priorities. Having more interest and enthusiasm can be achieved by getting the right people in the right jobs. Our new board will be surveying the possibilities. I am excited about serving the ARS and our District and I thank you for the opportunity to serve. In the months to come I will be soliciting your help. Together we can improve on anything.

Our sincere gratitude goes out to **Karen Prevatt** for her six years of faithful service. I will strive to do as well.

Ralph Stream



Some Contributions from Around the District

Healthier Gardening: Synergistic Gardening with BioWash



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Earlier this year, I attended the Rose Show & Festival in Thomasville, Georgia. I was partaking of the judges’ breakfast, when

Most of us have our own favorite organic or non-chemical supplement for our roses. Here’s Debbie’s.

Bobbie Reed overheard my experiences with using BioWash; and said “that sounds like an article for *The Deep South District Bulletin*.”

In the spring of 2000, I moved in to my dream home, and my husband, Ron began to create a tropical oasis...always wanting a rose garden, so it began. I wanted to share the importance of using our front garden to share roses with all who drive by, because that’s how I learned about “the world of roses.” *Joan Vigneau*’s garden was on my way home, and a beauty it was. Funny thing, she never exhibited her roses! She just loved growing and sharing! I finally found the courage to stop by and introduce myself. Ready to start my own garden, Joan encouraged me to join The Greater Fort Myers Rose Society, of which she was the president. While a member of the GFMRS, I learned of The American Rose Society and joined it as well. Over the years I have served in many leadership roles for the GFMRS.

Over the years the practice of caring for roses never really changes. I relate roses to people. The rose is the flower of the heart. Roses are very forgiving, roses are the queen of flowers, roses need water, sunshine, air, and variety of foods. Keeping that in mind you can understand why with more care they thrive, and with less care, they just survive.

I have been using a product that I feel has made it possible to enjoy growing roses. Gardening in sunny Southwest Florida, zone 10B to be exact, our growing season is 365 days a year; as other parts of the country take a break, sub-tropical southwest Florida keeps on growing. As a native Floridian, I realized the seasonal changes can be subtle, but noticeable.

I found that growing roses can require many chemicals. We can all tend our gardens well, and produce queens, as I have had the privilege of growing one. But at what cost... money, possible health issues, and environmental damage? Don’t lose hope, I have a product I’ve been using for over seven years... BioWash!

My experience of using BioWash 100 on every plant in our garden has been a very positive, fruitful experience. BioWash will not replace all of the chemicals you’re currently using, but it will certainly minimize the need. In all the BioWash information, roses are not included, as the product is targeted to food production, but BioWash states “if a plant has roots and leaves, BioWash will help by enabling plants to absorb any available moisture, nutrients and nitrogen via its leaves. Whether the home gardener grows tomatoes and flowers in a container or in the soil, BioWash is valuable.”

My initial purpose for using BioWash was safety, non-toxic, and environmental concern.

BIOWASH...

- Is blended from farm grown plants. Processed extracts of plants and vegetables, non-ionic surfactants and water. It contains no known cancer-causing chemicals.
- Stimulates cation exchange between the roots and nutrients in the soil.
- Chelates previously applied contaminants such as copper insecticides, etc. This permits the roots to better absorb moisture, oxygen, and nutrients via soil.
- Chelates fertilizers into elemental ions, thus enabling more efficient absorption of the needed nutrients. This reduces the amount and cost of fertilizers needed.
- Provides visible and measurable increases in flowers, fruits, and vegetables.



According to the manufacturer, “BioWash improves the Cationic Exchange Capacity (CEC) in rose root systems, increasing their ability to more efficiently absorb essential nutrients and water. By helping enlarge the roots and strengthening the rose stems, the plant can more efficiently process vital nutrients found in rose fertilizers, resulting in a reduced need for these additives. A secondary benefit of BioWash is that it helps increase BRIX (plant sugar) in the plant, which has been found to reduce insect and disease damage. Field results reflect that some insects cannot digest plant sugar, so by increasing BRIX in the rose plant, growers are finding they can apply fewer insecticides. Beautiful roses, less fertilizer and insecticides needed, less cost to the grower...those are benefits we can live with!”

From www.fertilizerboosters.com/fertilizers/rose_fertilizer.htm

- Improves plants' resistance to diseases and insects.
- Improves the effectiveness of fertilizers and insecticides.

BioWash has enabled me to feel as if I'm doing my part in the Go Green Movement!!! I have used BioWash to help maintain an environmentally sustainable and ecologically balanced garden. Hopefully this will put a new spin on how you care for your garden.

At any level of growing the flower of the heart, you can grow more beautiful, roses with less "skull and cross bones" by incorporating BioWash into your regimen.

It just makes me happy to go out in my garden and enjoy my roses, see butterflies flying around and buzzing bees pollinating.

At the end of the day, with BioWash you can feed the fierce competitor in you or the simple Rosarian...experiment on your own.

"In the Garden of Life...Consider what we Sow"

For more details, go to www.FertilizerBoosters.com.

Deadheading

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As your blooms expire, remember to deadhead. Deadheading regularly will encourage more flowers. Deadheading can be as simple as snapping off the spent blooms whenever you see them, or it can be a well-thought-out strategy to keep your plants healthy and restrained. Bushes that have lots of healthy foliage are the key to survival in summer's heat and extreme disease pressure. So if your bushes are healthy, but bigger than normal or desired, don't hesitate to deadhead back to the first five-leaflet leaf—or further—if you need to control the size of the bushes. Remember though that temperatures in the 90s really stress our plants, and we can also expect intense black spot pressure, chilli thrips, and spider mites.

Here is an explanation of summer deadheading by Ludwig Taschner, the "Rose Guru" of South Africa:

"Breaking or cutting off the dead or faded bloom above the uppermost leaves results in new growth sprouting from the highest leaf axils. Expect many short-stemmed smallish blooms within 30 days. By cutting the stem about halfway down on the overall stem length, two medium long-stemmed blooms are ready after about 38 days. Cutting a long-stemmed bloom above the second leaf, counting from where the stem sprouted, results in one long stem after 45 days. All this may be carried out on each bush. The very long-stemmed varieties can be cut back by about half to avoid them growing too tall." (Talking Roses with Ludwig, Nov. 2010)

Ludwig's rose advice is six months out of synch with our northern hemisphere climate, but his rose wisdom is unparalleled. Check out his web site at

www.ludwigsroses.co.za/.

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Debunking Old Gardener's Tales

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The world is full of folk wisdom. Some folk wisdom is really helpful; some is at least not harmful. The folk wisdom shared by gardeners is of similarly variable quality. When I started gardening, folk wisdom was all I had. That's probably true for you, too. I dutifully put a cup of lime on my rose bushes every year. I collected coffee grounds from Starbucks for my garden. I applied Epsom salts annually, although I was never able to find out if the proper dose was two tablespoons or a cup. I mixed perlite (or was it supposed to be vermiculite?) with my potting soil. I believed that rose bushes went dormant in the winter, and that every rose needed lots of phosphate added at planting and annually thereafter, regardless of what your soil test might say.

We're not just learning from the gardener next door these days, unlike Grandma. No, we're searching for answers in glossy books and on the Internet. Which introduces a new issue – some of the advice may be more appropriate if you live in England or California or New England, but have no relevance at all here in Georgia. "It must be true, I found it on the Internet/Facebook/Pinterest" is as true about gardening as it is for diet advice or politics.

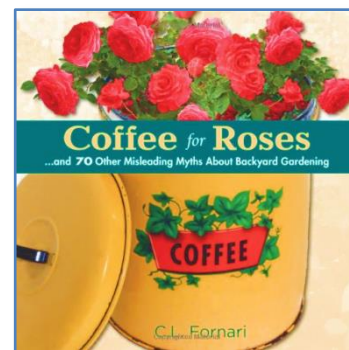
Nowadays, I'm much more likely to question this stuff, regardless of the source. So I was glad to hear of a new book called "**Coffee for Roses ...and 70 Other Misleading Myths About Back-yard Gardening**", by C.L. Fornari. On closer inspection, I find a lack of references to scientific research, but still, she brings a hard-headed approach to all those things we've had drummed into us by self-proclaimed garden gurus.

Some advice she passes along is useful. No, marigolds don't deter insects in general, although they may have some use in deterring some nematodes in some soils. Coffee grounds, banana peels, and egg shells may be sources of nitrogen, potassium, and calcium, but they'll work just as well if you add them to your compost pile instead of using them rose by rose. There are also many other sources for those nutrients. Some advice I was glad to read because it backs up my own prejudices/practices. Deadhead a rose by cutting just above a five-leaflet leaf? There are some reasons to do that, but I don't find them sufficiently compelling to alter my usual practice of snapping off spent flowers just below the flower...to say nothing of the folks who prune with hedge clippers. The author alludes to testing your soil before you add Epsom salts – do your plants really need extra magnesium or sulfur that's not already in the soil?

But some of the author's advice I found questionable. Have you ever been advised that before transplanting you should cut the plant back by a third or more? Yes, and I've been known to suggest it! She says the plant will select some leaves to shed, not necessarily those at the top of the plant. Maybe, but I have this image in my mind of "*Rock Hill Peach Tea*" after it was dug and repotted – every leaf on the bush was drooping! I really wanted to see her research on that issue!

We can all learn something about gardening from questioning the common folk wisdom. So check it out, but remember this isn't Gospel, either.

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Vice District Director's Report



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First, I want to call your attention to the website. We have posted all the material that is available for the upcoming **DSD Fall Rose Show & Convention** in the “Upcoming Events” section of the website. You can download the schedules and the conference registration and then *mail the Registration as quickly as possible* since we have a short fuse in meeting our commitments to the hotel.

Second, while you are visiting the website please look over all the material that exists to help you run your societies. As many of you become part of the team that will keep DSD going for the next three years, some of this material may be quite useful.

Third, this report concludes my reports to you for the last six years. It has been fun to work with so many of you on our various projects. When we lost our webmaster last year, I really enjoyed working with my son to recreate a useful tool. I hope it has served you well. We get very little feedback on its usefulness. It is a good companion to our terrific *Bulletin* edited by *Bobbie Reed*. It covers the newness that is added to keep you informed between *Bulletins*. So as we go through the transition to the newly elected team, be sure you make even more use of it.

I have participated in DSD for about 13 years now. I can remember back to when I became the President of Bradenton-Sarasota Rose Society. At that time I wanted all the help I could get to make our society grow, which it did to over 100 members, and to deliver programs that attracted our members to want to join us each month. *I saw and still do see DSD as the place where the “committed” leaders and members go to get ideas on how to better run their operations.* It is the sharing by the rose friends we make and the information we all share that broadens each of our thinking and performance in what we committed to do for ARS, DSD, and our local societies. There are many tools that many of us have built to get you ideas and help you avoid reinvention of the rose society. Again, look at the website. Keep sharing!

I want to thank each of you for your participation in keeping DSD one of the leading districts in the ARS. We have provided the mothership (ARS) with more chairpersons, more editors (all but one of the national bulletins come from DSD editors), much of the revolution to the electronic bulletins now so prevalent across the ARS, lots of excellent articles, speakers, and great winners at the tables of rose shows nationwide. We created the idea of Rose Festivals to meet the needs of those who are not exhibitors, thus getting more members to display their work, which leads to more rose show participants in the future.

Last, I would like to say it has been a pleasure to back up *Karen Prevatt* for six years. She and her Board (*Ed Easom, Linda Schuppener*, and myself) have worked to get things done and pick up the slack when it occurred. We have been fortunate that Karen just won't let us come up with not having a normally scheduled event as is demonstrated by the upcoming Fall Conference. A team of several couples, board members, and others have learned how to pull off three events with a composite DSD level team over the last six years just so we keep the tradition. These events can be moneymakers for a local society, so think about it as a way to grow your own society.



Now it's time for old Phil to retire from so many "due dates" and get to sit on the couch at the rose events and chat about roses for a while. Thank you all for my Silver Medal, I look at it each day and remind myself it's been a joy to serve such wonderful rosarians!

Horticulture Judges Review



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It is still very hot here in Central Florida but we have received a decent amount of rain. My rose blooms are still about one-third their normal size and the plants are obviously stressed by the heat. But relief is in sight and just in time for the District Convention and Rose Show on October 23-25, 2015, in Valdosta, Georgia. This DSD Convention will be the first not sponsored by a local society. Your District officers have worked hard to put together a program and rose show as a District event. I am acting as chair of horticultural judging and have already put my judging teams in place. Although the date is a little early for the best roses from my garden in the Orlando metropolitan area, it should be great for rose growers from a little further north. I am looking forward to the convention and show as well as seeing rose friends from throughout the district.

I recently submitted an updated list of District judges for the DSD website. Since my last column, we have lost another longtime judge, **Fermin Rodriguez** of the Tampa Rose Society. I worked on judging teams with Fermin on several occasions and always found him knowledgeable about roses and very discerning in the evaluation of entries. He was also very active in the Tampa Rose Society and will be missed. I also heard that **Alice Boyd**, another longtime judge, recently lost her husband **Bud**. She has my condolences.

There is not much to be said on the judging front here in the doldrums of summer. There were no rose shows and there is nothing pending on the national level that has been brought to my attention.

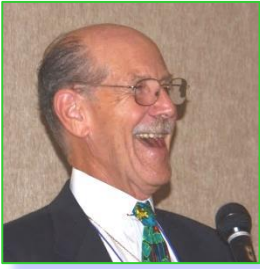
With the election of a new District Director, my current term of office is over. I thought that I was stepping down as your District Chair of Horticultural Judges, but **Ralph Stream** has just asked me to continue on in this position as well take on the duties of Vice Director. I have accepted the two appointments. I have enjoyed being your Chair and have learned a lot about judging and working with judges during my tenure. I have run two schools and a seminar; I think they improved with each offering. I want to thank **Karen Prevatt** for my initial appointment and **Ralph Stream** for his continuing confidence in my stewardship of the position.

I hope everyone had a good summer. I look forward to judging with you at the upcoming fall shows.



Another level of judging – this time at the Biltmore Rose Trials. Here are Tina Loworn-VanCleave and Karen Prevatt at that venue.

Arrangements Judges Chair



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Although we are all struggling through another sweltering southern summer, before you know it, we'll start getting those first cool mornings when it's bearable to go out and get to work on our roses. The heat takes its toll on both the roses and our patience, but if we give them a little TLC we can have beautiful blooms to put in wonderful arrangements for the fall shows.

If you are hosting a fall show and haven't sent in your class schedule for review, please get it to me and I will get it back to you as soon as possible.

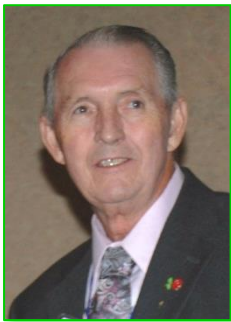
I hope all of you are making plans to attend the DSD Convention, October 23-25, in Valdosta and exhibit in the Rose Show on October 24. We have an interesting lineup of classes and a good panel of judges, so all we need is YOU to show up and exhibit! We all need to support the district show. The arrangement schedule should be available on the DSD website by the time you read this article.

Due to space constraints, there will be no arrangement seminar at the DSD Fall Convention in Valdosta.

See you at the fall shows.



Consulting Rosarian Report



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Hello, Fellow and Future CRs

This will be my last CR Column for the District Bulletin since we will have a new CR Chairman taking over very soon. We will be announcing all the new appointments a little later to welcome them aboard.

Good things come to those who wait. How many times have we heard this? In my case, I have been considering serving the ARS on a District level for a few years now and with having been selected as Director, I am very excited for this opportunity. I know things will be a little rough until I get the hang of what all being the District Director entails, so please have patience with my learning curve. You are foremost in my thought process and I will be serving you first.

Our Master Rosarian designation year ended on August 15th, as it does every year. I sent out reminders to all CRs who qualified with 10 years of active service (approximately 15 count). Only one CR took advantage of my invitation to join this elite group of deserving CRs. You should know by now if you qualify, since my reminders started back in December 2014 and two more since then. I do hope that every qualifying CR will fill out the forms in 2016, you deserve this recognition, so please let your home society know your status.

We had one successful CR school in Tallahassee this summer where four new CRs were confirmed along with six others auditing. We welcome these new CRs. The Bradenton-Sarasota Rose Society recently held a four-hour seminar including the Chemical Safety part. All those attending CRs were recertified for four additional years. My thanks to all those who worked on these programs for our District's CRs' benefit. A fine job was done by both groups.

Since we do not have a Mid-Winter Meeting for 2016 planned at this date, our regular CR School is in question. If we do get this meeting off the ground, please make an effort to rectify your CR status if needed. I will again be sending out reminders of those who are due in 2016 for an audit.

Just think, by the time you read this the nice cooler fall weather will be right around the corner. I know I am ready for it. It seems like every year the weather gets a little hotter. With this nicer weather, we get our nicest blooms. Why not take a few to your local rose show? Our society rose shows are suffering. We all should be promoting our roses by showing them. This is a great way to get new excited members.

Happy rose growing!



Roses in Review 2015

This Roses in Review (RIR) marks the 90th time that the members of the American Rose Society have evaluated new rose introductions. A broad base of participation is needed to make the project worthwhile. We need your contribution, whether you grow only one plant of one variety on the list or many of them. Input is needed from "garden" rosarians as well as exhibitors, and from **new** rosarians as well as seasoned veterans. Reports may also be made by those who are not yet ARS members, so please pass along this website address to your rose-growing friends.

Information on how to submit an evaluation and a list of the new varieties in the 2015 survey is included in the July/August issue of the *American Rose* magazine. The quickest way to submit a report of your evaluations is to go the RIR page on the ARS website and complete the process on-line. It only takes a few minutes. All of the varieties are listed on the web page. Each evaluator will need to register before submitting a report. For your convenience, subsequent visitations to the web site will only require an e-mail address and zip code. Instructions for completing a report are also provided at the web site.

The complete results of this survey will be included in the January/February, 2016, issue of *American Rose*, and will help determine the ratings in the ARS *Handbook for Selecting Roses*. For these results to be meaningful, **we need everyone to participate**. Please take a few minutes of your time to evaluate your new roses. **Only evaluate roses you grow from the cultivar list.**

Reviews must be submitted by September 26, 2015. Your reports will be automatically sent to your district coordinator and may be used in the district newsletter.

Click here to go to the Roses in Review website: www.rose.org.

Adapted from the August 2015 issue of ARS & You, Mary Ann Hext, Editor.



Membership Musings



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Friends, it's a new season. Our roses have endured one of the hottest summer seasons ever but there are signs that the plants are ready for the next phase of the Rose Year. New buds are beginning and there is indication of growth.....

There is need for growth in the garden, in the society, and in the number of members. As members of local rose societies and the American Rose Society, there are several ways to grow:



Photo by Rich Baer

1. Support your local Rose Society - with your dues, your time, and by encouraging and helping new members. Participate in activities and share your knowledge. Make sure your society addresses new rosarians' needs; for instance, the Greater Atlanta Rose Society offers a "Roses 101" class before every regular meeting for those who want to learn the basics of rose growing.
2. Join the American Rose Society. Dues are reasonable and there are benefits for you.
3. Contribute to the ARS General Fund. This used to be known as the Patrons' Fund. Any amount you can donate helps us to operate. This time of the year, there is a need to "feed" this fund. We can pay our bills, but it is important to continue adding to these funds.

ARS will appreciate you for belonging.

American Rose Society 2015 Annual Fund



By Laura Seabaugh, *Executive Director, American Rose Society*
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The heat of summer is upon us and like much of the country we are hoping for some rain. This time of year is when our roses are resting, taking it easy, and preparing themselves for their upcoming blooming season.

The American Rose Society is not resting or taking it easy however. We are working year-round to bring you the latest rose news and research, along with educating our members and the public about everything roses. We are striving to remain in the forefront of the rose world; without your support this would be impossible.

Donations to Annual Fund help us provide all valuable services to our members and the public while keeping membership dues as low as possible. It only takes a moment to make a gift today by completing and mailing the attached form [see page 26], by calling, or by making your donation online at our [giving page](#).

If you prefer to donate over several months, please consider joining our "Perpetual Bloomers Club". Every gift is important, no matter the size.

On behalf of your American Rose Society family, thank you!

Your donations to the annual fund help to keep membership dues low and still provide the outstanding membership benefits you have. Donations are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

For more information on ways to give to the American Rose Society please contact Laura Pfender, Director of Development, at laura@rose.org, or call 800-637-6534 ext 226.

DONATE NOW

From the Treasurer

Earnest (Ed) Easom, Master Rosarian
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To All DSD Presidents and Treasurers,

On August 10, 2015, I sent an e-mail to all rose societies that have not paid their FY 2015 dues. Of those, ten (10) rose societies still have not paid their dues. These societies have until September 30, 2015, to pay dues so that they will not be delinquent.

For FY 2013 and 2014, all societies paid their dues. Let's make it three years.

On another note, I have enjoyed being the DSD Treasurer these last six years. I would like to personally thank all of you who have helped to make my job easier. Thanks again.

2015 Deep South District Photo Contest

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The Deep South District Photo Contest deadline for entries is October 1, 2015. Please be sure to send your photos for this year's event!

For complete rules, see the Summer 2015 issue of *The Bulletin*, page 13.



Site Selection

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Another year is quickly coming to a close, and it promises to end as a fun one with our Fall Convention and Rose Show in Valdosta, GA, October 23 – 25.

Karen and I have been working hard to get volunteers to host events in the future, and as of today we are happy to say we have the Birmingham Rose Society scheduled to host the Mid-Winter in 2017 and the Wiregrass Rose Society hosting the Mid-Winter in 2018. Currently we do not have anyone scheduled to host the 2016 Mid-Winter or any future Fall Convention.

We have talked with a couple of clubs and hope to get some good word soon on others stepping up. If you are interested as a club or an individual in hosting or helping plan a convention, please give me a call or send me an e-mail. I would love to chat with you about it.

Now is the time to start planning an event for 2016, so please, let's see what we can come up with. If your club might be interested in hosting in Gainesville, I can work

with the Best Western and get things started. Gainesville seems to be a nice place for the majority to come and enjoy.

The Carolina District has once again invited us to join them for their 2016 Winter meeting to be held in Greenville, SC on January 15-17. While it is always fun to meet new people, it is a long way for our people to travel. You can let me know if you want information on this event.

Please let me hear any suggestions or volunteers!

Springtime in Ohio: The 2015 ARS Spring Convention

Bobbie Reed, *Master Rosarian*

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An ARS convention called, so of course we hopped into the car to drive to Columbus, Ohio. This time it was the 2015 American Rose Society's combined Spring and Mini/Miniflora National Convention and Rose Show. We were up there a few years ago for a mini, but this was an expanded convention, including a full-sized rose show with all sorts of roses.

The first and biggest surprise was that it may have been spring on the calendar, but definitely *summer* by the weather. It was in the 90s for the whole visit with lots of thunderstorms, and was perhaps hotter than it was in Atlanta. That's fine if you'll be inside for the whole time, but of course we weren't. Maybe the song title should be "Sweltering Ohio" instead of "Beautiful Ohio."

Folks attending from the Deep South District included *Paul Columbo, Sandy Dixon, Henry Everett, Lee Hale, Andrea Maceri, Karen & Clarence Prevatt, Wendy Tilley, and Jesse Usleton*, but those weren't the only familiar faces.

Our visit began with a full-day arrangements workshop on mechanics. Wrenches? You never know! They gave us each a cylindrical container, each one different, and lots of toys to play with – greenery and roses, plus the tools to bend them to our wills – and taught us about the mechanics of arranging. To add to the fun, there was a sale of "gently used" containers for arrangements, and we were all suffering from container envy before the day was over.

Having enjoyed ourselves heartily all day, the welcome reception allowed us to greet old friends, but not, alas, to make a meal out of the hors d'oeuvres. We headed to the restaurant, where past ARS president Jeff Wyckoff joined us for dinner. And so to bed.

Show morning dawned bright and early. I was able to judge at the show, which I always love. There were lots of beautiful roses to admire, especially considering the weather outdoors, and difficult decisions to make because they were all so beautiful. Following tradition, a Mini National has special classes to honor rose hybridizers of note who create miniature and/or miniflora roses. This year the honorees were Keith Zary (formerly of Jackson & Perkins), hybridizer of 'Hot Tamale', 'Bees Knees', 'Gemini', and 'Veterans' Honor';



Andrea Maceri with her winning arrangement, "A Wrench in the Machine".



A basket of 'Joy' was one of the winning entries at the rose show.

and Whit Wells, “the Maestro of Memphis”, hybridizer of ‘*Memphis King*’, ‘*Baldo Villegas*’, and ‘*Abby’s Angel*’.

What’s so special about a national rose show? The quality of the roses and the level of exhibitors. For instance, Satish & Vijaya Prabhu and Sandy & Bob Lundberg were there with roses from South Carolina; both teams won national challenge classes, but fought hard against local teams from Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. The hardest trophy to win, the Nicholson Challenge, requires nine perfect hybrid teas, each deserving of Queen of Show. I tried to take photos of all of them, but there just wasn’t enough time before the show had to be taken down for the evening banquet. The judges are pretty special, too; our judging team included Bob Martin from California (editor of the *Rose Exhibitors Forum*, hybridizer, and now newly-elected ARS VP), and Joe Gibson from New York; one of our clerks was Nancy Jones (wife of Sam). So much to see, so much to learn!

There were Saturday speakers, too, including Bob Martin and Sam Jones, Vice Presidential candidates in the recent American Rose Society Triennial Elections. The awards banquet followed with announcements, presentations, and awards.

The American Rose Society Award of Excellence for minis and minifloras now includes two different classes, one for roses sprayed routinely, and another for roses which are not sprayed during the trials. In the “spray” category, the winner for 2016 was ‘*Chessie’s Favorite*’, hybridized by Barbara Zimmerman. This hybrid of ‘*Memphis King*’ is named after her cat. Barbara and her husband Jim reside part-time in Ohio and part-time in the Deep South. The winner of the “no-spray” group for 2016 was ‘*Lemon Zest*’ (or *Oso Easy Lemon Zest*), hybridized by Christopher Warner of Newport, Shropshire, United Kingdom. This rose, a hybrid of ‘*HORcoherent*’ and ‘*Yellow Ribbons*’ is described as “very disease resistant” and will be introduced by Spring Meadow Nursery of Michigan. The American Rose

Society’s Miniature and Miniflora Hall of Fame had a new inductee this year, ‘*Glowing Amber*’, hybridized by George Mander of Canada in 1996. The Member’s Choice award is based on ratings from *Roses in Review*, and this year went to ‘*Dick Clark*’, hybridized by Tom Carruth and Christian Bedard of Weeks Roses.

The highlight of the evening was the speech by this year’s winner of the Klima Medal. The American Rose Society awards the Klima Medal to recognize the highest levels of excellence in the field of horticultural education concerning “The Rose.” This year the award went to Baldo Villegas, known to many of us through his website, www.sactorose.org/rosebug, “Baldo Villegas’ Bugs and Roses Home Page, The Buggiest Rose Website in the Internet!” Baldo’s talk

was on the importance of the correct identification of rose pests, including examples of Rose Rosette Disease vs herbicide damage, rose midge, oak root fungus, and blackspot versus downy mildew.

Sunday was a very busy, very long day. We started at 7am with the Patrons’ breakfast, followed by the ARS Members Meeting, reporting on the Board meeting. The most surprising news was that Jeff Ware, who has been executive director for a number of years, is resigning. He will be replaced by Laura Seabaugh, currently employed as Membership Director. And after that, the tour began. We went to the



‘*Lemon Zest*’
Photo by Proven Winners



Baldo Villegas,
Klima Medal winner



Laura Seabaugh, Don Schwarz, and Laura Pfender
at the Awards Banquet. Laura Seabaugh is the
new ARS Executive Director.



Columbus Park of Roses with more than 11,000 rose bushes; Inniswood Metro Gardens; Oakland Nurseries; and the private garden of Tom Herr, with about 300 roses. So many roses! And such a long, hot day – we didn't get back to the conference hotel until 4pm, when we were all overheated and pooped.

But we had a great time. We brought home several new arrangements containers and three roses, which struggled with spider mites in our home-away-from-home (motel suite) until we were able to move back into our house. But now we're all home, remembering the glories of Columbus.

Photos by Bobbie Reed unless otherwise noted.

What Happens Next?

56th Annual Deep South District Annual Rose Show & Convention October 23-25, 2015 Valdosta, GA Hilton Garden Inn



Valdosta, GA, October 23-25, 2015. Dates we hope many of us will hold dear in our hearts for the simple reason, if nothing else, we love being together with rose friends. Yes, this weekend will be our **56th Annual DSD Rose Show and Convention**. A proud tradition for the DSD members and friends and hopefully a time we can enjoy some fun things and spend a little time thanking Karen and recognizing her as our faithful leader these past six years.

We will begin the weekend on Friday with noon registration and vendor set up along with our rose show set up. At 2:30pm **Don Myers** from Bayer will tell us a bit about ***"The Future of Controlling Rose Pests"***. Will we learn what the new "norm" will be in our changing world? Don is not a stranger to us. At 6pm it will be a party time starting, with our welcome reception and fun program, ***"Come as your favorite Drink"***. Put on your thinking cap and see what "favorite drink" you can be. Prizes will be awarded, so plan ahead.

The evening will wrap up with our Welcome Buffet dinner, delicious fried chicken and baked ham. After dinner the Hospitality social will be a nice way for us to unwind for a little while.

Saturday morning will provide time for checking out our vendors, some shopping there and getting ready for the rose show. We do hope everyone will bring as many entries as you possibly can. Look for the Rose Show schedule on the DSD website to help you plan your entries. Judges will do their "magic" and the show will be open to view at 1pm. There are plenty of restaurants near the hotel so lunch on your own will be pretty easy.



Our guest speakers Don Myers and Richard Anthony

At 1:45pm we will welcome our afternoon guest speaker, **Richard Anthony** from Brighton, TN. Richard is the creator of "For Love of Roses, LLC", a one-stop shopping e-commerce mini and miniflora rose nursery. You can see by this picture, Don Myers and Richard are best of "buds" too!

Around 4pm we will have our announcements and Raffle. Most of the show will then have to be broken down and the room set up for our reception and evening meal. The meal promises to be a delicious treat with chicken, beef, and fish. The hotel staff recommended the food be served buffet style to ensure hot delicious food for all. The evening will be a relaxed one with recognitions (awards, show winner, thank yous) and installation of our new District Director, followed by our hospitality social. The hospitality social is always our special time when we get to see what snacks we can pull together to try and enjoy.

Sunday morning we have a special treat lined up with The Crescent at Valdosta Garden Center, Inc. Nell Ricketts will be our host and guide for this relaxing morning together in this beautiful setting. We all know how special Garden Clubs are to our communities and this one is a gem.

This event has had (and will end up having more by the end) great volunteers from all over the District pitching in together. Thank you every one! As we think and plan for this weekend, let us remember how precious our time together really is and how wonderful the memories are that come as the result of our love for the rose. We do hope you will come and enjoy.

Jean & Ralph – DSD Fall convention worker bees!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, October 23

12noon – 5:30pm	Registration open
1pm – 5pm	Vendors
1:30pm	Rose Show set up
2:30pm	Don Myers – Bayer Representative – The Future of Controlling Rose Pests
6pm	Welcome Reception Cash Bar
7pm	Welcome Dinner – fun program, "Come as Your Favorite Drink"
9pm – 11pm	After-Dinner Hospitality Social

Saturday, October 24

6am – 10am	Rose Show Prep Area open
8am – 12noon	Registration open
8am – 5pm	Vendors open
10:15am – 1pm	Rose Show Judging
11:30am – 1:30 pm	Lunch on your own – Plenty of local restaurants available
1pm – 4:30pm	Rose Show open for viewing
1:45pm – 3:30pm	Richard Anthony – For Love of Roses, LLC – New Miniature and Miniflora Roses, Today and Tomorrow"
3:30pm – 3:45pm	Break
4pm – 4:30pm	DSD Announcements & Raffle, winners must be present to win
4:30pm – 5:30pm	Break down of show and pick up awards
6:30pm	Welcome Reception Cash Bar
7pm	Banquet, Recognition of Outstanding CR and Judge & Silver Medal recipients, Rose Show awards; other recognitions & installation of new officers
9pm-11pm	After Banquet Hospitality Social

Sunday, October 25

9am – 12n	Garden Tour – The Crescent at Valdosta Garden Center, Inc. 904 North Patterson Street, Valdosta, GA 31604, 229-244-6747 A guided and/or self-guided tour to see this beautiful, well-maintained garden, a beautiful gem in Valdosta of flowers, birds, and beauty!
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“A Toast to Karen”
56th Deep South District Rose Show & Convention
 Hosted by DSD Volunteers and Supporters
Hilton Garden Inn, 1702 Gornto Road, Valdosta, GA 31601
October 23 – 25, 2015



Registration Information:

Name(s) [for name badges] _____
 Street Address _____
 City, State & Zip _____
 Phone _____ E-mail _____ Local Society _____

Registration Fees:

	<u>Price</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Regular (postmarked by 10/4/2015)	\$50	_____	_____
Late (postmarked after 10/4/2015)	\$55	_____	_____
Welcome Buffet (Friday 7 pm, Cash Bar 6-7 pm) Fried Chicken, Baked Ham, vegetables, bread, dessert & tea	\$25	_____	_____
Banquet Buffet (Saturday 7 pm) (Cash Bar 6:30-7 pm) Chicken Francese, Beef Tips, Pan Seared Tilapia Served with salad, vegetables, bread, dessert, tea & lemonade	\$36	_____	_____

Meals - MUST BE RESERVED BY 10/17/15

Sunday morning Garden Tour – (drive on own or carpool)

The Crescent – The Valdosta Garden Center, Inc. 904 N Patterson St
 Leave the Hotel at 9:00 am – Arrive at 9:30 Tour 9:30 - 12:00 noon
 Guided tour and/or self-guided tour - Donation to Garden Club \$5 _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

If you would like to bring a dessert to share at the Hospitality Suite, please let us know (yes ___ no ___)

Would like to Clerk the Rose Show (yes _____ no _____)

Do you plan to Exhibit? (Horticulture yes _____ no _____ Arrangements yes _____ no _____)

Make Checks Payable to “Deep South District” - Mail this form with your check to our Registrar,
Rita Moore – 110 Leigh St, Daleville, AL 36322-2361 (phone-334-598-2103)

Cancellation Policy: Registration Fee Less 25% will be refunded if request is received by 10/14/2014. No refund after that date.

For Additional Information, Contact: Karen Prevatt, 813-833-5122, kprevatt@verizon.net
 Rita Moore, 334-598-2103, rita@fjmoore.org
 Ralph or Jean Stream, 352-591-4474, streamj@gmail.com,
 or visit www.deepsouthdistrict.org for schedule of events and details.

Hotel Information - Event dates: October 23 -25, 2015 (room rate also available on Oct 22 & 26)

Call the hotel directly to make your reservation and indicate that you are coming for the DSD ARS Convention, Oct. 23. We need an exact count of the rooms reserved by our attendees!

Hilton Garden Inn, 1702 Gornto Rd. Valdosta, FL 31601. Phone 229-219-1011. Rooms are \$99.00, plus tax, per night, single or double occupancy. Hotel will provide a \$5/per day/per person breakfast discount voucher toward a \$10 breakfast (2 day maximum), Free high-speed wireless internet access, no charge self-parking. **To receive discount rate, please book on or before September 23, 2015.**

Location: Exit 18 off of I-75, East ¼ mile on the left.

Hotel Reservation Cutoff Date is 9/23/15. After this date, lowest room rate will be based on space availability.



District Service Award Recipients

By Jeff Hoffman, DSD Historian

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We joined rose societies for various reasons – the love of roses, learning to grow better roses, becoming better exhibitors and sharing our rose interests with new friends. Some individuals have the drive and ambition, or perhaps a sense of personal duty, to strive to do even more. They become the Local Society Leaders, Consulting Rosarians, Judges and those who have provided exceptional services to the whole District. It's these leaders who keep all levels of rose organizations going.

These remarkable people have given freely of their time, effort, and support to make the Deep South District the vital and enthusiastic organization it is. They can never be thanked enough. Fortunately, ways have been established to recognize many of them.

Within the Deep South District, we have the Silver Medal Award (for outstanding service to the District), the Outstanding Consulting Rosarian Award (for outstanding service in the performance of CR functions), the Outstanding Judge Award (for outstanding service as a rose show judge), and the Anita Smith Outstanding Service Award (for exemplary service in the District – given annually at the Mid-Winter Meeting). Recipients of these awards are nominated from the field and selected by a committee of their peers.

*Where names are marked with an asterisk, the recipient is deceased. If you know of any updates or corrections, please send them to Jeff Hoffman at the address above. – The Editor

DEEP SOUTH DISTRICT

SILVER HONOR MEDAL RECIPIENTS

1957	*Mrs. V. K. Bowman	Decatur, GA	1981	*Gertrude Hirsh	Clearwater, FL
1958	NO AWARD		1982	*Virginia Wolking	Tampa, FL
1959	NO AWARD		1983	*Ed Griffith	Mobile, AL
1960	*A. B. Wentz	Hiram, GA	1984	*Anita Smith	Canton, GA
1961	*Katie Lampkin	Bradenton, FL	1985	Willis Evans	Tampa, FL
1962	*Ralph Dasher	Florence, AL	1986	*Margaret Donaldson	Havana, FL
1963	*Ruth Fulwood	Tifton, GA	1987	Katherine L. Mostellar	Atlanta, GA
1964	*H. H. Huckeba	Atlanta, GA	1988	*J. Coleman Ray	Macon, GA
1965	*Sam Hjort	Thomasville, GA	1989	*Dan Morrell	Stuart, FL
1966	*Mrs. Fred A. Baker	Atlanta, GA	1990	Charles & *Ada Alcott	Orlando, FL
1967	*Mrs. Arthur Harris	Bradenton, FL	1991	Mel & Rita Bough	Fort Myers, FL
1968	*Perry Letson	Pratville, AL	1992	*Don & *Patti Thigpen	Savannah, GA
1969	*Elizabeth Hulett	Jacksonville, FL	1993	Bob & Martha Eskew	Birmingham, AL
1970	*Mrs. W. E. McLean	Jacksonville, FL	1994	*Vasta Yarborough	Whigham, GA
1971	*Edwin Birge	Carrollton, GA	1995	NO AWARD	
1972	*J. D. Blair	Atlanta, GA	1996	Margarita L. M. Calvet	Miami, FL
1973	*George J. Johnston	Decatur, GA	1997	*Alan Wolking	Tampa, FL
1974	*W. Henry Hunt	Birmingham, AL	1998	*Jimmy Jones	Montgomery, AL
1975	*Mary Bostic	Havana, FL	1999	*Oline Reynolds	Bainbridge, GA
1976	*Mrs. Fred Woolverton	Ponte Vedra, FL	2000	Pete & Kay Taylor	Fairhope, AL
1977	Dr. Rubert W. Prevatt	Lakeland, FL	2001	Harold & *Jean Baker	Lakeland, FL
1978	NO AWARD		2002	*Bill & Mary Maud Sharpe	Tallahassee, FL
1979	*Thomas Donaldson	Smyrna, GA	2003	NO AWARD	
1980	*Dr. Hal Bennett	Graceville, FL	2004	*Bill & Peggy Tevepaugh	Jacksonville, FL

2005	Eleanor Ramage	Lakeland, FL	2010	Jim & Kay Harrell	St. Simons Is., GA
2006	*Fermin Rodriguez	Tampa, FL	2011	Ralph & Jean Stream	Micanopy, FL
2007	Cathy Farmer	Woodstock, GA	2012	Phil & Anne Paul	Sarasota, FL
2008	Montine Herring	Whigham, GA	2013	Sandra Dixon	Jacksonville, FL
2009	Russell Bowermaster	Bradenton, FL	2014	Bobbie Reed	Lawrenceville, GA

**DEEP SOUTH DISTRICT
OUTSTANDING CONSULTING ROSARIANS**

1961	*Thomas Donaldson	Smyrna, GA	1990	*Bob Dickens	Macon, GA
1962	NO AWARD		1991	Al Young	Montgomery, AL
1963	*Elizabeth Hulett	Jacksonville, FL	1992	Edwin J. Duckett	Jacksonville, FL
1964	Mrs. Curtis Bryant	Atlanta, GA	1993	*Vasta Yarborough	Whigham, GA
1965	*Mrs. John O. Broadway	Huntsville, AL	1994	*Ed Griffith	Mobile, AL
1966	*Mrs. Fred T. Woolverton	Ponte Vedra Bch, FL	1995	*Bill Tevepaugh	Jacksonville, FL
1967	*J. D. Blair	Atlanta, GA	1996	*Jimmy Jones	Montgomery, AL
1968	NO AWARD		1997	Charles & *Ada Alcott	Orlando, FL
1969	Dr. Rubert Prevatt	Lakeland, FL	1998	Dr. Stuart Smith	Tallahassee, FL
1970	*W. Henry Hunt	Birmingham, AL	1999	*Dr. Don Ziegler	Atlanta, GA
1971	*Mrs. S. M. Greene	Coral Gables, FL	2000	Eula Richards	Fort Myers, FL
1972	*Miss Mary Bostick	Havana, FL	2001	Mel Bough	Fort Myers, FL
1973	*Mrs. Frank B. Hirsh	Clearwater, FL	2002	Margarita L. M. Calvet	Miami, FL
1974	*Ernie Allardt	Lake Worth, FL	2003	Anna Price	Tallahassee, FL
1975	*Dr. Hal D. Bennett	Graceville, FL	2003	Ralph Stream	Micanopy, FL
1976	George Sturgeon	Clearwater, FL	2004	Sam & Nell Cunningham	Havana, FL
1977	*Thomas B. Harrell	Macon, GA	2004	*Tom & Shirley Mullins	Gainesville, FL
1978	*Linus Olson	Orange City, FL	2005	Mayre Parr	Birmingham, AL
1979	*Dr. Marvous Mostellar	Atlanta, GA	2005	Linda Guy	Mobile, AL
1980	*Katie Lampkin	Bradenton, FL	2006	Connie Vierbicky	Sarasota, FL
1981	*Anita Smith	Canton, GA	2007	Louise Stafford	Snellville, GA
1982	*Frank B. Hirsh	Clearwater, FL	2008	Bobbie Reed	Atlanta, GA
1983	Mrs. Clyde F. Jackson	Enterprise, AL	2009	Jim & Kay Harrell	St. Simons Is., GA
1984	*Floyd Partridge	Macon, GA	2010	Connie Vierbicky	Sarasota, FL
1985	*Margaret Donaldson	Havana, FL	2011	Will Evans	Tampa, FL
1986	Montine Herring	Whigham, GA	2012	Walter & Linda Reed	Peachtree City, GA
1987	*Alan B. Wolking	Tampa, FL	2013	Cathy Farmer	Woodstock, GA
1988	*Dan Morrell	Stuart, FL	2014	Marty & Elaine Pawlikowski	Sanford, FL
1989	Bob Eskew	Birmingham, AL	2015	Nancy Stout	The Villages, FL

**DEEP SOUTH DISTRICT
OUTSTANDING JUDGES**

1985	*Anita Smith	Canton, GA	1991	Rubert & *Edna Prevatt	Lakeland, FL
1986	*Katie Lampkin	Bradenton, FL	1992	Bob Eskew	Birmingham, AL
1987	*W. Henry Hunt	Birmingham, AL	1993	*Bob Dickens	Macon, GA
1988	*Ed Griffith	Mobile, AL	1994	Bob Rousch	Yankeetown, FL
1989	Margarita L. M. Calvet	Miami, FL	1995	Willis Evans	Tampa, FL
1990	*Floyd Partridge	Macon, GA	1996	*Vernon Moon	Valley, AL



1997	Sam Cunningham	Havana, FL	2007	Russ Bowermaster	Bradenton, FL
1998	Glenda Clark	Savannah, GA	2008	Martha Eskew (Hort.)	Birmingham, AL
1999	*Margaret Donaldson	Havana, FL	2008	Mary Maud Sharpe (Arr.)	Tallahassee, FL
2000	Charles & *Ada Alcott	Orlando, FL	2009	Mike & Gerta Roberts (Hort)	Fakenham, UK
2001	Eleanor Ramage	Lakeland, FL	2009	Stuart Smith (Arr)	Tallahassee, FL
2002	*Oline Reynolds	Bainbridge, GA	2010	NO AWARD	
2002	*Vasta Yarborough	Whigham, GA	2011	Sandra Dixon	Jacksonville, FL
2003	Mel & Rita Bough	Fort Myers, FL	2012	*Bill & Peggy Tevepaugh	Jacksonville, FL
2004	*Bill & Mary Maud Sharpe	Tallahassee, FL	2013	Lee Hale	Jackson, GA
2005	*Fermin Rodriguez	Tampa, FL	2014	NO AWARD	
2006	Montine Herring	Whigham, GA			

**DEEP SOUTH DISTRICT
ANITA SMITH OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD**

2010	Ralph & Jean Stream	Micanopy, FL	2013	Katherine Mostellar	Atlanta, GA
2011	Phil & Anne Paul	Sarasota, FL	2014	Bobbie Reed	Lawrenceville, GA
2012	Montine Herring	Whigham, FL	2015	Earnest "Ed" Easom	Lutz, FL

The "Anita Smith Outstanding Service Award" is given annually at the Mid-Winter Meeting for exemplary service to the District.

Anita, an original attendee at the first Mid-Winter Meeting in Bainbridge at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Reynolds, gave us her recollections of that first meeting at the occasion of the 25th annual Mid-Winter meeting in Tallahassee. Affectionately known as "Miss Nita", she attended most of the meetings until her death in 2009, only a few short weeks after she served as Chairman of Judges for the Greater Atlanta Rose Show.

She served as an organizer, supporter, and conscience for the Deep South District. Having served as District Chairman of Judges for twelve years, she was a leader in the true sense of the word. She is greatly missed by her rose friends.



The Bulletin

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Rose Show Results

The Bulletin attempts to provide a complete list of local and district rose show results in each issue. For this to occur, someone at each rose show must gather and transmit complete results, as an Excel (preferred), Word, paper, or e-mail document. Results should be sent within one week after the show, and should include class description, winning rose(s), and exhibitor's name, plus arrangements theme and additional awards (medal certificates and rosettes). These transmissions are in addition to those sent to the ARS national horticulture and arrangements quarterlies. Your timely cooperation is appreciated.

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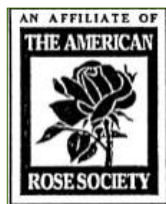


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- November 7, 2015 Central Florida Rose Society Rose Show**, Orange County UF IFAS Extension Education Center, 6021 S. Conway Road, Orlando, FL. Contact James Small, 407-628-3874, jsmalljr@cfl.rr.com
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