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District Director's Report



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Our 2015 DSD Fall Convention and

Rose show in Valdosta, GA, turned out to be a very good to excellent district meeting in spite of not having a host society to sponsor the event. Almost at the last minute we were able to put together a group of district leaders and workers, who, with our past Director *Karen Prevatt*, were able to secure a location and move forward with planning. The hotel was a tad small for all we had going on. The hotel staff was so great in making sure all our set-ups were as requested; they had a lot of shuffling to do to meet our needs.

The rose show turned out to be quite good even though we were restricted to a small space. I only wish we could have had more time to leave the show set up for our attendees to view before it had to be broken down. Hopefully we can avoid this issue in future district rose shows.

I don't know about you but my being a country boy I really appreciated the buffet meals; the family style of eating has a good appeal to most. These style of meals far outweigh any plated banquet/plated meals served anywhere.

I give praise to all our past district workers and committees who were recognized by Karen for their past years of district service. Our new board of directors was installed and given the challenge by me to do all we can to strengthen our district's membership and involvement.

The attendance was off from last year, perhaps due to the location or maybe the late information provided; our folks in the far reaches of the district would have had to travel many hours to attend. We will be looking at ways to centralize these events in the future, especially the Mid-Winter meetings. All in all those who attended had lots of fun as always.

I want to express my sincere thanks to all of my supporters in the 2015 triennial election. We had a really close election, and many are saying

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that this was a sign of division. Maybe so, but I can assure you that I will be doing all I can to represent all of our rose growers no matter their growing pleasures. My wish is to gain your respect, you already have mine. We all know that the world of roses is changing fast; either we adjust our thinking or we get left behind.

Your new Board of Directors for the district have been selected, and I appreciated all who said yes; in fact, I only had one say no to an invitation to serve in this capacity. I feel we have a great group of leaders that will be helping me serve your wishes and needs. Remember, we are all needed to make our district and its societies stronger and more complete.

Jean and I traveled to Syracuse, NY, in early September for the American Rose Society Fall National Convention and Rose Show. There were approximately 265 attendees from all over the U.S. and abroad. The most anticipated part of the Saturday program was the installation of all the American Rose Society's officers and committees for the next three years. There were 18 District Directors, 10 Regional Directors, the new Vice President and our new ARS President **Pat Shanley**. All received standing ovations. It was an exciting time for me as this was my first National assignment. We left invigorated.



Kitsy Mostellar, our Regional Director, and Ralph Stream, District Director

As I close this, my first Director's message, I want to express that I will always be here to listen to your concerns and thoughts, and welcome any and all ideas that can improve this hobby we all love. Communication works, so let's talk about roses however and everywhere we can.

Hoping you all the best, see you at the Mid-Winter meeting January 15-17, 2016. See details enclosed herein.

Remembering

Sharon Whitcomb, age 72, of Brooksville, FL, died Sunday, October 4, 2015. Born in Buffalo, NY, she came here 15 years ago from Tampa. She was a policy service representative with USAA, member of the Tampa Rose Society, Central Florida Heritage Rose Society, Marion County Rose Society, and St. Anthony Catholic Church. She is survived by her husband, Allen; son & daughter-in-law: Jason & Kati of Cape Coral; daughters & sons-in-law: Maureen & Sean Ringley of Plant City and Amy & Danny Herrero of Orlando; and grandchildren: Tyler, Rachel, Kristina, Bryce, Grace and Katherine. You'll remember Sharon as a smiling face at many DSD events, including recently when she and Al hosted the hospitality room.



Stan Henry, age 83, passed away on October 24, 2015. He had a love for the outdoors with hobbies which included golf, hunting, fishing, and working around his home and garden. A graduate of Georgia Tech with a degree in Industrial Engineering, he served a tour of duty in the Navy after which he was employed by 3M Company in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He and his wife later moved to Laurens, South Carolina, where he retired in 1994.



He is survived by his wife Pat, to whom he was married for sixty years. Pat Henry and Bill Patterson are the owners of Roses Unlimited, and if you ever visited Pat's garden, you doubtless heard about or met Stan.

My "Screamin' Bloom Machines"

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For most of the last 20 years (my garden's age), I held a full time job while caring for 150 rose bushes. Last year, I retired from my position as a high school math teacher, which gave me extra time to reflect upon what I liked or disliked about my garden. I have come to the conclusion that even in retirement, my goals are basically the same as they were in the beginning of my passionate hobby: I want to grow rose bushes that: A) bloom *prolifically*, B) are somewhat *disease resistant*, and C) *show well* when I choose to exhibit. As a Master Rosarian, many people ask me for rose variety recommendations. Therefore, this article will be about my top five rose varieties (in each category of roses I grow), which I lovingly call my "*screaming bloom machines*." The roses on my list are not necessarily my absolute favorites, nor do they smell divine, nor are they listed in abundant bloom priority order. These are the rose bushes that I like to grow in my garden because they allow me to cut lots of bouquets for others, and they make my garden look like a rose garden should...magazine pretty!



Since **Old Garden Roses** are the oldest (classes introduced prior to 1867, with many subclasses) and have a flower form that can be quartered, cupped, rosette, globular, reflexed or compact, let's start here. My top five bloom machines in this category are:

- 🌹 **'Kronprinzessin Viktoria von Preussen'** (short, wide bush, rosette, white blooms), a sport of '*Souvenir de la Malmaison*'.
- 🌹 **'Souvenir de la Malmaison'** (medium tall, wide bush, light pink, double bloom). [Photo right by Bobbie Reed.]
- 🌹 **'Pink Pet'** (small, wide bush, double flowers, medium pink)
- 🌹 **'Eugene E. Marlitt'** (also called "Maggie"; tall, wide bush, deep pink, rosette blooms)
- 🌹 **'Mrs. B.R. Cant'** (tall, wide bush with medium pink, full blooms).

Two bushes that could also fall into this category are '*Eugene de Beauharnais*' (dark red, double, fragrant) and '*Francis Dubreuil*' (dark red, double, fragrant).

My second category would be **English Roses** (David Austin), since these are a cross between modern roses and old garden roses. They are classified as shrubs, but I have to list them separately as they are so popular nowadays:



- **'Abraham Darby'** (huge bush, blooms smell fruity, apricot blend, very double flower). [Photo right, from David Austin Roses]
- **'Darcey Bussell'** (medium tall, wide bush, crimson pompom blooms which fade to varying red colors while on the bush)
- **'Jude the Obscure'** (huge bush, medium yellow, very full blooms)
- **'LD Braithwaite'** (huge bush, Christmas red blooms, very double)
- **'Heritage'** (huge bush, light pink, shallow cupped blooms).



There are many smaller Austin bushes like *'Tamora'* (apricot blend, full), *'Carding Mill'* (apricot blend, full), *'Ambridge Rose'* (apricot blend, full), *'Belle Story'* (light pink, 35 petals), and *'Windermere'* (white, very full), that also bloom a lot, but the big bushes naturally produce the most blooms.

Next come the **Hybrid Teas**, the most popular class of modern roses. Blooms are usually 30-50 petals and flowers are borne singly on long stems. These are usually a problem for me because they are so disease prone, but here are some "bankers" that do exceptionally well. They are:

- **'Elina'** (big bush, light yellow blooms) [Photo right, from Edmunds Roses]
- **'Louise Estes'** (big bush, gorgeous pink blend blooms)
- **'Veterans' Honor'** (big bush, dark red blooms)
- **'Gemini'** (tall bush, pink blend blooms which really look sort of like an orange blend)
- **'Moonstone'** (tall bush, white, pristine blooms).



'Hot Princess' (deep pink, double) and *'St. Patrick'* (yellow blend, 35 petals) are also pretty good bloomers.

Floribundas come next on my list. They are characterized by the ability to produce profuse flowers in large clusters. This class is unrivaled for providing massive color displays in the garden. My blooming machines are:

- **'Playgirl'** (medium, wide bush with single, hot pink blooms) [Photo right by Bobbie Reed]
- **'Sunsprite'** (short, wide bush with deep yellow, 30 petals)
- **'Europeana'** (medium tall, wide bush with dark red, 30 petals)
- **'Fabulous!'** (medium tall, wide bush with pure white, 30 petals)
- **'Kanegem'** (tall bush, orange red, 42 petals).



I also have to put in a good word about *'Our Lady of Guadalupe'* (light pink, 30 petals), *'Hannah Gordon'* (pink blend, 25 petals) and *'Hot Cocoa'* (russet, full).

My fifth category is **"screaming climbers"**, and I use some shrubs as climbers due to their large size. Since rose bushes have no tendrils, they have to be tied to an arbor to climb anyway. My best performers are:

- **'Prosperity'** (classified as a shrub, humongous bush with white blooms everywhere) [Photo right, from Rose Petals Nursery]
- **'Dortmund'** (classified as a shrub, humongous bush with strawberry red, single blooms with a white button eye)
- **'Altissimo'** (actual climber, Chinese red, single blooms everywhere)
- **'Clair Matin'** (medium pink, 15 petals)
- **'Pink Perpétué'** (climber, medium pink, 32 petals).



Another prolific climber with very full blooms, smaller bush, 100

petals, is ‘*Rosarium Uetersen*’ (deep pink-orange blooms).

Shrubs are easily characterized by their sprawling habit, and there are many popular subdivisions within the class. I will generally list only my best bloomers:

- 🌹 ‘*Lyda Rose*’ (white, single, incredibly prolific, medium, super wide bush – plant it on a five-foot center) [Photo right by Bobbie Reed]
- 🌹 ‘*Carefree Beauty*’ (medium pink, 20 petals, medium sized bush)
- 🌹 ‘*Knock Out*’ (single bloom, red blend, bionic, medium sized bush)
- 🌹 ‘*Belinda’s Dream*’ (medium pink, very double bloom – looks like a hybrid tea, big bush)
- 🌹 ‘*Sally Holmes*’ (large bush, white single blooms).



Miniatures are primarily used for edging beds or for growing in containers. The average plant is about 30 inches tall, and the flower form is indeed a miniature version of the hybrid tea. My best bloomers are:

- 🌹 ‘*Miss Flippins*’ (medium red, double) [Photo right, from For Love of Roses]
- 🌹 ‘*Fairhope*’ (light yellow-white, 28 petals)
- 🌹 ‘*Pierrine*’ (Orange-Pink, 40 petals)
- 🌹 ‘*Kristin*’ (red blend, 30 petals)
- 🌹 ‘*Breath of Spring*’ (medium yellow, double)
- 🌹 ‘*Bees Knees*’ (yellow blend, full)



‘*Nancy Jean*’ (apricot blend, double) and ‘*Joy*’ (pink blend, double) are other good blooming minis.

Lastly, one of my favorite rose classes is the **miniflora**. It is a relatively new classification (1999) by the ARS to recognize intermediate bloom size falling between minis and floribundas. My five screamin’ bloomers are:

- 🌹 ‘*Louisville Lady*’ (deep pink, full bloom) [Photo right, from For Love of Roses]
- 🌹 ‘*Conundrum*’ (yellow blend, double)
- 🌹 ‘*Tiffany Lynn*’ (pink blend, 21 petals)
- 🌹 ‘*Unbridled*’ (yellow blend, double)
- 🌹 ‘*Show Stopper*’ (apricot blend, very full)



....and for those fans of white, full blooms, I recommend ‘*Leading Lady*’ as well.

So there you have it. If you want lots and lots of blooms and bushes that tolerate overwhelming heat, disease, and the blow torch effect of the sun in Florida, these are the bushes to own. Perhaps you might have other prolific bushes that grow in your garden.... I certainly have not grown all the prolific roses out there as YET! Let me know of your recommendations sometime and I might add them to my collection. Many of us are still looking for those great rose bushes. I invite you to see my screaming bloom machines anytime during the year but especially from November through April (which is why I live in FL). We are about to enter the most wonderful time of the year for rose growing!

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'Knock Out' and the American Rose Industry



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The American Rose Society's September 2015 convention featured a conversation about the recent history and future of the American rose industry. The main participants were Steve Hutton, the CEO of Star Roses, the company that markets 'Knock Out', and Will Radler, its hybridizer. To set the stage Hutton stated that "It is impossible to overstate the importance of 'Knock Out' to the rose industry." Over 90 million of Radler's roses have been sold since 'Knock Out' was introduced in 1999. Three hundred 'Knock Outs' are sold for any other single variety. Almost half of the roses sold are 'Knock Outs.' It is the best-selling rose in history, and restored the use of roses as a popular landscape plant.

Back in 1978, the rose industry was healthy. Sixty million roses were sold that year, mostly the Moderns – Hybrid Teas, Floribundas, and Miniatures. Roses had been popular for decades as the only major plant that provided color and flowers in American landscapes from frost to frost. However, tremendous social change in America resulted in a precipitous decline in the sales of roses. The American Rose Society has mirrored this decline, shrinking from 26,000 to under 8,000 current members. 'Knock Out' has revived the industry, proving that there is still a great love and demand for roses.

By the 1970s, most Americans' lives had changed dramatically: wives and mothers had joined the work force; suburban life had added long commutes; divorce was increasing the number of single-parent families; and television had emerged as a major competitor for leisure time. People had less time for gardening, and the pace of life in America was rapidly accelerating. In addition, the environmental movement was opening people's eyes to the dangers of pesticides and reversing people's attitudes toward the miracles of chemistry.

In the 1980s and '90s the pace of social change accelerated with the emergence of the Internet, home computers, and big-box stores. By filling people's lives, these changes were sucking the life out of hobbies, especially social organizations such as rose societies. Gardening continued as the most popular outdoor activity in America, but people no longer had the time for needy modern roses. Roses were being replaced in landscapes by new hybrids of other plants that had extended blooming seasons or colored foliage and thrived with less care.

Will Radler [photo, right from Premierbooth] had planted his first rose bush at age nine and was growing 150 by age 16. He studied landscape architecture in college, then went to work for the Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, parks department. Eventually he became the curator of the nationally-regarded Boerner Botanical Gardens in Milwaukee. By 1974 Radler, the landscape architect whose hobby 'Knock Outs' have made him a millionaire, had recognized these great cultural shifts – gardeners had less spare time and didn't want to use poisons. Continuing his lifelong hobby/passion for roses, Radler had begun to hybridize roses in his basement. He had noticed that upon their retirement his rose mentors were growing fewer roses. They were unable to sustain the intensive care programs required by the popular varieties; therefore, Radler focused on creating low-maintenance varieties.



From 1974 to 1989 he pursued this great gamble of genetic magic, crossing low-maintenance with high-maintenance roses. Hybridizing is particularly long-odds gambling because the new plants most often seem to exhibit the worst of both parents. Each spring he would move 500 of his 1,000 seedling roses from the basement into his backyard boot camp. Since the goal was disease resistance, he intentionally watered them overhead several times a week to maintain optimum conditions for black spot. He also collected every kind of dead, diseased rose leaves, blended them in solution, and sprayed them on the baby roses.

In 1989, after 15 years of self-education in this quest, seedling 89-20.1 was among a group that he almost trashed because it was initially reluctant to bloom when he brought it out into the sun. However, it stayed clean, showing amazing resistance to all the leaf-spot diseases he sprayed it with. It grew into a pleasantly-shaped shrub with beautiful foliage that bloomed continuously. It covered itself with brilliantly colored, hot-pink, semi-double, slightly fragrant blossoms. It thrived when fed and watered less than other roses. In contrast with most roses whose spent blooms must be removed by hand, 89-20.1's expired flowers dried, shriveled, and fell off.

Radler had high hopes for this seedling, but bringing a new rose to market usually takes about 10 years – a long and complicated process. Hutton's Star Roses spent eight years working with 89-20.1 before finally choosing a name, patenting it, and marketing it. Normally, sales of a new rose peak in its first year, but *'Knock Out's'* sales have flourished and grown; only last year did *'Double Knock Out'* replace *'Knock Out'* as the best-selling rose in America.

So what has Radler done in the 15 years since Hutton delivered *'Knock Out's'* punch to the rose world? In addition to the six varieties that are sold with the *'Knock Out'* family name, Star is handling 20 of Radler's other varieties, including some that are healthier and more fragrant than *'Knock Out.'* When asked how he can break out of his own shadow, Radler says his challenge is to top his own success. His goal, and that of every other rose hybridizer, is to make the next cross that changes the rose world along with replicating Radler's spectacular financial success. He believes that roses will get better – that "bullet-proof" plants with deliciously fragrant, exhibition-type Hybrid-Tea-shaped blooms are coming soon.

New rose introductions are getting close. Other hybridizers, chasing Radler's success in this new market for sustainable roses, are now advertising entire collections of new roses with vastly improved disease resistance, bright colors, intoxicating fragrance, and gorgeous flower forms that they have developed since *'Knock Out'* revealed the pent-up demand for sustainable roses.

Asked about some of the negativity generated by *'Knock Out's'* success, Radler acknowledged that the rose business, hobby and commercial, has changed, but he believes that roses will continue to improve because that's what gardeners want. Genetic triumph over black spot in a tough plant with beautiful flowers and great growth characteristics have made *'Knock Out'* the most successful rose ever. However, absence of black spot allows the other



Above: *'Knock Out'* the rose
Below: *'Knock Out'* the bush



Radler's "boot camp for roses"

weaknesses of roses to show through. There are plenty of other debilitating rose diseases and pests, and of course we'd prefer roses that had bigger blooms, more petals, better form, and stronger fragrance. In the Deep South we've discovered that 'Knock Out' is very susceptible to spider mites and chilli thrips. It breaks our hearts that so many of the neglected landscape 'Knock Out' roses we see are dying or dead from these pests. Further north, just like most other roses, it is very susceptible to Rose Rosette Virus. There are plenty of challenges available to hybridizers and other plant scientists.

Reflecting on his future, Radler mused that he almost had it made, but his success demanded that he add employees. He has found managing people to be much harder than full-time tinkering with his roses. He admits that, as the Chief Executive Tinkerer of Rose Creations, his LLC, the biggest current challenge is "to train people to be me." A hybridizer assistant seems to be working well, but another group of helpers – not so much. He still works to fulfill his dream of retiring to the joys of fulltime rose-tinkering. He views himself as a basically lazy man who enjoys working all day to find an easier way to do something. He knows that 2,500 hundred roses is the limit his brain can handle, so he will continue to create his 1,000 seedlings each year, test for the best, and seek the easiest path.

Photos from Wayne Myers

Horticulture Judges Review



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The Deep South District Rose Show and Convention, held in Valdosta, Georgia, from October 23-25, 2015, was a fun event. The accommodations were nice and the show room, although small, was sufficient for our purposes. Although I was unable to attend many of the programs due to my duties as chair of horticultural judging, I understand they were excellent. The District Rose Show featured two or more entries for the ARS and District Challenge Classes. The ARS Award this year was the Hershey Bowl and was won by **Ralph & Jean Stream**. They also won the McFarland Memorial Trophy. The Katy Lampkin Award required matching floribunda sprays this year, roses no exhibitor seemed to possess. I know my own two bushes produced no flowers for this show and, apparently, others were in the same boat as there also were no entries for the other floribunda class, the Deep South Bulletin Trophy, as well. With the exception of the Deep South District Double English Box Trophy (no entries), the other District challenge classes had good competition. The queens of show were outstanding and the awards table beautiful. The district sponsored this convention

and show rather than an individual society. I want to personally thank all those individuals who had a part in making this convention and rose show a success. It was an excellent experience for all who attended.



The ARS Hershey Bowl was won by **Ralph & Jean Stream**. Roses included 'Desperado', 'Jewel Grace', 'Moonstone', 'Veterans Honor', and 'Louise Estes'.



The DSD McFarland Trophy was won by **Ralph & Jean Stream**. Roses included 'Jewel Grace', 'Desperado', 'Dina Gee', 'Louise Estes', and 'Daisy Louise'.

One exhibitor was upset about an entry being disqualified as being misnamed. Apparently judges were unfamiliar with how the rose 'Joy' looks when grown under different environmental conditions. Although I didn't see the rose in question at the show, I did see a photo of it and had to admit it didn't look like any 'Joy' I ever saw before. I remember discussing an entry of 'My Lady Barbara' at the show that looked nothing like the ones I grow but the exhibitor and several others claimed it definitely was that variety. The point I am trying to make is that some roses can look quite different when grown under different environmental conditions. As judges, we need to be very careful about disqualification if there is even a remote



The George Johnston trophy was won by **Cindy Dale**. Roses included 'Princess Alexandra of Kent', 'The Dark Lady', 'Abraham Darby', 'Litchfield Angel', and 'Quietness'.

chance that the specimen may be appropriately named. However, as a judge I would tend to penalize such an entry as not being "typical of the class." At District shows I try to pair judges from different parts of the District so there will be some expertise on how roses look from different locations. I think that is the best we can do in this regard.

It is that time of year again, the time when I send out a request that each of our judges submit their annual report. Look for the form in your e-mail soon and please submit it. I use this information to update my records and assess the status of judging in our district. Check the judges list on the District website to make sure your mailing address and e-mail address are correct.



The Directors Miniflora Trophy was won by **Jim Small**. Roses included 'Baldo Villegas', 'Dr John Dickman', 'Louisville Lady', 'Shameless', and 'Foolish Pleasure'.

Finally, I would like to wish all of you a wonderful holiday season. I look forward to seeing you at the MidWinter meeting and at upcoming shows in the spring.



Cindy Dale received the Outstanding Judge Award for 2015



The DSD Ralph Moore trophy was won by **Ray Gillebeau**. Roses included 'Red Seduction', 'Magic Show', 'Breath of Spring', 'Joy', 'Fairhope', 'Bees Knees', and 'Pierine'.

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The 2015 rose season is over and we should all be making plans for the upcoming year. I hope all of you had fun in your forays into rose arranging this year and are making plans to try even more new and creative things in 2016.

Congratulations to the DSD Challenge Class Winners at the Fall District Rose Show. **Jim Harrell** won the Deep South District Challenge Trophy [photo top] and **Sara Coleman** won the District Director Miniflora Arrangement Trophy [photo middle]. Congratulations to Sara on her second year winning this award.

Participation in the arrangement section of the District Show was good this year, but more of you still need to step up and accept the challenge of exhibiting at the District Show. I know it takes planning and effort to bring arrangements to a District Show, but, for multiple reasons, it is important for you to participate. Have you ever thought what it would be like to have a party and invite lots of people and have no one show up? Alas, that was the fate of the Arrangement Section of one of the local society shows in our district this year! A fellow judge reported to me that they went to judge a show and entered an arrangement in the judges' arrangement class only to discover that it was the only arrangement in the entire show!!!! Just rows of empty niches. This is a sad state and does not bode well for the future of rose arranging. If you are in charge of the arrangement section of your local show and you get no pre-registrations for classes, please, please make some arrangements yourself and recruit someone to put in any kind of arrangement to fill space. Particularly if you have a show in a venue that is visited by the public you should absolutely try to see that there are exhibits for them to see. Arrangements are a wonderful showcase for roses and the public is not as discerning or critical as our judges!

There will be a Friday Arrangement Seminar at the MidWinter Meeting, **Sandy Dixon** and I have not come up with a theme yet but we will try to come up with something entertaining. The registration fee will be \$15 for the seminar. Hope you can attend.

Linda Boland has announced that the Carolina District will be hosting an Arrangement Judges School in Aiken, SC, at the Aiken County Historical Museum at 433 Newberry St SW, Aiken, SC 29801, on Saturday, March 19, 2016. If you or someone you know would like to actually take the test to become a judge, the written part of the test as well as the point scoring will take place on Sunday morning, March 20, at the same location. For more information contact Linda at bolandl42@me.com. If you can attend, even if you don't plan to become a judge, this is a wonderful opportunity to learn what judges look for and better understand the guidelines that determine how to create a winning arrangement. [There will be no arrangements judging school in the Deep South District in 2016.]

Attention, arrangement judges! Your Annual Judge's Reports for 2015 are due by February 1. You will soon receive the form by e-mail as a PDF. If you have the



This arrangement by **Jean Stream**, "One for the Road", won the ARS Gold Medal Certificate at Valdosta

current version of Adobe Acrobat Reader you may fill out the form in the PDF and return it to me by e-mail. You may also print it, then fill it out, and return it by regular mail, if you are not comfortable using the electronic format. For those of you who still don't have e-mail, I will mail it to you.

Have a wonderful holiday season and a happy new year!

Consulting Rosarian Report

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Reminders:

- We will have a CR school at the DSD Midwinter Meeting, Sunday, January 17, 2016.
 - Great set of instructors.
 - The school will include updates on chilli thrips and other important topics.
 - Recruit prospective CRs and remind your non-CRs that this school is a GREAT way to learn more about growing great roses. *The CR application form is the last page of this document.*
 - The CR nomination process is not trivial. Please make sure that the nominee has been an ARS member for three years and that the three letters of recommendation are from current CRs. Forms are available from the ARS website members section.
- Society presidents, please send me the name and contact information for your current CR chairperson.
- CR refresher-training-seminar credits can be awarded for educational presentations at your local society, but refresher credits must include a chemical safety class in order to update a CR's renewal date. Program Chairmen please submit your request for CR seminar credit to me at least three weeks before the program for which you wish credit. I can e-mail you the request form.
- Annual CR Reports are due February 1st. Please e-mail me your report as soon as you can after the holidays so that I can compile the information and provide summary and feedback. *A blank report is available in this issue, at the end of this document.*

Important Lessons for CRs from the Fall Convention: There were two important lessons for all CRs.

First, our conventions are great places to learn about growing roses, and we should all support them and improve our knowledge by attending. The convention's educational highlights were the two programs. On Friday **Don Myers**, PhD, who replaced the DSD's **Cindy Dale** as the National Chair of CRs, who also serves as the new director of the Carolina District, and who has worked for many years as a research chemist with the Bayer Chemical Company, told us about "The Future of Controlling Rose Pests." On Saturday **Richard Anthony**, a leading hybridizer of exhibition minis and minifloras and owner of For Love of Roses, LLC, of Brighton, TN, showed us breathtakingly beautiful pictures of "New Miniature and Miniflora Roses: Today and Tomorrow." In addition to high quality programs, our conventions provide invaluable opportunity for crosstalk about roses in our district.



Speakers included Don Myers [above] and Richard Anthony [below]



Second, these two presentations exemplified the great rose dilemma with which Don Myers opened his talk: “Roses are easy to grow only if you have easy-to-grow roses.” The exhibitor of the perfect Queen of Show Hybrid Tea explained that he mists his buds with Orthene every three days before shows; a sustainable activist who won a blue ribbon rhapsodized about her no-spray, organic garden.

Don’s program explained how the national debate over the use of pesticides is heating up. Don sees public opinion, hybridizers, the ornamental plant industry, pesticide companies, and the regulatory and enforcement rules all moving away from synthetic chemicals toward “greener” approaches – more resistant plants grown with cultural, biologic, and organic pest controls rather than man-made chemicals. He envisions a future without synthetic pesticides.

In contrast, Richard Anthony’s presentation of the latest exhibition minis and minifloras had the audience of serious rosarians oohing and aahing, lusting over these new beauties. To encourage excitement about this traditional pursuit of perfection, he pointed out that the Rose Hybridizers Association now will help hobby hybridizers by propagating new roses for free. During his talk, he interspersed mini-rose-trivia questions, awarding a free rose to the person who provided the first correct answer. I won a rose and requested a variety that would require no fungicide in Florida. Of his many varieties, he nominated only two, ‘*Tattooed Daughter*’ and ‘*Wanderlust*’ as “highly disease-resistant.” I will add these two to my “sustainable garden” to see how they do.



'Tattooed Daughter' a miniature rose hybridized by Verlie Wells



'Wanderlust', a miniature rose hybridized by Glenn Smith, Jr. of York Haven, PA

Rose Endowment Fund News



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Our Vendor Dollars drawing at the Deep South District Convention and Rose Show in Valdosta the weekend of October 23-25 netted \$110.00 for our Rose Horticultural Fund established with the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay. Thanks to all of you who participated in the drawing. Congratulations to Carol Wade, a member of the Tampa Rose Society, who won \$100.00 to spend with our vendors.

The Vendor Dollars drawing was introduced in January 2015 at the MidWinter Meeting in Savannah. The tickets are \$5 each and if you hold the lucky ticket you will win at least \$100.00 to spend with the vendors who attend our meetings. It was conceived as a thank you to our vendors for whom we are grateful for all the years they have brought roses and rose supplies to sell at our district meetings. It is also a fund raiser for our fledgling endowment fund to allow us to award grants to organizations for rose horticultural purposes, for scholarships, and for rose-related research. Grant applications can be e-mailed or sent to me each year between January 1 and May 1 to be considered by the grant committee.

Membership Matters



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I am honored to have been asked to serve as the Deep South District's Membership Chair. I hope to be able to offer some insights into how local rose societies can increase their membership and increase the membership of the American Rose Society.

To stay viable in the new millennium we must be willing to pull out all the stops to reach new members and we need every member to take their place in the community as someone who can offer advice, guidance, and knowledge about growing the world's most beloved flower, and in doing so draw in those who have an interest.

Five Things You Can Do NOW to foster a membership revival in your Rose Society:

1. **Acknowledge Your Role**

Acknowledge your individual role as an Ambassador for your Rose Society and the ARS. If we aren't the rose experts, I don't know who are. People in your community see you as an expert and will rely upon your knowledge and the knowledge of your fellow rose society members for guidance and support. We must stand ready, willing, and able to meet their needs.

2. **Ask People to Join**

I can't tell you how many times we miss a membership opportunity by simply not asking someone if they would like to become a member.

3. **Use Name Tags**

A simple, but essential tool puts new members at ease. Get them. Wear them.

4. **Hospitality**

Another essential tool in making folks feel welcome and included. A hospitality table set up with speaker handouts, newsletters, and membership forms can also be a spot for name tag pick up and drop off, and will create a central location for members old and new to locate and enjoy the materials we have worked so hard to produce.

5. **Focus On Membership**

If we are to grow our societies, we must make membership a priority. Create a membership calendar that focuses solely on outreach efforts. Is your society growing? If not, ask yourselves why. Keep membership at the top of your mind. "We count people because people count!"

Together, with a little focus and determination, we can grow the Deep South District to monumental levels!



From the Webmaster



Phil Paul, *Consulting Rosarian*
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Here are the newest changes to the DSD Website as of
November 18, 2015.

In the Organization Tab:

- New Welcome Message from our District Director *Ralph Stream*
- List of new officers and Committee Chairs (Posted 10/27/2015)

- Updated list of Horticulture Judges (Posted 10/22/15)

- Updated List of Local Societies (Posted 11/5/2015)

Note: Local Societies please review your listing and submit any changes between now and the first of next year.

Fill out the form at the bottom of the Local Societies webpage or send a note to both *Jean Stream* and *Phil Paul*.

In the Photo Gallery Tab:

- 2013 Photography Awards
- 2014 Photography Awards

In the Resources Tab:

- The Bulletin Section has been changed and all issues from 2011 to 2015 have been moved to the "Bulletin Archives Tab" (Located to the right of the DSD Bulletin Tab)
- The Event Preparation Tab is now a part of Resources
- In The CR corner a revised Copy of the **ARS CR Manual** (May 2014) has been added.
- It is a very thorough update. CRs please review this and update yourselves.
- Also in the CR Corner there are two new presentations added by *Bobbie Reed* on Fertilizer Chapter 5 and *Jeff Hoffman* on CR Manual Chapters 7 & 8.

In the Upcoming Events Tab:

- See the ARS & DSD 2016 Conferences:
- The DSD Midwinter Meeting Program and Registration Form were posted on 11/18/2015

In the DSD Library Tab:

- The Library has been completely reorganized so that you can easily scan all the topics available to you. PLEASE consider contributing your best articles! (See new e-mail address above)
- *Stephen Hoy* Newsletter #14 Significantly Beautiful Roses (Posted 11-17-2015)
- Presentations made at the Fall 2015 Convention (Posted 10-27-2015)
- Presentations made at the 2015 MidWinter: Podcasts for Roses, Rose Rosette Disease, Sandy's Picks
- A section on *Phil Paul* Presentations often used in local society programs

Please let me know if you see any omissions or errors in the material. Contact me at my new e-mail address, rosequy-pfp@tampabay.rr.com.



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From the Treasurer



Kay Harrell, *Master Rosarian*
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Congratulations to all of the DSD's Local Rose Societies! Every one of our local rose societies have paid their annual dues for 2015 to the DSD during the DSD's fiscal year which ended September 30, 2015. Furthermore, as we go to press, four local societies – Huntsville/Twickenham, Marion County, Greater Palm Beach, and South Metro have already paid their annual dues for 2016! Encourage your local society to send in its dues soon so that they can join this proactive group.

FYI – these annual dues, or, if you prefer, contributions, that are paid annually by each local society to the DSD, are used to pay the nominal but ongoing expenses of the DSD. Local societies with 100 or more members are asked to pay \$50 per year and those with fewer than 100 members are asked for \$25 per year. Please send your local society's payment in by the end of May. Of course, you'll be busy with roses then, so why not send it in now, like the four societies noted above already have.

Thank you!



DSD Fall Convention & Rose Show Wrap-Up



Jean & Ralph Stream
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Hello Everyone,

Was not Valdosta fun? The DSD committee cannot thank each of you enough for participating and sharing the weekend. All of us, (and there are many) would like to express our thanks for the tremendous support including donations (food, raffle items, money, transportation, physical labor, and whatever). Yes, our puzzle had a tremendous number of pieces which required a great number of workers to make everything fit. You saw the committee leaders there in action and hopefully you expressed your appreciations to them. The hotel facility itself was quite a challenge for all of us including our vendors (Jim, Daisy, Elizabeth, Cyd & Art) who had to scramble Saturday afternoon and clear out to make way for dinner. The hotel staff had an excess of shuffling and through it all they smiled and kept working. They could not have been more accommodating and helpful. The cooks did a fabulous job, too! This to me is the reward of it all, working together and enjoying beautiful results!

The rose show turned out to be a really nice, pretty one. Most of the ribbons awarded were blue ones, which says a lot for the quality. Overall entries were about equal to the volume last year in Gainesville, although we did not have as many District entries (305 Horticulture & 30 Arrangements). It was exciting to see many of you as winners. Congratulations for both Horticulture and Arrangements! Thank you, Judges, for your important part as well.

Our special thanks to our speakers, Richard Anthony, Brenna Bosch, and Don Myers. They shared some great information about rose varieties and the rose world in the future. A lot to think about. It was nice getting to know these folks.

The convention is always fun when people participate, and participate you did on Friday for the “dress up as your favorite drink”. How silly we were but what great memories we made together. Clarence with red hair, Alice with curls, and Bill in his burst of sunshine. Priceless! Thanks to all for joining in.

The garden tour to the Crescent on Sunday was a treat for the 35 folks who went. The Garden club building and grounds were so beautiful and Nell Ricketts and staff made us feel right at home in this “Gone with the Wind” setting.

No convention would be complete without the Hospitality gathering after dinner. Karen and Clarence hosted for us with grace as they shared all the goodies each of you brought and some they provided. I ended up with someone’s nice red cookie container; if it belongs to you, send me an e-mail so I can return it to you. (Cookies were wonderful!) Great job, Karen and Clarence!

Congratulations to show winners, to raffle winners, to costume winners! Congratulations on a fine job to each and every one of you who worked hard with your given task, who came to share your muscle and talents, who donated money for expenses, donated raffle items, donated show awards, and those who came to participate

in thanking Karen for her loyal service these past six years. Her gifts of signed cut glass will serve to remind her of our love for her and Clarence and our great appreciation for her strong leadership as our DSD District Director.

What a great team, convention volunteers as well as convention participants and supporters! Deep South, you’re the best!

...On behalf of the DSD Convention Committee 2015



Costume competition winners [top to bottom]: Alice Boyd as “a very mature Shirley Temple”, Clarence Prevatt as Scotch, and Bill Langford as Tequila Sunrise.



New DSD Board members: Ralph Stream, Jim Small, Sara Coleman, Kay Harrell, Phil Paul



Some farewell gifts for Karen Prevatt



The American Rose Society Silver Honor Medal was awarded this year to Jim Kelley, who was not able to receive it in person.



Visitors admire the roses at the show.

Photo by Sara Coleman



Site Selection



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Why District Meetings?

For those of you who have never attended one of the Deep South District meetings (MidWinter Meeting, Blackspot & Beetle Festival, or Conventions/Shows), let me explain what you miss. Misery may love company, but fanaticism thrives on it. Fanatic rosarians from across the three-state district, with a few guests added, gathering together to trade information, plot winning strategies, show their skills, and generally socialize with each other is an amazing event! With seminars, food, raffles, food, vendors, food, great programs, food, fierce competition, food, time to talk to each other, and food, the weekends are always fun, educational, and fattening.

This coming January the Gainesville Rose Society will be hosting us. Gainesville is actually pretty near the center of the District, just south of the confluence of major North-South (I-75) and East-West (I-10) Interstates, so travel is fairly simple. Get with a friend or two to share the ride and start the socializing while you ride. I hope I will see all of my old friends and meet some new ones next month. Registration forms are in this *Bulletin* [see pages 21-22].



The American Rose Society Convenes

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We have a lot of fun at Deep South District events, but there are wider horizons to explore. One of my favorites is the American Rose Society conventions and rose shows. There are two or three most years, scattered across the country. You may think, “I don’t have time for that”, but they are a lot of fun and education and roses, packed into a relatively short period of time – two or three days on the weekend. They aren’t all that expensive, and if you go to work (judge, clerk, speak, attend CR or judges’ class for credit), some of the costs may be tax-deductible. In 2015 there were two conventions.

Columbus Called

The first was a combined Spring National and Mini National Convention in Columbus, OH, June 12-14. Unfortunately, the weather was anything but springlike. A number of DSD folks attended, including *Paul Columbo, Sandy Dixon, Henry Everett & Jesse Usleton, Lee Hale, Andrea Maceri, Karen & Clarence Prevatt, Bobbie Reed & Don Schwarz,* and *Wendy Tilly* (I apologize if I missed anyone). We began with an all-day arrangements workshop. They gave us each a cylindrical container, every 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.

It is traditional for a Mini National to honor a hybridizer of note who



So *that's* how they do that! – a kubari

creates 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’; 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. The judges are pretty special, too; the judging team I was on included Bob Martin from California (editor of the *Rose Exhibitors Forum* and hybridizer, and now Vice President of the American Rose Society), and Joe Gibson from New York; one of our clerks was Nancy Jones (wife of Sam, who was also a candidate for VP). So much to see, so much to learn!



A basket of ‘Joy’ from the rose show.

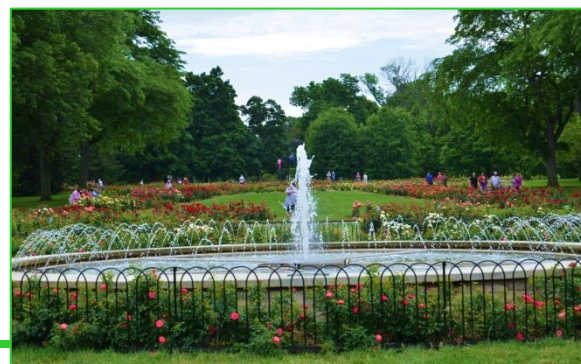
In addition to the beautiful blooms at the show, other roses were honored. The American Rose Society Award of Excellence program for minis and minifloras now includes two different classes, one for roses sprayed routinely, and another for roses which are not sprayed during the trials. In the spray category, the winner for 2016 was ‘*Chessie’s Favorite*’, hybridized by Barbara Zimmerman. This hybrid of ‘Memphis King’ is named after her cat. 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 [photo right, from Proven Winners.com]. 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 [photo right], known to many 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 vs downy mildew.



Sunday, as always, was the garden tour. We went to the Columbus Park of Roses [photo right] 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!



Friday, Saturday, Sunday – you only need to take one day off work to attend a Mini National!

Syracuse Answered

The ARS Fall National was in Syracuse, NY. The regular spring or fall convention often runs longer, because this must include a Board meeting (anyone is welcome to attend). But the basics are still there – speakers, rose show, and tour. This event was bigger than usual because it included the triennial installation of officers. Deep South District attendees this time included *Al & Sara Coleman, Cindy Dale, Karrie Masee, Kitsy Mostellar, Wayne & Lyndy Myers, Bobbie Reed & Don Schwarz, Linda & Walt Reed, Pam & Rob Russell, Ralph & Jean Stream, Shirley & Bruce Teerlink, Wendy Tilley, and Chris & Tina Van Cleave.*

Much of the excitement focused on the speakers this time. There were an assortment of hybridizers from around the world talking about their passion, including Alain Meilland (Meilland Roses), Thomas Proll (Kordes Roses), Will Radler (Mr. Knock Out), and amateur hybridizers like Jim Sproul, Don Myers, and Bob Martin. We received an update on the work of American Garden Rose Selections, which is trying to pick up where All-America Rose Selections ended; heard from a panel of national rose exhibitors; a discussion of rose photography; an update on rose rosette disease; a rose craft program; a visit to the Chelsea Flower Show with David Austin Roses; and discussions of hybridizing for disease resistance as well as beauty and fragrance.

The rose show was overshadowed by everything else going on, but the roses were fabulous! Here's a photo of Bill Kozemchek with his Best in Show winner, 'Belle Story' [photo right and below]. Wow!

Various awards were presented: the Glenda Whitaker award (for membership) went to the Beverly Hills Rose Society. The Fuerstenberg award for a US-hybridized rose went to '*Sugar Moon*', by Christian Bedard (Weeks Roses). The Gamble Fragrance award went to '*Melody Parfumee*'. The Guy Blake Hedrick Award for exhibitors went to **John Mattia**. **Jolene Adams** retired as ARS President, and **Pat Shanley** was installed as our new President and Bob Martin as Vice-President, along with all the District and Regional Directors. It was all really exciting.

We Went

Don and I try to go every year, as often as we can. Not for the hoopla, although that's appealing. A lot for the roses (we are rose show addicts), and the garden tours, but mostly for the people. At the first convention I attended, back in 1998, I met a past president of my own society whom I'd never seen before. I've been meeting people ever since. It's wonderful to know rosarians from around the country; we find much in common, and learn from each other every time. Friends, roses, beauty, and education. It's worth the trip!

The next convention will be held July 29-31, 2016, Harrisburg, PA. I hope to see you there.

Photos by Bobbie Reed unless otherwise noted.



Just a few of the DSD attendees.



What Happens Next?

Deep South District 2016 MidWinter Meeting



Jean & Ralph Stream & The Gainesville Rose Society Team
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Yes, the Mid-Winter Meeting 2016 is being hosted by the Gainesville Rose Society here in Gainesville, FL, at the Best Western Gateway Grand. The date is January 15 – 17, 2016. Our Theme is “A Sweet Ride with Roses” and we hope you will have a fun time with us. We have wonderful speakers and topics lined up for your education and enjoyment. We are

excited to have our new ARS President, **Pat Shanley**, joining us. We are also excited to be able to offer our Arrangers Workshop on Friday afternoon and Consulting Rosarian School and Audit on Sunday morning. **Jim Harrell** and **Sandy Dixon** are preparing some exciting things for us. **Wayne Myers** is busy preparing presenters for the CR school as well.

The Gainesville Team will be contacting club Presidents for Raffle items, so please be thinking of something your club can offer for this exciting part of the weekend. As in the past, we would love for you to bring goodies to share for the Hospitality Room on Friday and Saturday as we relax and just enjoy chatting.

Our newly appointed DSD Treasurer, **Kay Harrell**, will once again be our Registrar. Kay does a super job taking the registrations and handling all the paperwork involved there. We are truly thankful to have her help us and share her expertise in this area.

Please look over the Schedule and Registration attached and get this date on the calendar. We hope you will encourage many of your club members and friends to attend. The more the merrier. We all know that there are many rose friends we don't get to see during the year, so let's try to make it.

The Gainesville Team feels it is so important to keep our costs as low as we can, hoping that as many as possible will be able to attend and enjoy our time together. The Best Western does their best to accommodate us in that area. Will you plan to join us? Call or send an email if you have any questions.

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January 15 - 17, 2016

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, January 15th

Noon - 5:30 pm Registration (at tables in front of Springhills Ballroom)
 1:00 - 5:00 pm Vendors (Santa Fe room and San Felasco room)
 1:30 - 4:00 pm Arrangement Workshop, Jim Harrell (Springhills Ballroom East)
 "Let's see what we can create!"

Raffle Tickets Available all day!

6:00 pm Welcome Reception Cash Bar, (Springhills Ballroom)
 7:00 pm Welcome Buffet - fun program,
 - *Who is Don & Donna Garlits???*

After Buffet Visit the Hospitality Social (Breakfast Area)

Saturday, January 16th

8:00 - 12:00 am Registration (at tables in front of Springhills Ballroom)
 8:00 - 5:00 pm Vendors (in Santa Fe room and San Felasco room)
 9:00 - 9:15 am Welcome - Ralph & Jean Stream, Gainesville Rose Society
 Remarks by Ralph Stream, DSD Director (S. Ballroom)
 9:15 - 10:15 am New OGR's and Heritage Roses
 Gene Wearing - Chair ARS OGR & Shrub Committee, Jacksonville, FL
 10:15 - 10:30 am Break
 10:30 - 11:30 am Rose Trials and Landscape with Roses, Pam Smith, Trial Gardens, Landscape
 Manager, Farmers Branch, TX

Raffle Tickets Available all day!

11:30 - 1:15 pm Lunch on your own - Area restaurant list will be available.
 1:15 - 2:15 pm New Grafting Suggestions, Jim Mills, K & M Nursery, Buckatunna, MS
 2:15 - 2:30 pm Break
 2:30 - 3:30 pm Common Rose Diseases, Alan Henn, Plant Pathologist, MS State University

3:45 - 4:15 pm DSD Business Meeting (S. Ballroom)
 4:15 - DSD Announcements & Raffle, winners must be present, (S. Ballroom)
 7:00 pm Welcome Reception Cash Bar (Springhills Ballroom)
 7:30 pm Banquet, Bronze Medal winners, DSD Anita Smith Award, Photo Contest winners
 Brief Program - ARS News, - Pat Shanley, President ARS, Long Island, NY

After Banquet Visit the Hospitality Social (Breakfast Area)



Sunday, January 17th

8:00 am - 12:00 noon Consulting Rosarian School, Wayne Myers, DSD CR Chair - Santa Fe Room

Please wear your badges at all times. Your badge contains your conference information. Check the door prize list at the registration table to see if your badge number has been drawn. If so, you have won a door prize! Check with the folks at the registration table to claim your prize.



ARS Deep South District 34th Annual Mid-Winter Meeting
 "A Sweet Ride with Roses"

Hosted by the Deep South District
 Best Western•Gateway Grand, Gainesville, FL 32606

January 15-17, 2016
Registration Information:

Name(s) [as you wish it to appear on badge] _____
 Street Address _____
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 Phone _____ E-mail _____ Rose Society (only one) _____

Registration Fees:	Price	Number	Amount
Regular (postmarked by 12/21/2015)	\$40	_____	_____
Late (postmarked after 12/21/2015)	\$45	_____	_____
Arrangement Workshop (Friday 1:30-4:00pm) Fee covers flowers & handouts, bring your shears	\$15	_____	_____
Welcome Buffet (Friday 7:00pm/Cash Bar 6:00-7:00pm) Hot Minestrone Soup, Warm Spinach Dip, Garden Salad, assorted Dressings, Provolone Cheese, sliced Roast Beef, Turkey Breast, Smoked Ham, Tuna Salad, LTOP, Red New Potato Salad, Penne Pasta salad, assorted Breads, Rolls & Crackers, Cookies, Pies, Brownies, Ice Tea, Water & Coffee	\$25	_____	_____
<i>(Notes: eating these meals helps us a great deal toward meeting our contract agreement with the Best Western. Thanks for supporting us with your meal order both Friday and Saturday if possible.)</i>			
Banquet (Saturday 7:00pm/Cash Bar 6:00-7:00pm) Buffet Style Serving Cross Creek Pot Roast, Rosemary Roasted Boned Chicken, Parmesan Encrusted Tilapia w/dill sauce, Macaroni & Cheese, Roasted New Potatoes, Chef's Vegetable Medley, Buttered Green Beans, Tossed Green Salad w/assorted Dressings, Warm Rolls & Butter – Warm Peach Cobbler, Apple Pie, Pecan Pie, Carrot Cake, Ice Tea, Water & Coffee	\$36	_____	_____
Meal reservations MUST BE RECEIVED BY 1/8/2016			
Consulting Rosarian School (Sunday 8 am –12 pm)	\$10 for CR candidates	_____	_____
	FREE for those renewing or auditing rosarians	_____	_____
			Total Amount Enclosed _____

If you would like to bring a dessert to share at the Hospitality Suite, please let us know (yes ___no ___)

Make Checks Payable to "Gainesville Rose Society" and mail this form with your check to:
 Kay Harrell, 121 Shore Rush Circle, St Simons Island, GA 31522-1420

Cancellation Policy: Registration Fee Less 25% will be refunded if request is received by 12/31/2015. No refund after that date.

For Additional Information, Contact: Ralph & Jean Stream 352-591-4474, email streamj@gmail.com or Kay Harrell 912-634-0323, email kay@fairmarsh.com or visit www.deepsouthdistrict.org for schedule of events and details.

Hotel Information Event dates: January 15 and 16, 2016 (room rate also available on Jan. 14 & 17)

When making reservations please call the hotel directly and indicate that you are coming for the

Gainesville American Rose Society DSD Mid-Winter Meeting on Jan. 15th.

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Hotel Reservation Cutoff Date is 12/24/2015. After this date, lowest room rate will be based on space availability.
 (Please try to reserve your room by 12-24-15 to be included in our Room Block and credited toward our hotel contract.)

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 you must send to the ARS national horticulture [www.roseshow.com] and arrangements [jim@fairmarsh.com] quarterlies. Your timely cooperation is appreciated. — *The Editor*

Greater Gwinnett Rose Society

Buford, GA

October 3, 2015

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Class	Winning Roses	Exhibitor
Cosper Exer Nash Memorial Trophy	<i>Cesar E. Chavez, Lavaglut, Europeana</i>	Linda & Walter Reed
Martha B. Moore Trophy	<i>Tropical Sunset, Julia Child, Love and Peace</i>	Linda & Walter Reed
Robert Snyder Perpetual Trophy	<i>Evelyn, Munstead Wood, Tess of the d'Urbervilles</i>	Karen Radde
One Bloom Per Stem Queen of Show	<i>Randy Scott</i>	Linda & Walter Reed
One Bloom Per Stem King of Show	<i>Moonstone</i>	Linda & Walter Reed
One Bloom Per Stem Princess of Show	<i>Let Freedom Ring</i>	Ken Wilkinson
HT/Grandiflora Spray	<i>Moonstone</i>	Cindy Dale
Fully Open HT/Grandiflora	<i>About Face</i>	Linda & Walter Reed
Single-Type Hybrid Tea	<i>Mrs. Oakley Fisher</i>	Linda & Walter Reed
Classic Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora	<i>Tiffany</i>	Linda & Walter Reed
One-Bloom-Per-Stem Floribundas	<i>Angel Face</i>	Cindy Dale
Floribunda Spray Queen	<i>Dancing Pink</i>	Cindy Dale
Floribunda Spray King	<i>First Kiss</i>	Cindy Dale
Climbers	<i>Altissimo</i>	Linda & Walter Reed
Polyantha Spray	<i>The Fairy</i>	Linda & Walter Reed
Classic Shrub	<i>Star Delight</i>	Linda & Walter Reed
Modern Shrub	<i>Quietness</i>	Bobbie Reed/Don Schwarz
OGR: Dowager Queen	<i>Comte de Chambord</i>	Ken Wilkinson
OGR: Victorian Award	<i>Mrs B R Cant</i>	Bobbie Reed/Don Schwarz
Rose In A Bowl	<i>Gemini</i>	Linda & Walter Reed
Cycle of Bloom	<i>Cherry Parfait</i>	Nancy Miller
Collection: HT/Grandiflora	<i>Let Freedom Ring, Moonstone</i>	Cindy Dale
Knock Out Roses	<i>Knock Out</i>	Ken Wilkinson
Mini Queen of Show	<i>Best of '04</i>	Linda and Walter Reed
Mini King of Show	<i>Bees Knees</i>	Linda & Walter Reed
Mini Princess of Show	<i>Soroptimist International</i>	Cindy Dale
Mini-Flora Queen of Show	<i>Leading Lady</i>	Ken Wilkinson
Mini-Flora King of Show	<i>Robin Alonso</i>	Linda & Walter Reed
Mini-Flora Princess of Show	<i>Dr John Dickman</i>	Ken Wilkinson
Mini or Mini-flora Rose Spray	<i>Green Ice</i>	Linda & Walter Reed
Fully Open Mini/Mini-Flora	<i>Autumn Splendor</i>	Cindy Dale
Single-Type Mini or Mini-flora	<i>Crazy Dottie</i>	Linda & Walter Reed
Mini or Mini-flora Rose In A Bowl	<i>Tammy Clemons</i>	Cindy Dale
Mini or Mini-flora Painter's Palette	<i>Ricky Hendrick, Bees Knees, Sweet Revenge</i>	Linda & Walter Reed
Mini or Mini-flora Cycle of Bloom	<i>Soroptimist International</i>	Ken Wilkinson
Collection: Miniature or Mini-flora	<i>Incognito</i>	Linda & Walter Reed
Fragrance	<i>Beverly</i>	Karen Radde
EarthKind Roses	<i>Perle d'Or</i>	Linda and Walter Reed
ARRANGEMENTS: The Wizard of Oz		
Class Name	Exhibitor	ARS Certificate
Oriental Manner - Tall Container: "Apple Tree with Bountiful Apples"	Karen Radde	Oriental, ARS Silver
Roses & Dried: "Scarecrow"	Bobbie Reed	Duchess, ARS Gold
Mini Mass: "Magical Land"	Sara Coleman	Mini Royalty, Mini Silver

Mini Line: "Over The Rainbow"	Sara Coleman	Mini Bronze
Modern: "Ruby Slippers"	Sara Coleman	Mini Artist, Mini Gold
Dried Rose Decoration: "Ding Dong! The Witch Is Dead"	Rani Von Württemberg	Mini Rosecraft
Fun Bouquet: "Flying Monkeys"	Victoria Fleming	

Deep South District Fall 2015 Rose Show Valdosta, GA October 24, 2015

HORTICULTURE			
Class	Roses	Exhibitor	
The M.S. Hershey Bowl	<i>Jewell Grace, Desperado, Moonstone, Louise Estes, Veteran's Honor</i>	Ralph and Jean Stream	
The American Rose Society J. Horace McFarland Memorial Trophy	<i>Jewell Grace, Desperado, Dina Gee, Louise Estes, Daisy Louise</i>	Ralph and Jean Stream	
The Frances and George Johnston Old Garden Rose Bouquet Trophy	<i>Princess Alexandra of Kent, The Dark Lady, Abraham Darby, Litchfield Angel, Quietness</i>	Cindy Dale	
The American Rose Society Ralph S. Moore Trophy	<i>Red Seduction, Magic Show, Breath of Spring, Joy, Fairhope, Bee's Knees, Pierrine</i>	Ray Guillebeau	
The Director's Miniflora Rose Trophy	<i>Baldo Villegas, Dr John Dickman, Louisville Lady, Shameless, Foolish Pleasure</i>	James Small	
Hybrid Tea/Grandifloras-Queen	<i>Moonstone</i>	Ralph and Jean Stream	
Hybrid Teas/Grandifloras-King	<i>Gemini</i>	Glenn Shulman	
Hybrid Teas/Grandifloras-Princess	<i>Veteran's Honor</i>	Bill and Jill Chappell	
Hybrid Teas/Grandifloras-court 1	<i>Mr Caleb</i>	James Small	
Hybrid Teas/Grandifloras-court 2	<i>Louise Estes</i>	Cindy Dale	
Hybrid Teas/Grandifloras-court 3	<i>Black Magic</i>	Cindy Dale	
Single-Type Hybrid Tea	<i>Mrs Oakley Fisher</i>	Clarence and Karen Prevatt	
Fully-open Bloom, Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora	<i>Falling in Love</i>	Bill and Jill Chappell	
Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora Spray	<i>South Africa</i>	Cindy Dale	
One-Bloom-Per-Stem Floribunda	<i>Scentimental</i>	Ray Guillebeau	
Floribunda Spray	<i>Playgirl</i>	Ray Guillebeau	
Climbers	<i>Night Owl</i>	Linda Schuppener	
Classic Shrub	<i>Prosperity</i>	Linda Cluey	
Modern Shrub	<i>Belle Story</i>	Ralph and Jean Stream	
Dowager Queen	<i>Baronne Prevost</i>	Richard Anthony and Brenna Bosch	
Victorian Rose	<i>Eugene E. Marlitt</i>	Clarence and Karen Prevatt	
Three Hybrid Teas or Grandifloras	<i>Sister Jane</i>	Ralph and Jean Stream	
English Box:	<i>Red Intuition, Marlon's Day, Crescendo</i>	James Small	
Floating Rose: One (1) Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora	<i>Francis Meilland</i>	Rani von Wurttemberg	
Reflections: Matching Hybrid Tea & Mini/Miniflora	<i>Mr Caleb, Tammy Clemons</i>	James Small	
Miniature-Queen	<i>Fairhope</i>	Ray Guillebeau	
Miniature-King	<i>Arcanum</i>	Ralph and Jean Stream	
Miniature-Princess	<i>Joy</i>	Ray Guillebeau	
Miniflora-Queen	<i>Shawn Sease</i>	Ray Guillebeau	
Miniflora-King	<i>Foolish Pleasure</i>	James Small	
Miniflora-Princess	<i>Double Take</i>	Ray Guillebeau	
Fully-open Bloom, Miniature or Miniflora	<i>Doris Morgan</i>	Ray Guillebeau	
Miniature or Miniflora Spray	<i>Joy</i>	Bill and Jill Chappell	
Miniatures and/or Minifloras-Three (3) specimens, one-bloom-per-stem	<i>Whirlaway</i>	Ray Guillebeau	
Miniature or Miniflora Cycle of Bloom	<i>Joy</i>	Richard Anthony and Brenna Bosch	
Miniature and/or Miniflora Painter's Palette	<i>Hello Gorgeous, Sam Trivitt, The Lighthouse, Marita Linder, Memphis King</i>	Richard Anthony and Brenna Bosch	
Floating Miniature or Miniflora	<i>Hello Gorgeous,</i>	Richard Anthony and Brenna Bosch	
Novice-One-Bloom-Per-Stem-any rose	<i>Sombreuil</i>	Linda Cluey	
Judges Entry	<i>Verdun</i>	Walt and Linda Reed	
FRAGRANT ROSE	<i>Perfume Delight</i>	Linda Schuppener	
ARRANGEMENTS: "A Toast to Karen"			
Class	Roses	Arranger	Awards
DSD Challenge - "A Round for the House"	<i>Moonstone & Joy</i>	Jim Harrell	
District Director's Miniflora Challenge - "Sköl"	<i>Deja Blu</i>	Sara Coleman	
Trad Line/Linemass: "One for the Road"	<i>Almost Heaven</i>	Jean Stream	Royalty Award, Gold Medal
Modern Abstract: "Hip Hip Hurray!"	<i>White Success, St. Patrick, Elina</i>	Sandy Dixon	Artist Award

Oriental Freestyle: "Kanpai"	<i>Debbie's Delight</i>	Joanne Maxheimer	
Oriental Tall: "Champagne for Everyone"	<i>Hannah Gordon</i>	Joanne Maxheimer	Oriental Award, Silver Medal
Duke: "It's Five O'clock Somewhere"	<i>Chamglo</i>	Joanne Maxheimer	Duke of Arrangements, Bronze Medal
Mini Traditional: "À Votre Santé"	<i>Innocence, Irresistible</i>	Sara Coleman	Mini Royalty, Mini Bronze Medal
Mini Modern: "Bottoms Up"	<i>Dr. John Dickman</i>	Jean Stream	Mini Artist, Mini Gold Medal
Mini Oriental: "To Wine & Roses"	<i>Tomboy</i>	Joanne Maxheimer	Mini Oriental, Mini Silver Medal

Central Florida Rose Society

Orlando, FL

November 7, 2015

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Class	Roses	Exhibitor
Hybrid Tea Queen	<i>Mr. Caleb</i>	James Small
Hybrid Tea King	<i>Cajun Sunrise</i>	James Small
Hybrid Tea Princess	<i>Randy Scott</i>	James Small
Hybrid Tea Royal Court	<i>Louise Estes</i>	James Small
Hybrid Tea Royal Court	<i>Dona Martin</i>	James Small
Hybrid Tea Royal Court	<i>Bold and Beautiful</i>	James Small
Hybrid Tea/Grandiflora, Fully Open Bloom	<i>Let Freedom Ring</i>	Marty and Elaine Pawlikowski
Small Rose Garden	<i>Moonstone</i>	Sue Neilsen
Cycle Of Bloom	<i>Marlon's Day</i>	James Small
Hybrid Tea/Grandiflora with Matching Miniature/Miniflora	<i>Veterans' Honor, Louisville Lady</i>	James Small
Three Hybrid Tea/Grandiflora, Same or Different Varieties	<i>Mr. Caleb, Cajun Sunrise, Randy Scott</i>	James Small
Hybrid Tea/Grandiflora, English Box	<i>Mr. Caleb, Cajun Sunrise, Randy Scott</i>	James Small
Hybrid Tea/Grandiflora Bowl	<i>Moonstone</i>	Sue Neilsen
Picture Frame, Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora	<i>Mr. Caleb</i>	James Small
Floribunda/Polyantha Spray	<i>Playgirl</i>	Ray Guillebeau
Floribunda, One Bloom Per Stem	<i>Hannah Gordon</i>	Ray Guillebeau
Large Flowered Climber	<i>Don Juan</i>	Emily Bader
Modern Shrub Rose	<i>Pat Austin</i>	Tina Drake
Dowager Queen	<i>Eugène de Beauharnais</i>	James Small
Old-Fashioned Bouquet	<i>Numerous varieties</i>	Carol Griffin, James Small
Roses On Water	<i>Christopher Marlowe, Mrs. B. R. Cant</i>	Emily Bader
Miniature Queen	<i>Daddy Frank</i>	Ray Guillebeau
Miniature King	<i>Fairhope</i>	Ray Guillebeau
Miniature Princess	<i>Breath of Spring</i>	James Small
Miniflora Queen	<i>Whirlaway</i>	Ray Guillebeau
Miniflora King	<i>Powerhouse</i>	Ralph and Jean Stream
Miniflora Princess	<i>Gift of Love</i>	Ray Guillebeau
Mini/Miniflora Spray	<i>Ty</i>	Ray Guillebeau
Fully Open Mini/Miniflora Bloom	<i>Double Take</i>	Ray Guillebeau
Three, One Bloom Per Stem Mini/Miniflora Roses	<i>Joy</i>	James Small
Mini/Miniflora English Box	<i>Breath of Spring, Joy, Memphis King</i>	James Small
Mini/Miniflora Painter's Palette	<i>Breath of Spring, Joy, Arcanum, Ty, Memphis King, The Lighthouse, Magic Show</i>	James Small
Miniature / Miniflora Bowl	<i>Fred's Show Time</i>	Ralph and Jean Stream
Mini/Miniflora Cycle Of Bloom	<i>Breath of Spring</i>	James Small
Mini/Miniflora Pretty As A Picture	<i>Shameless</i>	James Small
Novice Class	<i>Crescendo</i>	Leanne Cimato
Most Fragrant Rose	<i>Fragrant Cloud</i>	Sue Neilsen



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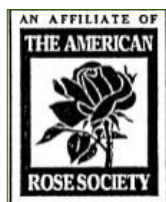
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your material early

Upcoming Events

- Jan 15-17, 2016** **Deep South District Midwinter Meeting**, Gainesville, FL. Contact Jean Stream for more information, 352-591-4474, streamj@gmail.com
- March 19-20, 2016** **Carolina District Arrangement Judges School**, Aiken, SC, at the Aiken County Historical Museum, 433 Newberry St SW, Aiken, SC 29801. Contact Linda Boland at bolandl42@me.com
- May 7-8, 2016** **Greater Atlanta Rose Society Rose Show**, Atlanta, GA. Contact Barry McCasland, 404-762-6103, bmccas@aol.com
- July 29-31, 2016** **ARS National Miniature Rose Show and Conference**, Harrisburg, PA. Hosted by the York Area Rose Society. More information to come.

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Happy Holidays!



CONSULTING ROSARIAN 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

DEEP SOUTH DISTRICT

All CRs are required to fill out and submit this form to remain on the active list.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Rose society or club: _____

Titles of offices held or committees chaired this year? _____

Year appointed a Consulting Rosarian? _____ Current ARS Member? Yes ___ No ___

Date and location of last Consulting Rosarian School attended/audited: _____

Date and location of attendance at an approved Consulting Rosarian Seminar(s): _____

Did you attend any District or National convention? If so, please list: _____

Did you submit the R. I. R. report? (Not required, but expected.) Yes ___ No ___

R.I.R Comments: _____

Did you complete and submit the Annual CR Report last year? Yes: _____ No: _____

List rose related programs you presented this year: _____

Did you write any articles pertaining to rose culture this year? Please list publications and dates: _____

Please list rose related activities you were involved in as a CR this year. List by activity, date and group: _____

Did you use pesticides in your garden? Yes ___ No ___

Which pesticides for which pests? What is your assessment of their effectiveness?

How many new members for your Local Society or the ARS did you recruit? Please list names:

Please list any project you wish to accomplish in the coming year (e.g., giving rose-related programs, membership efforts, writing articles, etc.): _____

Do you have any suggestions on how to make the CR Program more effective and challenging?

If you feel that being an active CR is too demanding and stressful, would you consider a change of status to Emeritus? Please state your reason why or why not: _____

Did you exhibit roses in ARS shows? _____ Other festivals or events? _____

Which shows/events? _____

What are the five most disease-resistant rose varieties you grow? Would they thrive without spray in your location? _____

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Are you a member of the American Rose Society in good standing? _____

Are you at least 18 years old? ___ When did your membership begin? (3 years required) _____

How many years have you grown roses? (5 years required) _____

Local society(s) you belong to plus city and state: _____

Date joined the local society: _____

I have participated in or assisted the following society activities: _____

I have chaired the following local society and/or district committees:

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I have written the following articles (and where published): _____

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I hereby affirm that the above information is correct and that I understand the responsibilities and duties of being a Consulting Rosarian to inspire a love and appreciation of roses and their culture.

Signed: _____

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