

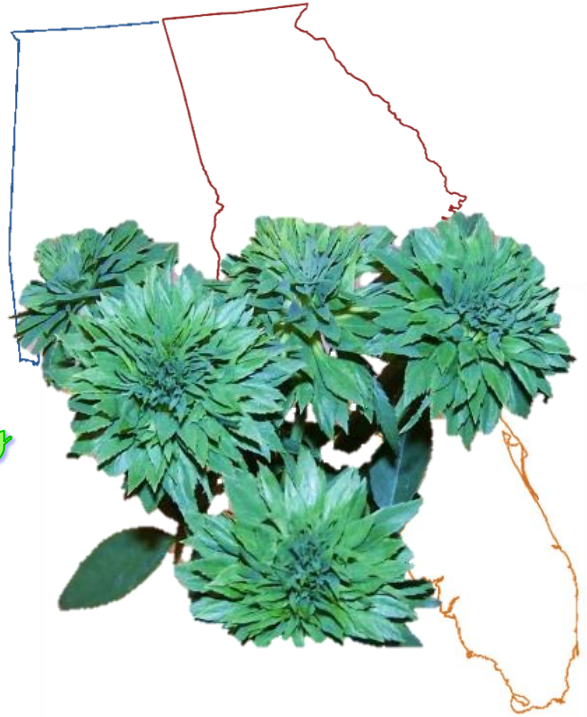
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District Director's Report



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Spring is my favorite time of the year. The cold winter winds slowly yield to the sun and spring showers to give us the beautiful rose blooms we yearn for this time of the year. Spring also brings us rose shows and a chance not only to enjoy winning roses but also to renew friendships. I hope each of you takes the time to enter your roses in rose

shows or rose festivals this season.

Our Mid-Winter meeting was quite a success. If you missed it, I am sorry you could not take advantage of this joint meeting with the Carolina District in Savannah, one of the South's most historic cities. Our most prestigious award for long service to our District was awarded this year to **Earnest "Ed" Easom** who has served on our board of directors and as our treasurer for the past six years. He was the liaison for the Vendors at the Mid-Winter meeting and kept everything running smoothly. I want to thank Ed and all my Deep South team for their hard work and support for the meeting. **Jim Harrell** led a well-received program on rose arrangements on Friday. **Sharon & Al Whitcomb** staffed the busy hospitality suite for two days, keeping everyone happy with snacks and drinks. **Jean Stream** kept the convention banquet on track and negotiated very hard to keep the costs at a minimum. **Ralph Stream** had an excellent Sunday morning school for Consulting Rosarians. **Wayne & Lindy Myers** and their team of ticket sellers earned more than \$1,000 to offset convention hotel expenses. Our own Redneck Rosarian, **Chris VanCleave** from Birmingham, broadcast his rose blog radio live from the meeting and gave us great ideas to keep our local societies alive and growing. Mark T. Windham from the University of Tennessee gave us the latest research on Rose Rosette Disease. Sandy Lundberg's program, "Sandy's Picks", gave us her selections of the best of the new roses on the market. The Carolina District team lead by District Director Jay Hires did an amazing job, too. My special thanks to Jack Page who served as the treasurer

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for the event and to Kim Austin who served as the registrar.

We do not yet have a site for next year's Mid-Winter meeting. The Carolina District has invited us to join them in Charlotte, North Carolina. Since some people complained about traveling to Savannah, which is in our own district, I am reluctant to accept the invitation for the Deep South at this time. We need a local rose society to volunteer to host the January 2016 meeting. The meeting can be held at a site convenient to the host society. We are also looking for a society to host our fall convention. Please contact me or our convention site committee chair, *Jean Stream*, and we can give you the information you need. We have had a strong tradition in the Deep South District to meet twice annually. The fall convention is held in conjunction with a District rose show, and offers horticultural programs and a Sunday morning garden tour. Please consider keeping our traditions alive by offering to host a meeting.

We are saddened by yet another death of a very active district member. *John Tucker* of the Gainesville, Florida, area, passed away in January. He will be greatly missed by his friends in the district. Our condolences to his life partner *Dan Mills*.

Some of you may remember that I told you at our fall convention that we had established an endowment fund with monies contributed and raised by *Oline Reynolds*, *Ed Griffin*, and *Clarence Prevatt*. Twenty-five thousand dollars were placed in a designated fund with the Tampa Bay Community Foundation. The fund can be used for:

- 1) financial assistance to local rose societies in Florida, Georgia, and Alabama, to hold rose shows, conventions, meetings, and educational programs;
- 2) scholarships for rose-related education, training for people living or studying in Deep South colleges and universities; and
- 3) financial assistance for rose-related research.

We are now ready to offer our first grant. The first grant will be for \$500. I would like to receive grant proposals by June 1, 2015. Our committee will make the final determination and award the grant. You can e-mail your proposal to me at kprevatt@verizon.net.

In the future, I will be working to increase the endowment so we can grow our grant-making capabilities in the years to come. I see raffles and drawings in my future. Please consider giving to this fund that will keep rose societies and rose culture alive and well in the Deep South. No contribution will be too small. All contributions will be recognized in future issues of *The Bulletin*. Gifts to the foundation are tax deductible. Our theme is "Giving forward to share our love of roses".

Enjoy your springtime!

Remembering John Tucker

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John Franklin Tucker passed away peacefully on January 25, 2015, at Haven Hospice in Gainesville, Florida. He was born March 15, 1941, in Berrien County, Georgia, the last of 15 children of sharecropper parents.



He graduated from Tifton High School in 1959 and went on to college at Berry, in Rome, Georgia. He was the only one of his family to graduate high school and go on to college. His early adult years were spent raising a family of his three children and two foster children, building rustic furniture, and traveling the country as a construction foreman signing interstate highways. No matter where he lived he always took great pride in planting a vegetable garden and collecting old wood for his rustic furniture business.

Most of us in the Deep South District knew John only in the past fifteen years or so. But he and I met in 1987 and had a mutual interest in growing vegetables, raising pigs and chickens, growing muscadine grapes, and landscaping our four acres with just about every woody ornamental suited to our north-central Florida climate... except roses. It wasn't until the late 1990s that we got hooked on roses. It resulted directly from a garden tour that we hosted in 1997, at which the tour leader suggested that we utilize "all that empty space" by planting roses.

She was kind enough to familiarize us with some local rose growers at the time, including *Dan Faflack, Gretchen Brooks, and Ralph & Jean Stream*. When John saw what they were doing with roses, he became very excited and wanted us to plant a rose garden. By 2002 we had a garden of about 400 rose bushes, a small rose nursery, and had joined two local rose societies.

John served as president of both societies and was also the recipient of the Bronze Honor Medal from both.

John had the perfect personality for growing, showing, and selling roses, and for participating in local and DSD events. He loved to greet his friends, and new acquaintances as well, with a big smile and a genuine hug. He had a special way of making people feel welcome and comfortable. As far as he was concerned, our rose garden, The Weed Patch, was open to the public 365 days a year.

John was one-of-a-kind and will be missed dearly by all of us who knew him.

Respectfully, Dan Mills, John's Life Partner of 27 years

John Tucker, the King of Hospitality

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We've been attending Deep South District activities for about 15 years, and I don't ever remember walking into one without seeing John's smile right away. He was always there to greet us with an impish smile, a warm hug, and entertaining stories, some not always suitable for mixed company, he thought. He often presided over the hospitality suite, or sold ropes of raffle tickets. My heart aches knowing he won't be at the next DSD event we attend, but he'll always be there in our hearts.



Photos (top to bottom): John welcoming guests to Weed Patch; at 2014 fall convention (L-R) Ralph Stream, Ann Reynolds, John; at 2005 Blackspot & Beetle Fest with (L-R) Rob Russell, Dan Mills, John, Debbie & Geoff Coolidge

All photos by Bobbie Reed

Remembering Bill (Billy) Franklin

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He was born William Aaron Franklin on September 15, 1953. Billy began growing roses in Jacksonville, FL, in 1979. He started with ten Hybrid Tea rose bushes, one of which was a ‘*Double Delight*’ that remained healthy up and until last year when his rose garden was removed... 36 years young! Two years later, in 1981, he started exhibiting with his home Jacksonville Rose Society ... enjoying his hobby. His first Queen was ‘*Paradise*’, which he won at Jacksonville’s spring rose show on April 28, 1984.

Exactly ten years later, and now up to 75 rose bushes, Billy won his sixth American Rose Society Gold Medal Certificate in Thomasville, GA, with ‘*First Prize*’. That was great, but he also won the King of show that day with ‘*Uncle Joe*’, and you start to see the competitiveness come through as **Doc Allcott**, soon to be his mentor, starts to be the person to beat. Billy would say “*In order to beat Doc, you have to give the judges what they want to see. The entry has to be so good, that they [the judges] can’t help but award it a blue.*” Trivia: Billy’s favorite rose was ‘*Double Delight*’; however, he won more Queens with ‘*Keepsake*’.

In the late 1980s Billy was the manager for Seedsmiths, Inc., in Jacksonville, a wholesale gardening supply house. That’s where his green thumb grew “greener” in perfecting his NPK mixtures. In those years, as I mentioned, Billy’s mentor was **Doc Allcott**. Doc and Ada were a dentist and wife rose team from Eustis, FL, and Billy was Doc’s junior by 25 years.

As with any competition, bragging rights were hard fought for, and both rosarians competed fearlessly. Billy really enjoyed any advantage over the “master” Doc, and was ecstatic about coming out on top when going head to head. From there on it was “full steam” ahead with the victories. He amassed 53 Queens, Kings, and Princesses at local and District rose shows.

Of those 53 top finishers, 22 were Queens of Show! Doc, who passed away in 2010, is the only person I know to have won more Queens in the Deep South District than Billy, with over 30. As the years wore on, both became tops in their league, best of friends, and were the early leaders in my time, educating the public about America’s National Floral Emblem.

But Billy didn’t stop with Queens... in the late 1990s things were changing. The question that was arising was, what should be considered the more difficult entry task – to win a Queen of Show or to win a Challenge Class? This was debated nationally amongst the most ardent of rose intellects and came to a head in our circles in the mid-1990s. The hardest and most prestigious of the “Challenge Classes” was, no doubt, the J. Horace McFarland Memorial Trophy. This District trophy is not one hybrid tea, like the Queen of Show, but five



Photos (top to bottom): Bill Franklin; in Bill’s (right) garden, with Eric Yount (left); (bottom) Bill (right) prepping roses for exhibition with Eric Yount (left)



hybrid teas, each shown in a single vase and arranged *only by the exhibitor* in a pleasant design, side-by-side with other like entries, to capture the eye of the judge. So, one could say you need five Queens to win the McFarland. A real challenge... hence the name "Challenge Class".

Billy won three District McFarland Trophies: Jekyll Island DSD, 1983 (before he ever won a Queen!); Miami DSD, 1998; and the last one at ARS's Orlando National in 1999, with 'Elizabeth Taylor', 'Raphaella', 'Louise Estes', 'Crystalline', and 'Sheer Bliss'.

He enjoyed doing the boxes, with four DSD Double Box entry winners in Jekyll Island, 1990; Orlando, 1992; Mobile, 1994; and Augusta, 1995.

Additional National Class awards he won were in Mobile in 1994, where he won the judges' favor with a spectacular "color angled" American Box with a nine-rose entry field of 'Elina' and 'Dublin', and in April 2000 at the Houston National where Billy won the coveted C. Eugene Pfister Memorial Trophy. This class calls for one grandiflora specimen, which he won with 'Gold Medal', a fabulous rose. At this same National he also placed 'Dublin' on the Court, out of hundreds of entries.

He also served as President of the Jacksonville Rose Society, Horticulture Judge, Treasurer of the Deep South District, and won the Outstanding Consulting Rosarian Award in 2002.

Billy was always a giver and sharer of roses. One could feel this passion when in 1989 he won the Queen AND King at the coveted "City of Roses", Thomasville, GA, Rose Show. On the front page of the *Thomasville Times-Enterprise* newspaper Billy was interviewed about his hobby. He said *"Tending roses is a lot of hard work but they're not as hard to grow as people might think. Growing roses is good fellowship and attending the shows, meeting the people and share ideas is a lot of fun as well as relaxing and therapeutic."* This pretty much sums it up... his love of the rose.

Our friend Billy is with all our other departed rose friends... still growing what is close to his heart. We will miss him.



Photos: (top) Bill Franklin (center) with (L-R) Cathy Farmer, Victoria Fleming, Eric Yount, Pam Russell, and Jody Lowe; (middle) Bill Tevepauh (left) with Bill Franklin after winning the DSD McFarland in Miami in 1998.



Horticulture Judges Review

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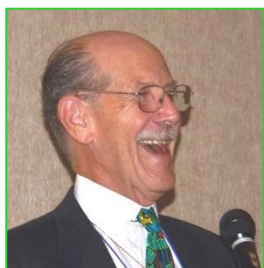
I have been reviewing annual judges' reports submitted for 2014. We currently have 46 horticultural judges in good standing in the Deep South District. I have, at this time, heard from only 27 of our judges (59% compliance). These reports are useful to maintain an up-to-date list of judges for rose show committees as well as ascertaining the status of each judge. My original e-mail request for

reports yielded three bounce backs, indicating e-mail address changes. As many judging requests now arrive via e-mail, it is important to keep the database up-to-date. I mailed requests to their last known address but so far have not heard back from these judges. I am going to send out one last request in hopes of increasing the number of reports submitted.

Several judges in our district have lapsed in meeting their audit requirement. The national Chairs of Judges have recently told me that **"They should not be judging ARS approved rose shows if they do not have their audit current. If they cannot attend an audit seminar they should be granted an "Inactive Status."** Therefore, I have removed all DSD judges from the active list who are beyond the four-year requirement for an audit, placing them on "inactive" status. We in the DSD offer a school or seminar to meet this audit requirement every two years. The last seminar occurred in January of 2014 and the next will be scheduled for some time in 2016. Several now "inactive" judges would like to return to active status but cannot find an auditing opportunity. None are scheduled anywhere in the country at the moment. The national Chairs of Judges have recently offered an option to return these judges to active status until they can attend a formal school or seminar for their audit in 2016. Inactive judges will need to take a written test that "covers all areas of judging and new changes in the Guidelines." If they pass this open-book test, they will be returned immediately to active status until the 2016 DSD School. If you are in "inactive status" now and wish to take advantage of this opportunity, please send me a request and I will make the arrangements.

The death of **Tom Mullins**, a well-respected judge in our district, occurred after I submitted my last article. He will be missed. The number of our DSD judges continues to decline, as does the number of shows and the opportunities to judge. We need to begin now to identify individuals to replenish our ranks and prepare them to attend the upcoming school in 2016. I would also encourage you to continue to support the holding of annual rose shows by your local societies. I know we all have enjoyed our association with roses, rose shows, and rose people over the years. It is my hope that this tradition can continue in the future.

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By the time you read this, winter will be almost over! They say the groundhog saw his shadow, but for Deep South Rosarians, it's pruning time. Soon it will be rose show time again!

I have my usual annual wish, that some of you will be exhibiting in some show in addition to your local show. If you are a beginner, it's time to actually exhibit some arrangements this year. All you experienced arrangers should make an effort to mentor at least one new arranger every year to help



keep our rose show activities alive. I encourage you to help with your local show, and, if possible, clerk for the arrangement judges. You'll be surprised at how much you'll learn by just listening to their comments.

Our “*for audit credit*” Arrangement/Judges seminar at our recent joint Mid-Winter Meeting with the Carolina District went well. We had a good turnout, with each session having over twenty participants. Interestingly there were ten in the morning session who did not attend the afternoon session, and nine in the afternoon session who did not attend the morning session, so in all we had over thirty registered attendees. Carolina District Arrangement Chair Bill Patterson presented “A Review of the Duties and Responsibilities of Judges”, and “An Overview of Styles of Traditional Design”. Bill and **Linda Boland** presented a demonstration and discussion of the principles of design with an emphasis on how to apply it to point scoring, and illustrated the effects of color on design by displaying designs they and other Carolina District Arrangers had created against different backgrounds.

The Afternoon seminar which **Sandy Dixon** and I conducted began with “An Overview of Modern Design”, a PowerPoint presentation on the characteristics of modern design with photographic illustrations of different points and an evaluation of the differences between abstract and free form designs. **Sandy Dixon** then gave a presentation of new techniques and design styles that can be used in upcoming shows, illustrated with actual arrangements by the instructors [see photos this page].

I think everyone went away with a little more knowledge and understanding of how we judge arrangements. We hope you will continue to organize and conduct arrangement programs in your local societies. It will improve your craft and maybe inspire some in your society to enter their first arrangement class at your local show this year.

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

Attention ARS Arrangement Judges, I sent out via e-mail the Arrangement Judges Report form for 2014 in January with a deadline of March 1, 2014. If you have not filed your report, please do so ASAP. If you have lost or deleted the form, contact me and I will resend it.

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



Photos (top to bottom): Sandy Dixon with a new class, modern still life design; a modern panel design; a modern armature design; a modern assemblage design.

Photos by Bobbie Reed

Consulting Rosarian Report

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Hello to all readers. As winter winds down, we are all thinking of projects and issues that need attention in our gardens. Here at the end of January, I've already started my new mulching for the year. In North Central Florida, it becomes very hot fast, so we try to get all the hard work done while we still have some cool temperatures. (Food for thought.)

Our CR school was held in Savannah, GA, in early January. It was a combined Carolina and Deep South District school, with 33 attendees. Three new CR candidates passed the exam with very high scores. Congratulations and welcome! I had contacted several of our CRs who needed to audit a CR school this year; only approximately one-half of these came. The rest still have until December 31st to get their school credits. I currently know of one rose society that is thinking of doing a CR school in June or July. They are centrally located in our District, so for those who still seriously want to stay active, this may be your last chance in our District in 2015.

All of our CRs should know by now that the Deep South District requires its CRs to submit an annual CR report to their CR chairman. As of this writing, January 28th, I have received only 32 reports from 117 active CRs. I don't understand why this simple requirement is not being taken seriously. We can't make it any easier. These reports are due by February 1st, a time of the year when life should be slower with more time to complete these simple requirements. I will be accepting all reports for a few more weeks, but have to close the book on this issue at the end of March.

According to the National report, our district was way down in the percentage of active CRs on reporting to the Roses in Review chairperson. We had 40 of our 117 active CRs who thought this report was of any importance. We as CRs promised to help teach everyone about the rose; that's what the R.I.R report is all about. I do hope everyone will wake up to the fact that he or she is not doing their part to keep our hobby healthy.

I am once again reminding our eligible CRs of the Master CR designation. After ten years of continuous active CR service, you are qualified for this honor. I will be checking my records and letting those who qualify know. The form to apply has to be sent to me no later than August 1st. ARS needs it by August 10th. If you get my notice, please react to it because you deserve the recognition.

In closing, I want to say that I keep trying to spark a re-commitment by giving the facts that are reported to me. I do hope our Deep South District can again get its CR program back into high gear. Our society folks need your strengths. Hoping all a pleasant spring and summer!



Ralph Stream (above right) welcomes new Consulting Rosarians *Bobby Babb* of the Birmingham Rose Society (above left), *Howie Johnson* of the Marion County Rose Society (middle), and *Paul Saeger* of the Birmingham Rose Society (bottom).

Photos by Jean Stream



Diaprepes Root Weevils (*Diaprepes abbreviates*)

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Diaprepes root weevil (DRW) is a major insect pest that has invaded Florida from the Caribbean. The DRW is known to be causing widespread damage in Southern and Central Florida. In 2012 the weevil was estimated to cause over \$70 million in damage to some 270 different plant hosts, especially citrus, in the state. The weevil's impact to the citrus industry has resulted in the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) issuing pest bulletins and researching control methods.

The California Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources believes that the Diaprepes found in California originated on palm trees from Florida. California has also issued a pest information circular. Along with fire ants, DRW is a target for inspectors before approving plant material for shipment from Florida to California.

I first discovered DRW in my Orange Park rose garden in September 2014. On the right are pictures of adult weevils and their damage to a 'Nahéma' LCI. Figure 1 shows a dead DRW posed on the bloom it had been eating. Figure 2 is a live DRW hiding among rose leaves. I used the free smartphone app "Landscape Pests" from UF/ IFAS's Center for Landscape Conservation and Ecology to identify the weevil. I encourage you to download it from the App store. Figures 3 and 4 show adult chew damage on roses.

Diaprepes or chilli thrips? The adult weevil feeds on the above-ground portions of the plant. The larva lives below ground, feeding on the roots. Figure 5 shows a DRW larva that I found when I dug up polyantha rose 'Mevrouw Nathalie Nypels' ("MNN"). Figure 6 shows the damage to dead roots that I pruned from that rose before I replanted it. The feeding larvae damage the plant's ability to take up water and nutrients. When the grubs girdle the root(s), the upper portion supported by that root weakens. Severe girdling can cause death of the plant. Root damage also makes the plant much more susceptible to root rot and other infections.

For a few years I had seen much cane dieback and death in my rose garden on both modern and Old Garden Roses. I had blamed this problem on chilli thrips and perhaps root-knot nematodes, combined fungus diseases, and deer feeding.

Several observations led me to conclude that DRW may have been the major contributor to the decline and death of so many of my roses. First, the decline and cane death of the very vigorous "MNN" did not match the symptoms caused by chilli thrips. Large healthy canes died but without significant display of the leaf scarring and distorted new foliage characteristic of chilli damage. Second, when I dug up the weakened "MNN", it had dead and damaged roots, and I discovered the grub described in the pest circulars. Third, Dr. Allen Owings of Louisiana State University's Extension



Figure 1: Dead DRW adult and damage to bloom



Figure 2: Live DRW adult hiding among rose leaves



Figure 3: Chew damage on leaves by adult DRW



Figure 4: Chew damage on leaves by adult DRW

Service reported that roses could show decline symptoms of badly damaged roots without an observer finding adult *Diaprepes* on the upper parts of the plant. Fourth, in light of these observations, I recalled the deaths of so many other roses. I remember the character of many of those deaths as more like DRWs than chilli thrips.

Control: Because of its life cycle, control of DRW is difficult. The adults can be killed by foliar insecticides that will have little effect on the subterranean larva. Drenching to kill the larva is difficult since they are hard to locate and few effective insecticides are available to the amateur. Regardless, drenching will not prevent feeding by the adult DRWs. The female lays her eggs on a leaf, then seals the leaf over them for protection. Horticultural oils may smother the adults and unseal the leaf protection so that the eggs dry and die, but they won't reduce the grubs.

For additional information and pictures, see the Florida IFAS circular "EENY-024 *Diaprepes* Root Weevil, *Disprepes abbreviatus* (Linnaeus) (Insecta: Coleoptera: Curculionidae)" by T. J. Weissling, J. E. Peña, R. M. Giblin-Davis and J. L. Knapp, Jr., and California Publication 8131 "Diaprepes Root Weevil" by Elizabeth E. Grafton-Cardwell, et al., on the university extension web site.

From the March 2015 issue of *Buds & Blooms*, the newsletter of the Jacksonville Rose Society, Lyndy Myers & Shirley Teerlink, Editors. Photos by Wayne Myers.



Figure 5: DRW larva



Figure 6: dead roots showing damage by DRW larva

Rose Pest Control

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I have been asked by a few fellow exhibitors to write an article on products and methods that have worked for me to control and eliminate rose pests.

First off you need to understand that the word "pest" covers a wide range of problems: insects, mites, diseases, weeds, and animals. I do not intend to address all these pest issues at length, but will give my advice to those who are looking for answers on how to get great show roses.

With all that said, let's look at the "musts".

- Spray on a regular schedule, every 7 to 10 days.
- Anticipate the type of treatments needed for the time of year and weather conditions.
- Cull out problem plants that don't produce to your expectations.
- Make sure your plants are well-hydrated before any chemical application.

Let's look at the diseases first. Rotation of fungicides with different modes of action is highly recommended. I always use a systemic and contact chemical with every spraying; my preference for a contact is Dithane with rain guard. For a systemic, I use Compass, Cleary's 3336, Banner Maxx or Honor Guard, Daconil 2787 (when 80 degrees or less), and Subdue Max. For each follow label directions.

Mites are seasonal, showing up when the temperatures reach 85+ degrees and when conditions are very dry. Here again, be proactive and anticipate when they will be arriving. My program tells me to use Avid once every month for prevention; then, if they



do get out of control, I suggest using Floramite® SC/LS. It is a good choice for it will eradicate all three life stages, and could very well last all season.

Insects are another issue. For the most part I usually am not proactive, I will wait until I see a problem that needs attention before any insecticide is used. I don't want to kill any of the good insects, as they do help keep the bad ones at bay. For the exhibitors, thrips are the number one problem we face. Over the past few years, I have been experimenting using several products. Two that I have found that work well in our garden are Bayer Complete Insect Killer and Hot Pepper Wax. The Bayer product can be found at Lowe's; the Pepper Wax can be found in the A.M. Leonard catalog. The Hot Pepper Wax is not very cost effective; the 32-ounce bottle will only make approximately eight to ten gallons. Other products that will also do very well for thrips are Cygon 2 E, Orthene 75% W.P., and Merit used double strength [Editor's note: It is a violation of Federal law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its labelling, so check label instructions]. I use all five of these mentioned and I rotate them using one every three days and just misting the buds. This will keep your beauties clean.

For weeds, use a thick layer of mulch, and if you have a problem like nut grass, using a paint brush to apply Round Up will get rid of these pests. Don't worry, if done carefully, it will not affect your plants. I have used this treatment for years on all sorts of weeds and grasses in flower beds. As for animals, use a shotgun (just joking). There are all sizes of traps for catching small animals. For deer, the only thing we have found that really works is a seven-foot fence, or a dog that is out and about regularly. The dog scent is the perfect solution to deer issues. Our next door neighbor moved away; he had a dog, and that is when we our deer problems began.

Be diligent with your pest control, your roses will show your efforts. Hope your spring is great, and get those roses in a show somewhere.

2014 American Rose Society Bronze Honor Medal Awards

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The following Deep South District societies presented the American Rose Society's Bronze Honor Medal to members in 2014. This award is presented to local society members for their service and leadership to the society.

Augusta Rose Society
Birmingham Rose Society
Greater Atlanta Rose Society
Greater Gwinnett Rose Society
Huntsville-Twickenham Rose Society
Jacksonville Rose Society
Marion County Rose Society
Orlando Area Historical Rose Society
South Metro Rose Society
Tallahassee Rose Society
Tampa Rose Society
Thomasville Rose Society

William DeHaven
Hyacinth Prince
Sara Coleman
Sara Coleman
Carl Kelly
Franki Weddington
Annie Aierstock
Carol Scarlett
Steve Bell
Pat Stanford
Peggy Sherman
Tracy & Judy Harrington

Deep South District Garden Fund



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A Memorial donation has been made by to the Deep South District's garden fund in memory of Mr. *Bill Sharpe* and in honor of *Mary Maude Sharpe* by *William & Pat Wentz* of Columbia, AL.

A Memorial donation has been made by the Tallahassee Rose Society to the Deep South District's Garden Fund in memory of *Reuben Reynolds*.

A Memorial donation has been made by *Mary Maude Sharpe* to the Deep South District's Garden Fund in memory of *Reuben Reynolds*.

A Memorial donation has been made by *Montine Herring* and the Thomasville Rose Society to the Deep South District's Garden Fund in memory of *Reuben Reynolds*.

A Memorial donation has been made by the Tallahassee Rose Society to the Deep South District's Garden Fund in memory of *Barbara Hagerman*.



Membership Musings



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Rose Friends...

Now that it is time to get ready for the new rose season I'd like to encourage everyone to pay attention to friends and neighbors.... Offer to help prune or dig holes or whatever they may need. Gardening is as much sharing as working in the dirt.

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Deep South District Photo Contest

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The winners are....

1: Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora, exhibition

1. 'Table Mountain' by *Sue Witwer*
2. 'Louise Estes' by *Ray Gillebeau*
3. 'Black Magic' by *Ashley Hamilton*
4. 'Chicago Peace' by *Charles Prince*

2: Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora Spray

1. 'Wild Blue Yonder' by *Cindy Dale* [photo top]
2. 'Brother Jack' by *Cindy Dale*
3. 'Peace' by *Penelope Cain*

3: Fully open Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora

1. 'Midas Touch' by *Ashley Hamilton*
2. 'Sunshine Daydream' by *Lawrence Durham*
3. 'Miss All-American Beauty' by *Willie Mae Burley*

4: Floribunda one bloom per stem

1. 'Tuscan Sun' by *Charles Prince*
2. 'Black Cherry' by *Ashley Hamilton*
3. 'Iceberg' by *Ashley Hamilton*
4. 'Ketchup & Mustard' by *Al & Sara Coleman*

5: Floribunda or Polyantha Spray

1. 'Playboy' by *Ray Gillebeau*
2. 'Johnny Becnel' by *Cindy Dale*
3. 'Rainbow Sorbet' by *Lawrence Durham*

6A: Old Garden Rose – Dowager

1. 'Green Rose' by *Cindy Dale* [photo second from top]

6B. Old Garden Rose – Victorian

1. 'Veilchenblau' by *Charles Prince* [photo third from top]

7: Shrub Rose except David Austin

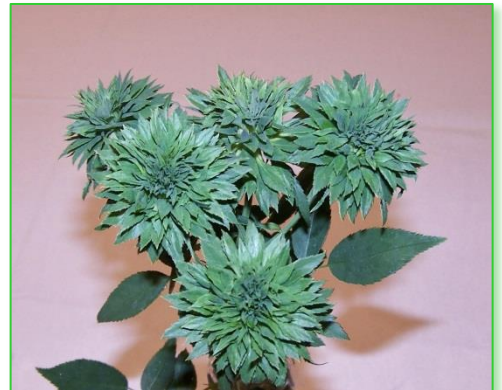
1. 'Quietness' by *Cindy Dale* [photo bottom]
2. 'The Charlatan' by *Ashley Hamilton*
3. 'Fashion Statement' by *Al Whitcomb*
4. 'Alfred Sisley' by *Cindy Dale*

8: David Austin Roses

1. 'Windermere' by *Ashley Hamilton*
2. 'English Garden' by *Al & Sara Coleman*
3. 'Princess Alexandra of Kent' by *Cindy Dale*
4. 'Wife of Bath' by *Ashley Hamilton*

9: Climber

1. 'Golden Showers' by *Ashley Hamilton*
2. 'Citrus Burst' by *Al Whitcomb*
3. 'Clair Matin' by *Willie Mae Burley*
4. 'Fourth of July' by *Willie Mae Burley*



10: Species Roses

1. 'Rosa bracteata' by **Ray Gillebeau**

11: Miniature, exhibition

1. 'Nancy Jean' by **Cindy Dale** [photo top right]
2. 'Breath of Spring' by **Ray Gillebeau**
3. 'Emma Grace' by **Cindy Dale**
4. 'Daddy Frank' by **Ray Gillebeau**

12: Miniflora, exhibition

1. 'Leading Lady' by **Ray Gillebeau**
2. 'Olympic Gold' by **Sue Witwer**
3. 'Glowing Sunset' by **Ray Gillebeau**
4. 'Shawn Sease' by **Cindy Dale**

13: Miniature or Miniflora Spray

1. 'Baby Love' by **Al Whitcomb**
2. 'Ty' by **Willie Mae Burley**
3. 'Hilde' by **Charles Prince**

14: Fully open Miniature or Miniflora

1. 'Foolish Pleasure' by **Cindy Dale**
2. 'Scentsational' by **Charles Prince**
3. 'Grace Seward' by **Al Whitcomb**
4. 'Magic Carrousel' by **Charles Prince**

15: Arrangement

1. 'Mrs. B. R. Cant', by **Jean Giesel**

16: Macro Photography

1. 'Fourth of July' by **Charles Prince**
2. 'Morden Sunrise' by **Lawrence Durham**
3. 'Fourth of July' by **Willie Mae Burley**

17: Abstract or Impressionist Photography

1. "Tilt-a-Whirl" by **Willie Mae Burley**
2. 'Spice Twice' by **Charles Prince**
3. "Supernova" by **Willie Mae Burley**

18: The Rose Garden

1. 'Crimson Bouquet' by **Penelope Cain** [photo middle right]
2. "American Rose Center Gardens" by **Cindy Dale**
3. "'Don Juan' and 'Compassion'" by **Cindy Dale**

19: Novice Class

1. 'Double Delight' by **Penelope Cain**
2. 'Elle' by **Penelope Cain**

And the big winner, **Best in Show**, goes to **Sue Witwer** for 'Table Mountain'.



Stephen Hoy [left] presents awards to some of the DSD Photo Contest winners [left to right]: Ray Gillebeau, Cindy Dale, Sara Coleman, and Al Whitcomb

Photo by Jean Stream

Best in Show DSD Photo Contest

'Table Mountain'

Photo by Sue Witwer



DSD Photographers Also Won in the American Rose Magazine Photo Contest

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I've had the pleasure for the last few years of judging in the American Rose Society Digital Photography Contest. Each December a wonderful file of photos arrives, devoid of identifying information, but packed with beauty, photographic skill, and creativity. I'm pleased to report that this year a number of the winners were from the Deep South District.

Class 1 – Exhibition Bloom

3. **Paul Colombo** – *'Gemini'*

Class 3 – Decorative Bloom

2. **Richard Howard** – *'Sexy Remy'*

Class 10 – Abstract or Impressionist

1. **Charles Prince** – *'Spice Twice'* [photo right]

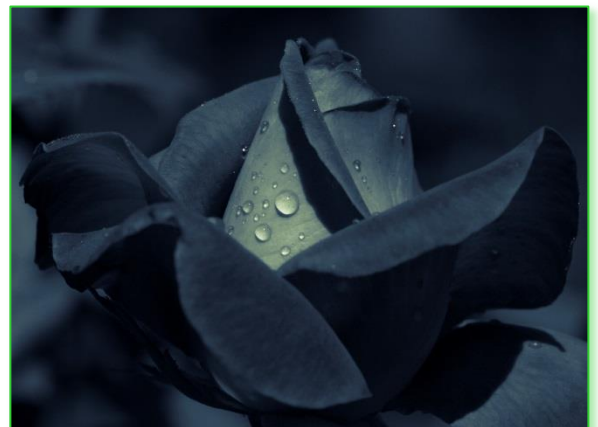
Class 12 – Macro Photography

2. **Richard Howard** – *'Mrs. Oakley Fisher'*

Class 13-2 – Novice Fully Open

2. **Willie Mae Burley** – *'Betty Boop'*
3. **Willie Mae Burley** – *'Mister Lincoln'*

Class 13-4 – Novice Spray



3. *Willie Mae Burley* – ‘Joy’

Class 13-10 Novice – Abstract or Impressionist

1. *Willie Mae Burley* – Supernova [photo top right]
2. *Willie Mae Burley* – Curves
4. *Willie Mae Burley* – Hybrid Fusion

Class 13-11 Novice – Rose Garden

4. *Willie Mae Burley* – Jean Stream Garden

Class 13-12 Novice – Macro Photography

1. *Willie Mae Burley* – ‘Perfume Beauty’ [photo bottom right]
2. *Willie Mae Burley* – ‘Fourth of July’

Congratulations, y’all!



From the Treasurer

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Dear DSD Society Presidents,

It has been recommended that the Treasurer send out reminder notices each fiscal year to the President of each DSD Rose Society that contributions are due. Hence, this reminder is being published.

DSD operates on a fiscal year, i.e., October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015. Therefore, Contributions were due and payable on October 1, 2014, but not later than June 1, 2015.

Changes were made and approved to DSD By-Laws at the January 11, 2011, Board Meeting concerning societies’ contributions. Societies having one hundred (100) or more members shall contribute fifty dollars (\$50) each fiscal year. Societies having fewer than one hundred (100) members, shall contribute twenty-five dollars (\$25) each fiscal year.

If you are no longer President of your Society, please bring this announcement to the attention of your society’s new President or Treasurer. Also, please have the new President provide the following information along with their remittance.

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Site Selection



Jean Stream

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I ask you, is there anything that can get me more excited and optimistic than a fun weekend with fellow rose friends? I think not. What a great time we had in Savannah with this combined District Mid-Winter Meeting. Those of us who were privileged to attend can certainly say that meeting new folks and sharing our experiences with them was a blessing. I kid you not, there are still folks who can and do get excited about this hobby of ours.

While planning combined events has many advantages, I feel we cheat ourselves here in the Deep South District by planning these so far away. I know as we all get older we like to limit our travel time on the road. This being said, I, as your site chair, would like us to seriously consider our next District activity in a more central location or at least in FL, GA, or AL, where our people live.

We do not have anything on the calendar for the fall 2015 or the winter 2016 in the way of district conventions or mid-winter meetings. Many of our clubs do have spring shows around Mother's Day in May. Having a spring District convention at that time might interfere with these traditions and cause poor attendance. That is why, I'm finding out, most DSD conventions are set for the fall and the Mid-Winter for January.

Please, let us put our heads together and see what we can come up with to make these events happen, and happen in a fashion where most of our people can and will attend. We can carry on, in spite of loss of members, in spite of the fact that we are all getting older, in spite of the rising costs and yes, in spite of a world changing so fast that none of us can see what lies ahead. One thing for certain, many of us will continue to grow and love roses. Let us keep what we have as a District well and alive. If you have ideas for planning or hosting District events, please talk with Karen or me. Let's see what we can come up with.



Tales from Savannah

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Every January rose lovers from the Deep South District gather to celebrate the rose, to share information, and to renew friendships across the District. This year, the Mid-Winter Meeting was a joint production by the Carolina and Deep South Districts on January 9-11. We met at the most central possible location, historic Savannah, GA.

There were 159 attendees from across the two regions, although southern Florida was sparsely represented. Fifty-five were from the Carolina District, 101 from the Deep South District. If you weren't there, you were missed!

My participation began with two arrangements workshops on Friday, one covering traditional designs, and another covering newly-listed modern designs. We have a lot to look forward to at the rose shows this year! This was followed by a welcome dinner Friday evening, and time spent in the hospitality suite. Good food, good company!





One of the more interesting aspects of this year's Mid-Winter Meeting is that this is a triennial election year for the American Rose Society and its districts. Because of that, we were visited by ARS officials and those campaigning. Pat Shanley, the current ARS VP, who will be inaugurated as President this fall, was present. So were the two candidates running to replace her; the winner will automatically become President in 2018. These candidates are Bob Martin from California and Sam Jones from Tennessee. They were working the crowd and talking to everyone they could. Also present were candidates for the Deep South District Director: **Wayne Myers** of Jacksonville, FL, and **Ralph Stream** of Micanopy, FL. Because it was a joint convention, we also had Carolina District candidates working the crowd: Jay Hiers running for Regional Director; Richard Donovan and Dr. Don Myers running for District Director for the Carolina District.

Saturday brought us informative programs on the role of social media to expand rose societies by **Chris Van Cleave**; recent news on the Rose Rosette Disease research front from Mark Windham; updates on new roses from Sandy Lundberg; presentations by ARS and District candidates for this year's elections; and, of course, the raffle!

We learned that a windbreak (they used miscanthus grass) helps to reduce infection rates for Rose Rosette Disease. Constant vigilance, so that affected roses are noticed and dealt with early in their infection, and "roguing" out infected roses immediately are the best management practices so far. So while you're working in your garden, be observant and ready to act quickly. If one infected bush is left in place for 18 months, 50% of your rose garden may be lost. This year's prime ooh and aah rose from Sandy Lundberg was 'Magnificence', a white rose with pink edges hybridized by Fred Wright and available from K&M Roses – look for it on a show table soon! I can report that once again I didn't win the raffle prize I was most interested in; this time a collection of **Modern Roses** editions that had belonged to **Anita Smith** went to another bidder. Oh well, better luck next year.

The Awards banquet was a spiffy event on the top floor with views all-around of Savannah. The DSD Photo contest winners, presented by Stephen Hoy, included **Ray Gillebeau**, **Cindy Dale**, **Al & Sara Coleman**, and **Al Whitcomb**. Ralph Stream presented the Emeritus Consulting Rosarian certificate to **John Keller**. **Linda Reed** recognized ARS Bronze Honor Medal recipients in the Deep South District. One recipient, **Sara Coleman**, won Bronze Honor Medal awards from two local societies this year. We know of members who have received the Bronze Medal from different societies, but never in the same year – Sara was very, very busy last year! And finally, the **Anita Smith Award** for service in and to the Deep South District went to **Ed Easom**, who has served as DSD Treasurer for the last five years.

Carolina District awards were also presented. Dr. Frank Van Lenten presented the Outstanding Consulting Rosarian Award to Jack Wright. Dr. Don Myers presented the Carolina District Outstanding Judge Award to Ed & Lenna Easter. And Rita Van Lenten presented the Carolina District Silver Medal to **Linda Boland**, who was obviously surprised and very moved.

The MWM ended, as usual for the Deep South District, with a Consulting Rosarian School on Sunday morning. The



District Director **Karen Prevatt** presents **Ed Easom** with the Deep South District's Anita Smith Outstanding Service Award
Photo by Rani von Wuerttemberg

CR school included presentations by **Ralph Stream**, **Rick Thomas**, **Bobbie Reed**, and **Jeff Hoffman**. We hear that all three candidates passed the exam.

Heading home, our only regret was that we hadn't had time to explore the sights and the restaurants, since we were so busy with the meeting – I guess we'll have to go earlier next time. And we hope to see you at the next meeting!



What Happens Next?



American Rose Society Elections

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It happens every three years. Yes, it's that time again... for the American Rose Society's Triennial Elections. This year our current President's (**Jolene Adams**) term expires, and the current Vice President (**Pat Shanley**) steps up to become the new President in September. All other officers are elected at the same time: Regional Directors (ours is **Kitsy Mostellar**) and District Directors (ours is **Karen Prevatt**), who sit on the board and serve on numerous committees, are elected at the same time.

These folks have a big impact on our societies and our rose hobby – overseeing the publication of the *American Rose Magazine*, the *Handbook for Selecting Roses*, and *ARS & You*; activities such as the Consulting Rosarian and Judging programs; the American Rose Center; and our national conventions. The national organization also supports our local societies through, for instance, providing group indemnity insurance purchases to cover our own locals society meetings and rose shows, and managing our non-profit status. We all benefit from selecting the best candidates for these offices.

Anyone who is a member of the American Rose Society is eligible to vote. Who's an ARS member? You must belong (pay dues to) the national organization, not just be a member of a local rose society. If you are an ARS member, you receive the *American Rose Magazine* every other month, and you'll receive an electronic ballot around June 1. Instructions will appear in the *American Rose*. Please vote! But remember, you can only vote once – if you vote more often than that, both votes will be invalidated. (This is *not* Chicago!)

The Bulletin will remain neutral in this election, but to keep our members informed, I've asked each of the candidates in contested elections to submit a statement for publication. You will see side-by-side statements from each of the candidates below: **Sam Jones** and **Bob Martin**, candidates for ARS Vice President, and **Wayne Myers** and **Ralph Stream**, candidates for our District Director have provided these statements. There is no statement from **Kitsy Mostellar**, who is running unopposed.

Let's start with the national candidates, **Bob Martin** and **Sam Jones**.



Bob Martin**Dear Friends in Roses,**

I am a candidate for Vice President of the American Rose Society. I personally created my website, www.bobmartinarsvp.com, to tell you about me and to explain my views about the future of the American Rose Society.

The election itself will be held in mid-2015 and will be conducted electronically. Whether a supporter or not, I invite you to join my mailing list to receive occasional announcements about the campaign and instructions on how to vote.

To sign up for my mailing list, please [click here](#). That will bring up a form by which you can sign up.

Don't hesitate to join my mailing list! I am not going to fill your mail box with spam. I simply want to be able to announce to you any major developments in the campaign and, when the time comes, to remind you to vote and explain how you do it. I will probably follow up and ask if you voted since every single vote counts in an ARS election.

"The American Rose Society exists to promote the culture and appreciation of the rose, through education and research, to members, to local rose societies and their members, and to the public." That is the mission statement of the American Rose Society. Our purpose is to promote roses through education. And, in order to do that well, I believe we should have a Vice-President and President that knows roses.

I know roses. I have been growing roses for 43 years. To learn more about roses, and to share what I have learned, I joined the American Rose Society. For the last 33 years, I have devoted my attention to the service of the American Rose Society at the national, district and local levels. My record of service to the rose has few parallels. It has been recognized by my receipt of the 2009 ARS Klima Medal for my lifetime contribution to rose education, the 2007 ARS Guy Blake Hedrick, Jr., Award for lifetime achievement in rose exhibiting, the ARS Silver Honor Medal for outstanding

**Sam Jones****"Together, We Can Grow the American Rose Society"**

My name is Sam Jones and I am running for Vice President of the American Rose Society. As the Tenarky District Director, I have served ARS for many years at the local, district and national level. My experience was gained in one of our most active and successful local societies – the Nashville Rose Society.

My priorities for the ARS are:

- Growing our membership by finding a place for everyone who loves roses to be a part of the American Rose Society
- Supporting local societies by providing them with more resources; as local societies grow, so will the ARS
- Challenging those of us who know how to grow roses, to grow the ARS by sharing our knowledge with people who are eager to grow roses
- Increasing participation by making ARS Rose Shows more engaging for the public
- Getting more people involved in the leadership of the ARS
- Supporting vigorous rose research and education through initiatives like the American Garden Rose Selections program.

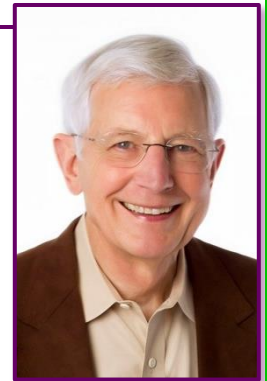
As a rose enthusiast, I am a Master Rosarian, horticulture and arrangement judge, exhibitor, rose show organizer, author, and more. I currently serve on the Executive Committee of the ARS Board. My background as a minister and counselor makes me well-suited to lead the ARS in a way that people are heard and all viewpoints are considered.

I ask you to vote for Sam Jones for ARS Vice President! You can learn more about me at my website, samgrowsroses.com/.

Critical Issues Facing the American Rose Society:

Besides our decline in membership and rose-show numbers, one of our most critical issues is the relationship between the American Rose Society and local societies.

As your Vice President, I want to focus my energy on helping support and grow local rose societies. Any time I meet someone who is involved with roses, they tell me that the friendships that they have through roses are precious and priceless to



service to the Pacific Southwest District, and the ARS Bronze Medal for outstanding service to three local rose societies, including most recently the San Diego Rose Society.

Roses like me. They grow beautifully for me and I take them here and wide to share them. I have shown roses at more than 220 rose shows and have made over 6,000 entries of roses of every type. I have spoken at 20 national conventions and at district conventions and conferences in 13 of the 18 ARS Districts. I have spoken to countless local societies and garden clubs about roses. I have written more than 600 published articles on roses and the definitive book on showing roses. I have maintained a website at www.roseshow.com for more than 13 years to support our rose shows. I am the National Editor of *Horizon Roses*, which I have served as an editor for 15 years.

And, although I am not good at remembering the names of the people I meet – a handicap for a politician – I conduct auctions of roses for local societies because I can remember the names of thousands of roses and how they grew in my garden, or looked at a show. Professional hybridizers make thousands of crosses to come up with a rose worthy of introduction. I made a few and have been rewarded with 18 roses that have been introduced. And, that is because, like my friend Sean McCann said, **"I love roses."**

Obstinately and intractably. Powerlessly."

I believe the American Rose Society needs effective communicators in order to carry out its mission to promote the culture and appreciation of the rose. I have demonstrated that I know roses and I am such a communicator. I ask for the opportunity to continue my work as Vice President, and later as President of the American Rose Society.

Thank you for your support.

In Roses,

Bob Martin

P. S. As the campaign progresses I plan to add more on my website, www.bobmartinarsvp.com. Check back from time to time. And, feel free to let me know what you think and whether you support me in this endeavor.

them. Helping local societies grow is key to the growth of ARS. Please talk to me, because I want to know your thoughts about what ARS can do for you and your local society to help you grow.

The primary focus of ARS should be providing resources for growing your local rose society and your members!

Although I have lots of rose interests and ideas, that does not mean I have all the answers.

With a background as a minister and a counselor, I understand the value of listening and hearing others. I want to listen to both sides of an issue. I want to hear from people who disagree with me. We can't grow or make wise decisions without hearing each other!

As your Vice President, I will work to get more people involved in the leadership of the American Rose Society.

Roses remain in demand, world-wide. The rose industry has over \$200 million dollars in sales each year, with over 47 million plants being sold annually. Why are rose sales important? The national popularity of roses is linked to our successful educational efforts. If the rose industry is strong, ARS will be strong, as well. Initiatives like the American Garden Rose Selections program deserve our support.

I'd like to share a short story:

A few years ago, I met someone after a rose garden tour who confessed that he thought he must be doing everything wrong. He told me his roses were either dying or staying puny and ugly. "What's your secret?" he asked me.

We all know that there is no secret, and once he got some simple advice, within a year he had flourishing roses. He became a local society member, an ARS member, and after three years, became Editor of the Nashville Rose Society newsletter.

This is an example of how we can grow our members by sharing our love of growing roses.

I'm Sam Jones; I love roses and I love growing roses. I ask for your vote for ARS Vice President.

I want to tell you that the future is not a place we go to. It's a place we create.

Together, we can create a bright future for the American Rose Society!

Sincerely,

Sam Jones, Ph.D.

And now some words from our District candidates, **Ralph Stream** and **Wayne Myers**.

Ralph Stream

Hello, fellow rosarians, my name is Ralph Stream, and I am running for Deep South District Director. I plan to represent our Deep South District with passion and gusto. Those of you who know me have seen my willingness and ability to get things done. There have to be ways we can enhance club activities that will bring in new people. I will be looking for new methods trying to accomplish that.

My credentials are vast. I have been growing roses 40 plus years, joined ARS in 1983 and a continuous member since, serving two districts, Colonial and Deep South.

- Became a Consulting Rosarian in 1988
- Accredited horticultural judge in 1990
- Awarded two bronze medals
- Awarded outstanding CR 2003
- Master CR in 2007
- Awarded Anita Smith Outstanding Service Award in 2010
- Awarded Silver Medal award in 2011
- Served as Vice Director under Mrs. Oline Reynolds 2007 through 2010.
- Became Deep South Consultant Rosarian Program Chairman under District Director, Karen Prevatt in 2010
- I have been a co-founder of two rose societies
- Served as president of three clubs, six two-year terms

I have been very busy since day one, and will continue to be no matter the outcome of this election. As I close this message for your support, I want to assure everyone that I am here to listen and offer my support. Communication is my strongest attribute. I am sure with my strength and your strength combined we can and will have productivity in our local societies and the District.

I thank you in advance for your vote; be sure to encourage others to make their voices count.

Ralph Stream

2015 DSD Director Candidate



Wayne Myers

Hi, I'm Wayne Myers. I am a candidate for Director of the Deep South District of the American Rose Society (ARS). As your District Director, I will work with you to grow our membership locally and nationally.

I have diverse rose experience and credentials. I've been active in the Jacksonville Rose Society (JRS) and DSD for 20+ years, growing and exhibiting roses in Florida. A member of the Central Florida Heritage Rose Society for nearly 15 years, in 2015 I was elected to the Heritage Rose Foundation's Board of Trustees. I have always stopped to smell the roses – visiting rose gardens in 20+ countries on five continents.

Americans love roses and want them in their yards! Gardening is still America's favorite outdoor recreation. We must share our local knowledge of rose varieties that have beautiful blooms, delightful fragrance, and landscape flexibility that will thrive with less intense care.

We have two national trends in our favor. Every day for the next 19 years, 10,000 "baby-boomers" reach age 65. The ones with resources to retire and move south are coming to neighborhoods near you. We must find them and show them successful local rose care.

The other trend favors sustainable gardening. We must attract busy people with local, easy-care rose knowledge. Roses are unbeatable landscape plants because they offer continuous color and fragrance. Our shows must highlight these varieties. Our societies and Consulting Rosarians must know and share local, easy-care varieties.

We need to work more closely with our local gardening experts and rose-sellers. We need to build relationships with our County Extension Agents, their Master Gardeners, and local retailers to become their "go-to" rose-experts.

Wayne Myers

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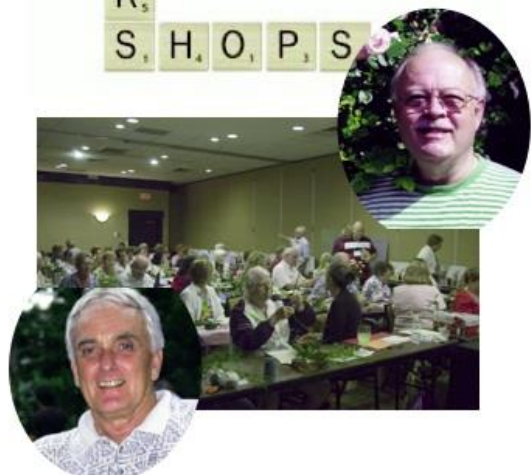
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September 10-13, 2015

Syracuse, NY

All Rose Society members are invited to join us for the Fall Convention for the American Rose Society, being held September 10-13, 2015, in Syracuse, NY. The committee is planning many great programs, a national rose show, vendors, tours, and the opportunity to meet rosarians from across the country. On Saturday night September 12, 2015, will be the installation of the new officers including our new president Pat Shanley. The newly elected Vice President, Regional Directors, and District Directors will also be installed.

Below you will find a partial list of the speakers at this convention:

- ❖ Steve Hutton, President/CEO, STAR Roses and Plants/Conard-Pyle, West Grove, PA
- ❖ Michael Marriott, Senior Rosarian, David Austin Roses, Albrighton, England
- ❖ Alain Meilland, Meilland International, Cannet des Maures, France
- ❖ Thomas Proll, Lead Breeder, Kordes Roses, Sparrieshoop, Germany
- ❖ Will Radler, Chief Tinkerer, Rose Innovations, Greenfield, WI
- ❖ Dr. Dave Byrne, Texas A&M AgriLife Research horticulturist, and Rose Rosette Disease Research Project Director, College Station, TX

This is a great opportunity to enter your roses and photographs in the rose show. You can win national awards and trophies. We will have vendors selling their products, raffles, and a silent auction. For further information please check our website www.newyorkroses.org which will go live around February 15, 2015. We will be updating the website to include speakers, sponsors, vendors etc. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Ann & Joe Gibson at ambushe@yahoo.com, or Rosemarie Murphy at 570-977-2253 or rmenterprises1105@gmail.com. Join us for the convention; we have a lot planned to make your attendance memorable.



Rose Show Results

The Bulletin attempts to provide a timely and complete list of local and district rose show results. 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. — *The Editor*

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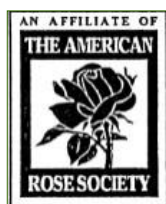
Upcoming Events

- April 18, 2015** **Gainesville Rose Society Rose Show**, Celebration United Methodist Church, 9501 SW Archer Road, Gainesville, FL 32608. Contact Lee Kline at 352-240-6950, lee29412@yahoo.com
- April 18, 2015** **Pensacola Rose Society Rose Show, POSTPONED**. Contact Bob or Gail Pisz at 850-475-5714 or pisrz@bellsouth.net.
- April 24-25, 2015** **Thomasville Rose Society Rose Show**, downtown Thomasville, GA. Contact Rick Thomas at 800-234-9536, rthomas@rose.net.
- May 2, 2015** **Wiregrass Rose Society Rose Show**, First United Methodist Church, Dothan, AL. Contact Pat Wente at 334-696-8371, (cell) 334-790-6081, or pjwwaw@netzero.net.
- May 7, 2015** **Bradenton-Sarasota Rose Society Mother's Day Rose Festival**, 10am-4pm at the Phillippi Mansion, 5500 South Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL. Hundreds of roses will be on display for the general public to view. Rose bouquets as well as almost 1000 grafted rosebushes will be available for sale. Educational programs will take place throughout the day and many Consulting Rosarians from the rose society will be on hand to answer questions, distribute educational materials, and help you select prolific rose bush choices. The public is invited and there is no admission fee.
- May 9-10, 2015** **Birmingham Rose Society Rose Show**, Birmingham Botanical Gardens. Contact Harold Settle at hpsettle@hotmail.com.
- May 9-10, 2015** **Greater Atlanta Rose Society Rose Show**, Atlanta Botanical Garden, Atlanta, GA. Contact Sara Coleman, 678-432-4792, alsara.coleman@att.net.
- May 15-16, 2015** **Augusta Rose Society Design-Only Spring Show**, sponsored by the Augusta Rose Society and the Aiken Garden Club Council at "Banksia", Aiken County Historical Museum, 433 Newberry Street Southwest, Aiken, SC. Contact Linda Boland at 706-394-9075, or bolandL42@me.com.
- May 16-17, 2015** **South Metro Rose Society Rose Show**, Church of Christ, 870 Redwine Rd., Fayetteville 30215. Contact Cindy Dale, 770-631-3885, rosepro@bellsouth.net
- June 12-14, 2015** **2015 ARS National Spring & Miniature-Miniflora Conference**, Columbus, OH, June 12-14, 2015. Contact Brian Burley, 614-846-9404, bburley1092@yahoo.com, or see <http://singasongofroses.org/>
- September 9-13, 2015** **ARS Fall Convention & Rose Show**, Syracuse, NY. Contact Ann & Joe Gibson at ambushe@yahoo.com, or Rosemarie Murphy at 570-977-2253 or rmenterprises1105@gmail.com.

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