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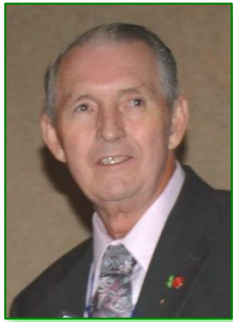
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District Director's Report



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We have just completed another very successful MidWinter meeting (MWM) thanks to the Birmingham Rose Society. Good job, folks.

We found ourselves being treated to some very nice warm weather for this time of the year this far north. There were a few brief rain showers, but they cleared out quite fast, and left us the opportunity to stroll through the Birmingham Botanical Gardens. Lots of interesting things grow there that we here in Florida do not or cannot grow.

Our hosts served us with all sorts of good food, good speakers, and a fun atmosphere that had a no rushed feeling; this was a good change of pace we all enjoyed. The vendors who came supplied us with the usual products and pre-ordered roses plus their goodies we look forward to buying. Big growers like Jean and me try to get all our needs for the coming season at the MWM. We came home with roses, fertilizers, and chemicals enough to last the year, our minivan stacked to the roof, seats full, and little space left for us to ride comfortably.

Our Saturday afternoon council meeting touched on a few issues I had been asked to address. The Executive Board members met Friday evening to discuss how we would present these issues to the council for general information and any votes required to pass any proposals. Items 1 through 6 listed below made up the agenda.

1. What does the district do with the money it receives from affiliate dues and its share from District Convention profits?
 - a. District ARS affiliate dues are \$1000 per year.
 - b. Administration expenses, certificates, engravings, postage and office supplies.
 - c. Web site maintenance and miscellaneous software items.

It is very clear that the District's expenses are greater than the amount it receives.

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The rose above is 'Tammy Clemons', exhibited by Satish & Vijaya Prabhu at the 2016 ARS Mini National Convention in Hershey, PA

Photo by Bobbie Reed

2. District Perpetual trophies, housing location.
 - a. A committee will be looking into ways of storing and new ways of presenting these District trophies at yearly Conventions.

These trophies are not being taken home by the winners for the most part. It makes very little sense to be carrying these heavy storage boxes to and from when they are only on display a very short time. The trophies more than likely are not being seen by many.

3. Restoration of the ARS gardens in Shreveport, Louisiana.
 - a. It was discussed that our Deep South Garden at American Rose Center may be affected.
 - b. ARS has a survey committee working on issues that will need to be addressed to have a better, more manageable rose growing atmosphere: tree removal, deer fencing, soil pH adjustments, etc.
 - c. As per the ARS President **Pat Shanley**, funding for the project will have to be found before any work can start. One member of the Gainesville Rose Society suggested a “support a tree” program, where interested rose societies could sponsor the cost of a tree removal.
4. Maintaining local and ARS membership
 - a. Create local websites through workshops, these could be handled at any of the District meetings.
 - b. **Chris VanCleave**, DSD Membership Chair, and **Phil Paul**, our Webmaster, will explore ways to make this endeavor successful.
5. 2018 combined Mini National and the DSD annual Convention.
 - a. This event has been approved at the National level for date and location.
 - b. Jacksonville Rose Society and friends will host the May 2018 event.
 - c. This means there will be no DSD Fall Convention and Rose show in 2018
6. How *The Bulletin* is distributed.
 - a. *The Bulletin* Editor will send an electronic edition of *The Bulletin* to all Society Presidents. They are to have their local newsletter editor send copies out to the society’s members however they wish to distribute them. If the editor does not handle this, then the President needs to make sure it does get done. Many of our District members are telling me they are not getting *The Bulletin*. We must correct this problem.

What’s next? We are looking forward to the 2017 Fall Convention and Rose Show, being hosted by the Tallahassee Rose Society and friends. We have always had good attendance and lots of fun when the Tallahassee folks are in charge of one of these events. Be looking for the fall date in this issue or the summer *Bulletin*; it will also be on our DSD website. Mark your calendar.

I hope all experience a very nice spring with lots of rose blooms. Why not try showing your beauties at your local or neighboring rose shows? It will show your support for this great dimension of rose growing and help to educate the public. This could help strengthen your society with a few new members, and all to your credit.

Have a great spring and summer, hope it does not get too hot to enjoy the roses.

Ralph



Remembering Clarence Prevatt

Clarence Edwin Prevatt, 92, of Wimauma, FL, passed away quietly at home December 16, 2016. Born in Keyssville, Florida, in 1924, his family moved to Wimauma and struggled together through the Great Depression. He was one of 11 children and kept close ties with the town of Wimauma even after moving to Tampa later in life. After retiring from the funeral business he moved back home to Wimauma.

His commitment to public service began at age 17, when he hitchhiked to Tampa to join the Navy the day after Pearl Harbor to help the United States effort in World War II. He served as County Commissioner for Hillsborough County for 12 years and as President of the State of Florida Association of Counties. He was active in the Tampa Rose Society, serving as President, and in the American Rose Society. He was a Master Consulting Rosarian and National Rose Judge.



Karen & Clarence Prevatt at the 2014 ARS Convention in Tyler, TX

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Karen J. Prevatt, his son, Clarence Edwin Prevatt, Jr., his daughter, Cindy Jackson and four grandchildren. He is survived by two of his siblings, Everett F. Prevatt and William D. Prevatt, and many nieces and nephews. He was a generous and loved member of his family and the community. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay – Horticultural Rose Fund for educational and research grants to colleges and universities in the Deep South at 550 North Reo Street, Suite 301, Tampa, FL 33609.

Recognizing Special People in the Deep South District

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Each year at the DSD Fall Convention, we award the American Rose Society **Silver Honor Medal** to a deserving recipient who “has provided meritorious service to the rose and its culture, for efforts expended in support of the American Rose Society and its objectives within the Deep South District.” In 2016, due to Hurricane Matthew, we weren’t able to make the presentation at the 2016 Fall Convention. So come the MidWinter Meeting, it was time to make up for that. Actually, for 2016 we had two recipients, **Karen & Clarence Prevatt**. Sadly, Clarence passed away between the two gatherings. But Karen was there to receive their medals and certificates from Ralph Stream [photo right].



Karen and Clarence were chosen for this award in recognition of their many years of service, including Karen’s six-year service as our Deep South District Director and member of the ARS Board. Clarence had been an ARS member for 27 years and Karen for 25 years. They judged an international rose show in Japan. Karen and her Board developed a new concept for DSD Membership, changing delivery of *The DSD Bulletin* to e-mail. The Board decided to have every DSD local society member automatically become a DSD Member and receive the Newsletter at no cost. This helped increase DSD Meeting & Conference attendance. Karen and her Board insisted on maintaining two meetings a year for the District. She developed a team from six different societies who took responsibility to put on several of the meetings when no local society could provide sponsorship.



Clarence was President of the Tampa Rose Society in 1995-1996, was an outstanding rose horticulture judge, past member of the Silver Honor Committee, and an outstanding Consulting Rosarian and Master Rosarian. Karen, in addition to her service as District Director and ARS Board duties, was District Parliamentarian and Legal Advisor during Oline Reynolds’s terms as District Director. She is a Consulting Rosarian and Master Rosarian, Horticulture Judge, and co-founder of the Tampa Rose Society.

Karen and Clarence have supported the rose in many ways and for many years by promoting the love of the rose and the camaraderie of those that share that “tie that binds” us together as rosarians.

There is another award given by the Deep South District – **The Anita Smith Outstanding Service Award**. The Deep South District of the American Rose Society presents this Outstanding Service Award in memory of Anita Smith, who exemplified decades of service, loyalty, and dedication to the Deep South District of the American Rose Society.

Mary Maud Sharpe was selected by the DSD Board of Directors as the seventh awardee because she has shown our District through her long and excellent service that she has the same GUSTO as Anita and the other previous awardees [photo right with Phil Paul].

Mary Maud has served as Local Society Newsletter Chair, District Arrangement Chair, National Arrangement Chair, Parliamentarian for the District; organized many rose judging schools; conducted many seminars; served as President of both Tallahassee & Thomasville Rose Societies; spearheaded last year’s Exhibitor’s Workshop; and is our current DSD Trophy Committee Chair.

Thank you, Mary Maud, for your excellence in the service of the Rose!

There are also folks being recognized for service by their local societies, who receive the **ARS Bronze Honor Medal**. This year, the Bronze Medal was awarded to:

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| Debby Benson | Bradenton-Sarasota Rose Society |
| Jim Maxheimer | Thomasville Rose Society |
| Herschel McFarlen | Huntsville-Twickenham R.S. |
| Gil & Lindy Sanchez | Tampa Rose Society |
| Alba Sequeira | Greater Gwinnett Rose Society |



Phil Paul congratulates Jim Maxheimer and Alba Sequeira for receiving the Bronze Medal

John Sullivan
Larry Sullivan

Tallahassee Area Rose Society
Tampa Rose Society

One final presentation at the DSD MidWinter Meeting was for the **Deep South District Outstanding Consulting Rosarian**. This year, that award was presented to *Glenn Schulman* of Pensacola, FL. He has been a member of the American Rose Society for 30 years, a Consulting Rosarian for 27 years, and a Master Rosarian since 2005. Congratulations, Glenn!

Wayne Myers (r) presents the Outstanding Consulting Rosarian Award to Glenn Schulman.



Horticulture Judges Review

By Jim Small, *Master Rosarian*



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This is the time of year that I collect and read your annual judge's reports. So far, I have received 15 reports, half the number of the reports received at this time last year. I just sent out a reminder to those who have not yet submitted their report. For those who have not yet submitted their reports, please do so soon. If you have lost the form please contact me. You can also submit the generic form available on the American Rose Society website (www.rose.org).



Six judges are currently being moved to inactive status due to not being current on the four-year audit requirement. We lost long time judge *Clarence Prevatt* this year as our numbers continue to decline. Presently, there are five judges with active status in Alabama, 17 in Florida, and 18 in Georgia. The good news is that we added three new apprentice judges to our ranks in 2016. Please invite these apprentice judges to your shows to help them meet the five-show requirement of their apprenticeship. Apprentice judges may ask to be included on judging teams as well. We will be updating the judges list on the DSD website soon, so make sure your information is current. Local show chairs often use this list to find their judges.

For judges who have failed to meet their audit requirement, there is a one-year, electronic recertification system available. Contact me for information. A lapsed judge can return to active status by taking a school or seminar. The next DSD school/seminar is expected to take place in 2018.

As it is the middle of winter, there is not much going on in the rose garden. I expect we will all be pruning roses soon and getting ready for the spring rose show season. I hope to see you at upcoming rose shows, either judging or exhibiting. Let's all hope we have lots of beautiful blooms to assess during the upcoming season.



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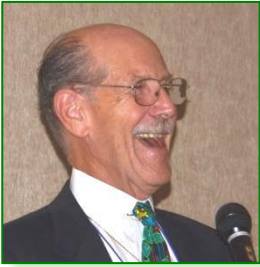
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Arrangements Judges Chair



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By the time you read this, winter will be almost over, if you really had one. Down here it has been pretty benign. Everything is budding out early! For Deep South rosarians, its 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.

The Arrangement seminar at the MidWinter Meeting went well. We had a good turnout, with nearly thirty participants. I want to thank **Sandy Dixon** for coming up with a great program on Space and a wonderful new toy to help us deal with this aspect of creating good designs. 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 2016 in January with a deadline of March 1, 2017. 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.

Jim



Joyce Dees with her modern arrangement at the arrangements workshop.

Consulting Rosarian Report



By Wayne Myers, *Master Rosarian*
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Whoops! What's happening? As I write this on February 9, only 32 of you have submitted your annual CR reports. Because of my December back surgeries, I ran out of time to change the form on the DSD website from 2015 to 2016 as I had planned. I also did not send out

reminders. Those are my excuses, what are yours? Please download the 2015 form from the DSD website, complete it, and send it to me as soon as you can.

I will be sending an e-mail reminder to the 80+ active CRs who have not yet reported their 2016 CR activities. Please use the 2015 CR Report form that is available on the DSD web site. Please fill it out on your computer then e-mail it to me, or you can print it out and snail-mail it to me. Both addresses are at the bottom of this column.

Congratulations: *Sharon Bamberg*, the president of the Birmingham Rose Society, is the DSD's newest CR. *Trudy Strawn* of Atlanta achieved a perfect score on the CR test and will "officially" become an ARS-approved CR in September upon her third anniversary of joining the ARS.

Thank You: The CRs who have reported are doing terrific work in their local societies and community. I trust you all will continue to share the gospel of roses to all kinds of people in amazingly diverse local situations. Keep up the good work. I also really appreciate the time that you have taken to share your experiences in your reports and will get back to you if you have questions.

Annual Schools: The CR School at the MidWinter Meeting was a great success with 34 people attending. The District extends special thanks to Dr. **Al Owings** and **Gaye Hammond**, Saturday lecturers, who stayed over to teach the school units on pests and fertilizers. Thanks as well to *Cathy Farmer* who shared her soil and water expertise and *Phil Paul* who taught pesticides and chemical safety. Also, my salute goes to *Chris Van Cleave* of the Birmingham Society who set up the facility and provided IT support all day Sunday. What a great meeting—THANK YOU Birmingham.

Our DSD webmaster, *Phil Paul*, will post the PowerPoint presentations from the Saturday presentations and the Sunday CR School.

Mary Maud Sharpe and *Glenn Schulman* are organizing a CR school for Saturday, June 17, 2017, at the Jubilee Cottage at Goodwood Plantation in Tallahassee, FL. They plan to cover the required curriculum, including Pesticides and Chemical Safety, so we can create new CRs, as well as recertify current ones.

CR Recertification: Congratulations, more of you are planning ahead to use the provisions in the *CR Manual* that allow local programs to be pre-approved for CR recertification seminar credit.

Geographically we are a huge district and most years we hold only one CR school, so it can be difficult to comply with the requirement to attend a school, or earn four recertification credits, every four years. It was great this year to see the Greater Gwinnett Rose Society (northeast of Atlanta), the Golden Isles Rose Society (far southeast Georgia), the Marion County Rose Society (west-central Florida), and the Greater Palm Beach Rose Society (southeast coastal Florida) all set up programs to meet the only mandatory recertification requirement—pesticides and chemical safety.

In addition, any local program that meets the wide-open requirements explained on pages 2-3 and 2-4 of the *CR Manual* can be pre-approved for CR recertification credit by submitting a request to me 30 days before the program. It's more paperwork for me, but I do my best to keep track of it for you.

Disease-Resistant Varieties: Among the reports received from DSD CRs thus far, those roses most frequently named as disease-resistant were '*Beverly*' [photo right], the '*Knock Out*' family of roses, '*Mrs. B. R. Cant*,' '*Carefree Beauty*,'



and ‘*Louis Philippe*.’ Also praised were ‘*Alberic Barbier*,’ ‘*Home Run*,’ ‘*Mermaid*,’ ‘*Perle d’Or*,’ ‘*Rêve d’Or*,’ *Rosa banksiae lutea*, ‘*Wedding Bells*,’ and the David Austin family of roses (from one who sprays). Numerous other roses received a single listing. As more of you report, I’ll try to expand the listings.

Thanks to those of you who sent me a list of your five most disease-resistant roses. The National CR Chairman, **Don Myers**, hopes to initiate a program similar to “Horizon Roses” for disease resistance. This question on the report was a first step toward that goal.

I also added the question because I want to share your lists of favorite disease-resistant roses around the district. Whether or not we spray, we need to know the varieties that we can share with all those prospective rose growers, whether they want to grow sustainably or include pesticides in their IPM approach.

Roses in Review: I also thank the people who participated in “Roses in Review.” Although participation is no longer mandatory for CRs, our rose community needs as many reports as possible to insure the quality of the scores that are published by the ARS in the annual *Handbook for Selecting Roses*. Several people annotated their reports that they don’t grow any of the varieties in the lists for review. As our District RIR coordinator, *Cindy Dale*, explained, the RIR data-tabulators want your report anyway! Furthermore, even a negative report earns credit for the DSD in the RIR “competition.”

Let me offer that as CRs we have obligated ourselves to stay abreast of the latest and greatest in rose growing. If we don’t grow the latest varieties, we still need to know which varieties are the latest garden and exhibition stars so that we can steer people to those varieties.

You might be surprised—many of the CRs in our district have reported that they do not use pesticides on their roses. To spray, or not to spray, is a very personal decision in our free country. Personally, I gave up fungicides three years ago when I moved from Orange Park to St Augustine. However, because chilli thrips are also established in my new landscape, I have decided that I would rather spray insecticides than let them kill my roses. At my former home in Orange Park, during the time I was not spraying for chilli thrips, they killed over 100 varieties of roses—OGRs as well as modern roses.

Chilli thrips: The 2016 *American Rose Annual* that you received in December contained a three-page chilli thrips update. My thanks to PhDs Lance Osborne, of the University of FL’s Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS), Cindy McKenzie of the USDA Horticultural Research Laboratory in Vero Beach, FL, and Vivek Kumar, a post-doctoral chilli thrips researcher. They contributed the latest scientific information for the article.

The good doctors are studying chilli thrips migration patterns and investigating cryptic species, the natural phenomenon that certain animals look exactly alike, but are genetically different and do not interbreed. Entomologists have identified nine cryptic species of chilli thrips. ‘South Asia 1’ is the species that is widely established and causing so much damage to roses and over 100 different crops in Florida, Texas, and Southern California, and continues to spread across the southern US. ‘East Asia 1’ has been discovered over-wintering in New York on hydrangeas, but not on roses.



‘Mrs. B. R. Cant’ Photo by Paul Zimmerman

If you experience a chilli thrips infestation in North Alabama or Georgia, please contact Dr. McKenzie by e-mail at cindy.mckenzie@ars.usda.gov. She will send you a sampling kit to provide specimens to further their research.

Roses in Review



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In the last issue of *The Bulletin* we reported that 2016 had been a successful “Roses in Review” year for the DSD. A total of 108 people contributed 343 reports on 124 rose varieties for a 29% increase over last year! So, let’s take a look at those reports and how they can help us when making decisions on our rose purchases this spring.

The table groups the varieties by rose class, i.e., Floribundas, Hybrid Teas, etc. Within each class, varieties are ordered by their garden ratings from highest to lowest. To save space, roses that received less than a 7.0 rating are grouped on a single line, in italics, at the bottom of each class listing.

Other information provided in the table includes: how many reports each variety got (for brevity, we did not include ratings of any variety that only received one report. If there is a variety that did not get listed but that you would like to know about it just contact us); exhibition rating; typical plant height (short, medium, tall); blackspot susceptibility; mildew susceptibility; and fragrance.

When the next *Handbook for Selecting Roses* comes out you will see only garden ratings that have been averaged across all ARS districts, but with our table, you will have much more information that is specific to our growing conditions at your fingertips. Thanks again for participating!

Deep South District 2016 Roses in Review Ratings

Variety	Class	Rpts	Garden	Exhibit	Height	Blackspot	Mildew	Fragrance
Red Ayoba	F	3	8.3	6.6	medium	none	none	none
Lavender Veranda	F	2	7.8	7.0	medium	some	none	light
Oh My!	F	3	7.8		medium	some	none	light
Novalis (Posiedon)	F	4	7.4	6.8	tall	some	none	light
Love Song	F	5	7.4	8.0	medium	some	none	light
First Crush	F	5	7.2	6.5	medium	some	none	light
<i>Summer Romance and Orchid Romance both scored less than a 7 rating.</i>								
Anna’s Promise	Gr	6	7.0	6.5	medium	some	none	none
Happy Go Lucky	Gr	2	6.9		medium	moderate	none	light
Coretta Scott King	Gr	3	6.9	6.8	medium	none	none	none
Lois Manners	HKor	2	7.0	5.0	tall	some	none	none
Souv. de Baden-Baden	HT	3	8.6	7.4	tall	none	none	none
Winter Sun	HT	3	8.1	7.7	tall	some	none	light
Eureka (Gold Struck)	HT	2	8.0		medium	some	none	light
Savannah	HT	8	8.0	7.3	medium	some	none	light
Wedding Bells	HT	11	8.0	7.7	medium	none	none	light
Sunny Sundays	HT	10	7.9	8.0	medium	some	none	light
Best Kept Secret	HT	2	7.8	7.8	medium	some	none	light



Garden Director Bartje Miller	HT	2	7.8	7.3	medium	none	none	light
Jacqueline Powers	HT	4	7.8	7.6	medium	some	none	light
Soft Whisper	HT	4	7.8	8.0	medium	some	none	moderate
Dona Martin	HT	9	7.8	7.9	tall	some	none	light
Jewel Grace	HT	13	7.8	7.9	medium	some	none	light
Pacific Celebration	HT	2	7.7	7.5	medium	some	none	light
Zach Nobles	HT	7	7.6	7.8	tall	some	none	light
Dee-Lish (Line Renaud)	HT	4	7.5	7.3	tall	some	none	moderate
Astounding Glory	HT	6	7.5	7.0	medium	some	none	none
Babies Blush	HT	6	7.5	7.7	medium	none	none	none
Neil Diamond	HT	2	7.4	6.9	medium	none	none	heavy
Daisy Louise	HT	4	7.4	7.5	medium	none	none	none
Gräfin Diana	HT	8	7.4	6.9	medium	none	none	moderate
Donna's Grace	HT	3	7.3	7.5	medium	some	none	light
Phillip's Grand Slam	HT	3	7.3	7.6	medium	some	none	light
Eddie Edwards	HT	4	7.3	7.8	medium	some	none	none
Silver Cream	HT	3	7.2	7.3	short	some	none	none
Magnificence	HT	5	7.2	7.3	medium	moderate	none	none
<i>David's Love and Sweet Marlon both scored less than a 7 rating.</i>								
Hello Gorgeous!	Min	2	8.2	8.5	tall	none	none	none
Chessie's Favorite	Min	2	7.9	7.8	medium	some	none	none
The Lighthouse	Min	4	7.7	7.7	medium	some	none	none
Daddy Frank	Min	9	7.7	8.1	medium	some	none	none
Dr Tommy Cairns	Min	4	6.9	7.5	short	moderate	none	light
Jolene Adams	MinFl	2	8.4	8.0	tall	moderate	none	none
Abigail Elise	MinFl	2	7.9	7.7	tall	none	none	none
Glowing Sunset	MinFl	2	7.9	7.4	tall	moderate	none	light
Baldo Villegas	MinFl	9	7.9	8.2	medium	some	none	none
Tammy Clemons	MinFl	18	7.9	8.2	medium	some	none	none
Sandy's Pick	MinFl	5	7.8	8.0	medium	some	none	none
Family Holiday	MinFl	3	7.7	7.5	medium	moderate	none	none
Crystal Palace	MinFl	4	7.7	7.6	medium	some	none	none
Gift of Love	MinFl	4	7.7	7.8	tall	some	none	none
Allene Able	MinFl	2	7.6	7.9	medium	some	none	none
Wright Touch	MinFl	3	7.6	7.7	tall	moderate	none	none
Fred's Show Time	MinFl	2	7.4	7.1	medium	moderate	none	light
Miss Mable	MinFl	3	7.0	8.0	medium	some	none	light
Look-A-Likes Phloxy Baby	Pol	2	8.0	6.0	medium	some	none	none
Eyes on Me (Raspberry Kiss)	S	2	8.0	8.0	medium	none	none	light
Fighting Temeraire	S	2	8.0	7.5	tall	some	none	light
Bill Reid	S	2	7.9	7.8	short	some	none	light
Boscobel	S	6	7.8	8.4	medium	some	none	moderate
The Lady Gardener	S	2	7.4	7.8	medium	none	none	moderate
Heathcliff	S	2	7.3	7.0	tall	some	none	light
Tranquility	S	3	7.2	7.2	medium	some	none	light
Popcorn Drift	S	4	7.0	6.7	medium	some	none	none
<i>Bull's Eye, Wollerton Old Hall, Lemon Zest, and Yabba Dabba Doo all scored less than a 7 rating.</i>								



'Hello Gorgeous!' Photo by Kitty Belendez

From the Treasurer



By Kay Harrell, *Master Rosarian*
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Last year, all of the DSD's 25 local rose societies paid their annual dues for 2016 to the DSD. Congratulations to all of you! Furthermore, four of the District's rose societies, **Marion County, Pensacola, Savannah, and Tallahassee**, win the prize for already having paid their 2017 annual dues. Please encourage your local society treasurer to send in your dues soon so that your society can join this proactive group.

FYI – annual dues, or if you prefer the word, *contribution*, are paid annually by each local society to the DSD. These funds are used to pay the nominal but ongoing expenses of the DSD. Local societies with 100 or more members are asked to pay \$50/year and those with less than 100 members are asked for \$25/year. According to our By-Laws, each local society's dues are due by the end of May. However, by then, we'll all be busy with roses, so why not send your society's dues now, like the four societies noted above. Thank you,

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DSD MidWinter Meeting in Birmingham



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Each year in January the Deep South gathers in midwinter, usually in Florida, to share our love roses and our friendships with each other. This year, for a change, we met in Birmingham, AL. Early spring bushes were blooming at the Botanical Garden, with balmy breezes

in the 70s. Not what our Floridian members had feared! About a hundred attended, filling the auditorium at the Birmingham Botanical Garden, and browsing around the Mountain Brook area for dining and shopping on our way back to the hotel. Not that we needed alternative dining options, since the food provided was delicious.

Many of us arrived early for the arrangements workshop. It was popular; more folks registered than there were supplies to play with, but we managed to share. By the end of the session, the room was full of smiles and interesting modern arrangements.





Friday night began with barbecue and bidding – on roses. Bare root roses were available from several wholesale nurseries, some familiar varieties, some that won't be introduced for another year or two. At bids of \$5 to \$15 per rose, there were a lot of happy purchasers at the end of the evening.

As we returned to the hotel, we all headed for the hospitality suite. I was too tired to stay for long, but others didn't seem to have that problem.



[Left and Right: Photos from hospitality suite by Rani von Württemberg]



Saturday started early with vendors, the raffle, and speakers. **Pat Shanley** [photo right] spoke to us about the American Rose Society and about recent winners of the American Garden Rose Selections. Winners in the Southeast included 'Look-A-Likes® Phloxy Baby' from William Radler; 'Lady of Shalott' from David Austin; 'Faith Whittlesey' from Viru Viraraghavan; 'Tahitian Treasure' from William Radler; and 'The Peachy Keen Rose' from William Radler. Fragrance awards went to 'Dee-Lish' from Meiland, 'Munstead Wood' from David Austin, and 'Lady of Shalott' from David Austin.



David Clemons [photo left] told us about his Thoroughbred Roses and the horses they are usually named after. I think we are all familiar with his champion rose 'Joy,' named for his mother, which has won awards including the American Rose Society Miniature Award of Excellence in 2008, the ARS Members Choice Award in 2011, and the David Fuerstenberg Prize. A later rose named 'Tammy Clemons' for his wife [see photo on first page] has also won the ARS Award of Excellence. He shared some newer roses with

us, including a new red, 'Bold Ruler' [photo right].



Gaye Hammond [photo left] preached about the necessity of and techniques for bringing in new members to our local societies as well as the American Rose Society.

Allen Owings [photo below right] from Louisiana State University Ag Center shared more information about rose research; they have been involved in a number of studies

of existing roses and those yet to be introduced. He was involved in the Easy Tea Hybrid Tea Rose study at the American Rose Center in Shreveport, where winners included ‘Traviata,’ ‘Tahitian Sunset,’ ‘Pink Traviata,’ ‘Frederic Mistral,’ ‘The McCartney Rose,’ ‘Mister Lincoln,’ ‘Tiffany,’ and ‘Chrysler Imperial.’ The ARS Gulf District, of which he is the Director, has been featuring a “rose of the year” program in conjunction with the EarthKind Rose program, and shares modern and antique rose recommendation lists on their website, www.gulfdistrictrose.org.



The vendors’ area was popular [left]; the raffle was full of great items and well-trafficked. Alas! We won nothing. Better luck next year. There was also an in-house rose photography show as part of the MidWinter Meeting. First



they showed us how to build the photo display towers, then the show was judged. The Best in Show award went to *Alba Sequeira*. And District business was discussed [see Ralph Stream’s article].



Then it was time for the banquet. We all arrived fully spiffed up for the evening’s festivities [Chris VanCleave, right], ready to enjoy the feast and learn who was receiving awards. Most were mentioned in the “Special People” article on page 3. That leaves the photo contest winners, many of whom are pictured below:



The high point of the photo contest, of course, was the announcement of Best in Show, which was awarded to *Alba Sequeira* [photo above] for her photo of ‘Crocus Rose,’ [below].



Further recognition followed, with *Glenn Schulman* receiving the Outstanding Consulting Rosarian Award, *Mary Maud Sharpe* receiving the Anita Smith Award, and *Karen & Clarence Prevatt* receiving the Silver Medal. The banquet was followed by more fun in the Hospitality Suite.

Sunday morning continued our rose education at the annual Consulting Rosarian School, with *Wayne Myers*, *Gaye Hammond*, *Allen Owings*, *Cathy Farmer*, and *Phil Paul* presenting. Afterwards we were blown to our respective homes by wind and rain.

It was another great MidWinter Meeting – thanks to all the folks from Birmingham who helped to put it on. Our next gathering will be at the Fall Convention in Tallahassee, October 27-29. See you there!



What Happens Next?

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'Rosa moschata plena' at Hollywood Cemetery

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Heritage Rose Foundation is pleased to welcome you to Fredericksburg, Virginia, for the 2017 Annual Conference. Early American history is all around us in Fredericksburg. The Fredericksburg area, which includes the town of Falmouth immediately to the north, traces back to the explorations of Captain John Smith in 1608. With active deep-water ports, Fredericksburg and Falmouth were major centers for the transportation of people and products in the 17th and 18th centuries. Located midway between Washington DC, and Richmond, Virginia, Fredericksburg was repeatedly the site of intense conflict and destruction during the Civil War. Join us as we explore some of this rich history, in the context of historic gardens and their roses.

THURSDAY

Optional pre-conference bus trip to Charlottesville to visit the Thomas Jefferson Center for Historic Plants at Tufton Farm and the Leonie Bell Noisette Garden and to tour the gardens and mansion at Monticello, home of President Thomas Jefferson. Lunch is included.



Leonie Bell Noisette Garden at Tufton Farm

FRIDAY

A day of programs and speakers at Gari Melchers' Home and Studio at Belmont, an 18th Century estate in Falmouth. Includes continental breakfast and buffet lunch, and tours of the mansion and garden.



'Tausendschoen' at Belmont Plantation

SATURDAY

Bus trip to visit Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond to learn about the history of this 19th Century garden cemetery and its roses, and to restore several lost roses to their original locations. Lunch is included. In the evening, the conference concludes with a banquet dinner under the tent in the garden at Hartwood Manor, with auctions of rosy items and historic roses available for sale.



'Duchesse de Brabant' at Hollywood Cemetery

PRESENTERS

Benjamin Whitacre paired a fascination with ancient texts and roses as a college student in Williamsburg, Virginia, before spending a year at the Arnold Arboretum researching Harvard's historic rose experiments. He has also worked with roses at Mount Auburn Cemetery, the American Horticultural Society, and at Monticello.

Beate Ankjaer-Jensen has served as Cultural Resource Manager at Gari Melchers Home and Studio since 1999. She led the research and restoration of the gardens and historic buildings, and directed the creation of native grassland meadows and trails that interpret the cultural and natural resources on the 29 acre estate.

Scott Dean became interested in roses at age 5, when his father entered a rose in his name in the youth class in a rose show. He combines his hobby of studying the Middle Ages, as a member of the Society for Creative Anachronism, with his interest in roses, researching the rose varieties grown in Europe prior to the year 1600.

Mike Shoup opened the Antique Rose Emporium in 1984, with the goal of creating a resurgence in the preservation of rare and beautiful roses. Specializing in the re-introduction and distribution of historic roses, the retail center has theme gardens that show the versatility of antique roses in garden settings. Mike is a past president of the Heritage Rose Foundation, and the author of three books and numerous national articles on the subject of using Old Garden Roses in today's gardens.



'Shailer's Provence' at Hartwood Manor

PLANNING YOUR TRIP

Fredericksburg is adjacent to Interstate 95, approximately halfway between Washington DC, and Richmond, Virginia, and is served by three major airports: Washington-Dulles (IAD), Reagan-National (DCA), and Richmond International (RIC), each of which is approximately 50 miles away.

While in Virginia, you may want to extend your trip and see additional sights. The Fredericksburg area is full of historic destinations, some of which feature lovely gardens. Kenmore, The Mary Washington House, Hugh Mercer’s Apothecary Shop, Chatham Manor, and Ferry Farm are recommended. For additional details on historic sites, Civil War destinations, restaurants, and other activities, download the *2017 Fredericksburg Area Visitors Guide* at <http://visitfred.com>.



Chatham Manor



Kenmore

REGISTRATION

Registration fee is \$210, and is limited to 140 individuals on a first-come, first-served basis. This fee includes activities on Friday and Saturday, including lectures, tours, and meals, as noted. An additional \$85 fee is required for Thursday’s optional tour. To register, please visit <http://heritagerosefoundation.brownpapertickets.com/>

ACCOMMODATIONS

HRF has reserved blocks of rooms at two local hotels. Tours will pick up and drop off at both locations. For reservations, call the hotel directly and mention that you are with the Heritage Rose Foundation to receive the discounted rate.

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But Wait, There's More!

In addition to the Heritage Rose Foundation meeting, we have other good things to look forward to. First, of course, there's the spring rose show season in April and May. Whether you exhibit or not, please plan to visit a show in your area. The beauty of the roses is awesome!

Want to grow some beautiful roses like that? Plan to attend the Consulting Rosarian School in Tallahassee in June. It will be at the Goodwood Plantation in Tallahassee. If you've ever been to a gathering there, you know you can expect to partake of both wisdom and great food.

The American Rose Society Fall National Convention and Rose Show will be at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. If you love roses and love history, you won't want to miss this one.

Returning to the Deep South District, our Fall Convention and Rose Show will be in Tallahassee, Florida, co-hosted by the Tallahassee and Thomasville Rose Societies. They're negotiating a great hotel, and planning some interesting speakers and tours. Don't miss it!



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*

Tallahassee Rose Society Rose Show

October 29, 2016

Horticulture		
Class	Rose(s)	Exhibitor(s)
Edwards Perpetual Trophy	<i>Elina</i>	Barry Smith
Doyle Connor Perpetual Trophy	<i>Marlon's Day</i>	Glenn Schulman
Springtime Tallahassee Perpetual Trophy	<i>Here's Sam, Brigadoon, Elizabeth Taylor, Hot Princess, Louise Estes</i>	Barry Smith
Hybrid Tea Queen	<i>Soft Whisper</i>	Barry Smith
Hybrid Tea King	<i>Moonstone</i>	Glenn Schulman
Hybrid Tea Princess	<i>Cesar E. Chavez</i>	Barry Smith
Hybrid Tea Court of Honor	<i>Gemini</i>	Cindy Cochran
Hybrid Tea Court of Honor	<i>Let Freedom Ring</i>	Glenn Schulman
Hybrid Tea Court of Honor	<i>Randy Scott</i>	Barry Smith
Fully Open Hybrid Tea	<i>Just Joey</i>	Jan & Don Buckley
Hybrid Tea Spray	<i>Peace</i>	Barry Smith
One-Bloom Floribunda	<i>Hannah Gordon</i>	Jan & Don Buckley
Polyantha Spray	<i>The Fairy</i>	Jill Haisten
Climber	<i>Don Juan</i>	Jim & Martha Dooley
Modern Shrub	<i>Belle Story</i>	Ralph & Jean Stream
Old Garden Rose: Dowager	<i>Green Rose</i>	Alex & Jane Hinson

Old Garden Rose: Victorian	<i>Rève d'Or</i>	Ann Stevens
English Box	<i>Black Magic, Rosie O'Donnell, Veterans' Honor, Let Freedom Ring, Pacific Celebration</i>	Glenn Schulman
Rose in a Bowl	<i>Jema</i>	Barry Smith
Rose in a Frame	<i>Sunny Sundays</i>	Cindy Cochran
Collection: 3 Hybrid Teas	<i>St. Patrick, Moonstone, Jema</i>	Glenn Schulman
Judges Challenge	<i>Crazy Dottie</i>	Linda Reed
Miniature Queen of Show	<i>Edisto</i>	Ralph & Jean Stream
Miniature King of Show	<i>Breath of Spring</i>	Ralph & Jean Stream
Miniature Princess of Show	<i>Bees Knees</i>	James Washington
Miniflora Queen of Show	<i>Leading Lady</i>	Jill Haisten
Miniflora King of Show	<i>Gift of Love</i>	Ralph & Jean Stream
Miniflora Princess of Show	<i>Shirley Raye</i>	Ralph & Jean Stream
Fully Open Miniature/Miniflora	<i>Diamond Eyes</i>	Alex & Jane Hinson
Miniature/Miniflora Rose in a Bowl	<i>Diamond Eyes</i>	Alex & Jane Hinson
Miniature/Miniflora Rose in a Frame	<i>Tiffany Lynn</i>	Ralph & Jean Stream
Fragrance	<i>Memorial Day</i>	Seymour Rosen
William T. "Bill" Kerber Trophy	<i>Belle Story</i>	Ralph & Jean Stream
Best in Show	<i>Belle Story</i>	Ralph & Jean Stream

Arrangements

Class	Rose(s)	Arranger	Award
"Good, Better, Best Bloom"	<i>Belle Story</i>	Joanne Maxheimer	Judge

Photography

Class	Photographer
One bloom - exhibition	Seymour Rosen
Open bloom - stamens showing	Seymour Rosen
One miscellaneous bloom	Ann Stevens
Macro	Mona Lisa Abbott
Garden Scene	Seymour Rosen

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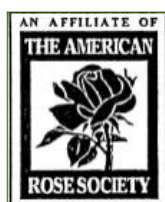


Upcoming Events

- April 20-23, 2017** **ARS National Miniature Rose Show and Conference**, Arcadia, CA. Contact Chris Greenwood, CrisGreen1@aol.com
- April 22, 2017** **Pensacola Rose Society Rose Show**, the Garden Center, 1850 N 9th Ave, Pensacola, FL 32503. Contact Glenn Schulman at glenn.schulman@att.net
- Apr 22, 2017** **Gainesville Rose Society – 44th Annual Rose Show**, First Christian Church, Gainesville, FL 32606. Contact Jean Giesel at betty.giesel@gmail.com or 352-475-2762
- April 28, 2017** **Thomasville Rose Society Rose Show**, Thomasville, GA. Contact Mary Maud Sharpe, 850-878-9625, WJMMsharpe@aol.com
- April 29, 2017** **Jacksonville's Annual ARS Rose Show and Celebration of Roses**, 1-4pm, at St Mark's Episcopal Day School, 4114 Oxford Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32210. Contact Wayne Myers, 904-272-7885, wayneiacroses@gmail.com
- May 13-14, 2017** **Greater Atlanta Rose Society Rose Show**, Atlanta Botanical Garden, Atlanta, GA. Contact Barry McCasland, bmccas@aol.com or 404-550-9776
- May 13, 2017** **Tampa Rose Society Rose Show**, Westfield Citrus Park Shopping Center. Contact Marilyn Bertch, mgbertch@msn.com.
- May 13 & 14, 2017** **Birmingham Rose Show**, Birmingham Botanical Gardens. Contact Chris VanCleave, 205-585-9687, www.BirminghamRose.org
- May 20-21, 2017** **South Metro Rose Society Rose Show**, Church of Christ, 870 Redwine Rd., Fayetteville, GA 30215. Contact Cindy Dale, 770-631-3885, rosepro@bellsouth.net
- May 18-20, 2017** **Heritage Rose Foundation Meeting**, Fredericksburg, VA. <http://heritagerosefoundation.org> or Pam Smith at pam.smith@farmersbranchtx.gov
- May 27, 2017** **Huntsville-Twickenham Rose Society Rose Show**, Parkway Place Mall in Huntsville, AL. Contact Jill Chappell, greenmtnroses@comcast.net, 256-880-3773.
- June 17, 2017** **Consulting Rosarian School** at the Jubilee Cottage at Goodwood Plantation in Tallahassee, FL. Contact Mary Maud Sharpe, 850-878-9625, WJMMsharpe@aol.com.
- September 8-10, 2017** **ARS National Rose Show & Convention**, Gettysburg, PA. <http://www.pennjerseydistrict.org>, Contact: Nancy Redington at rosered1@comcast.net
- October 27-29, 2017** **2017 Fall Convention and Rose Show**. Hosted by Tallahassee and Thomasville Rose societies. Contact Mary Maud Sharpe, 850-878-9625, WJMMsharpe@aol.com
- January 2018** **2018 Mid-Winter Meeting**. Hosted by Wiregrass Rose society
- May 4-6, 2018** **ARS Mini National Convention & Rose Show/ DSD Fall Convention & Rose Show**, Jacksonville, FL. Contact Ray Gillebeau, 904-777-1256, kokosrose1@gmail.com
- January 2019** **2019 Mid-Winter Meeting**. Hosted by Tampa Rose Society

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