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District Director's Report



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District Director's Message for December 2020

Last year at this time I reported to you on the fun and accomplishments of DSD members at the ARS National Conference and Rose Show held in Franklin, TN. That was the last conference I have attended on either the District or National level due to COVID-19. As you know, the DSD Conference that was scheduled for October was cancelled and the National Conference in Colorado Springs was postponed and then cancelled.

The big question now is whether we will be able to hold our DSD Mid-Winter Meeting on March 18-20 th . Thomasville RS is looking at all the options and closely monitoring the pandemic. They plan to make a decision shortly after the first of the year. If they feel they can go ahead; Bet will send the information to all newsletter editors and I will send it to all local society presidents. This will have to be quickly distributed and urgently publicized since there will be a lot less lead-up time than usual to make plans. If you register there will be NO penalty for cancelling if you can't come.

The ARS Board of Directors did have an online meeting August 27 th and we have another one scheduled for December 4th. I'm going to condense the 8 hr. meeting and

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tell you about the most important information that came out of that.

1. Finance Committee & Executive Director - the ARS gardens reopened May 18th and will be open for Christmas in Roseland which is a big money maker for ARS. Last year it brought in \$83,975! \$121,000 has been raised so far for the Annual Fund. As of July, we had 7,070 members. 22% of trial members convert to regular membership so keep signing new local members up for that.

2. Great Garden Restoration – The First Circle is funded, built, and planted. The Second Circle cost was \$125,000 but it is fully funded. The Third Circle will cost \$150,000. The Fourth Circle is already funded! Great progress is being made! Keep those donations coming in and be sure to visit when you can.

3. Other committees –

a. Consulting Rosarians - the first ever CR School was held online this summer. Many existing CRs recertified and 43 new CRs took the school!

b. President Martin has declared 2020 as the year that never was and mandated that an extra year be added on to the recertification dates for all CRs and judges since there were almost no opportunities to go to seminars or schools.

c. Arrangements Exhibiting - proposed that the term “Oriental” arrangement be changed to “Asian style” and this was approved. Please use this in your show schedules.

d. Rose Registration – to better educate the public the Modern Shrub class can now be divided into 3 different classes called English Style, Ground Cover, and Landscape shrubs. Show committees have the option to offer these separate classes with local certificates for the winners. The winner chosen from these 3 class winners would then get the ARS Modern Shrub certificate. Show committees don’t have to do this and may continue to have just the Modern Shrub class and its ARS certificate if they prefer.

4. President Martin announced awards in the following categories:

a. Award of Excellence for Mini/Mfl trial roses: Cupid’s Kisses (Weeks), Oso Easy Double Pink (Meilland), Rachel Marie (Anthony).

b. 2020 Mini/Mfl Rose Hall of Fame: Dancing Flame (Tucker), Linville (Bridges), Scentsational (Saville), Old Glory (Benardella), and Solar Flair (Benardella).

c. There is a new orange miniflora called ‘Carol Spiers’ hybridized by Ray Guillebeau which will be available from K&M Roses. Carol is the Administrative Assistant to the ARS Executive Director and this rose honors her and thanks her for all she has done for many years for ARS.

d. 2020 Members’ Choice for the top rated RIR garden rose goes to Olivia Rose Austin. This rose also won the Gamble Fragrance Award and the Members’ Choice Fragrance Award.

e. The Fuerstenberg Prize for an American hybridized rose best suited to American conditions went to the HT Ring of Fire by Chris Greenwood.

f. The Glenda Whitaker award for membership development – Jeff Wyckoff; Blake Hedrick award for rose exhibiting excellence - Bill & Kathy Kozemchak; the Klima Medal for rose education - Bruce Monroe who also received the ARS Gold Medal.

Chris Van Cleave is our Webmaster and he continues to add educational articles as well as important information to keep you up to date on all the latest happenings in the District. This is also where you'll find a list of CRs, judges, and DSD officers and committee chairs. Go to www.deepsouthdistrict.org. When we start having local events again, you'll want to email him to put your information on the website. Our District newsletter editor, Bet Sobon, will want that information too and I know she would love some articles and photos from you. Your local newsletter editor is supposed to send out the quarterly District newsletter called The Bulletin to each of you. If you're not getting it, please ask them about it.

My crystal ball is in the shop for repairs so I have no idea what 2021 will bring but I'm keeping my fingers crossed that we can all start having meetings, rose shows, and conferences as soon as is safely possible.
David and I wish you a joyous Holiday Season.

Horticulture Judges Chair



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The members of the Horticultural Judging Committee were asked to consider in what class ramblers should be exhibited. In addition, several other knowledgeable

individuals were invited to comment. We were giving four choices: classic shrubs, climbers, leave it up to the committee, and no opinion. A few members suggested that Ramblers be judged in the Classic Shrub Division, several said they need to be in with the Climbers and some thought we should re-instate the Ramble Division. As you can see there are varied opinions on the subject. No decision has been finalized as yet, if and when it is I will let everyone know.

Congratulations to those of you that have taken advantage of the on-line programs that were given these past few months. Bruce Monroe has sent me all your hours.

There will be no request for Horticultural Reviews due this year because of the COVID-19
Wishing you and yours a Blessed
Joanne Maxheimer, Chairman

Horticulture Judges



DSD Arrangement Judges



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Vaccinations are coming! That's good news. In the meantime, do everything you can to stay well – MASK UP, wash hands frequently, and keep your distance. So far, my husband and I are OK. I don't go anywhere that isn't necessary. Of course, that means we're not having a lot of fun. We have patience though. I plan on seeing my son again in 2021. It's been 14 months since I flew to Texas. There have been a few tears, I must admit. I keep those to myself and concentrate on laughs when I text or talk to him.

So, until I'm vaccinated, I'll work on my roses. So many tasks to perform; prune, fertilize, replace. It's a good time to clean out the tool kit. I'm sure I need to oil and hone the clippers, loppers, and saws. I'm saving for the trip to Milwaukee in September.

While we're in recess, try a style of floral design with which you are not completely comfortable. It takes practice to be good at almost anything. If you like it, the judges probably will, too.

Here's to you, my dear friends – Happy Holidays! I toast to your health.

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In Memoriam Sam Cunningham

By Mary Maude Sharpe

We have recently this July lost the master rosarian and exhibitor, Sam Cunningham. He had in April lost his loving wife and rose partner, Nell. Their love of roses was endless and they shared that love with many others. His nimble fingers could transform a rose into a queen and for many years he held the title of the exhibitor who had won the most queens at the annual Thomasville rose show.

They were active members of the Thomasville and Tallahassee Area Rose Societies for many years. He and his mentor Mary Bostick were instrumental in making the Thomasville rose show an ARS one. Sam and Nell were founding members of the Tallahassee Are Rose Society. They were supporters of all society activities. Sam was an ARS horticulture judge and a master rosarian. Sam was the exhibitor and Nell supported him. She tallied and recorded winners as well as served as awards chairman.

Their garden was always open to visitors. When they could no longer care for it they gave all of their plants to a fellow Thomasville member. Sam had a special rose that he named Sara May Price for his mother. Sam and Nell were generous with their time and talents.

Bill Price a friend and fellow rosarian remembers Sam with these words.

“Sam was first of all a teacher who always contributed to the training sessions. Attending a rose meeting with Sam present would send you home with information you find useful and probably a new found enthusiasm for your roses. His favorite subject was grooming and he loved to tell the story of his fellow rosarian who won queen one year with the worst groomed rose he had ever seen. We all remained worried that our grooming might not be up to his level. His favorite grooming was in the pedal manipulations which would frequently change a mediocre bloom to a blue-ribbon form. His exhibiting techniques were unusual. Most of us would arrive as early as possible with dozens of roses and frantically rush to get them entered. Sam would arrive between 8 and 9 am bringing about 6 roses he had cut that morning.” They both excelled professionally. Nell was a teacher and Sam was a clinical psychologist. Sam and Nell are fondly remembered by two children, Sally and Clint, grandchildren and many rose friends.



Consulting Rosarian Report

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What can I say? Covid, Covid, Covid! Our lives have been in a state of suspended animation for almost a year. Fortunately, our gardens have most likely benefited from the “stay at home” recommendations. Stay at home and do what? Make our gardens pretty, of course!!

When spring comes around, the roses should be able to flourish, life anew will happen and hopefully our rose meetings, shows and conventions will resume. Hope is what life is about. Let's continue to pray for our Nation.

The winter months are coming and it is an excellent time to catch up on all the little things that can put us ahead in the rose growing game in the spring. You can get tools in good shape (or ask for new ones as Christmas gifts!), get your beds soil tested and scan through the beautiful rose magazines. Surely there is at least one rose you want to add to your garden! If your soil test indicates you need to add something, the winter months is a good time to amend the soil, especially for folks who live a little more south. Here in the Atlanta area, we have potential ice and snow issues, so amending our soils will depend on the ability to mix amendments into the soil! Your roses will have a better start in the spring if your soil is correct!

I hope everyone, especially CRs, completed the Roses-in-Review survey. These reviews help rose growers all over the country, and it is our responsibility to share the knowledge we have of the roses in our gardens. The Handbook for Selecting Roses is a very important ARS publication that needs as much accuracy as possible. I remember when I first joined my local society and the ARS, that book never left my purse. I referred to it all the time, and still do. This little book is very important for our new rose growers, it's a tool they can use when making a choice of rose for their garden. We can make that book as accurate as possible if we will participate in the review. Thank you for your contributions to the review. I ask each of you to continue to support what the ARS is trying to accomplish with online classes and seminars. For CRs, old and new, the online classes are an excellent way to get your CR certification or audit credits, right from the comfort of your homes. Please be on the lookout for the schedule of online CR classes for the February CR school! Hope to “see” you there!

Merry Christmas and happy winter!

Linda Schuppener





From the Treasurer

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Your DSD Treasurer's Report Setting aside all the problems that we all have incurred in 2020 and with this year quickly

coming to an end, I must be straight forward with you regarding the participation of our local rose society's in helping the DSD continue its efforts to support our rose activities. Currently, there are 23 Rose Societies in our Deep South District. Over the past 11 months, 17 of our local societies have made a \$25 contribution (*dues, if you prefer*) to the nominal but ongoing expenses of the DSD.

Unfortunately, 6 of our 23 active societies have not yet send in their 2020 dues. In Alabama, we are missing dues from Birmingham, Gadsden and Wiregrass; in Florida, we are missing dues from Tallahassee and Tampa; and in Georgia, we are missing dues from Savannah.

I'm sorry to have to deal with this situation but according to the DSD By-Laws, each local society's Annual Dues for that year are due by the **end of May of that year**. These annual dues or if you prefer, *contribution*, are used to pay the nominal but ongoing expenses of the DSD. If you think that my records are wrong, please contact me.

Thank you,

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What's New on the Web?



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Here are the newest changes to our Website

- Site Structure Updates:
- History of the DSD is now under the Library

tab

- Special Rose Posts is now under the Library tab
- New Material from the 2020 Mid-Winter Meeting
- **See The Following Tabs posted on February 15, 2020:**
- Photo Gallery for the 2019 Photo Winners
- Saturday January 18 Presentations located in the DSD Library & Photo Gallery
- CR Class Presentations
- **In the Upcoming Events Tab:**
- Important Updates to 2020 Rose Events:
- Please get your Rose Show/Event Information to [Chris VanCleave](#) [Bet Sobon](#) as soon as you can.
- **In the Special Rose Posts Tab:**
- Sharing Roses — When Shouldn't We?
- By Wayne Myers
DSD Master Rosarian
- **ARS GREAT GARDEN RESTORATION**
- Read and Act on this great program.
- This document will give you an excellent set of notes from our District Directors Presentation at the Mid-Winter Meeting and all the material necessary to join the program.
- Cindy's Multimedia program presented at the DSD Meeting is located here as well.
- Ralph Stream gives us some sage rose advice
See Ralph's 2 great articles in Special Rose Posts

- **In the Organization Tab:**
- *The Local Society list of Presidents or Membership Contacts and their Location (City & State), web addresses has been **revised** by Sara Coleman our DSD Secretary as of May 2020.*
Please keep Sara notified of President or other contact changes. alsara.coleman@att.net
- The 2019 Active Judges List was updated On September 6, 2019
- Note: Local Societies please review your listings in the Local Societies Tab and submit any changes.
- Call or Send a note to Sara Coleman DSD Secretary 678-4324792 Or alsara.coleman@att.net
- **In the DSD Bulletin Tab:**
- All Bulletin Information and Archives are now in a single location
– The Bulletin Tab is now on the Home Page
- **In the Consulting Rosarian Section:**
- The CR School Tab has 2 of the great talks from the 2020 Class. These should be useful to all rosarians especially active CRs. Other talks will be posted as received.
- THE ARS Board approved a change from 3 years to 2 years required as a member of the ARS to become a Consulting Rosarian!!!!
- A new form is available if you want to conduct a CR Class locally. It is posted in the CR Section.
- A reminder that the CR site has the information and application for those CRs who have served as an active CR for 10 years and are now eligible to apply for Master Rosarian status. This material was reposted with ARS modifications in early 2018. If you are a CR and we didn't post your name or if other information about your CR efforts needs changing please contact Linda Schuppener (CR Chair) .
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We Had a Rose Show!



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2020 has been a tough year all around. We have a Pandemic, a volatile Presidential Election. schools are closed, businesses are closing, events have been cancelled. Normally our respite from all those ugly real-world things is our rose shows. This is where we celebrate our gardens, our hard work, our creativity and our skills. We also get to socialize with our rose friends.

Unfortunately, that all went away with the Pandemic. All the rose shows were cancelled. While it is certainly not the worst aspect of this situation, it certainly added to the melancholy.

My Society, Greater Gwinnett, normally has a show in the fall. In the beginning of the Pandemic, I was sure we would be in a good place to have our show in October. While things began to improve over the summer, by the time September rolled around, things started to take a bad turn.

Our DSD Fall Show and Convention was cancelled. Cases were going up. More shutdowns and closings were going on.

Thankfully because Georgia did not have very strict closings, we decided to go ahead with our show. I have to say if it wasn't for a few die-hard exhibitors, I probably would not have gone ahead of it. But they were persistent!

Our venue, Bogan Park was willing to go the extra yard and get permission for the event. We had limitations. We could only have 50 people Max in the building at the time. We normally don't get a lot of foot traffic for our show, so that wasn't a concern. We all had to wear masks while inside, and we were limited to our room and the restrooms.

Another concern was that many of our members who would normally be very involved in the show could not attend because of Covid concerns. Therefore, we had to scale down things. We did not have awards. The time and manpower that it takes to assign the awards, pack and unpack several times, plus the concerns over handling the awards and spreading the virus. Our normal Tallying person could not attend, so I had to recruit my husband, who doesn't know anything about rose shows (except that he has to bring up the properties from our basement each year). I'm happy to say he did a great job. We also discovered one of our members has beautiful handwriting, so now she has a permanent job doing calligraphy!



Because we had limited space, we could not do the usual judge's breakfast. We did bring in boxed lunches so we did not starve everyone!



1Best in Show Painter's Palette Joseph Wood

We did not have a lot of exhibitors, but we did have a lot of roses. We had three very dedicated exhibitors, Ken Wilkerson, Joseph Wood and Cindy Dale, our District Director. For once we had enough prep room. We also had Pam Kolb come all the way from South Carolina to enter some beautiful arrangements.

The judges also came from far away, Joanne Maxheimer from Thomasville, Jill Haisten from Alabama. We even had a surprise visit from the Redneck Rosarian, Chris Van Cleve.

I cannot say enough about the members who worked with me on the show. Sara Coleman did triple duty, Judges, Arrangement Chair and helped with the program. Rani Von Wurttemberg did the clerks and promotion. Nancy Miller and her husband helped transport the properties and set up. Also, Barbara Tiller who did hospitality and calligraphy



Jill Haisten and Chris Van Cleve

The results are listed below. Joseph Wood had a great show, sweeping the HT Court and won best in show with his wonderful painters' pallet (which I got to take home!) Ken and Cindy split up the mini-awards and some others.

All in all, it was a great show. We had fun, but were safe. And I did not hear that anyone was sick afterwards, which I was concerned about. I hope next year is better and we can have our rose shows and celebrate once more.



Figure 2Bet Sobon, Sara Coleman, Rani Von Wurttemberg, Chris Van Cleve



Queen Donna's Grace Joseph Wood

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Rose Show Results

Greater Gwinnett Rose Society 10/3/20

HORTICULTURE		
<u>Class Name</u>	<u>Winning Rose(s)</u>	<u>Exhibitor</u>
Cosper Exer Nash Memorial Trophy		Cindy Dale
Martha B. Moore Trophy		Joseph Wood
John M. Griner Jr., Small Garden Challenge		Bill Belknap
One Bloom Per Stem		
<i>One Bloom Per Stem Queen of Show</i>	Donna's Grace	Joseph Wood
<i>One Bloom Per Stem King of Show</i>	Sunny Sundays	Joseph Wood
<i>One Bloom Per Stem Princess of Show</i>	Louise Estes	Joseph Wood
HT/Grandiflora Spray	Marlon's Day	Cindy Dale
Fully Open HT/Grandiflora	Ring of Fire	Ken Wilkinson
Single-Type Hybrid Tea	Blushing Knock Out	Ken Wilkinson
Classic Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora	Uncle Joe	Joseph Wood
One-Bloom-Per-Stem Floribundas	Love Song	Cindy Dale
Floribunda Spray		
<i>Floribunda Spray Queen</i>	Ebb Tide	Cindy Dale
Climbers	Don Juan	Cindy Dale
Modern Shrub - David Austin	L.D. Braithwaite	Ken Wilkinson
Modern Shrub - All Others	Pink Knock Out	Ken Wilkinson
OGR: <i>Dowager Queen</i>	Marchesa Boccella	Ken Wilkinson
OGR: <i>Victorian Award</i>	Pink Pet	Nancy Hinton Miller
Rose In A Bowl	South Africa	Cindy Dale
Painter's Palette	Black Magic, Sunny Sundays, St. Patrick, Louise Estes, Bride's Dream	Joseph Wood
English Box	Sunny Sunday, Let Freedom Ring, Louise Estes	Joseph Wood
Collection: Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora	Louise Estes	Ken Wilkinson
Mini One-bloom-per-Stem Miniature		
<i>Mini Queen of Show</i>	Daddy Frank	Cindy Dale
<i>Mini King of Show</i>	Arcanum	Ken Wilkinson
<i>Mini Princess of Show</i>	Bee's Knees	Cindy Dale
Mini-Flora One-bloom-per-Stem Miniflora		
<i>Mini-Flora Queen of Show</i>	Megan Dawn	Cindy Dale
<i>Mini-Flora King of Show</i>	Nancy Mae	Cindy Dale
<i>Mini-Flora Princess of Show</i>	Joy Kathleen	Cindy Dale
Mini or Miniflora Rose Spray	Joy	Cindy Dale
Fully Open Mini/Mini-Flora	Cooper	Cindy Dale

Mini or Miniflora Rose In A Bowl	Megan Dawn	Cindy Dale
Mini or Miniflora Painter's Palette	Abby's Angel, Megan Dawn	Cindy Dale
Collection: Mini or Miniflora	Ambiance	Ken Wilkinson
Fragrance	Francis Meilland	Nancy Hinton Miller
Earth Kind Roses	Knock Out	Nancy Hinton Miller
Best In Show	Black Magic, Sunny Sundays, St. Patrick, Louise Estes, Bride's Dream	Joseph Wood
ARRANGEMENTS	"Fairy Tale Roses"	
Class Name	Winning Rose(s)	Exhibitor
Traditional Line/ Line-Mass : "Jack and the Bean Stalk"	Gold Medal	Sara Coleman
Royalty Award (Class 1 or 2)/Gold	Gold Medal	Sara Coleman
Special Classes: "Beauty and the Beast"	Black Magic	Pam Kolb
Duke Award (Class 9)/Silver	Black Magic	Pam Kolb
Novice: "Goldilocks"	Liz's Charm, Oriental Freestyle	Joseph Wood
Best Novice Certificate	Liz's Charm, Oriental Freestyle	Joseph Wood
Mini Line: "The Darning Needle"	Jilly Jewel	Sara Coleman
Mini Royalty Award (Classes 12 or 13)	Jilly Jewel	Sara Coleman
Modern Transparency: "Thumbelina"	Autumn Splendor	Pam Kolb
Mini Oriental Manner in Tall Container: "The Magic Fiddle"	Irresistible	Sara Coleman
Mini Any Other Oriental Manner "Bamboo and the Turtle"	Ty	Rani Von Wurtemberg
Mini Oriental Award (Classes 16 or 17)	Ty	Rani Von Wurtemberg
Fun Bouquet: "The Ugly Duckling"	Montezuma, Beverly, Outa the Blue, Dick Clark, Prairie Breeze	Rani Von Wurtemberg
Mary Coleman Perpetual (1, 7 or 8)	Gold Medal	Sara Coleman
George A. Harbour Jr. Award		
Gold Certificate	Gold Medal	Sara Coleman
Silver Certificate	Autumn Splendor	Pam Kolb
Mini Gold Certificate	Ty	Rani Von Wurtemberg
Mini Bronze Certificate	Jilly Jewel	Sara Coleman





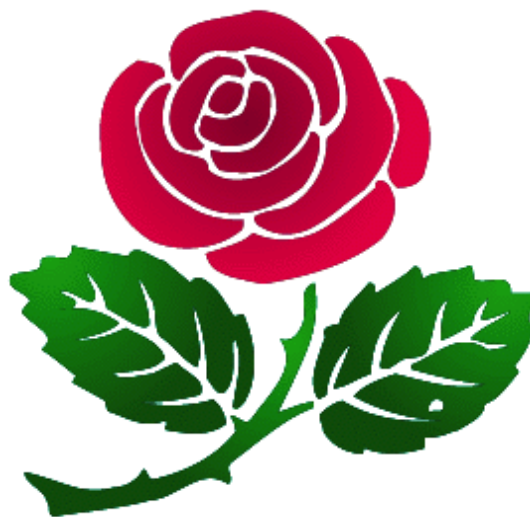
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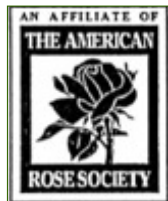
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of The Bulletin is due on
February 1st 2021. Please send your
input early!

To ensure that your event is listed in the next issue's Upcoming Events, please send the information to Bet Sobon, Editor, 770-561-6846, betsobon@gmail.com, before February 1st, 202

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