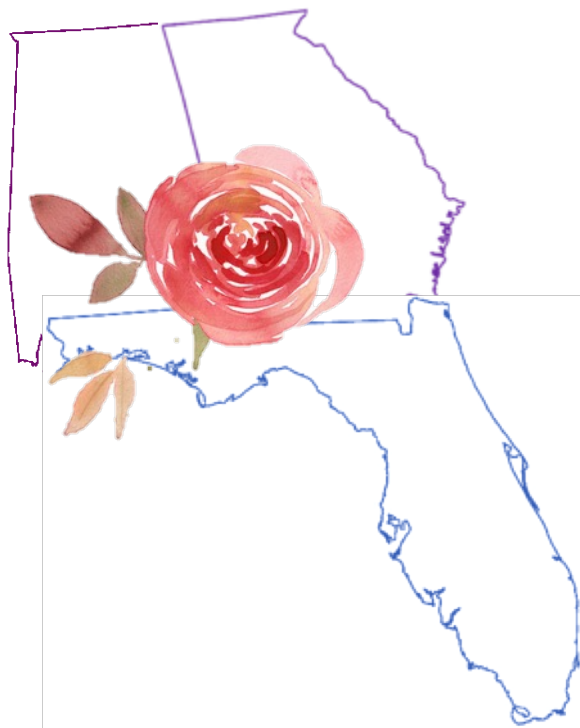


# The Bulletin

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### District Director's Report



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It's wonderful that some of our societies have been able to start meeting in person again and our District did have a few rose shows this spring so we're making steady progress in getting back together. I was happy to judge the Thomasville Rose Society 100<sup>th</sup> Rose Show in April and to present a proclamation from ARS president, Bob Martin, recognizing the rose society and the city on the occasion. Congratulations to Gail Altman, President, and Joanne Maxheimer, Show Chair, for putting on a wonderful, landmark rose show!

Our congratulations go to our Vice President-elect, Craig Dorschel, who won in this summer's ARS election! Craig will serve as V.P. under Diane Sommers for the next 3 years and then become President. You also approved all five of the ARS Bylaws changes. As previously mentioned, I ran unopposed for District Director and Ralph Stream was unopposed for Region Director so we were "duly elected". This will be the last 3-year term that I am allowed to have as District Director per Bylaws. My replacement will have to apply to ARS in the fall of 2023 so be thinking about whether this is something you're interested in and you can train with me before then. Thanks to all of you who took the time to cast your ballots.

I hope you will all attend our DSD Fall Conference and Rose Show in Gainesville, Florida October 15-17. The Gainesville RS has been working hard to put on a top-notch event for us

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with an arrangements workshop, great speakers for CR credit, vendors, rose show, and social events! The hotel has removed the previous occupancy restrictions so please make your reservations and send in your registration now. The host society has taken the unprecedented move of removing the late registration fee and cancellation fee to facilitate more registrations so please take advantage of this. Registration forms, schedule of events, and show schedules can be found at the Gainesville RS website and our District website, [www.deepsouthdistrict.org](http://www.deepsouthdistrict.org).

“Roses in Review” (RIR) is underway for this year and needs input from all of us on the roses we grow to make the ARS Handbook for Selecting Roses the invaluable resource that it has been for many years. Please go to [www.rose.org](http://www.rose.org) to do your online reviews before September 26<sup>th</sup>. Instructions and paper forms were also in the July/August American Rose magazine and you can send the forms to our RIR Chair, Jill Haisten. You do NOT have to be an ARS member to do this. As always, *I remind all CRs and MRs that it is your duty to do this* even if you just go online, register, and state that you have no roses to review this year.

I was happy to attend the ARS Board of Directors meeting in Shreveport on June 3-6<sup>th</sup>. That Saturday Marilyn Wellan led us to many parts of the newly renovated gardens for ribbon cuttings which are detailed and pictured in the latest American Rose magazine. On page 34 you’ll see David and me participating in the ribbon cutting for the “Never Forget” Garden. Everywhere I looked I saw evidence of DSD donations and I and the ARS leadership thank you SO much for this. In fact, there is a quote from Marilyn at the bottom of page 33 where she specifically thanks DSD saying, “along the tour we passed other noted gardens including the Knock Out Family of Roses [our DSD Garden]. There, Cindy Dale and Ralph Stream were cited for their leadership as Director of the Deep South District and Region 3 (respectively) **whose membership participated the most [of any other district] in support of the Great Garden Restoration Project.**” By the way, our DSD Garden is looking fabulous and we have a lot to be proud of.



New information came out in Marilyn's GGR article and in case you haven't seen it, she was thrilled and excited to announce that the Great Garden Restoration is now fully funded thanks to huge donations by William Radler and Marilyn and Myron Wellan! The Third Circle will be known as the Radler Circle. The Fourth Circle is already paid for. The project has raised close to 2 million dollars when the original goal was 1.4 million. Truly, much to be proud of. Try to get there to visit if you can.

Other important news from the Board meeting:

1. Budget - 2020 finished ahead of budget (in the black) by \$73,000. \$180,00 in repairs and upgrades have been made to headquarters facilities from the Maintenance Endowment Trust. 64% of the annual fund contributions came from 3 families. Everyone needs to contribute since dues don't begin to cover all expenses. The facility improvements and our beautiful new gardens should lead to more weddings and other events such as the Easter Egg Hunt, Christmas in Roseland, horticulture symposium, Spring Bloom, Master Gardener program, etc will provide extra income.
2. Executive Director – 6,000 people are being reached in online programs. NXT is the new membership database and should be ready when you read this. The member portal will be linked to "Roses in Review" and Modern Roses XII. Membership Director, Lucy Medvec, has stepped down and been replaced by Neil Stapleton. We also have a new Accounting Director, Claire Bissell.
3. Gardens – Marilyn Wellan encourages everyone to establish "Never Forget" gardens in their area, Go to [www.rose.org](http://www.rose.org) for instructions.
4. National Conference & Rose Show – September 10-14 in Milwaukee, WI. Go to [www.creamcityroses.org](http://www.creamcityroses.org) for registration information.

As I write this it's close to 100 degrees and 90% humidity in north Georgia so I'm longing for the cool of the fall. I'll bet you are too. Newsletter editors, please make sure I'm getting your newsletters so I can keep up with your rose society. The National Conference in Milwaukee was wonderful and I'll have much more about that in my next letter. See you soon at our District Conference. Until then, Happy Autumn!

## 2021 Fall Convention and Rose Show

### Roses in Storyland



Ralph and I just got home from the 2021 ARS National Convention and Rose show and we would like to provide you with an update regarding our upcoming convention in Gainesville.

What a delight it was seeing so many of our lifelong friends having a good experience involving rose related education and just plain fun. One would never know that COVID was an issue with the 230 plus in attendance.

Jean's and my message to all of you for the upcoming DSD Convention and Rose Show is, if our ARS National leaders and their families have faith and trust in the effectiveness of being vaccinated to safeguard our health, then there should be zero reasons our fall convention in a few short weeks can't be safe.

With this being said, we would greatly encourage each of you to consider attending this District event. We have planned this to be a very low-key weekend and very reasonable, pricewise.

(Please note: as always, we will need good participation with the dinner meal to meet minimum costs. So please try to join the Saturday evening banquet.) Also, remember, the rose show will be so special if each of you bring some roses for exhibits and arrangements as well as your photos for that part of the show. So, get those registrations in and let's get back to enjoying life and rose friends. We are listing below the guidelines the hotel currently has in place. We are sure none of this is anything new, but good to review.

- The hotel provided the following information on COVID protocols:
- Property follows sanitization practices of Ecolab (3rd party expert - Global)
- Shield between guests and staff in main contact areas
- Staff wears personal protective equipment
- Temperature checks are available to guests
- Social distancing measures are in place
- Guest accommodation is sealed after cleaning
- Staff temperature checks are conducted regularly
- Property is cleaned with disinfectant
- Guests are provided with free hand sanitizer
- More information is available at the Best Wester reservation web site
- We strongly recommend all attendees wear a mask during their time at the convention. N95 masks designed, tested, and approved by the University of Florida will be available at no charge to attendees. We encourage you to wear the N95 masks since they are much more effective than many other designs.

- Hand sanitizer will be available at the entrance to meeting rooms used during the convention.  
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- To the extent possible, social distancing will be practiced when seated at meals and during speaker sessions.

- We will not ask any registrant their vaccination status.

Our primary goal remains to have an enjoyable, educational, and safe convention. Jean has contacted each Rose Club President regarding raffle items. To date we have heard from 10 of the 23 clubs with positive responses. Please, if your club can bring or send an item for our raffle table, that would be wonderful. Email Jean ([streamj@gmail.com](mailto:streamj@gmail.com)) and let her know if you can help. Also, we will be looking for more help with clerking the show, so if that interests you, please let Jean know this as well. After seeing the enthusiasm at the National Show in Milwaukee, we are so excited about all the fun we can have together after such a long time between events. Don't forget to pre-order your items from our vendors. To date, they are reporting low order counts. Don't miss this opportunity to get your supplies and roses for the year.

Rose Petals Nursery - [rosepetalsnursery.com](http://rosepetalsnursery.com)

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K & M Nursery - [kandmroses.com](http://kandmroses.com)



Jim's Purely Organic – [purelyorganicfertilizer.com](http://purelyorganicfertilizer.com)  
Please register soon! We are not charging late registration fees but it will be helpful for our planning to know you are coming. (Forms are on the DSD and GRS websites.)

For love of you and the rose.

Ralph and Jean Stream – Co Chairs  
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## 2021 Roses in Review



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By now you should have received your July/August issue of American Rose Magazine with the “Roses in Review” article with instructions and the list of roses that we will be reviewing this year. This is an essential step in the rose rating system to compile data for our annual ARS Handbook for Selecting Roses. You do not have to be a member of ARS to do this. We welcome all participants, even if you only grow a

few of the roses listed. Don't forget that participation in this program is the duty of all Consulting Rosarians and Master Rosarians. Even if you do not grow any of the roses listed, you can indicate that and you/we will still get credit. You can even review the listed roses that you have seen growing in other gardens. Please start this now and don't wait until the September 26th deadline.

The easiest way is to log into [www.rose.org](http://www.rose.org) and click on the Roses in Review link. The directions are simple and self explanatory.

If for any reason you are unable to do this online you may fill out the paper form found in your American Rose Magazine, mail it to me, and i will enter the data for you.

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Somewhere/somehow there is a glitch in the system and occasionally my old address pops up. Do not mail to the old address, I won't get it!

Please remember that the deadline is September 26 and don't wait until the last minute. If you run into problems or have a question feel free to email me at [jill.haisten@gmail.com](mailto:jill.haisten@gmail.com).

Thank you for your participation and supporting the Deep South District in this most important program!

## DSD Horticulture Judges



**By: Joanne Maxheimer**  
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Hi everyone:

It's been a long hot summer as we all know. Sometimes too much heat and other times too much water. Hopefully the weather will start to improve within the next few weeks and we can spend longer hours out in our gardens. Don't forget to fertilize and continue to spray for insects that love our roses. If you have not started to cut back for the fall shows now is the time. Our first fall show will be our DSD Conference and show on the 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of October in Gainesville, Fl. Their committee has been hard at work making this happen. My hat is off to them for persevering with the COVID starting to rear its ugly head once again. Please if you have not been vaccinated do so as soon as possible.

The Thomasville – Tallahassee Rose Societies will be hosting the DSD Mid-Winter January 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Best Western Gateway Grand in Gainesville. Sandy is working on a great workshop; she always surprises us with something unique.

Come late spring or early summer of 2022, Sandy Dixon and I will be hosting a Judges School. We have two sites in mind but have not confirmed either one as yet. We are trying to have the school at a time when we will have enough roses for all the classes.

In the meantime, have fun with roses.

Joanne Maxheimer  
Horticultural Chairman



## DSD Arrangement Judges



**By Sandy Dixon**  
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Working in your roses will definitely get those legs back in shape. Early morning or in the cool hour after a storm is prime for comfort. Make sure you hydrate well. I also recommend getting a tetanus shot if you haven't had one in the last five years. We arrangers get into some really weird plant material. We don't need an unseen complication. Be really careful if you find material in

ditches – wear thick rubber boots and carry a stick (or something more lethal) to keep snakes away.

New roses, plant materials (fresh or dried), may be used in arrangements in our district's upcoming fall rose show and convention, October 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, in Gainesville. Get your registration in now. Note that there is an arrangement workshop on Friday afternoon. Bring your clippers!!! Ann Sherwood, one of Gainesville's very talented arrangers, will be sharing her knowledge of East Asian arranging (formerly, in the Oriental Manner). Come a little early to assist in set-up, if you will.

Our American Rose Society *Guidelines for Judging Rose Arrangements*, has been updated. The Executive Board of ARS will vote on the changes in Milwaukee, at the National Convention and Rose Show. It will then be available sometime later. None of the changes will affect our fall DSD Rose Show or any fall rose show. It takes a little time for the changes to be learned and disseminated. Judges really need to consider attending the DSD Judging School to be held in May. Anyone interested in what the judges will be looking for in the arrangement you submit to a show will want to attend. For those who wish to become an arrangement judge, expect the written exam to be closed book. Most of the exam is already in our current *Guidelines*. Any differences with current *Guidelines* will be discussed. Congratulations to our National Chair of Arrangement Judges, Craig Dorschel. He is the incoming Vice President of the American Rose Society. He and Diane Sommers (incoming President) will be installed in Milwaukee. Both are fine arrangers and judges and have vast experience in the matters of rose societies. My contact information is: Sandy Dixon, [sandyfdixon@comcast.net](mailto:sandyfdixon@comcast.net), 6181 Deepwood Dr. E., Jacksonville, FL 32244-2621. 904-778-2887, c. 904-521-6274.

*Sandy*

## Consulting Rosarian Report



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When we first moved to Georgia thirty years ago, we were struck by the predictable dates of the changes of seasons, so different from the last few states we had lived in. We adjusted to the end of summery temperatures around September 30, and developed our new garden based on those predictable dates. It worked well for a while. We knew when to plant, when to fertilize and water, when to prune. But then, THINGS CHANGED.

Autumn comes later, spring comes earlier, and winter..., what happened to winter? Meanwhile, July 2021 was pronounced the hottest month ever recorded.

A number of years ago we put together a list of roses to recommend to new rosarians in the Atlanta area. We had good hybrid teas, good minis, good shrubs, even good OGRs that we knew would do well in our area. But then, THINGS CHANGED. We can't even buy some of those roses, and climate change is affecting which roses will realistically survive our variable winters and warmer growing seasons. Some newer roses that did not exist twenty years ago turned out to be healthier, more fragrant, more suited to our changing climate, while older roses became less appealing. On top of that, a lot of the vendors we knew we could rely on to purchase roses went out of business, or changed the varieties of roses they offered. What can we recommend *now*?

I used to have a standard regimen of chemicals and fertilizers that I would use in my garden. And then, THINGS CHANGED. Brands disappeared or stores ceased stocking them. I learned that there were brands that had the same name, but different ingredients. Some brands/ingredients I had long relied on turned out to have health or environmental issues I had never considered or never heard of. What do I use now?

It is always important to pay attention to change, or it will bite you when you are not looking. As Consulting Rosarians, we expect (and are expected) to give accurate, up-to-date advice to our friends, neighbors, and mentees. We cannot do that if we are not paying attention. How much has your garden changed in the last decade? Your gardening practices? Your recommendations?

Hopefully, you have been managing change, and now we need to share what we have learned. ***Consulting and Master Rosarians are highly encouraged to participate in the review process as part of their duties.*** Look in the **American Rose** or on the ARS website to see which roses are available to review, and do so. If you grow none of these roses, you need to register anyway and check the box that says you don't grow any of the roses (this is part of our change); that will take only a couple of minutes. Last year, only 60% of DSD CRs and MRs participated. We need to do better than that, and we can do much better. THINGS CAN CHANGE. We all use and share the **Handbook for Selecting Roses**; it can only be accurate and up-to-date if we *all* provide our input. Please do so!

Oh no, Mills Magic has changed their formulation?! David Austin is no longer selling my favorite roses?!

Some things have not changed. If you are a Consulting Rosarian, you are required to maintain your certification by accruing four continuing education credits each four years, one of which must be on chemical safety. We will be having a Consulting Rosarian School in January at the Mid-Winter Meeting, which will meet this requirement. Alternatively, you may have been accruing credits along the way. There were some excellent on-line classes offered by ARS in the last year, there will be three programs eligible for CR credit at the Fall DSD Convention, and your local society may offer a class with prior approval.

You also need to maintain an active membership in the American Rose Society and in your local rose society. You will need to continue to share knowledge and enthusiasm for the rose, and make yourself available to the public for this purpose. And of course, you'll need to participate in Roses in Review and submit your annual CR Report.



Especially in difficult times, being a Consulting Rosarian is a great help to others, and a boost to yourself. If you are not already a CR and would like to become one, please contact me about the CR School in January.



## Roses in the Fall

By **Bet Sobon**, *Consulting Rosarian*  
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Having grown up in the Northeast, I never thought of fall roses. Even though I am only one zone higher than where I grew up, I am 900 miles south and the growing season here in Georgia is quite different than Long Island, New York.

For one, I am at 1100 feet above sea level, in the Piedmont, with the hills of the beginning of the Appalachians visible in the distance. Long Island is basically a sand spit barely above sea level at its highest points.

The sun is much more direct here, as I found out on early spring day as I weeded outside without a hat and gave myself sun stroke. Speaking of Spring, it starts here in late February and by the

end of March, almost everything is green and growing. I remember flying back to New York one early April and everything there was still dead and brown.

Did I mention the heat? Yes, it does get hot in New York during the summer. Sticky, oppressive heat that doesn't dissipate when the sun goes down. But it isn't a constant 90 degrees from June to September like it is in Georgia. Although we do cool down when that hot sun sets.

The growing season is longer here. Sometimes we don't get a hard frost until almost Christmas. Which means that I can still have roses blooming then. Most roses slow down and stop developing buds with the shorter days with less hours of sunlight. But some still produce. It was an experience for me to find out that most people here do a special pruning in late summer too get fall blooms. Now it's my favorite time for many of my roses. Although the once blooming OGRs will not be blooming, most of my roses will. I especially love the orange colored roses at this time of year, almost mimicking the tree leaves turning colors. The cooler weather creates larger blooms with deeper colors and they open more slowly and last longer. The angle of the sun gives a different light and the lower humidity gives the roses a crisp clean look.

Here are some of my roses blooming in Fall.



Here is Zepherine Drouhin in a rare fall bloom. This was taken on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. The pink color is very clear.

Heritage, taken October 23<sup>rd</sup>



Playboy taken October 23<sup>rd</sup>. The sun from the east is shining direct on the rose making it glow.

Gemini in the fall sun.



An October Don Juan





McCartney Rose, also in October



In order to ensure a nice fall bloom, you should cut back about 6 weeks before your peak fall weather, a few weeks before your average first frost. I usually do mine in late August. After that I do not prune again until after the first frost and that is usually just a 'topping' of any tall canes that may blow around in the winter. After you do cut back in late summer, apply fertilizer and keep roses well-watered. If needed, keep up with your spray program to keep the leaves clean and healthy.

### From the Treasurer

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**Bravo!! To: Augusta RS, Birmingham RS, Bradenton-Sarasota RS, Central Florida Heritage RS, Gadsden RS, Gainesville RS, Greater Atlanta RS, Greater Gwinnett RS, Huntsville/Twickenham RS, Jacksonville RS, Marion County FL RS, Orlando Area Historical RS, Palm Beach RS, Pensacola RS, Ramer RS, South Metro RS, Savannah RS, Thomasville RS, Tallahassee RS, Tampa RS, Tropical RS and Wiregrass RS - you have all sent in your annual**

DSD dues for 2021!

If your rose society is NOT listed above, PLEASE encourage your society to send in its dues right away! Presently, there are 23 local societies in the DSD and to

date 22 of these local societies have paid their dues. That means that only 1 local society (1 in Florida) have not yet sent in their 2021 Dues! Let's shoot for 100%!!!

FYI - According to the DSD By-Laws, each local society's Annual Dues are due by the **end of May**. These annual dues or if you prefer, *contribution*, 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 only \$25/year.)

Thank you,

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## Upcoming Events

Oct 15-17

### **DSD Fall Show and Convention**

See attached Registration Form and Schedule for information

Oct 23

### **Pensacola Rose Society Rose Show**

Pensacola Garden Center, 9th Ave in Pensacola

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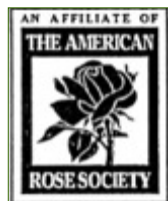
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early!

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