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District Director's Report



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My pruning and application of spring amendments has been completed and I hope you're making good progress too. I brought home 8 new roses from K&M Roses at the Mid-Winter Meeting and have some on order from other sources. Now comes the hard decisions of what to shovel prune and what goes where since something has to go to make room for a new one. The start of the new rose growing season is the time to make good use of your society's Master and Consulting Rosarians as well as other resources like our DSD website, www.deepsouthdistrict.org, the ARS website, www.rose.org, our DSD newsletter, and our district's Facebook page.

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Thomasville and Tallahassee Rose Societies did a great job of hosting the Mid-Winter Meeting in Gainesville on January 21-23rd! We had a great arrangements workshop put on by Sandy Dixon. CR credit was given for all four of our fun and educational speakers' programs. At the banquet Saturday we recognized all the 2021 ARS Bronze Honor Medal winners from the District. The Anita Smith Award for outstanding contributions to DSD was awarded to **Joanne Maxheimer** and a Certificate of Appreciation was given to **Jim Mills** of K&M Roses for his many years of DSD support. Emeritus judges and CRs were also announced. Another highlight of the evening was the video shown by Chris Woods of Gr. Atlanta RS that invited us all to attend the Fall Conference and Rose Show at Chateau Meichtry Vineyard in Ellijay, GA on September 16-18th.



Jim Mills being presented with Award by Cindy Dale

DSD CR Chair, Bobbie Reed, held a CR School Sunday morning which was well attended. If you couldn't be there, I hope you took advantage of the ARS online CR courses that were given in February. Since these are more and more available, the DSD Executive Board voted to reduce the in-person CR Schools at Mid-Winter to every two years instead of every year. Remember, you can still request credits from Bobbie for your local society programs too. CRs, it is your responsibility to keep up with your recertification date and plan ahead to get the credits well ahead of time. Contact Bobbie if you need to know your date.

Sandy and Joanne want to tell you that there will be a Judges' School in Thomasville on May 14th. Stay tuned for more information on this. This is your big chance to get your judges' recertification done. Please help recruit some new judge candidates. Our judges' corps is getting depleted and we are in need of many more.

After all this fun news, it pains me to tell you that we have lost another outstanding Florida rosarian, Al Whitcomb, who passed away on January 22nd after battling cancer. Please see his obituary later in this issue.

Here are some important reminders.

1. Please get your \$25.00 DSD dues into Kay Harrell as quickly as possible. The deadline is May 30th but sooner is always better. ARS dues of \$70.00 are also due.
2. If you're having a rose show this year please rewrite your schedules to comply with the new rules eliminating most disqualifications and incorporating the three new optional shrub classes if you want to use them. The rewritten schedules need to be sent to Joanne Maxheimer (Horticulture) and Sandy Dixon (Arrangements) to get their approval prior to your show. If you need help with the wording let Joanne or Sandy know.
3. Please get rose show and other local society event dates to Chris Van Cleave to put up on the website.

4. I hope you'll join me in contributing to the ARS Annual Fund this year. Even a small amount helps. Our dues don't begin to pay for all their expenses. If you contribute \$150 or more you will receive the gorgeous, 388-page Rose Atlas, published by Dr. Tommy Cairns and Luis Desamero. Also, all new members will receive a free copy! Help me get the word out about that.

Spring is in the air and the gardening public is never more energized than right now. Seize upon this to schedule outreach days at nurseries, plan rose shows or rose festivals, and use every opportunity you can to spread the love of the rose and grow your membership!

In Memoriam

Allen J. Whitcomb

Allan J. Whitcomb The DSD mourns the loss of our dear friend Allen (Al) Whitcomb of Hernando, Florida, who passed away Saturday, January 22, 2022. He and Sharon (Martinec) were married 52 years until she passed. He served as a U.S. Army officer for 26 years and rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. After the Army he started his second career at Southwest Florida Water Management District's main office in Brooksville, Florida. Two year ago, he married Karen Prevatt, a previous DSD Director. Al enjoyed being part of several rose societies, and building a beautiful rose garden in his backyard. He was a talented hybridizer, photographer, and active district member who did many jobs at the local and district levels. We will miss him and our condolences go out to his loved ones.



DSD Horticulture Judges



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Hello Everyone:
Well spring has sprung so they say although many of us had a freeze a few weeks back and that was not good. We had a

low of 25 degrees and some of my roses suffered. Hopefully that is all behind us and we are well on our way getting ready for our first flush of the year.



I have received several requests to go over show schedules. I am happy to see so many societies having spring shows. The last one I got was from the Birmingham Rose Society. I thank all of you that are having a show as I know it takes a lot of work. Here's hoping you get nothing but Queens and beautiful arrangements for your judges to judge.

We are having a judging school this year to be held in Thomasville, Ga. on the 20th and 21st of May. According to Don Myers, National Chairman of Horticultural Judges, we are the only district so far that is having one. A registration form should be in this addition of our DSD Newsletter. If for some reason it is not please contact myself at 1-229-403-1419 or Sandy Dixon at 1-904-521-6274. The instruction will be given on Friday and the test on Saturday for those of you taking the test. I encourage all of our judges to attend as we never know when or if there will be another school before we have to audit.

Wishing everyone a wonderful spring filled with roses.

Joanne Maxheimer
Chairman of Horticultural Judges
Deep South District



DSD Arrangement Judges



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Well...I apologize for not responding to your requests for arrangement schedule advice. My computer has had issues. Therefore, you all are OK'd for this rose show season! We need to have time to read and digest the new Guidelines for Judging Rose Arrangements, revised 2021, anyway.

The upcoming Judges School for both horticulture AND ARRANGEMENTS will be good for judges and exhibitors alike. Pass the word that some new information needs to be learned. It is easier in the atmosphere of friendship to get this in one day rather than to perspire over it on your own. Please plan to bring some roses to the school in May. It is very difficult to have examples of rose arrangements without actual roses. Joanne Maxheimer and I don't have all the roses we would like to share with you, ourselves. We need your assistance.

The Mid-Winter Arrangement Workshop went well, I think. Thanks to everyone who assisted with the tasks of unloading, setting up, cleaning up, and reloading my van. A special thanks to those of you who helped with distribution of materials. It really is a group effort; necessarily so, especially the older I get. 70 is OK, but my body tells me I have to slow down a little. I appreciate all of you participating in whatever way you are able.

Don't forget to attend to your health with tetanus shots, Covid boosters, etc. My contact information is: Sandy Dixon, sandyfdixon@comcast.net, 6181 Deepwood Dr. E., Jacksonville, FL 32244-2621.



Consulting Rosarian Report



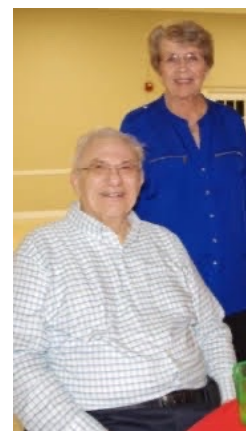
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As I write, spring has introduced itself to our garden, and boy, is it welcome! We'll still have some cold weather to come this year, and we're still pruning (I know, most of you are well past all that or will be by the time you see this), but walking outdoors lifts my heart with the sounds of birdsong, the colors of Japanese magnolias, daffodils, and prunus varieties, and the fragrances of spring. Ahhh!

March means that we have finished our winter activities, including the Deep South District Mid-Winter Meeting and the associated Consulting Rosarian School. The excellent speakers on Saturday included four whose presentations were eligible for CR credit. Twenty-two of us also attended the school, including two CR candidates. **Bob** and **Gail Pisz** of Pensacola passed the exam with flying colors. We welcome them as our newest Consulting Rosarians. Congratulations!

The American Rose Society has continued its annual on-line Consulting Rosarian school in February. I managed to "attend" four more programs this year, as did other DSD folk and a few more CR candidates. The test has not yet been administered as I write, but I expect to hear of more new Consulting Rosarians shortly.



This year marks a change in our schedule of Consulting Rosarian schools.

For over 15 years, the Deep South District has been hosting a Consulting Rosarian school at each Mid-Winter Meeting. This made it easier for CRs to schedule their regular audits, since locally-hosted schools, then the norm, were not occurring often enough. This year, the Deep South District Executive Committee decided to reduce the frequency of the Mid-Winter Schools to once every other year to ease the work involved for the meetings. This means you will need to keep a close eye on when your audit is due, and be sure to plan your attendance at a convenient school on the alternate-year schedule.

Of course, it is always possible to schedule a CR School to be hosted by your local society, or to schedule individual hour-long classes at your local society which would be eligible for CR credit. I will gladly work with your society to develop and approve either of these.

Now, back to the fun part of being a Consulting Rosarian. Some new rosarians that I first met last year came by the garden yesterday, in a cold rain, to collect a few roses that we were ready to give away to make room for this year's purchases. They were so happy that these free additions were coming to their garden! It's a heartwarming way to share the joy of roses – when you need to make room for some new bushes in your garden, there is always someone who would love your castoffs. I remember one year being heartbroken to discover that someone had **THROWN AWAY** a rose she didn't like, rather than giving it away. Obviously, we don't want to do this with a rose that is ill and might die, but many roses perk up in a new location.

Now it's time for all the fun, and work, of spring. Time to plant and fertilize and spray those roses, and to get ready for spring rose shows and rose outreach activities. Enjoy, and stay healthy!



DSD Fall Show and Convention

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The Deep South District held the 2022 Mid-Winter Meeting in Gainesville Florida in January. Thomasville and Tallahassee Rose Societies hosted the event. The theme was 'Where Roses Roam'. Friday was the Arrangement Seminar which was well attended.

. Our Arrangement Officer, Sandy Dixon was also on hand giving us advice and input on our arrangements.



The speakers were Ray Guillebeau New Rose Registrations – ‘Think New Roses to Grow’. Ray took us through many of the new rose releases. There are many new roses varieties coming out now that concentrate on ease of care and disease resistance.



Next was Satish Prabhu's presentation 'Soil Magic? – I think Not'. BTW, if you are not following Satish on his Facebook Page [Growing Roses with Satish](#), you are missing out!



Next up was Dr. Cynthia Nazario-Leary speaking on chilli thrips, which was very helpful.



That night Banquet Awards Dinner Honoring Bronze Medal Recipients: Society Honorees. Having Fun with Roses (Kathy Porter), Silent Auction Winners Announced See Director's report for more info.

Also, a reminder that the next District Event is the Fall Conference and Rose Show at Chateau Meichtry Vineyard in Ellijay, GA on September 16-18th.



Roses at the Academy Awards

In honor of the upcoming Academy Awards, I'd like to celebrate Roses in Film. There have been many roses used in films over time, whether in the title, or as a subject or a prop. While you may assume roses just symbolize love and romance, storytellers have long used the rose as a metaphor for everything from lust to destruction and rebirth. Below are some of our favorites films and stories where roses play an important role.

American Beauty – The vivid red American Beauty rose is not only the namesake of the Oscar-winning drama but is also one of its most defining motifs. It plays a key role in Lester Burnham's fantasies about his teenage daughter's best friend Angela, who basks naked on a bed of crimson petals in one of the film's most iconic scenes. The film was nominated for eleven and won five Academy Awards.



Beauty and the Beast - The red rose is an iconic symbol of love in the Disney film *Beauty and the Beast*. The flower is given to the prince by a beggar asking for shelter. He denies the beggar and she punishes him for his lack of love by turning him into a beast. If the beast can learn to love and be loved in return before the rose dies, the spell will be broken and he will be turned back into a prince. The movie won two Academy Awards.



La Vie en rose – The biographical musical film about the life of French singer Édith Piaf. The title *La Vie en Rose* comes from Piaf's signature song. The term literally means 'To see life in the Pink', or to be optimistic. Marion Cotillard won the Academy Award for Best Actress.



Alice in Wonderland - The 2010 Adaptation of the classic fantasy was a dark take by Tim Burton. It featured Alice painting white roses red at the behest of the Red Queen. The film won two Academy Awards.



The Rose

The Rose is a 1979 American drama film which tells the story of a self-destructive 1960s rock star who struggles to cope with the constant pressures of her career and the demands of her ruthless business manager. The story is loosely based on the life of singer Janis Joplin. It was nominated for four Academy Awards



The War of the Roses is a 1989 American film based upon the 1981 novel of the same name. The film follows a wealthy couple with a seemingly perfect marriage. When their marriage begins to fall apart, material possessions become the center of an outrageous and bitter divorce battle. In both the novel and the film, the married couple's family name is Rose, and the title is an allusion to the battles between the warring Houses of York and Lancaster who were contending for the English throne during the late Middle Ages.



Lancaster Rose



York Rose

Citizen Kane

We learn at the end of the film that Kane's dying word "Rosebud" is not actually a rose at all, but the name of his favorite childhood sled. It's said the sled represents simplicity, warmth and his mother's love. Sledding as a child in Colorado was the last time he was truly happy, which was why he wanted to be buried with Rosebud. The film had nine nominations and one Academy Award.



Broadway Danny Rose

Danny Rose (Woody Allen), a hopeless New York talent agent, is a tireless workhorse for his eccentric, unimpressive acts. When Rose signs has-been lounge singer, he knows he has to go to great lengths to keep his new client, which means escorting Canova's mistress, Tina (Mia Farrow), to the singer's shows. The only problem is that her ex-boyfriend is a jealous gangster who thinks Rose is her new man and wants revenge. It was nominated for two Academy Awards.



The Town

Pete Postlethwait plays Boston crime lord Fergie in 2004 movie The Town. The character – who upholds a legitimate front as a Boston florist – was loosely based on Irish American mobster Dean O'Banion himself a successful Chicago florist and excellent floral designer. A number of scenes depict Fergie in the flower shop arranging exuberant bouquets, in potent contrast to his otherwise violent nature. The film had one nomination for an Academy Award.



The Hunger Games - Flowers are silent protagonists of the entire saga, starting from some of the characters' names: Primrose, Katniss' sister, is named after the primula (the same flower that Peeta will plant in his garden after the girl's death), while Rue is named after a particular yellow flower that we find in the District 12. Last, the symbol of President Snow is a white rose, which recalls the extremely scented roses with which he surrounded himself to avoid that the blood's smell coming from his mouth wounds, made by poison, spreads around. Poison is Snow's favorite weapon to kill enemies



From the Treasurer

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Bravo!! To: Birmingham RS, Grtr. Atlanta RS, Grtr. Gwinnett RS, Huntsville/Twickenham RS, Marion County, RS, Pensacola RS, and South Metro RS - you have all sent in your annual DSD dues for 2022!

If your rose society is NOT listed above, PLEASE encourage your society to send in its dues right away! There are approximately 22 local societies in the DSD and to date, only the above 7 have sent in

their dues.) That means that 15 local societies have not yet sent in their 2022 Dues!

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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Apr 9

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The Queen of Show winning entry will receive an original oil painting by Hope Reis, commissioned for our show, valued at over \$500

Apr 30-May1 **South Metro (Atlanta) Rose Show**

Fayetteville Church of Christ
870 Redwine Rd, Fayetteville, GA

May 14

Huntsville Twickenham Rose Society Annual Rose Show

Location: Parkway Place Mall, Huntsville, AL

Schedule will arrive soon!

POC: Jill Chappell, Rose Show Chairperson

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Sep 16-18

Deep South District Fall Show and Convention

Chateau Meichtry Vineyard in Ellijay, GA.

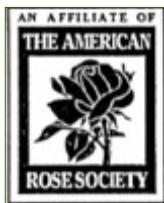
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early!

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