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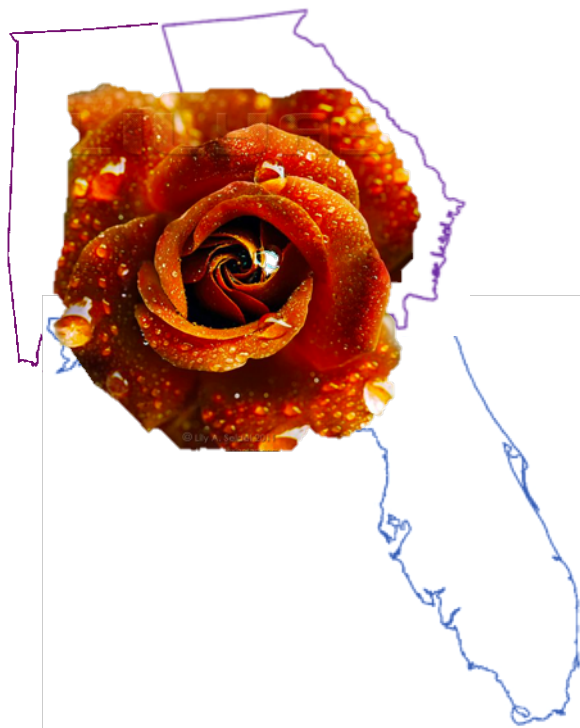
### District Director's Report



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I hope everyone has had a good summer. Lots of TLC from both David and me has allowed the roses to come through the dog days of summer in good shape. Hopefully, we will have some to take to the DSD show and you will too. Speaking of the show, ARS is encouraging much more participation in rose shows and especially in challenge classes. We have several District challenge classes that appear every year for horticulture and arrangements but each year the Districts are allowed to offer two National challenge classes on a rotating basis. Please go to [www.deepsouthdistrict.org](http://www.deepsouthdistrict.org) to download the complete show schedule and give strong consideration to entering the National horticulture and arrangements challenge classes. I have outlined the requirements for these classes in detail elsewhere in this issue.

I encourage everyone to attend our DSD Fall Conference and Rose Show in Gainesville, Florida October 13-15th. An Organizing Committee made up of members from 9 local societies across the District has been working hard to put on a top notch event for us with an arrangements workshop, great speakers for CR credit, vendors, a rose show, and social events! Please make your reservations and send in your registration now. Registration forms, schedule of events, and show schedules can be found at our District website, [www.deepsouthdistrict.org](http://www.deepsouthdistrict.org).



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“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 26th. Instructions and paper forms were also in the July/August American Rose magazine and you can send the forms to our RIR Chair, Joseph Wood, but the online method is much more efficient and saves Joseph from having to enter your reviews. 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 check the block that states you have no roses to review this year.

Important news from the August ARS Board of Directors’ meeting:

Several staffing changes have taken place at ARS headquarters so please be patient as they all acclimate to their new responsibilities. Rachel Driskill was the new Executive Director for 2 months but had to resign due to health reasons. Former Events Coordinator, Brandy Boudreau, has taken over for Neal Stapleton as Membership Chair. Kim Merritt, who took over for Carol Spiers has resigned and Jennifer Peace and Tonya Cole are splitting her duties for now.

Budget – The ARS National Conference held in May in Shreveport raised \$15,700 in profits and the \$500 in seed money that DSD contributed to get the Conference started was returned to us. Annual Fund contributions are forecasted to be \$26,000 below what was budgeted. Membership and Editorial revenues are above forecasted budget amounts. Overall, we are forecasted to be \$74,000 below the budgeted amount. The Board is exploring ways to cut costs and boost income. Please give to the Annual Fund. Contributions are badly needed.

Important dates: September 20, 27, and October 4th will be an online Horticulture Judges Seminar. November 5th is the deadline for entering your digital photos in the ARS Photography Contest. December 9th is the next Local Society Committee online meeting for all local society Presidents or their representatives for exchange of ideas and support. February 3rd and 10th of next year will be an online CR School. Webinars are being offered monthly with info sent out on these to all members.

Many more members need to sign up for the “My ARS” member portal at [www.rose.org](http://www.rose.org) to maximize your membership benefits. Only a fraction of members have signed up so far. Use this secure portal to check your membership renewal date, CR and judge certification dates, make donations, and go to the bookshelf to read American Rose magazines, the Handbook for Selecting Roses, Horizon Roses, and many rose books.

The ARS has created a new membership flyer and form for local rose societies to print for use at meetings/schools/shows. The ARS asked that the new flyer be used and all previous membership flyers from the ARS be discarded. This includes the latest member benefits and offerings at the new pricing points. The new flyer includes a QR code that new trial members can use to scan with their phones so that the information goes straight to ARS and your society

Membership Chair doesn’t have to send it in.

In the 2023 American Rose Center International Rose Trials the Gold Medal was awarded to ‘Sitting Pretty’, a bubblegum pink Grandiflora with a damask fragrance by Bill Radler. .

The DSD Conference and Rose Show is right around the corner. If you have any questions email Karen Barnes at [barneskw@yahoo.com](mailto:barneskw@yahoo.com) or me at [rosepro@bellsouth.net](mailto:rosepro@bellsouth.net). It’s not too late to register. I look forward to seeing you there! Until then, Happy Autumn!

Cindy Dale

# Can You Rise to the Challenge?

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Entering your roses in an ARS-sanctioned Rose Show is fun, exciting, and educational both for the exhibitor and the public! It can be scary at first but with each show you get more comfortable with the process, learning what the judges are looking for, and translating this to your rose growing practices. One of the best ways to do this is to become a clerk for the judges so you can hear what they say about each entry.

In most shows there are “challenge classes.” As the name indicates, these classes are usually a little more challenging to enter and win than the usual horticulture or arrangements classes. They are perfect for those that want to take the next step in their exhibiting journey. In the horticulture division they could call for several different stems of the same or different varieties, either in the same color class or different ones. Another hallmark of challenge classes is that the show schedule normally requires the multiple stems of the exhibit to be shown in different vases or sometimes in a box or a palette.

The “staging” of these entries (how the vases are placed on the table) is an art form in itself so that blooms with complimentary sizes and colors are placed next to each other, all stems are at the same height and so forth. The judges take all of this into consideration when awarding ribbons. Staging is so important in these classes that challenge class entries are normally only placed on the table by the exhibitor, they cannot be moved once placed, and judges are not allowed to touch the vases. Arrangements challenge classes have their own particular requirements that are above the usual ones.

ARS lets the Districts offer two national challenge classes in their shows every year on a rotating basis so you have the opportunity to win one of these top awards without ever attending a National show! These are in addition to the usual District challenge classes.

Everyone is encouraged to try their hand at entering some of the challenge classes we will have in our show schedule at the District Rose Show on October 14<sup>th</sup> as part of the DSD Conference in Gainesville, Florida. DSD has some of the top exhibitors in the country and they will be glad to help you. To give you a preview of what to expect, I have described the requirements of each challenge class as written in our show schedule and provided photos of past winners as examples where possible.

## **National Horticulture Challenge Class for our 2023 DSD Show**

*Class is open only to ARS members registered for the Conference. Exhibitors are limited to only one entry.*

### **Class ARS-1 Dr. Griffith J. Buck Trophy**

An entry of three (3) classic and/or modern shrubs, each of a different variety, one bloom and/or spray, exhibited in separate containers. (Width allowed 20 inches)



2014 Griffith Buck Trophy winner by Suzanne Horn using Jubilee Celebration, Golden Celebration, and Princess Alexandra of Kent. Photo by Dona Martin.



2004 Griffith Buck Trophy winner by Kitty Belendez using Perdita, Abraham Darby, and William Shakespeare 2000. Photo by Kitty Belendez

**National Arrangements Challenge Class for our DSD Show**  
**“Twizzler Pops”**

**Class ARS 1 The Ruth Tiedeman Memorial Rose Arrangement Trophy** (no photos available)  
 Standard Traditional Line-Mass Design. *This Class is open only to American Rose Society members who have registered for this conference.*

Design using two or more horticultural classes of standard roses showing a gradation in size and progression in stage of bloom; design showing a gradation of color, size, and texture. May also include miniature varieties; fresh or naturally dried plant material may be used. Design must not exceed 24 inches in width and depth; no height restriction.

**District Horticulture Challenge Classes**

*(Restricted to ARS members who are members of the Deep South District or to members of affiliated societies residing in the district and registered for this Convention.)*

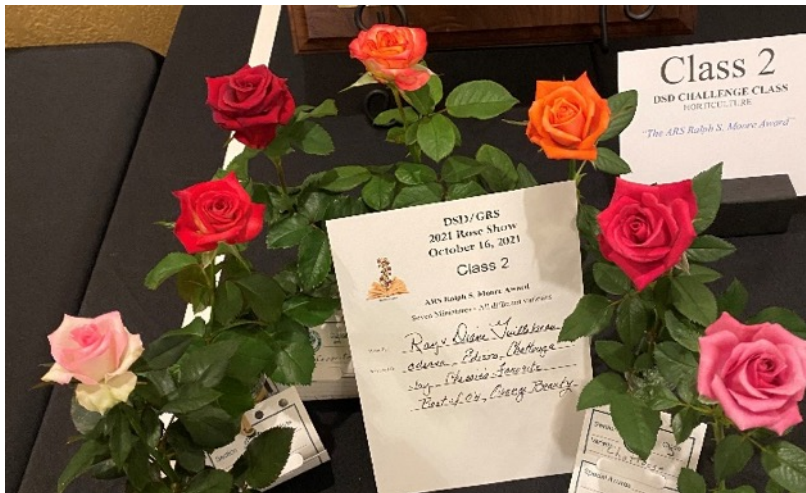




**Class 1 The ARS J. Horace McFarland Memorial Trophy**

Five (5) hybrid tea roses at exhibition stage, all different, displayed in separate vases with separate entry tags.

2021 winner exhibited by Cindy Dale



**Class 2 The ARS Ralph S. Moore Award**

Seven (7) miniature roses, all different, at exhibition stage, displayed in separate vases with separate entry tags.

2021 winner exhibited by Ray and Diane Guillebeau

**Class 3 Deep South Bulletin Trophy**

Three (3) floribunda sprays, same or different varieties, displayed in separate containers with separate entry tags.



**Class 4 The Frances & George Johnson  
Old Garden Rose Bouquet**

An old fashioned bouquet consisting of five (5) varieties of OGRs and/or shrubs in one container furnished by the exhibitor. Varieties listed on one entry tag. Use of floral foam is permitted.

2015 winner exhibited by Cindy Dale



**Class 5 The Deep South District  
Double English Box**

Twelve (12) hybrid tea, grandiflora, and floribunda specimens, of one or more varieties at exhibition stage. No foliage or single types permitted.

2022 winner exhibited by  
Joseph Wood

**Class 6 The Katy Lampkin Award**

Two (2) Hybrid Teas, same variety, in separate containers with separate entry tags properly named.

### **Class 7 The Directors Miniflora Challenge**

Five (5) Minifloras, all different varieties, one bloom per stem at exhibition stage, displayed in separate vases with separate entry tags.

2021 winner exhibited by Ray and Diane Guillebeau



### **District Arrangements Challenge Classes**

#### **“Double Lollies”**

#### **Class DSD-1 The Mary Maud Sharpe Perpetual Trophy**

The class is open to those registered for this conference who reside in the Deep South District. Winner must be the highest scoring arrangement with a score 92 or better.

Two arrangements, one standard and one miniature. The Miniature should be a copy of the Standard. The two arrangements should relate to each other and be visually unified. Staging of 30 inches in width and 24 inches depth will be provided. The miniature arrangement must not exceed 10 inches in height, width, or depth and only roses classified as miniature or miniflora may be used.

Designer’s Choice of style of design which must be written on entry tag. Background and underlay are the responsibility of the exhibitor.



by Sara Coleman

2021 winner exhibited



### **“Sugar Daddy”**

#### **Class DSD-2 The District Director Arrangement Trophy**



This class is open to ARS members registered for this conference who reside in the Deep South District. Winner must be highest scoring arrangement with a score of 92 or better. A miniature arrangement using arranger-grown, fresh miniflora roses with or without other plant materials. “AG” must be indicated in the top right corner of the entry tag. Arrangement must not exceed 12 inches in height, width, or depth. Staging of 15 inches width and depth will be provided. Exhibitor’s choice of style which must be written on entry tag. Background and underlay are the responsibility of the exhibitor. Eligible for the ARS Royalty Award.

2016 winner exhibited by Joanne Maxheimer



### **“Roses & Lollipops”**

It’s going to be a really “sweet” time October 13-15 when we meet at the Best Western Gateway Grand Hotel in Gainesville, Florida for the Deep South District “Roses & Lollipops” Fall Conference and Rose Show!

The fun starts on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> with the ever-popular Arrangements Workshop. The vendors will be there so be sure to pre-order roses from K&M Roses and Rose Petals Nursery, or rose growing supplies from Jim’s Purely Organic. Meanwhile, the Rose Show will need to be set up and we can use all the help we can get with that if you’re able. Plan to eat out on your own at one of the many great restaurants in Gainesville that night and stop by the Hospitality Room in the Presidential Suite to have fun afterwards.

Saturday morning starts early with the Rose Show and everyone is invited to exhibit in horticulture, arrangements, and photography. The show schedule is available at [www.deepsouthdistrict.org](http://www.deepsouthdistrict.org). If you can volunteer to help at the show, please contact Ralph Stream at [streamj@gmail.com](mailto:streamj@gmail.com).



Also on Saturday, you can visit the vendors and listen to the three great speakers we have lined up. They are: Dr. Mark Windham on Rose Diseases, Art Wade of Rose Petals Nursery on Old Garden Roses, and Patricia Dewar of Dewar Nurseries on Commercial Production of Grafted and Bare Root Roses. CR credits will be given.

The Rose Show will be open for viewing in the afternoon to see the cream-of-the-crop roses from across the District. Be sure to see all the wonderful raffle prizes and buy lots of tickets! The drawing will be that afternoon.

In the evening we will celebrate being together and the accomplishments of our members at the banquet. The Hospitality Room will be open again afterwards for relaxing with old and new friends from across the district.

Plans are being made for some great Sunday morning activities so stay tuned for that!

Make your hotel reservation now and get your registration in early for a reduced rate, using the form attached to this newsletter or download it from the DSD website. Don't be a "sucker" and miss out on this fun event! We can't wait to see you in October for a wonderful time of rose fellowship.

## 'Al's Legacy' – A Tribute

**By Stephen Hoy,**

What began as a rivalry ended up in a relationship of mutual esteem and friendship. I had been regularly entering and doing well in our Deep South District photography contests since their onset in 2009. Suddenly a new competitor, Al Whitcomb, began entering winning photographs in many of the classes. At one district convention, Al was asked to present a program on photography. His thorough knowledge of f-stops and depth of field opened my eyes to improvements I could make in my own photography and prompted me to approach him to learn more.

As I began quizzing him, we hit it off immediately. Surprise, surprise, he was a very competitive swimmer as a young man! Not surprising, he was very tech savvy. As a veteran of the U.S. Air Force I was also intrigued by Al's service in the U.S. Army. He had served in Iraq and Viet Nam and had reached the rank of Lieutenant Colonel before retiring.

As he enthusiastically shared his expertise in photography, I shared my passion for rose hybridizing and he caught the bug. Pretty soon I received an invitation to visit his and his wife Sharon's home and garden and those visits became regular summer events. With great enthusiasm, as with everything Al did, his new hybridizing hobby took off. He shared my interest in single-flowered roses and was soon sending me numerous photos and generously gifting me new seedlings (see photos). We traveled to nurseries together, went to rose meetings and even

roomed together at district events. He even read the script at one of my programs because I had lost my voice due to a medical procedure.

One day my friend revealed that his struggle with cancer was getting rough. After observing blooms on a new seedling, I approached him with the idea of naming a rose for him and sent him a photo. His favorable reply came on January 21, 2022. He passed the next day.



*Al's Legacy Photo by Stephen Hoy*

'Al's Legacy' (now registered!) is an open-pollinated seedling of the very black spot resistant 'Seashell Sands.' The three inch, five petaled blooms are fluorescent rose, highlighted by stamens featuring fiery red filaments. Flowers appear singly or in sprays of three throughout the growing season. The medium green foliage is extremely black spot resistant, a trait inherited from 'Seashell Sands' (a cross of 'Flower Carpet Pink' and 'Knock Out'). Own root plants should reach 3-4' in height and width.

Family and friends were important priorities in Al's life and I am thankful that I was included among that group. Here's to hoping that 'Al's Legacy' will be a fitting tribute to a life well-lived.

**Whitcomb, Allen J.**, 81, of Hernando, Florida, passed away Saturday, January 22, 2022.

Born April 19, 1940, in Batavia, New York to Richard and Reida (Borton)Whitcomb. He is preceded in death by his wife of 52 years and mother to his children, Sharon (Martinec) Whitcomb and his brother Richard. He is survived by his wife, Karen Prevatt, his children, Maureen Ringley (Sean), Jason Whitcomb (Kathi), and Amy Herrero (Danny) and his six grandchildren, Tyler, Rachel (Kevin), Kristina, Bryce, Grace, and Katherine. Allen is also survived by his sister-in-law, Rosella Manley of Town of Tonawanda, New York, brother-in-law and wife, Stephen & Loretta Martinec of Glenwood, Maryland.

Educated at SUNY Cortland where he was a student-athlete on the swim team for four years. Soon after graduating he married Sharon and joined the US Army, serving as an officer for 26 years and rising to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He was a Vietnam Veteran. He traveled the world with family in tow before retiring in Tampa and starting his second career at Southwest Florida Water Management District's main office in Brooksville, Florida. Always an avid golfer, he also enjoyed being part of several rose societies, hybridizing roses, and building a beautiful rose garden in his backyard.

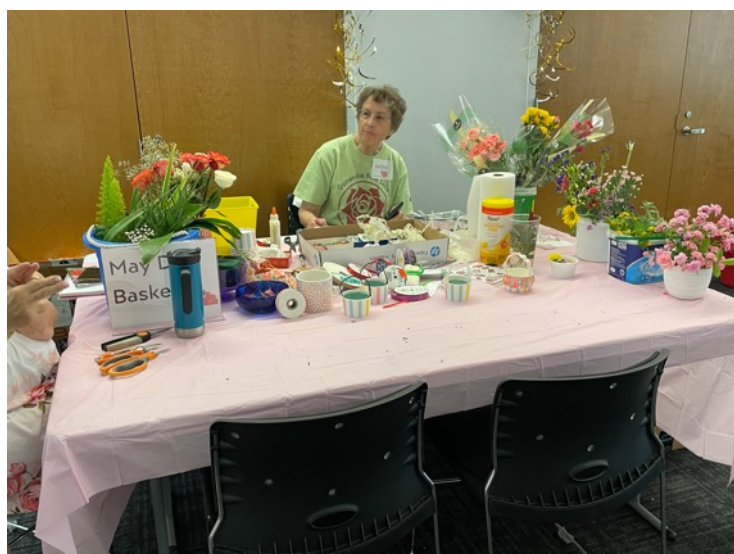


*Miss Grace Photo by Stephen Hoy*

## Roses for Everyone

By Jean Giesel, Gainesville Rose Society

Many rose societies are looking for ways to increase their visibility, and the Gainesville Rose Society is no exception. Our events in the community, such as our annual rose show and booth at a large garden and plant show, were not very effective and the latter required a hefty fee. We needed an event that would allow us to showcase a variety of rose-related activities and engage with the attendees. We wanted something more than a rose exhibition which often is essentially an unjudged rose. Public libraries came to mind as a place where people congregate and come for information.

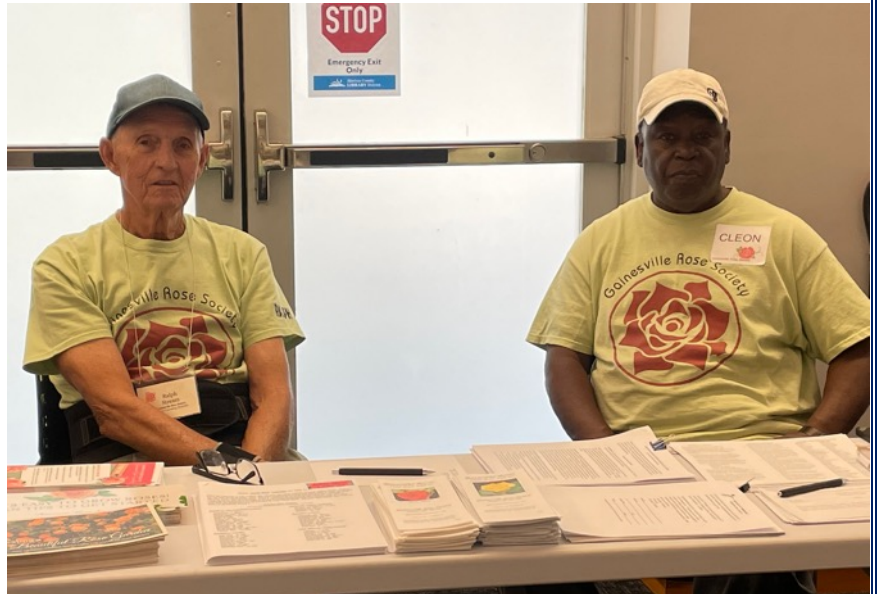


A committee of three GRS members met with staff at the headquarters library. They were enthusiastic about our proposal and suggested a branch library with good “traffic” and a librarian who would be supportive. We met with the librarian, and indeed she was very supportive and helpful, even designing the event flyer. The library listed our event in their newsletter and posted flyers. Community groups sometimes pass on events from the library, but we posted our event on social media and took posters and handouts to nurseries and other likely spots.



The library supplied the tables and chairs, video equipment, book display, help with room set up, clean up, and carpet vacuuming. We toured the large meeting room and selected a Saturday in late April when we thought our members would have roses to share. "Roses for Everyone" was open from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. which gave time for set up and clean up.

Our plan was to have areas with different activities running simultaneously including information table, consulting rosarians, continuous slide show of Good Roses to Grow, rose rooting area, children's craft, displays of roses and rose arrangements, book display. We also planned to have roses and other plant materials and supplies available to make May baskets since May 1 was only a few days later.



*Ralph Stream and Cleon Jenkins*

On the day of the event, 13 GRS members volunteered. We had a steady flow of visitors, both children and adults, and were able to greet and engage with each one. We enrolled several new members and the attendees took time to participate in the activities. A big plus was the opportunity to chat with our fellow members. The cost of the event was less than \$100. The weather and roses didn't cooperate, so we supplemented with purchased sweetheart roses and baby's breath for the May baskets. There were enough garden roses to make a nice horticulture display and supply stock for the rooting workshop. Some beautiful arrangements were contributed.





For the May baskets, we used small paper ice cream cups with a piece of Oasis cut to fit with a round cookie cutter. The baskets were decorated with various findings and stickers and a handle was applied. Of course, roses were the primary flowers. Tea cup style arrangements could be made in the ice cream cups, omitting the handles. Cups were used for rooting the cuttings which were topped with cut off soda bottles to make mini greenhouses. The children's art projects were displayed behind their work table.

Our volunteers agreed that the event was a success and an enjoyable day.



## It's Fall, Y'all!

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It's finally fall. The temperatures are cooler, the air is drier and it's time to start thinking about next year's garden. While we still have some weeks of blooms to look forward to, many plants have slowed down due to the temperature and shorter hours of sunlight. Roses and other plants are ready to be harvested for their seeds. For roses, this means collecting rose hips as they turn color from green to orange and red. Even if you haven't done any hybridizing, you can still collect hips that were pollinated by the bees and other insects. Single or fewer petaled roses seem to produce the most hips. Rose hips must be stratified, meaning they need to be in a cold environment for a few weeks to simulate a cold winter. Even if you are in a warm zone, you can accomplish this by placing the hips in the refrigerator from fall to late winter. Then you can harvest the seeds from the hips and try to get them to germinate. It's a lot of fun seeing what the seedlings come to be.



*Rose Hips on Don Juan*

After my issues with deer and then the Christmas freeze that killed off about 30% of my roses, I had to make some decisions on how to move forward. I decided that I will move most of my roses to the backyard, which is fenced in. I will keep some in the front, mostly the climbers, which get high enough to be safe from the deer.

I also had to put something in those empty spots in my yard to replace the roses. I looked up deer resistant plants and bought a bunch of seeds for colorful flowers to fill the void. I had mixed results with some of the seeds, but some did well. Purple Hyssop was a great find. A clumping spire of purple flowers that were very attractive to bees and butterflies.

Forget Me Not has very nice tiny blue flowers. Alyssum is very delicate and colorful.



*Forget me Not Flower*



*Alyssum*

My favorite though was the marigolds. I never really thought about them much before. But in reading about deer resistant plants, they were always at the top of the list. Unfortunately, the first batch I planted was killed in a late freeze, I guess I planted the seeds too early. I bought a new packet of 'Red Knight' marigolds. They are red with a yellow center. I soon had two mounds of

feathery green leaves. Then some buds, then the glorious flowers. I also bought another type of marigold, a deep yellow. I planted this right in front of one of my roses to see if it would keep the deer away. Both bloomed in early summer and are still blooming.



*Marigold Red Knight*

Then as I was dead heading the plants, I noticed a dried head with seeds coming out. I quickly googled 'how to harvest marigold seeds. It is so easy. I picked off a few more dried seed heads and went to work. Basically, once the petals have dried and the head is dry and crunchy, it is ready. All you need to do is hold one end of the seed head, pull off the dried petals, then pull out the seeds. If you are careful, you can grab them in one pull then transfer them to a paper envelope to store. If they feel a bit damp, leave them out on a clean piece of paper to dry out before storing. You will get enough seeds from one seed head to plant a whole bed of marigolds.





*Dried Seed  
Heads*



*Seeds pulled out. They are the black and white sticks*

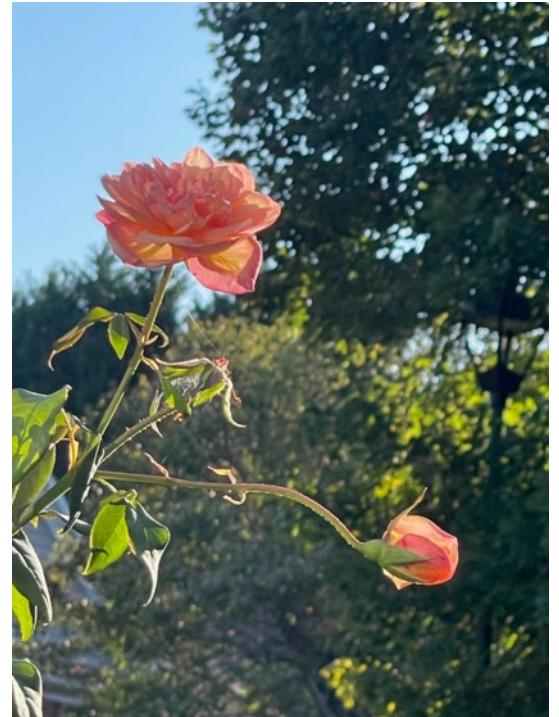


*I think I have enough for next year!*

Of course, now I am going through seed company sites looking for different varieties. There are French Marigolds, which are the shorter mounding types. African Marigolds tend to be taller, up to four feet. There are also Signet Marigolds, which have a looser flower form and are edible. There are also hybrids. I'll be trying some different types to add color to my yard and also to see if they help to deter the deer. And I love the idea of collecting seeds to have a very affordable way to keep colorful flowers year after year.



I haven't forgotten my roses. Pictured here is The Charlatan and Clementine Carbonieri. Both survived the winter and the deer attacks.



## 2022 Roses in Review



By Joseph Woods

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Greetings Fellow Rosarians,

Wow! What an excruciatingly Hot summer! Thank you to all of you who participated in Roses in Review this year. While the final numbers are being compiled and will be in my next article, I can say the Deep South district reviewed many, many varieties from many, many growers. A special thank you to those of you who converted your survey from manual/mail in to online. That saves time for everyone. Enjoy your fall roses and I look forward to seeing you at the midwinter meeting.

Sincerely,  
Joseph Wood

## DSD Horticulture Judges



**By: Joanne Maxheimer**

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Well they tell me it is fall, hard to believe when the temperatures are still in the 90s. Hopefully some cooler weather is on the horizon. I know after talking to many of you that this summer has been very hard on your roses with the heat and the chili thrips. Hopefully with the onset of cooler weather our gardens will do much better.

In just a few days we will be having our DSD Convention in Gainesville and we are hoping for a large turnout. Different members of our DSD have been working on putting on a great convention so let's support their hard work.

Two of our DSD District societies are having fall shows so please attend and bring lots of roses. Jacksonville is the 21st of October and Tallahassee is the 28<sup>th</sup> of October.

Several of our judges have taken advantage of the online seminars for the past two weeks with one more to go. This has been a tremendous help for those that needed the credits to continue their judging. A big thanks to ARS for providing this service. They will continue to have different seminars on line so stay alert and enjoy them from the comfort of your home.

I asked all our judges to do a yearly report so that we can see how many shows you have judged and if you feel there are any changes that would be helpful in our judging. Thank you to those that have replied.

Have a great fall season and continue to grow and show your roses.

Joanne

DSD Horticultural Chair



## DSD Arrangement Judges



By Sandy Dixon

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Here's wishing everyone cooler temperatures. It is so tough to sit outside and get anything done in the garden with these blisteringly hot days. I guess we'll all have to arise before the sun and use miner's helmets with lights on them to see the roses. Even then, sweating is not ruled out. Our humidity is beastly. Good luck.

Reminder: Don't forget to READ the new Guidelines for Judging Rose Arrangements! There were changes made that will impact your show schedules and the judging.

Bring your clippers to the Arrangement Workshop at the Deep South Fall Convention. It would be helpful if you could also bring an underlay and background. The most beneficial use of color in backgrounds will be discussed. As usual, if you can be at the hotel in Gainesville by 11:30 or so to help set up, it would be greatly appreciated.

The updated Covid boosters will be here soon, if not here already. Being 72 years old, I cannot wait to get mine. We have to remember, some of "us rose people" are not able

to take the shots due to organ replacement, interfering medications, etc. The more of us that get protected, the less chance we have of infecting others.

See you in Gainesville, I hope. My contact information is: Sandy Dixon, sandyfdixon@comcast.net, 6181 Deepwood Dr. E., Jacksonville, FL 32244-2621. 904-778-2887, c. 904-521-6274.



*Sandy*



## Consulting Rosarian Report Taking Stock and Sharing



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Now that the official start of autumn is nearly here, we, and our roses, can begin to recover from a globally warmed summer with only spotty rain, a hurricane, and other storms. My roses were looking pretty sad during the hottest, driest summer days, but now they are beginning to look better. A few are blooming, more are putting on buds, and nearly all seem to look a lot happier in anticipation of more favorable weather.

And the weeds? They are going absolutely crazy, thanks in large part to the 4 ½ inches of rain that Iladia brought and the occasional scattered storms that come through from time to time. One of my biggest weed enemies is chamber bitter (*Phyllanthus urinaria*); it also is known as gripweed—and these weeds really do make me gripe! They look like tiny mimosa plants, are a very prolific warm-weather annual, and each plant produces tons of seeds on the undersides of its leaves. They grow and proliferate so rapidly this time of year that I can clean out a garden bed, turn around, and they are baaack! They love the fertilizer and water given to the roses, but I don't love them!



Chamber Bitter (*Phyllanthus urinaria*), my most Unfavorite weed!



I just completed my Roses in Review submission, and I hope that you have done the same. The due date is/was September 26. It's so important that each of us here in the Deep South District do that because some roses really thrive in our relatively mild winters, while other roses that do well in other parts of the country don't appreciate our summer heat and humidity. I normally have, at most, only one or two roses on the Roses in Review list, which focuses on plants introduced within the last one to four years. This year, thanks to the availability of new roses obtained from growers, vendors, and good friends who attend rose shows, conventions, and meetings here in the Deep South District, I have nine roses on this year's Roses in Review list! One thing that really stood out to me was that none of my nine roses on the Roses in Review list showed more than a slight amount of black spot in spite of the fact that I rarely spray. Four of the plants showed no evidence at all of black spot, and none showed mildew. Black spot can be a huge problem in this area, so plants that may be resistant to this fungal disease can be very exciting! At this year's Deep South District Convention and Rose Show on October 13-15, you can be sure that I'll be looking for more new and improved rose varieties to add to my collection.

For all current Consulting Rosarians (CR) and Master Rosarians (MR), to continue your certification, it's important to make sure that you have accrued the required four approved continuing education units (CEUs) within the four years, by December 31st of your audit year. One of these CEUs needs to be on chemical safety. You can check your audit year by logging onto the American Rose Society, at [rose.org](http://rose.org). under "Manage My Account." If you believe that you have taken CEU courses and haven't received credit for them, please let me know, preferably via email. In that email, please provide the name(s) of the courses taken, the dates, and the location where the course(s) were taken. My email address is: [JanNewburgh@gmail.com](mailto:JanNewburgh@gmail.com). I'm always glad to answer any questions that you have on this, or anything else rose-related.

And finally, it's not too early for CRs and MRs to begin thinking about your annual report that is due to be sent to me by February 1, 2024. It does take a while to pull together a complete listing of all that you have done during this year on behalf of roses in your role as CR or MR. The Annual CR Report Form can be found on the Deep South District Rose Society website, under Resources and, under that, Consulting Rosarian Information. Your reports are frequently very helpful and inspiring, and I look forward to reading them.

Meanwhile, I hope to see you in Gainesville at the Deep South Convention and Rose Show on October 13-15. I plan to be in the Hospitality Room both Friday and Saturday evenings, so please stop by to say



## From the Treasurer

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### Your DSD Treasurer's Report

Bravo!! Birmingham RS, Bradenton-Sarasota RS, Central Florida Heritage RS, Gainesville RS, Grtr. Atlanta RS, Grtr. Gwinnett RS, Grtr. Palm Beach RS, Huntsville/Twickenham RS, Jacksonville RS, Marion County, RS, Orlando Area Historical RS, Pensacola RS, South Metro RS, Tallahassee RS, Tampa RS, Thomasville RS, Tropical RS and Wiregrass RS have all sent in their annual DSD dues for 2023!

If your rose society is NOT listed above, PLEASE encourage your society to send in its dues right away! There are approximately 20 local societies in the DSD and to date, the above 18 have sent in their dues. That means that only 2 local societies have not yet sent in their 2023 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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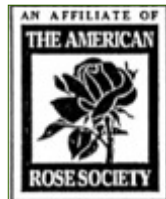
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