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District Director's Report



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Happy holidays, everyone! I've always thought it was so very thoughtful of Mother Nature to provide us with a break from rose care (sorry, Floridians!) so that we can attend to all the items on our to-do list this time of year like travelling, decorating, baking, entertaining, etc. Hopefully, your roses performed well for you this year and gave you as much enjoyment as mine did. If not, this is the time to transplant or shovel prune and order new roses!

You will remember that during the Members' Meeting at the last MWM, the DSD Guidelines for District Meetings and Rose Shows revisions were unanimously approved by the Delegates from each society. However, there is still one more revision that involves changing the requirements for the DSD Challenge Class Katy Lampkin Trophy. Just like last year, It will need approval by a majority vote of a quorum of Delegates at the Members' Meeting on January 20th at the MWM. Our DSD Secretary, Sara Coleman (alsara.coleman@gmail.com), recently sent all Presidents a copy of the

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recommended change for your review and requested the name of your Delegate and Alternate be sent to her right away. Please make sure Sara has their names, that they are familiar with the change, and they will be ready to cast one vote per society. Also, let her know if no one is coming from your society.

We had a wonderful DSD Fall Conference & Rose Show October 13-14th hosted by a DSD Organizing Committee and held in Gainesville, Florida. About 73 people were registered which was a surprisingly low attendance since it has been closer to 100 in the past. I hope that everyone will help get the word out about all future DSD events and stop this downward trend towards a smaller group showing up to keep the events financially viable. A detailed account can be found later in this newsletter so I will just say that it was great seeing our old and new rose friends in person, participating in the rose show, hearing interesting speakers, and buying needed items from the vendors. Awards were presented at the banquet. I was thrilled to receive the ARS Silver Honor Medal. The Outstanding CR was Jim Small and Outstanding Hort. and Arrangements Judge was Sara Coleman, Congratulations!

The ARS Board of Directors had an online meeting October 25th. The following information was disseminated: 3,657 people attended 18 webinars this year. There will be an online CR School on the first two week-ends in February. A new website is almost ready for roll out. For 2024 there is a projected budget shortfall of \$73,000 mostly due to inflation and market pressure. Please be generous with your personal and local society ARS Annual Fund donations and pay your society's yearly \$70.00 ARS affiliate dues in January just to get it done for the year and so you won't forget later.

Speaking of dues, Kay Harrell, our DSD Treasurer, is now accepting the \$25 District dues (\$50 for those with over 100 members) for 2024. Thanks to her hard work and follow up, we again had 100% compliance on this for 2023! They are due no later than May but just send them to her in January and check that off your to-do list. Please do not make us nag you.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the upcoming DSD Mid-Winter Meeting hosted by the Tampa Rose Society in Gainesville on January 19-21st. The invitation, registration form, and schedule of events were sent out to all editors and Presidents for wide distribution and are on the website. I hope you will give this your immediate attention and register now since the time is fast approaching. They have a wonderful week-end of educational programs, fun social events, a CR School, and rose vendors planned.

After a 2-year hiatus due to COVID, we are once again requiring that all CRs and MRs submit a report about their activities to DSD CR Chair, Janet Newburgh, at jannewburgh@gmail.com. I sent out the form to all Presidents recently. It can be printed and snail mailed to Jan or handed to her at the MWM. However, we redesigned it so that you can fill in the blanks online, save it in your files, and just email it to her. This is by far the easiest way to do it. Whichever way you choose to do it, make sure you get it to her by February 1st. If you are planning to take the MWM CR School to become a CR, you must contact Janet ahead of time and get your application to her at least 30 days ahead of time. Do not wait til the last minute.

ARS will be holding a National Conference & Rose Show on September 9-13th, 2024 in Warwick, RI when our new ARS President, Officers, and Directors will be installed. Please plan on going!

Santa will be here soon, bringing us all the roses, gardening supplies, and books that we want (we hope)! I am at the point in life where 285 bushes are all I can care for in a quality manner so no new beds are being built. This means that if I want a new rose (and I always do!), another one has to go to make room. Curled up in front of the fire, I check my wish list against the brutally honest reviews in Horizon Roses and their availability in my catalogs to make sure I order exactly the right roses. If you want to order a copy of Horizon Roses let me know. When you're making your list be sure to read the reviews in "Roses in Review" and Horizon Roses then check with your Consulting Rosarians to make sure your choices will work for your climate and cultural practices. Ordering now for spring delivery ensures that you won't miss out on the ones you want or maybe they can be brought to the Mid-Winter Meeting by our vendors to save shipping!

David and I wish you a joyous holiday season! Cindy





DSD Fall Rose Show and Convention

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Originally, I wasn't planning on attending the DSD Fall Convention and Rose Show because of other events, but I decided at the last minute to go. It was fun because I shared the trip and a room with fellow Rosarian Bobbie Reed. And another pair, Rani Von Wurtemberg Ann Le Favre came as well. Ann is a new rose member, so we wanted to show her what fun these events are.

The first night we were on our own. We stopped by our favorite Italian Restaurant in Gainesville, Pomodor's. The food and the company were great. We took desert to go!

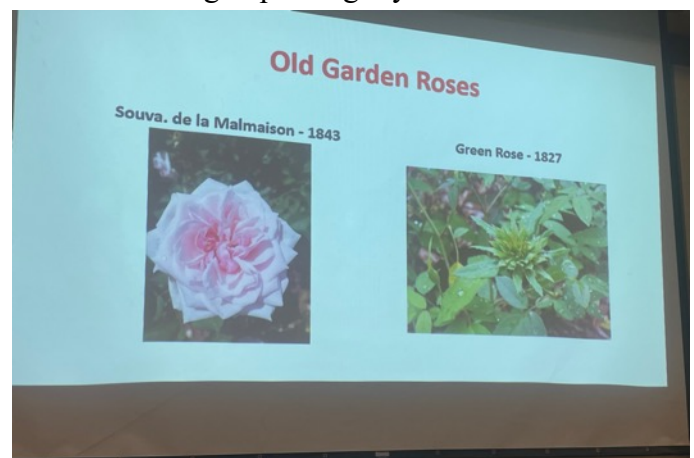
The next day, Friday was time to register, check out the vendors and attend the Arrangement Seminar. These are always interesting. Sandy Dixon had everyone .

The main vendor at the event was Rose Petals Nursery. They specialize in own root mostly old garden and other roses. They are located in Gainesville, not far from the convention site in the Best Western Gateway Grand. I had put together a list of roses I wanted from them (you can peruse their website at <https://www.rosepetalsnursery.com/>), but I left it at home. I asked Art Wayne, the owner of Rose Petals, if we could make a stop at his nursery on Sunday before we went home. More on that later!

Another vendor was Alexis D'Orsi. She was selling garden tools, gloves and other items. I picked up this fabulous weeding tool that I have fallen in love with. It has a sharp hook, so can get through heavy clay soil and weed roots. It's great for scraping soil away from corners and narrow spaces. I used it a lot cleaning out soil between flagstone I have, which I then replace with pebbles. I also bought a pair of nice rubber gloves which are great to use on wet soil and a pair of gauntlets. I have had a chance to use those yet because I haven't begun pruning my roses.

The next day we had seminars. The first was 'Old Garden Roses' presentation by Art Wade from Rose Petals Roses. It was very informative on different kinds of OGRs that you could add to your garden. I did wind up getting Brightside Cream, a climber that was featured in the presentation.

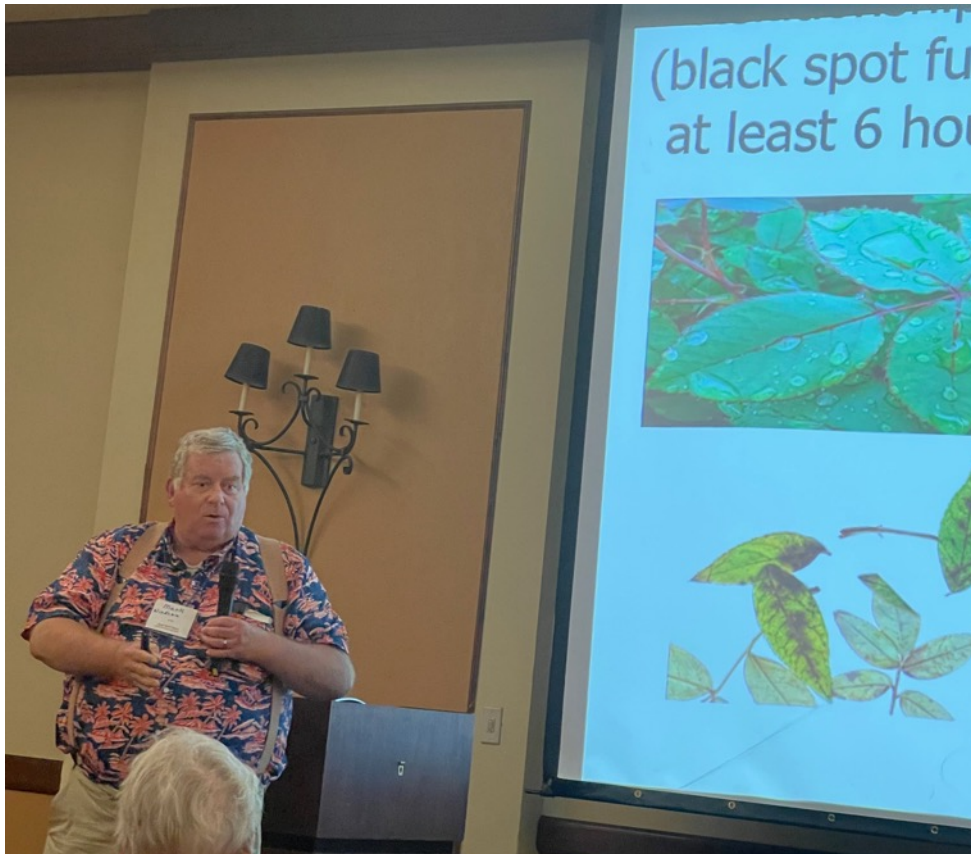
After that there was a very good discussion on 'Commercial Production of Grafted Bare Root Roses' by Patricia Dewar. It's always interesting to see exactly how roses are produced and



Presentation on Old Garden Roses by Art Wade

brought to market for us to buy and plant in our gardens.

Then it was time for Dr. Mark Windham and a great talk on 'Rose Diseases'. Mark is the premier expert on this subject. It was bitter sweet as he announced his retirement. But he still shares his wisdom on Facebook!



Dr. Mark Windham on Rose Pests and Diseases

Then we were able to view the show winners. A complete list is in the attached excel files, but I have pictures of some of the winners here:



*Dum Dum Lollipop by Rani Von
Wurtenburg, Roses are Dick
Clark and Green Rose*



'Sugar Daddy' by Jean Stream with rose Baldo Villegas



Glen Schulman with his King and Princess, Dublin and Sister Ruby



Jean Stream presenting the Silver Medal to Cindy Dale

That night we had the banquet and the presentation of the awards. Our own District Director, Cindy Dale was awarded the Silver Medal for all the work she has done for our district. It was announced that Karen Prevat, would succeed Cincy as DSD District Director. Karen was previously DSD Director and we heartily welcome her back. Other awards were for Outstanding CR, Jim Small and Outstanding Hort. and Arrangements Judge, Sara Coleman.



Sara Coleman was Outstanding Judge, with Joanne Maxheimer and Sandy Dixon

The next day was travelling home, but first we stopped by Rose Petals Nursery. Art was kind enough to be there to welcome us and we perused through the rose of roses and made our selections. Then we started on our long drive home.



Rose Selection at Rose Petals Nursery



2023 Roses in Review



By **Joseph Woods**

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Greetings Fellow Rose Nuts,
I hope each of you and yours had a joyous holiday season and will have a happy and prosperous new year. As we get ready to start our pruning and shovel pruning process in the next few weeks, this is an excellent opportunity to think about how to rate certain cultivars for this year's RIR survey.

Normally I would send the cultivar list to be surveyed closer to the time of the survey this summer. However, for those of you who may be interested in a sneak peek , I have a preliminary list on hand already. I'm including this as an attachment and it is not finalized but just a ball park list of some of the cultivars that could be on our survey. We will get the final list in the summer so just consider this list as a teaser or a potential (worksheet) if you want to jot down some notes by each one to make the online survey process easier for you. Enjoy a few weeks of gardening rest and I'll see you all soon.

Sincerely,
Joseph Wood

DSD Horticulture Judges



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Hi everyone:

I hoping that you all had a wonderful THANKSGIVING and CHRISTMAS.

Well 2024 is upon us and the start of what I hope will be a great year for all of you and yours. It's that time of year again when you need to decide what roses you are going to shovel prune and what new roses you can't wait to put in your garden. It's also the time to think about when you will remove all your old mulch and add new as well as what type and when to fertilize. Once again it is time to meet for our Mid-Winter in Gainesville and catch up on all the gossip as well as listen to the guest speakers and see what you can learn. Remember none of us knows it all and we all have room to learn something new.

The long range forecast calls for some freezing weather in the middle of the month so prepare your roses the best you can. Here we go again. Last year I lost over a dozen roses as so many of us were in the same boat. So be prepared the best you can.

If any of the societies needs a current list of our Horticultural Judges please let me know and I will be sure to send you one.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Gainesville.

Joanne Maxheimer
DSD Horticultural Chair



DSD Arrangement Judges



By Sandy Dixon

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The Mid-Winter Meeting is approaching. There is a rose arrangement workshop, so clean your clippers/pruners and be sure to bring them to Gainesville with you. If you have extras, bring those because we always have a few folks not used to coming prepared. My old friend, Lee Hale, used to keep a pair of pruners and loppers in her car, just in case some wonderful roadsidia presented itself. Roadsidia was coined by Russ Anger, a fabulous arranger, who was known to stop on trips to cut beautiful wild line material or flowers by the side of the road. Just be careful that you don't get caught on an Army firing range. [That actually happened to Glenda Clark, another great arranger.]

READ the new ARS Guidelines for Judging Rose Arrangements sometime before you write your arrangement schedules or judge spring shows. It really doesn't take long.

In spite of getting every vaccination and updated versions of them, I caught the crud that went around. Two weeks of coughing, sneezing, and producing huge amounts of mucus made the Christmas holiday less than wonderful. I never got the cards sent out, the calls to family changed to terse text messages, and my tree is still undecorated. I hope yours went better.

There will not be an arrangement workshop at the next DSD Fall Convention. I am hopeful we'll have an Arrangement Judging School sometime this spring. Joanne Maxheimer and I will see how many of you are interested in attending one. Let us know if you or someone you know is interested. My contact information is: Sandy Dixon, sandydixon@comcast.net, 6181 Deepwood Dr. E., Jacksonville, FL 32244-2621. 904-778-2887, c. 904-521-6274.

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Consulting Rosarian Report Taking Stock and Sharing



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Happy Holidays to all! So far, we fortunately have not had shockingly cold weather like that which hit our gardens early last winter. Nevertheless, it pays to stay vigilant, to be alert to weather forecasts, and to keep those frost cloths ready for when and if they are needed.

I am very pleased that many of you are already sending me your annual Consulting Rosarian Reports. I enjoy reading them and find them to be inspirational about your activities, new or old, that are being done on behalf of our roses, rose cultivation, and promoting our favorite flower to others. All active Consulting Rosarians (CRs) and Master Rosarians are to submit an annual report each year by February 1. Those reports should be either emailed to me (JanNewburgh@gmail.com) or mailed to me via the US Postal Service (Janet Newburgh, PO Box 237, Woodville FL 32362).

Sometime after the February 1 deadline, I plan to summarize key activities listed in those annual reports and to share that summary in one of these columns in 2024. I will not put anyone on the spot by listing names or specific local rose societies. Rather, I intend to focus on the main things that you have done this year, what you have learned about roses, including specific varieties that have given you the most (or the least) success, and what outreach activities you have been involved in, whether fruitful or not.

I also ask you to log on to the American Rose Society (ARS) website and check your CR audit year. Do you need to take courses, including Chemical Safety, in 2024 in order to maintain your CR status? At least four Continuing Education (CE) classes, including one on Chemical Safety, must be taken at least every four years in order to meet the CE requirement. If you believe that you have taken classes that would update your CR audit year beyond what is indicated on the ARS website, please let me know what courses you have taken and when and where, and I'll do what I can to make sure credit is given where it's due.

While checking your information on the ARS website, if you have been a CR for at least 10 years of consecutive service but are not yet a Master Rosarian, you may want to consider this move. The requirements and application form for the Master Rosarian Designation can be found on the Deep South District Rose Society website. In addition to 10 continuous years of service as a CR, the basic requirements for becoming Master Rosarian include: outstanding performance, as documented on the nomination form; being an active, accredited CR at the time of your nomination; and a willingness to continue to serve as a CR. It is assumed that you will maintain your membership in the American Rose Society, as is the case for all CRs.

For those who are not yet a CR, I hope that you will consider becoming one. The basic requirements for becoming a CR are: having grown a variety of roses for at least 5 years; being a member of the American Rose Society for at least the last two years; attending a CR school; and passing a written, open-book exam. More information on becoming a CR, including the application form, also can be found on the Deep South District Rose Society website.

At least two CR schools are scheduled in the near future. One will be held on Sunday morning in Gainesville as part of the Deep South District Mid-Winter Meeting on January 19-21, 2024. These schools also can be used by existing CRs to update their own credentials.

I wish you a wonderful year ahead, full of beautiful roses and good cheer, and I hope to see you at the CR school on January 21

From the Treasurer

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Your DSD Treasurer's Report

I want to thank all of the currently active rose society members for your participation in your local rose society. I also want to thank the 19 active rose societies in the DSD and your members for your efforts to support rose activities. Furthermore, all 19 of these rose societies have paid their 2023 dues (or if you prefer, *made their annual contribution to the DSD*).

As we go forward into 2024, let us all hope that we will see some resurgence in rose activities, for let us not forget that the Rose has been cultivated on this planet since 500 b.c. Let us all make our contribution to that astounding record!

Currently, we have on record 19 Rose Societies in our Deep South District. They are:

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Palm Beach RS
Pensacola RS
Ramer RS
South Metro RS
Thomasville RS
Tallahassee RS
Tampa RS
Tropical RS
Wiregrass RS

All of these societies have paid their 2023 dues to the DSD. Furthermore, Marion County and Ramer have already sent in the dues for 2024! Kudos to them for being so proactive! This year's Annual Dues are due by May (2024) *when our roses will be budding and blooming to remind us.*

Thank you,

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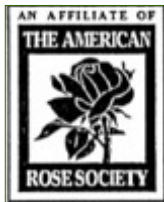
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