



# ROSARIAN

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Greetings fellow rosarians,

We had a wonderful time at the SCD Convention. The Dallas Rose Society did a terrific job hosting the event. Many thanks to Ilene Cook, President, Andy Black, Rose Show Chair, Janet Gustafson, Treasurer and Convention Co-Chair, Pam Smith, host for the wonderful Friday night dinner as well as the luncheon table settings and decorations, Kathy Harris, Chair of Arrangement Judges, Meg Ware, Chair of Horticulture Judges, and Judges BJ Abshire, Patsy and Baxter Williams, Michael Braun, Jimmy Sanford, Carolyn Hayward, Apprentice Judges Mary Fulgham, Billie Flynn, and Laura Chalus, Connie Reeve, Chair of the Clerks, Maureen O'Hanahan and Raymond Glenn, Tabulations. Raymond also made a lovely yellow rose party favor for each participant. And thanks to the set up and break down crew Jess Cook and Tony Sansone, and the many others that pitched in to help make the event a success. By the way, many of the aforementioned fulfilled more than one role!

We had several awards at the convention:

Kathy Harris who is a member of the Dallas Rose Society and the SCD Chair of Arrangements, was awarded the Silver Honor Medal for her service to the District.

Suzanne Gilbert who is a member of the Houston Rose Society and current President as well as the SCD Secretary, achieved her Master Consulting Rosarian status for her ten years of dedicated service as a Consulting Rosarian.

Ed Bradley who is a member of the San Antonio Rose Society and fulfilled almost all offices at

the local society level and district level was rewarded for his many years of outstanding service with Horticultural Judge Emeritus status.

Congratulations to these wonderful people for their service and commitment to the public, fellow rosarians, the district and ultimately to our rose hobby!

Congratulations are also in order to Mary Fulgham and Randy Keen who again took the coveted McFarland Award! A complete list of the winners can be found within this newsletter.

Next year, the Houston Rose Society will host the SCD Rose Show and Convention. If you missed this year, be sure to attend next year's convention!

I want to remind everyone of the SCD Patron Program. The Patron Program is extremely important to the South Central District. It allows us to offer CR and Judging Schools, and our Convention. How does it help us? The Patron Program provides \$600 for each school, \$1500 for a convention, and \$900 in trophy funds for a convention. This helps a local society host a school or convention. Ask any society who has hosted an event how important and necessary this is to the society. Without these funds, a society would bear the full burden and costs of hosting an event. I urge you - no I beg you - to become a Patron so that we can continue these efforts. Otherwise, we will need to discontinue this support in the next three years. The Patron dues are minimal: \$25 for an individual and \$40 for a family. But there is no reason that you cannot donate at a higher level. Information about the Patron Program is located in this newsletter. We can really use your support!

Congratulations are due to Meg Ware, SCD Horticulture Chair, for organizing and leading the SCD Horticultural School in San Antonio. Many thanks to

the presenters, Meg Ware, Baxter Williams, David Koch, Michael Braun, Holly Hodgins, and myself who had the opportunity to present Disqualifications. If you haven't read the new Judges Manual regarding Disqualifications, it will be surprise reading! And congrats to David Koch for doing double duty organizing and running the practicum portion of the school. We have two new Apprentice Judges: Andy Black of the Dallas Rose Society and Laura Chalus of the Tulsa Rose Society. If you plan to have a show, make sure that you invite them so they will be able to finish their five apprentice judgeships. Upon completion of their successful apprenticeships, they will be fully qualified Horticultural Judges.

As a reminder, if you change officers in 2023, you must notify the ARS headquarters and me (your director) to insure seamless communications from both the District and Headquarters. You can find info to support new presidents here <https://www.rose.org/local-rose-society-resources>.

Lastly, I will remind you about the ARS National Convention in Shreveport, LA, at the American Rose Center. The Convention is scheduled May 5-7, 2023...right in your own back yard. I want you to keep these dates in mind as the year progresses. This is a Convention made for you and your roses! The locals always have the competitive advantage. So, what do I mean about keeping these dates in mind? Watch you pruning and fertilizing programs to maximize both the number and size of your blooms for the rose show (Tough to do – I know! But do your best.). Also think about how you will transport your roses. Talk to some of the members of your society who have transported roses in years past for their best tips. Find the press release here [https://www.rose.org/\\_files/ugd/b152c0\\_300f6822deff405682090601a149a60e.pdf](https://www.rose.org/_files/ugd/b152c0_300f6822deff405682090601a149a60e.pdf)

This is our last newsletter of the year. So, I wish you all the best for the upcoming holidays.

Warmest Regards,

Debra



*Ilene Cook presents the Master Rosarian Certificate  
to Suzanne Gilbert, Houston Rose Society*

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# **Dallas Celebrates Its 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by Hosting the SCD Convention**

by Ilene Cook

I am proud of all the board members and volunteers who made this event so successful.

I was awed by the support we received from all over the district. Tulsa, San Antonio, the Houston Delegation, Fort Worth, Collin County Rose Society, the Gulf District, and the American Rose Society.

I know many people came just so they could see Pam Smith's and Tony Sansone's yard as they hosted the Friday night dinner.

I know some came because they had the most wonderful roses, Mary Fulgham and Randy Keen swept the show with their beautiful blooms.

I know some came to apprentice, and others to clerk.

I know I was thrilled to receive the Presidential Citation from the ARS on behalf of the Dallas Rose Society for our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

I know I was thrilled to present a Master Consulting Award to Suzanne Gilbert.

I know Kathy Harris was surprised to be awarded the Silver Medal for all her great contributions.

But I know that the coordination, planning, direction, and leadership from our Convention Chair Debra Bagley and her co-chairs Kathy Harris for 2018 and Janet Gustafson for 2022 is the secret to our success!

I am so proud and thankful that they all have created shows that have been able to return the seed money we have received from the SCD both times.

It is their skill, vision, and leadership that has allowed us to give back!

Thank you all.



Janet Gustafson & Debra Bagley



Debra Bagley & Kathy Harris



# South Central District Rose Show

## Roses: Works of Art

J. Horace McFarland Memorial District Trophy  
Mary Fulgham & Randy Keen

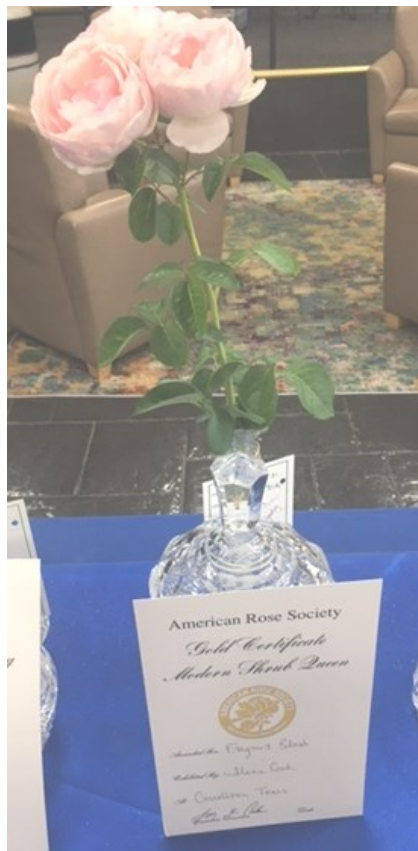


Modern Rose Bouquet—Mary Fulgham & Randy Keen



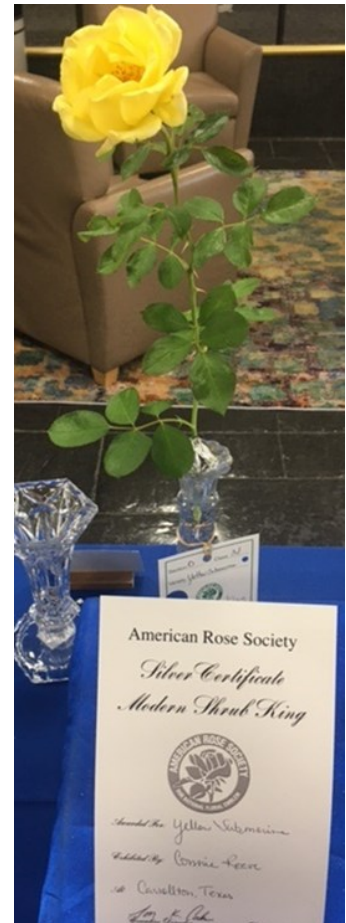
## Modern Shrub

**Gold Medal  
Certificate  
Fragrant Blush  
Ilene Cook**



**Silver Medal  
Certificate**

**Yellow Submarine  
Connie Reeve**



**Judge's Miniature  
Challenge**

**Best Judge's Entry  
Certificate  
Odessa  
Jimmy Sanford**



## **Best Miniflora Spray Certificate**

**Cooper—Debra Bagley**



## **Dowager Queen Award Certificate**

**Blush Noisette—Pam Smith**



## **Victorian Rose Award Certificate**

**Kronprinzessen Viktoria von Preussen**





# Arrangements

## Gold Arrangement Certificate

**“Door 84” Louise Estes**

**Sheryl Broussard**



## Silver Arrangement Certificate

**“The Girl Who Had Everything”**

**Hot Princess  
Sheryl Broussard**



## Bronze Arrangement Certificate

**“ The Triumph of Music”**

**Neil Diamond**

**Andy Black**



## Duke Rosette

**“The Love Embrace of the Universe”**

**Blush Noisette, Highwire Flyer**

**Pam Smith**

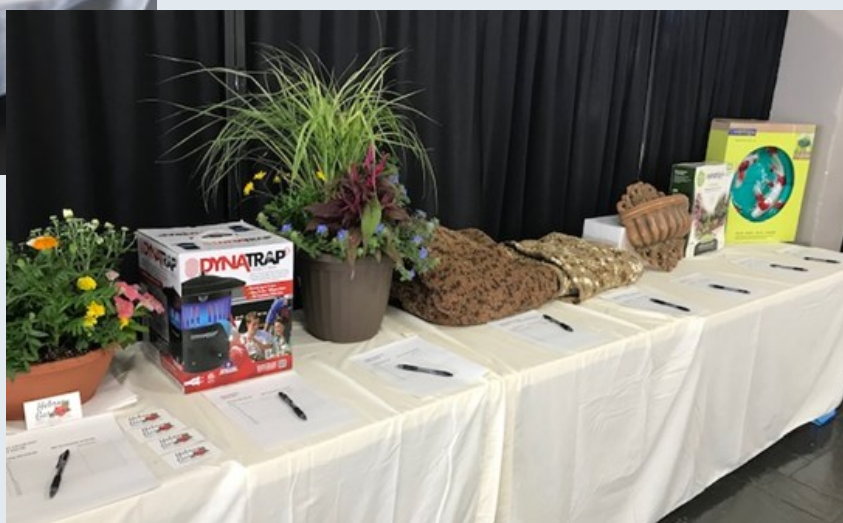




## SCD Rose Show– Getting Ready







# South Central District Judging School

By Meg Ware

The South Central District Judging School was held on September 10 in San Antonio. The faculty presented a complete overview of the required topics. After his review of Judging Ethics, Baxter Williams regaled us with a lovely song on growing old, which unfortunately, pertained to many of us. We are therefore grateful for the attendance of some younger candidates. The remaining instructors were Michael Braun on the requirements for exhibition form in one to a stem roses; Dave Koch on common phrases and the anatomy of the rose; Holly Hodgins on the form for sprays, old roses, etc.; and Debra Bagley who was met with many questions pertaining to the new rules for disqualification.

After a full day of sitting, our five candidates went through the practicum. Due to our extreme drought here and extreme temperatures, the specimens presented were not top quality, but we were able to deliver a practicum.

Five judges were recertified and, I believe, we will gain 2 apprentice judges.

Thanks, are definitely due the many members of the San Antonio Rose Society who stepped up to facilitate the school. And I owe my heartfelt thanks to Dave Koch who used his expertise to keep me on top of the multitude of little steps needed to pull this off.





## SCD Patron Program

The Patron Program is an integral part of the South Central District. The money generated from local members and local rose societies allows activities all over the district to happen. The yearly South Central District Convention and Rose Show receives seed money from the Patron fund as well as Horticultural and Arrangement Judging Schools and the SCD Consulting Rosarian School. These funds help with furnishing the trophies for the district show each year. With a contribution to the Patron program you also receive a quarterly district newsletter. With your initial payment, you will receive a beautiful Patron pin. Your contribution is tax deductible.

I would like to strongly encourage you to become a contributing Patron to help the South Central District to continue to be the leader in the ARS.

Individual Patron    \$25

Family Patrons        \$40

Society Patron        \$50

*We need you!*

**Mail dues to the District Treasurer, JoAnn Bradley, 8108 Quebec Drive, San Antonio, TX, 78239.**

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Dallas			

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Mary Fulgham & randy Keen	Murray & Donna Warner	
Randy & Holly Hodgins		

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Maggie Boriski	Allen Owings	Maggie Zamora
Franka Correia	Joe Plunkett	
Minnie Garcia		



# New Research Tackles Rose Rosette, Blackspot Diseases

## Texas A&M AgriLife to lead disease-resistance project to save rose industry

OCTOBER 6, 2022

A new rose cultivar might smell sweet, but will it resist disease? [Texas A&M AgriLife](#) is leading a team of researchers to ensure the answer is “yes” to alleviate the estimated \$10 million in annual disease-related loss to the rose industry.



Rose rosette is a fatal viral disease spread by mites onto rose bushes. The disease leads to excessive thorn production, leaf distortion and excessive stem development, known as witches broom, at the ends of branches. (Texas A&M AgriLife photo)

“The goal of our latest project is to meet the increasing demand for carefree and sustainable roses that require fewer inputs, are resistant to biotic and abiotic stresses, and have high ornamental quality,” said David Byrne, Ph.D.

Byrne, the Basye Chair in Rose Genetics, is co-leading the new project with Oscar Riera-Lizarazu, Ph.D., both Texas A&M AgriLife Research rose geneticists in the Texas A&M Department of Horticultural Sciences in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Their new project, “Developing Sustainable Rose Landscapes via Rose Rosette Disease Education, Socioeconomic Assessments, and Breeding RRD-Resistant Roses with Stable Black Spot Resistance,” received \$4 million in funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Specialty Crop Research Initiative.

## Resistance necessary to rose rosette, black spot diseases

Rose rosette disease, caused by the rose rosette virus, is a significant threat to cultivation and production throughout the U.S. Black spot disease is the major fungal disease of field-grown roses throughout the world.

David Byrne, Texas A&M AgriLife Research rose breeder, will lead a approximate \$4 million grant to improve disease resistance in roses. (Texas A&M AgriLife photo by Sam Craft)

“These are the two most damaging rose diseases, and resistance to both is essential in a sustainable cultivar,” Byrne said.

Approximately 35% of garden roses sold are used by the professional landscape market. Recently, this sector has decreased its use of roses by about 10% each year due to rose rosette disease, according to the Census of Horticulture Specialties.

Currently, most cultivated roses are susceptible to these diseases, Byrne said, and thus the transport and distribution of infected asymptomatic plants propagates the disease spread. Already, plantings have been devastated in the Midwest and Eastern seaboard and major landscape firms are stopping the use of roses in some regions.

“We are concerned rose rosette disease has the potential to devastate the major rose production regions on the West Coast, Arizona and Florida if it is spread to those regions,” he said. The project’s long-term goal is to develop sustainable landscapes based on cultivars resistant to rose rosette and black spot diseases.

This involves combining traditional plant breeding, with field evaluation sites in Texas, Tennessee and Oklahoma, with molecular genetics to accelerate the process of stacking multiple copies of multiple resistance genes into a rose. This approach should at least double the rate of progress, reducing the time it takes to develop highly disease-resistant, sustainable plants for gardens, Byrne said.

In collaboration with industry partners and hundreds of citizen scientists, Extension programs in Texas, Georgia, Tennessee and Ohio will monitor rose rosette disease’s geographic distribution. In multi-state trials, these collaborators will determine the best practices for managing the diseases, including chemical and cultural control methods as well as disease-resistant germplasm.



As the management options are developed, the economics specialists on the team will assess the socio-economic impacts of the various management practices to provide decision support for the industry and gardeners.

“These sustainable best management practices will reduce human and environmental exposure to agrochemicals and will be designed to avoid the introduction of the disease into regions that currently do not have it and to manage its severity in infested regions,” Byrne said. An extensive network of private and public stakeholders, including breeding programs, production and wholesale/retail nurseries, landscapers, consumers, rose enthusiasts, public gardens, major rose testing organizations and industry publishers, have committed to work with the Extension team to disseminate the information.

“We believe this widespread education will lead to better management and lower costs for the industry and longer-lived plants that deliver enhanced enjoyment and consumer satisfaction,” Byrne said.

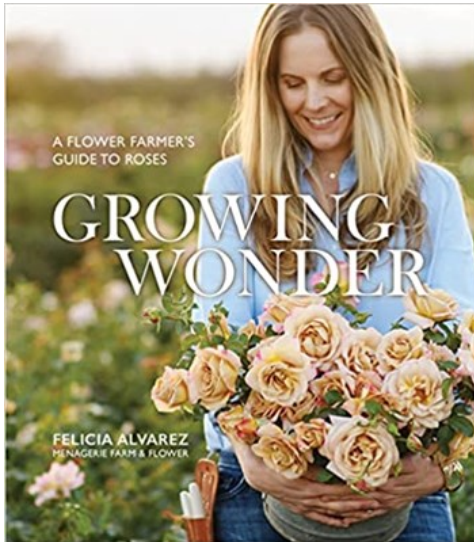
The multi-state team consists of 21 researchers from Texas A&M; the University of Minnesota; the University of Tennessee; USDA-Agricultural Research Service, Beltsville, Maryland; the University of Tulsa; Oklahoma State University; the University of Georgia at Athens and Tifton; The Ohio State University; and the University of Wisconsin, River Falls.

In addition to Byrne and Riera-Lizarazu of the Rose Breeding and Genetics Program, the Texas A&M AgriLife team consists of Charlie Hall, Ph.D., Ellison Chair in Floriculture, and Patricia Klein, Ph.D., professor and executive associate dean for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, both in the Department of Horticultural Sciences; Kevin Ong, Ph.D., plant pathologist and director of the Texas Plant Disease Diagnostic Laboratory, and Jeanmarie Verchot, Ph.D., plant virologist, both in the Department of Plant Pathology and Microbiology; Luis Ribera, Ph.D., Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service economist and director of Texas A&M’s Center for North American Studies; and Marco Palma, Ph.D., professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics. All the Texas A&M AgriLife team members are based in Bryan-College Station.

## Book Review:

### *Growing Wonder, A Flower Farmer's Guide to Roses*

By Maria Trevino



*Growing Wonder, A Flower Farmer's Guide to Roses*, by Felicia Alvarez is a book that kept popping up in national home, garden, lifestyle magazines during this spring and summer. I decided to order it and found the book informative. The author is a third-generation flower farmer with an 80 acre mostly rose farm outside Sacramento – Menagerie Farm & Flower. This book is written for the gardener who would like to grow roses and cut blooms. It is written in a friendly voice that makes you feel like she is talking directly to you.

While debunking the myth that roses are hard to grow, she guides you through the entire growing process. She

lists three types of gardeners and you have to determine in which category you fall. Then she proceeds to offer tips, guidance and rose variety suggestions for each category.

The Weekend Warrior spends one to two hours per week in the garden and wants the most impact for a small investment of time.

The Everyday Gardener spends three to five hours in the garden per week. They want to integrate roses to complement other plantings and have to learn the skills for a cut rose garden.

The Aspiring Rosarian spends two or more hours a day in the garden. They love roses, want to have a dedicated rose garden, and learn as much as possible about roses.

Alvarez spends time on basic rose growing needs– sunshine, soil type, irrigation requirements, and soil moisture retention. She considers compost the key for roses instead of mulch. She highly recommends connecting with the local rose society.

The Weekend Warrior, with limited time, can plant easy-care, disease-resistant, and low maintenance rose varieties. A regular “appointment” with your rose care should be set up and kept. If only one thing can be done, then deadheading is the activity that should be kept up every week. Deadheading ensures you will have more blooms. Some of the roses recommended for weekend warriors are Iceberg and Princess Charlene de Monaco.

The Everyday Gardener needs to observe roses for insects, disease, and weeds and start control at the first sign of an issue. Get your soil tested annually and amend as necessary.



Keep up with winter rose care to prepare for a healthy rose growing season. A recommended rose is Francis Meilland.

The Aspiring Rosarian should be focused with long-term goals. Determine how many varieties you want grow, where you want to use the cut flowers, how big your rose garden be. Don't overextend too much that you won't have time for all your roses. Don't be afraid to dig up underperforming weak roses. One of her recommendations is Honey Dijon.

Some other take aways from her book includes that roses can thrive in pots and containers.

- An easy way to remember to feed your roses on the schedule of holidays beginning with Easter/Passover, Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor day.
- Observe your roses diligently and act quickly when pests appear.
- Keep your rose blooms cool after harvest for a longer post-harvest life.
- Harvest roses early in the day when buds are bud to marshmallow size.

This softback book is 151 pages. The first half of this books covers the three categories of gardeners and includes a gallery of roses by color with suitable descriptions. The second half of the books covers where, when, and how to plant roses, year-round rose care and harvest and post-harvest care. The book ends with several pages of resources on nurseries, organizations, products, reference books, pesticide information and a few charts on nutrients and soil moisture.

This was a pleasurable book to read. I noted that some of the roses that she recommends are not readily available at some local nurseries.

Visit her website [www.menagerieflower.com](http://www.menagerieflower.com)



*Iceberg*



*Princess Charlene de Monaco*



*Francis Meilland*



*Honey  
Dijon*

# ARS NEWS

*Save the Date!*



**MAY 5 -7, 2023**

## **2023 National Convention and Rose Show**

**"Time For Roses"**

**American Rose Center**

**Shreveport, Louisiana**

**Convention Hotel:** Hilton Shreveport, 104 Market Street, Shreveport, LA 71101

Rooms start at \$109 for 2 queen beds. Located 16 miles from the American Rose Center. Reservation link: <https://book.passkey.com/go/AmRoseSociety2023Convention> or call 1-800-Hiltons code "ARS"

**Airports:** Shreveport, Dallas/Fort Worth, Dallas Love Field.

**Convention Schedule:** All events will be held at the American Rose Center, 8877 Jefferson Paige Road unless noted. Registration: Thursday, May 4 (Hotel Lobby)

**Friday, May 5:** (ARC) Rose Show

Seminars & Programs

Homecoming Dinner & Dance:

Famous, Rare & Heritage Rose Auction & Awards

**Saturday, May 6:** Seminars & Programs

Banquet: (Shreveport Convention Center directly connected to the hotel)

**Sunday, May 7:** Garden Tours: (Buses will leave from and return to the hotel.)

**Monday, May 8:** ARS Board Meeting

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**PLEASE CONSIDER SENDING ME ARTICLES, IDEAS, PHOTOS (ESPECIALLY PHOTOS!) AND  
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HEAR FROM THE ROSE SOCIETIES AND YOU!**

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### **South Central District Patron Program**

We are very fortunate to have a program of this nature to assist local societies within our district to host events. Rosarians and Societies joining the patron program allow the District to provide startup money to local Societies to host a District Convention and rose show, district judging schools, consulting rosarian schools and assisting with the purchase of trophies for the District rose show.

I would like to say a big THANK YOU for the individuals, families and societies that have joined the patron program

I encourage you to become a patron if you have not done so. You will receive a very nice pin and your contribution is eligible for a tax deduction.

Individuals \$25      Family \$40      Societies \$ 50

**SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT PATRON PROGRAM  
AND  
SUBSCRIPTION TO THE *SCD ROSARIAN* NEWSLETTER**

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Rose Societies and Rose Society members are encouraged to participate in the SCD Patron Program at one of the following levels:

	Enclosed:
SCD Society Patron . . . . . \$50 Annually	\$ _____
SCD Family Patron . . . . . \$40 Annually	\$ _____
SCD Individual Patron . . . . . \$25 Annually	\$ _____
<i>SCD Electronic Rosarian Subscription</i> \$5 Annually	\$ _____
(This is FREE if you have paid a Patron donation)	

Benefits of being an SCD Patron are:

- \* Assist the SCD in carrying out important programs
- \* Includes electronic subscription to the *SCD Rosarian* newsletter
- \* With your initial payment, you will receive a beautiful Patron pin
- \* Your contribution is tax deductible
- \* You will be recognized as an SCD Patron in the *SCD Rosarian*

If you do not wish to be an SCD Patron, you may still elect to subscribe to the newsletter.

Please complete the following for either SCD Patron or newsletter Subscription:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_,  
                    Street

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
                    City                    St                    ZIP

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

(Must have your E-Mail address to receive the *SCD Rosarian* by E-Mail)

Please make your check payable to the **South Central District** (or SCD), and mail to: **Jo Ann Bradley, 8108 Quebec Drive, San Antonio, TX 78239**