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Greetings fellow rosarians!

After a long hiatus from this newsletter due a hip replacement gone horribly wrong, I am happy to be back to actively attending to my roses and our District.

There is not much to report around the District. Most of our district's societies have been inactive during the pandemic. If that has been the case with your society, CDC guidance is changing rapidly about the safety of outdoor activities, and mask usage among the vaccinated. I would encourage groups to begin to meet in a safe way during the summer months. It is time that we revitalize our societies and rebuild membership. I fear if we do not take some positive steps soon, we will lose our rose community. Start small gatherings in your yards, public areas, and outdoor restaurant seating, etc. Just get started before we lose any momentum. Take those small steps and welcome each other back to the joys of roses.

Recently a friend decided to share her collection of National Rose Society of Great Britain Annuals. I choose two that represent years of change: 1929 (the Worldwide Depression) and 1948 (the aftermath of World War II). I felt there surely there would be some words of wisdom for me in an uncertain world. I found a couple of things that you may find interesting. The first, *Crimson Glory* was the number one exhibition rose in Great Britain 1948. For those of you who have grown it, it's still a pretty good rose. Lovely fragrance is one of its outstanding features. The second, concerns an attached book mark which states, "My Problem How to spread the knowledge and love of the rose" on one side while the reverse states, My Resolution Tell my friends the advantages of N.R.S. membership" While I would not compare the suffering and destruction of WW II with the Pandemic, there is the real aspect of a changing society for us as it was for those in 1948. From the previous paragraph you know of my concern about the health of our local rose societies – a concern that I am sure of you share with me. Unless, you and I each do something to

actively change the direction of our societies, I am afraid that we are in danger of losing them. So, I am asking you to take the same challenge the N.R.S. issued to their members and apply it your local society and the American Rose Society. Both would benefit greatly from increased membership and the talents and energy of new members.

You may recall, I asked Ilene Cook, President of the Dallas Rose Society, to chair the 2022-24 Nominating Committee. Ilene did an outstanding job of sourcing a wonderful candidates for our District Board of Directors. You will find the complete list of nominees and positions in this newsletter.

We will not have a District Convention in 2021. I know we all look forward to getting back together as a District. However, planning for a District takes about a year and we all know where we were in terms of being able to plan any future events. This a concern for us because this is an election year when we vote for a new Board of Directors. Normally we would accomplish this by acclamation at our meeting which will not be possible for this important election. In order to properly elect our incoming Board of Directors, you will be sent a email with a link to record your vote. Watch your email account for early October. I will be using Survey Monkey which will not record your information – only your ballot response.

As we speak about Conventions, the Dallas Rose Society will host the 2022 Convention next October to celebrate their 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary. So mark your calendars. And while you have your calendars out, the Houston Rose Society will host the 2023 Convention. Aren't we lucky to have such two great societies willing to host our conventions! I look forward to attending both. I hope you do too!

Yours in Roses,

Debra

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## 2022-2024 Candidates for Board of Directors

As Chair of the SCD Nominating Committee, I am pleased to present the candidates for the 2022-2024 South Central District Board of Directors. Each of these well-qualified individuals has agreed to serve the South Central District for the 3-year term. We are grateful to them for offering to share their expertise with us.

All South Central District members will have the opportunity to vote for the slate of officers in October of this year. Thank you once again to our candidates for their willingness to serve our District.

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Horticultural Judge	Meg Ware	SARS
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Prizes and Awards		open



Carol Shockley  
South Central District RIR Coordinator

The 2021 Roses in Review Survey (RIR) marks the 96th time members of the American Rose Society will evaluate rose introductions. A broad base of participation is needed to make this project worthwhile. We need your evaluations, whether you grow one of the varieties on the list to be reviewed or dozens of them. We welcome evaluations from you whether you are a new rose grower or a veteran grower; and whether you grow roses for your landscape and garden or if you also grow them to exhibit or for arrangements. We are happy to get reports from everyone, including non-ARS members.

Results of the survey will be included in the January/February 2022 issue of American Rose magazine and will determine ratings in the ARS Handbook for Selecting Roses as well. For the results to be meaningful, we need everyone to participate. So please, take a few minutes of your time to evaluate your new roses.

To access the system online, go to the American Rose Society web page [www.rose.org](http://www.rose.org). Click on the pink box in the upper right corner labeled “Roses in Review 2021”. It is always a good idea to carefully read the instructions which you can download. A list of the roses being evaluated is also on the site.

In using the online reporting, if it is your first entry for this year, answer “Yes” to the first question. Use the “Next” button to move through the screens.

Be sure to select your ARS district (which for us is South Central) and answer the other questions. You will then enter your name and address information. If you grow as a household, enter both names – John and Mary Jones, or Mary Jones and Sam Smith. Please enter all of the requested information. If you are a Consulting Rosarian, check that box online or on the form. (If you are a CR and grow none of the listed roses, there is a check box online and on the form for you to report that.) If you grow none of the listed roses, check that box then submit on the next screen, otherwise answer “Yes.”

**The online survey at [www.rose.org](http://www.rose.org) will close at end of day, September 26, 2021.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!**



## SCD Patron Program Dale Dardeau, SCD Deputy Director

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!*

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# DIY Irrigation Systems the Easy Way

by Donald Ray Burger, Houston Rose Society, Master Rosarian

Although many parts of Texas gets plenty of water during the year, the drenchings do not come in even amounts. It seems we are always having thunderstorms or droughts. To make sure their roses get their weekly ration of water, most rosarians resort to some sort of watering system. This article will consider the available options for bringing supplemental water to your roses.

## Soaker Hoses

The simplest and cheapest irrigation systems employ soaker hoses. Their chief advantages are that they are cheap, easy to use in curved beds and require no special tools to install. Soaker hoses are usually black, and are designed to ooze water out along their entire length.

Sadly, that's not the way it usually works. Soaker hoses quickly deteriorate in the Texas heat and sun, and they are renowned for uneven water output along their length. This problem gets worse with longer lengths of soaker hose. Water tends to shoot skyward at the end closest to the water source, and dribble out at the far end. Also, soaker hoses are easily damaged by pets and shovels. Although soaker hoses are readily available at box stores and nurseries, few rosarians stick with these hoses.

## Raindrip System

A second approach to irrigating your roses uses a drip irrigation system from Raindrip, Inc. The Raindrip system uses ½-inch hose into which barbed fittings are inserted. Spaghetti hoses run from the fittings to the drippers that actually water your rose. Different drippers have different flow rates. With the Raindrip system you can buy drippers that put out 1/2 gallon per hour, one gallon per hour or two gallons per hour.

There are a lot of accessories in the Raindrip system, and individual components are fairly inexpensive. Starter kits are available with a basic selection of fittings and drippers. I grow lots of roses on my back porch, and I use this system to water them. If you grow roses in pots, you must have a water system during the heat of the summer or your roses will quickly die. The Raindrip system is an ideal system for potted plants. I can easily get thirty-five drippers on a run.



The main difficulties with the system are that sometimes the drippers fall out of the pots (a condition that reveals itself with a droopy plant) and, on rare occasions, the drippers sometimes clog.

There are plant stakes to anchor the drippers in place. A clogged dripper is easily handled. I simply snip it off with my Felco pruners and replace the dripper. The system is very forgiving, and very efficient in its use of water. The only special tool needed to install the system is a punch to make the holes in the ½-inch hose. The punch comes with all the starter kits, or can be purchased separately.

Many hardware stores carry this product. Of course, it is also sold on [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com).

## Dramm Nozzles

The irrigation system most consulting rosarians in Houston use is the Dramm nozzle/PVC system. This approach uses PVC to supply the water, and Dramm nozzles to do the actual irrigating. It puts out the water in a perfect pattern for roses (low and parallel to the ground), with very little evaporation.

Dramm nozzles are very reliable, and it is easy to see if they are working. The PVC can be made to disappear in your rose beds if you paint the white pipe with brown paint. Look for a shade of brown that matches your mulch and the piping will become nearly invisible.

The main disadvantage of this system is that it is complicated to install. PVC is hard to cut unless you buy a special cutting tool. Also, the glues used on the PVC dry almost instantly, so you better know what you are doing when you start. There are ninety degree and forty-five degree fittings for direction changes in the PVC, but this system is not easy to install in curved beds.

The biggest disadvantage to Dramm nozzles is the limit on the number of nozzles in an individual run. Because the system puts out so much water, I can only get ten to twelve nozzles on a run before the limits of my water pressure affects the system. I use 3/4-inch PVC for my runs. If I had to do it over again, I would probably go with one inch PVC to cut down on the water pressure drop.

The PVC pipe and fittings are available at the box stores and local hardware stores. Dramm nozzles are available from Southwest Fertilizer ([www.yardgeek.com](http://www.yardgeek.com)).



## Netafim In-Line Drip Emitters

The Netafim system is a used a lot by commercial landscapers because it is so reliable. I put in this system in some existing beds where I already had Dramm nozzles. The main reason I tried it was because I can water all my beds off of one water timer.

The system is simplicity itself. You buy a 1/2-inch hose that has emitters built in every twelve or eighteen inches. The hose is easy to lay, even in curved beds. You cover the hose with mulch, and you're done. The system is invisible when covered with the mulch. It is self-cleaning. What that means is that if an emitter gets clogged with a bit of sand, the system is designed to blow the sand out, and the emitter is back in business. And there is no pressure loss along the system. The emitters each put out one gallon per hour, whether the emitters are at the beginning of a run or all the way at the end.

I use u-shaped fabric pins to hold the hose in place when making tight turns. I love this system. Anyone can install it in very little time. There are no glues or special tools needed. Sections of hose are attached to each other through pressure couplings. This is a DIYer delight.

Some of the irrigation supply houses in Houston sell this system and the fittings, and you can also find it on Amazon.com.

The website for Netafim is [www.netafimusa.com](http://www.netafimusa.com).



## Water Timers

The last topic I want to address in this article is water timers. I consider such timers essential to any irrigation system. Professional timers that handle multiple stations are expensive and bulky. I like the kind of timer that goes on the hose bib, and can be programmed to come on at regular intervals for various lengths of time. I have bought many such timers over the years.



My favorite model for several years is the Orbit 6206 1Z Single-Outlet Hose Watering Timer. I got mine on Amazon.com. It costs around thirty dollars as of August, 2021, and is very easy to set. In fact, it is the ease of setting it that is its greatest advantage. The clock is digital. It runs off two batteries. But the rest of the settings on this timer are analog. You just rotate the dial to the setting you want. You rotate the dial to "Start Time" and then use the plus and minus buttons to tell it what time to come on. Then rotate the dial to the "How Long" setting and tell it the number of minutes to run. Then rotate the dial to the "How Often" setting. You can have the timer come on every six hours, twice a day, once a day, every other day, etc. And, best of all, if you want to just turn on the water for some hand watering, you don't have to reprogram it. You just push the "Manual" button and it will run ten minutes, then go back to the regular programming. I love this timer.

A couple of things to keep in mind. First, if you ever get a freeze, this timer will break if you leave it outside. I know this from personal experience. So, bring it inside in freezing weather.

Second, the batteries usually last about a year, so be sure to change them out each spring so you can be sure the timer has the power to come on each day at the set time.

Third, try to set the timer to run at an early morning hour when you can watch to make sure the drippers are actually working. The time you get back from walking the dog in the morning is ideal. This will give you a chance to make sure all is well and that the drippers are all working.

So, there you have it. Give one of these systems a try (other than the soaker hose) and see if your roses don't thank you for it. Once you put in a watering system, I guarantee you won't go back to hand watering!



### 2021 ARS NATIONAL CONVENTION & ROSE SHOW

"Cream City Roses"

September 10-14, 2021

Milwaukee, WI

Hosted by ARS Central, Illinois-Indiana, and North Central Districts

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## Houston Rose Society Virtual Rose Show

The Houston Rose Show is proud to hold its 2021 Fall Rose Show from the Garden in November, 2021. This Show will be a virtual rose show, consisting of pictures that are to be submitted of your roses. Pictures must be taken and submitted between September 1, 2021, through midnight, October 27, 2021. Pictures/results will be posted on November 15, 2021. See the Show Schedule for the rules governing entries. We hope to see your roses on the Internet! Show information, the Rules and the Show Schedule, will be posted on the HRS website, [www.houstonrose.org](http://www.houstonrose.org).

## Houston Rose Society Virtual Spring Rose Show April-May, 2021



Class 1 Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora

First Place

Moonstone

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Visit [Houston Rose Society 2019 Fall Rose Show](#) to see the PowerPoint of the virtual show.

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The Election Committee has unanimously voted to certify the results of the 2021 American Rose Society triennial election as received from Intelliscan on July 30, 2021.

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### **FROM YOUR EDITOR...**

**ARTICLES OR PHOTOS SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR THE FALL ISSUE  
IS OCTOBER 1.**

**PLEASE CONSIDER SENDING ME ARTICLES, IDEAS, PHOTOS (ESPECIALLY PHOTOS!) AND ANY SUGGESTIONS YOU HAVE TO MAKE THE NEWSLETTER BETTER. I WOULD LOVE TO 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

*Dale Dardeau, Deputy Director*

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

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