



Suzanne Horn

“David Austin & The Romance of English Roses”

Suzanne Horn is an exhibitor, writer and educator from Glendale, California, and she has been growing roses since February 14, 2000. A successful exhibitor, Suzanne has been winning District and National trophies since her first two years of showing roses. She became a Consulting Rosarian in 2003 and an accredited ARS Horticultural Judge in 2005. She has received Bronze Honor Medals from both Pacific Rose Society and Los Angeles Rose Society. In 2014, she became a Master Rosarian and was named “Outstanding Consulting Rosarian” for the Pacific Southwest District. In 2022 she was awarded the very rare Pacific Rose Society Presidential Silver Medal for outstanding service, being only one of four individuals to receive this medal in the 86-year history of the society. In addition, she recently was awarded the 2023 Silver Honor Medal from the Pacific Southwest District as well as the 2023 Guy Blake Hedrick Jr. Award for excellence in exhibiting.

Suzanne has taught at four District Consulting Rosarian Seminars, three Judging Schools, at the Tenarky District’s prestigious Midwinter Conference, at the NCNH 2008 District Conference, at the Pacific Northwest District’s 2013 Annual Conference, at the 2014 National Convention in San Diego and most recently at the 2021 Deep South District and NCNH District Conventions. She also gave her first virtual Judging Seminar for the American Rose Society in November of 2020. Suzanne also coordinated the 2015 Consulting Rosarian School and the 2018 Consulting Rosarian Seminar for the Pacific Southwest District 2018, at which she taught about growing roses in containers. She also coordinated and taught at a 2022 Pacific Southwest District Judging Seminar.

As a writer, Suzanne has been a contributing editor to The American Rose Society’s national magazine for years, writing a series of articles under the heading of “Showing Good Roses”. She has also written articles for seven ARS Annuals (with one more on the way in 2023) including co-editing the 2021 ARS Annual along with the late Immediate Past President Bob Martin. In addition, Suzanne penned the Rose of the Month articles for the Pacific Southwest District webpage for years, and continues to do so for the Pacific Rose Society, receiving 65 Awards of Merit for her writing to date. She also writes for numerous rose publications around the country, plus has written for the ARS publications *Roses & You*, *Rose Exhibitor’s Forum* and *Mini News*.

Suzanne served for many years on the ARS Horticultural Exhibitor's Committee, chairing that committee from 2018-2021, and was also on the Editorial Advisory Committee for six years. She was on the Board of the American Rose Exhibitors Society (ARES), was an Award of Excellence (AOE)

Miniature Rose Test Panel Evaluator at Rose Hills for years and has been a Horizon Roses reporter since 2002. Suzanne has also acted as a Judge's Chair, and is a past President of the Pacific Rose Society. A tireless worker for the American Rose Society, Suzanne is into her second term as Vice District Director for the Pacific Southwest District, the Miniature & Miniflora Committee, the Combined Registration & Classification Committee, and she was just invited back onto the Horticultural Exhibitors Committee. She is also in her twelfth year as a member of the American Rose Society's Newsletter Evaluation Committee. To date she has received four Presidential Citations from Bob Martin, Pat Shanley and Diane Sommers for her services to the American Rose Society.

In 2022, after the untimely passing of Robert B. Martin, Jr., Suzanne took on the monumental task of National Editor of 'Horizon Roses', the longtime publication targeted at rose exhibitors, and now called 'New Horizon Roses'. Suzanne chose to donate 100% of the proceeds of the publication to the American Rose Society and will continue to do so in the years to come. She subsequently received a Presidential Citation from ARS President Diane Sommers at the 2023 National Convention "for dedicated effort to create the New Horizon Roses publication, support rose exhibitors and share New Horizons with all members."

Suzanne loves teaching about roses and exhibiting by way of colorful and informative PowerPoint programs. She began giving presentations for local and district societies in 2003 and has given 148 programs thus far for local rose societies, District and National Conventions, Consulting Rosarian Seminars and Schools and Judging Seminars and Schools. Suzanne has taught at four District Consulting Rosarian Seminars, three Judging Schools, at the Tenarky District's prestigious Midwinter Conference, at the NCNH 2008 District Conference, at the Pacific Northwest District's 2013 Annual Conference, the 2015 Top Gun Conference, the 2014 National Convention in San Diego, the 2021 Deep South District Conference, and the 2021 NCNH District Convention. She also gave her first virtual Judging Seminar for the American Rose Society in 2020.

In addition to teaching, Suzanne also coordinates many of these seminars and schools including the 2015 Consulting Rosarian School and the 2018 Consulting Rosarian Seminar for the Pacific Southwest District 2018, and a Judging Seminar for the 2022 Pacific Southwest District Spring Convention. She currently has programs booked into 2024.

Suzanne enjoys creating and presenting programs to share her love of roses with exhibitors and home gardeners alike. She presently grows about 465 exhibition roses of all types, all in containers, and 91 are classified as English Roses. These are the most popular of the modern shrub roses, and were introduced to American gardens by famed British hybridizer, David C.H. Austin. Suzanne has fallen in love with these romantic, old-style roses and has prepared an hour-long PowerPoint presentation about them that is punctuated with hundreds of beautiful photographs.

At our October 12th Zoom meeting, Suzanne's program will cover the history of David Austin Roses and what makes them truly romantic as well as the family lines of these roses, varied forms and growth habits, shade tolerance, fragrance, growing tips, and their varied uses in the garden. She will share information and photos about her favorites among the English Roses for display in the garden, on the show table, and as cut flowers for the home. She will also discuss the lasting legacy of the late David C.H. Austin.