



The Rose Vine

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FROM THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S DESK—NANCY J. REDINGTON

Director's Message

It finally has happened. . . Spring! But, now it has turned into summer almost immediately. In one way, I am not too bothered by the heat push. I was worried that with the very cold winter my roses would be really late. But, they appear to be right on time. Old Mama nature has done it again. And, they are either looking really good or dead. My years of complacency and not doing any winter protection have taken their toll. It seems that I may have lost up to 30 plants, but then again I ordered 50. So, maybe all is for the good. It will be interesting to compare notes throughout the District as to the extent of damage due to the last two winters. Most of the damage in South Central was done by the two last Novembers that went from a very warm set of days to below freezing. And, the damage was not only sustained by the roses but also by large specimen plants that also took the hit. Oh well, more room for roses.

For the folks in Penn Jersey, this is the summer for conventions and National Rose Show exhibiting. We have never before had the opportunity, in one season, to attend, within reasonable driving distance, the 2015 Combined ARS Spring and Miniature National Conference, and 2015 Fall National Convention. This is the golden year to experience the magic of a national convention. We are no strangers to the Mini National, having hosted 3 in our District. But to have both the big spring and fall conventions nearby are really special opportunities. The schedules for all these events are online. Because the spring convention in Columbus is going to hit in the middle of our spring show season, some societies have altered their show date and the York Area Rose Society will not have a show since it would be the same weekend as the National. So, check the Penn-Jersey website for dates and possible changes.

Everyone who is a member of the ARS should have received the May issue, with their "unique" voting number for the triennial election. If you have a joint membership, the person listed as the second on the list will have received an envelope with their unique number. I encourage everyone to read the magazine for information from the candidates, stating their thoughts and visions for the future. Both Sam Jones and Bob Martin are good people and deserve to have their credentials and plans reviewed by the voters. There are differences and you will have to decide for yourself, (since we have no Native Son to endorse) which person you think can lead the society into the future.

In Pennsylvania, we also will have an election. Note that I said Pennsylvania, not New Jersey. In my last message, I spoke of the Regional configuration within the ARS and how Pennsylvania and New Jersey are in different regions. Pennsylvania is going to vote for a representative for persons who live in an area with a Zip Code that starts with the number 1 and/or live in Delaware. Bruce Monroe, who is a member of the Penn-Jersey District and is designated a resident of Region 1 is running for that position. He is opposed by Lois Fowkes, a resident of New York District whose Zip Code also starts with a one. So P-J members living in

New Jersey will not be making a vote for the

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Regional Director this year. Presently, your regional Director is David Long from Connecticut, and he is running unopposed.

There is also a National By-Law amendment that will also be voted on at this time. It has to do with the credentials required to be a candidate for the Vice President of the ARS, which then ultimately runs into the automatic elevation to the Presidency. Presently, nominees for the Vice Presidency must have been a District Director before they can run for the VP. The By-Law amendment would change that requirement to a length of involvement in the ARS. All of this information is available to you in the magazine, and as I said, I encourage you to read about the issues, the candidates, and on June 1st the voting will begin. When we get closer to the closing of the voting, I will also send out one reminder, lest you are so involved in your gardens you have forgotten the date. If you have any problems, such as, you are a member of the American Rose Society and you have not gotten any of the voting materials, let me know, and I will try to make sure that you will be able to vote.

So, we are now joyfully out in the garden, disbudding our hearts out, in great expectation of the future. This is as it should be. But this year, there is also some sadness. Last month we lost two wonderful rose folks whom I called friends. One was a director from the west, *Alice Affleck*. She was a wonderful lady and I was happy to serve on the Board with her. The other person was more family. She was one of us. *Rosemarie Murphy of Mount Pocono, Pennsylvania*. What a spirit! You knew when she was in the room. She was a pure picture of caring and creative spirit all in one. Rosemarie, in short, had a stroke in Mid-March, just after our End of Winter Weekend. I remember her at the meeting, expressing the virtues and magnificence of the upcoming Syracuse Fall National Convention that Penn-Jersey is also co-hosting. She spoke of the plans, the speakers, the fun we would all have. Her stroke was a ‘biggie’ as they say, but you wouldn’t know that if you visited her. As I walked in the room, she asked me how ‘my’ foot was doing. (Yup, caring!) Her mind was intact and she was kidding around and complaining. Always a good sign in a patient. At the end of March, she was really on the mend (really complaining about the food.) And, that is definitely a sign of healing you would think. Plans were made for her to continue her recovery in a non-hospital setting. Then suddenly, another stroke.

Rosemarie Murphy had plans. She was the driving force in getting the National to Syracuse so that her “life-long best friend” Pat could be installed as President of the ARS in Pat’s home state, New York. She was looking forward to her own installation as the President of the Manhattan Rose Society in the fall of 2015. Her family, both biological and “Rose,” will miss her. But we will also remember and be inspired by her.

We say “Bye Ro”, and her comment back would be “YO Mama.” There was to be a rose introduced and presented at the Syracuse Convention in honor of our new president. The rose will be there, it is a spunky, striped lovely, the name is changed—it is now ‘*Rosemarie*.’

2015 PENN-JERSEY DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
June 21, 2015	Reading-Berks Rose Society Rose Show, Boscov’s North, Fairgrounds Square Mall, 2910 N. 5th St. Highway, Reading, PA 19605. Contact: Kevin Glaes, glaes1215@comcast.net
No Rose Show in 2015	Del-Chester Rose Society Rose Show, Longwood Gardens, Kenneth Square, PA Contact: Elaine Adler, eadler36@gmail.com
No Rose Show in 2015	York Area Rose Society Contact: Donna Smith, RosyRmblns@aol.com
September 19, 2015	Jersey Shore Rose Society Rose Show, Deep Cut Gardens, 152 Red Hill Road, Middletown, NJ 07748. Contact: Mary Hahn, only1mary@gmail.com
August 29, 2015	Pittsburgh Rose Society Contact: Georgie Papale, msgeorgi@ix.netcom.com

**AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY
REPORT OF CONSULTING ROSARIANS WHO
ATTENDED A CONSULTING ROSARIAN SCHOOL**

The following individuals completed the Consulting Rosarian School on April 18, 2015 at the Morris Arboretum Horticulture Philadelphia, PA. All attendees are members of the Penn-Jersey District.

The following Consulting Rosarians attended to renew and update their status.

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RUDOLF W. VAN DER GOOT ROSE GARDEN WINS WFRS GARDEN OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

Congratulations to **Suni Bolar and the Rudolf W. van der Goot Rose Garden** in Somerset, New Jersey on winning the **2015 World Federation of Rose Societies' Award of Excellence in Lyon, France**, on June 1st 2015. Suni Bolar nominated the garden and put together all the paperwork and 6 photographs needed for the nomination last year. Thanks to **Tom Mayhew and Bill Kozemchak** for their evaluations of the garden and to **ARS President Jolene Adams** for her support. Thanks to **Jeff van Pelt**, who was the caretaker and Consulting Rosarian of this garden from 1989 to 2013, without whose dedication and commitment, this historic event would not have happened. Thanks to the new caretaker **Shauna Moore**, the dedicated staff of the Somerset County Park Commission and the volunteers who spend countless hours taking care of this beautiful public garden.



Rudolf W. van der Goot Rose Garden

Each year up to 6 public gardens can be nominated by a country for the WFRS Award of Excellence. Last year, 6 public gardens were nominated for the Award from the USA. Of these, 4 gardens won the 2015 Award of Excellence. Outstanding public rose gardens from many countries are nominated for this International award every year. ARS President **Jolene Adams** collected the award on behalf of **Suni Bolar** in Lyon, France.

2015 PENN-JERSEY DISTRICT END OF WINTER CONVENTION

The Penn-Jersey District put together another very valuable and informative **End of Winter Rose Convention** at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center in New Cumberland, Pennsylvania the weekend of March 6-8, 2015 and we can all thank **Jo Singer** for the terrific job she did in organizing it.

Activities got underway on Friday with an update for approximately 30 horticulture judges which was organized by **Bruce Monroe**, Penn-Jersey District Judges Chair. Assisting with very timely and pertinent presentations were **Diane Wilkerson** and **Curtis Aumiller**. Of course, Friday evening featured a hospitality session which allowed members to socialize and spend time catching up on rose stories.

Saturday morning began with our District Director **Nancy Redington** welcoming attendees and giving an overview of the programs that would follow for the weekend. The American Rose Society's VP candidate **Sam Jones** led the presentations with an interesting PowerPoint entitled, **"The American Rose Society in China 2013."**

The Fertrell Company's representative followed with a talk on organic fertilizers. Next was **Andrew Hearne and Bill Kozemchak's** program featuring the latest roses introduced which included roses recently named after Penn-Jersey members **Tom Mayhew, Brenna Bosch, and Julie Hearne**.

The afternoon program was presented by the second American Rose Society VP candidate **Bob Martin** and entitled, **"What's a Stomata to You?"** Rose photography techniques and the types of cameras rosarians can utilize for successful rose photography were presented comprehensively by **Tom Mayhew and Andrew Hearne**.

Dinner included the presentation of the winners for the basket drawings which was organized thanks to the talented and dedicated rosarians of the Penn-Jersey District, **Donna & J R Smith**. The winners of the **ARS Photo Contest for 2014** were presented by **Curtis Aumiller** with a colorful PowerPoint program. Once again, Penn-Jersey members enjoyed the most winning entries in the **2014 ARS Photo Contest**.

A Penn-Jersey District business meeting was held Sunday morning to conclude the weekend's activities.

PHOTOS FROM THE PENN-JERSEY DISTRICT END OF WINTER CONVENTION



Top Left: District Director , Nancy Redington presents Certificates of Appreciation to Program Presenter, Diane Wilkerson.

Top Right: Certificates of Appreciation Presented by District Director Nancy Redington. From L to R: Tom Mayhew, Curtis Aumiller, District Director Nancy Redington, Donna Smith, & Bruce Monroe.

Bottom: Penn-Jersey District Director Nancy Redington with ARS VP candidate Sam Jones and his wife Nancy.

Bottom Right: Bob Martin, ARS VP candidate making a presentation, "What's A Stomata To You?"

MORE PHOTOS FROM THE PENN-JERSEY DISTRICT END OF WINTER CONVENTION



From L to R: **Andrew Hearne** presenting the three new roses that have been introduced and named for Penn-Jersey District members: **'Tom Mayhew'** a MiniFlora, **'Brenna Bosch'** a Miniature, and **'Julie Hearne'** a Miniflora by For Love of Roses Hybridizer, **Richard Anthony**.



'Jaqueline du Pre' ARS 2014 Photo Contest,
2nd Place, Master Class by **Tom Mayhew**



Penn-Jersey District End of Winter Photo Contest
Best of Show—First Place Photo 'Playgirl' Floribunda Rose
Photo by: **Tom Mayhew**

Save the roses

FEATURES - ROSES

Millions in federal funds help a team of university, industry researchers fight rose rosette disease.

Author: **KELLI RODDA** | April 2, 2015

Note: This article was featured in the online Nursery Management Magazine.

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With the help of a \$4.6 million award from the USDA last fall, researchers have set in motion a number of efforts to thwart the deadly and costly rose rosette disease (RRD). The funds were matched by \$4.6 million of in-kind and cash contributions from growers and breeders both big and small, as well as some major landscape companies, says Mike Dobres, managing director of NovaFlora LLC, the research and breeding division of Star Roses and Plants/Conard-Pyle. The funds will be used to develop best management practices, expand outreach and education efforts, and to map genes for RRD resistance in roses.

RRD is a virus that is transmitted by the mite *Phyllocoptes fructiphilus*, and RRD threatens to decimate the U.S. landscape rose industry. The disappearance of this genus in the nursery industry would remove some \$400 million in domestically grown plant sales, according to Star Roses and Plants/Conard-Pyle.

The research funding represents the culmination of a two-year initiative originally conceived and funded by Star Roses and Plants/Conard-Pyle to reach out to key university researchers and industry leaders to respond to the serious threat that RRD represents. Dobres has led the charge in many of the initiatives of the past few years regarding RRD.

“This research team is a wonderful example of the collaboration between the university and horticulture worlds, as well as within the industry with various companies coming together to support this effort,” Dobres says.

The grant enables the next wave of RRD research to have three main objectives, he adds.

“One, we’ll further develop diagnostic tools. Second, we’ll learn more about how the disease spreads and develop cultural recommendations, and third, we’ll map the rose genes for disease resistance,” he explains.

Dobres describes the research team as the “dream team,” which is led by David Byrne, Texas A&M AgriLife Research horticulturist and holder of the Basye Chair of Rose Genetics in College Station. The research group working with Byrne was selected from five leading university and government research centers with a wide geographic distribution, ranging from Texas to Florida, Oklahoma, Delaware and Maryland. The research team includes more than 20 scientists with expertise in plant pathology, DNA detection technologies, genetic mapping and rose breeding. The group also includes industry partners such as major growers and commercial breeders throughout the United States.



Witches broom is one of the symptoms of rose rosette disease.

PHOTO: A LAN WINDHAM, UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

“The beauty of this research approach is that it combines both short-term cultural solutions as well as long-term solutions to breed roses that are resistant to RRD,” Dobres says.

Diagnostics is the major push during the first two years of this collaborative research, says Byrne.

“We currently have a lab test to detect the disease, but it’s expensive and slow. Currently we can only detect RRD in a plant that shows symptoms. We want to change that. But the problems is that we don’t understand much about the virus once it’s in the plant. Is it systemic? Is it going to the roots immediately? We need to concentrate on better methods of detecting it and the epidemiology of the disease,” Byrne explains.

Three groups are working on diagnostics and all are taking different approaches, says Byrne. For example, Ioannis E. Tzanetakis, associate professor of plant virology at the University of Arkansas, is researching the mite and the transmission of RRD.

The next major goal of the research team is to produce RRD-resistant germplasm, Byrne says.

“Roses react differently to the virus, and we don’t know anything yet about the garden varieties’ resistance to RRD,” he adds. “I’m a plant breeder, so I’m trying to find a source of resistance and put that into the cultivated material. I’ve acquired 300 different varieties and species to evaluate for resistance in Tennessee and Delaware, where there’s a lot of disease pressure.”

There are reports of two species that show resistance to RRD – *Rosa palustris* (swamp rose) and *R. setigera* (prairie rose), Byrne says. Mark Windham at the University of Tennessee and Tom Evans at the University of Delaware are doing the initial evaluation, he adds.

Byrne also is working with private rose breeders from across the country who are diligently looking at resistant varieties. Byrne says it will be a couple of years before crosses can be evaluated.



A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:

I have served as The Rose Vine editor for 5 years and I have thoroughly enjoyed putting it together and helping to distribute it to all of the Penn-Jersey members and friends from other states.

Now, it is time for me to move on and serve the district in another capacity. I will miss working on this newsletter which keeps all Penn-Jersey members up to date on district events and rose information.

I also want to apologize for the lateness of this newsletter. My roses, rose shows, and family commitments have contributed to the delay.

Let us lend our support to all of the district volunteers who undertake all of the jobs that need to be completed in order for the district to continue to thrive and pass on our love of the rose to others.

From: **"Redington"** <rosered1@comcast.net>

Subject: FW: ARS Members, I urge you to vote NO on the By-Law Amendment in the Triennial Election on June 1st.

Date: May 22, 2015 at 4:35:06 PM EDT

To: "Carmen Palise" <ctpalise@gmail.com>

The following is a letter from two respected and long standing members of the ARS concerning a possible upcoming amendment to the American Rose Society. I felt that it was important for all members to have first-hand information as you are making your decision. Both persons feel strongly about their positions and present them well. If you are an ARS member, please take the time to listen to these two individual's thoughts and when voting opens on June 1st, make your decision.

If you have any questions, or you did not get your voting information, please contact me by email rosered1@comcast.net or 717-264-6488 and I will try to clear up any problems you might be having for the electronic voting.

Thanks

Nancy Redington

From: **Marilyn Wellan** [mailto:roseusa@suddenlink.net] Sent: Friday, May 22, 2015 2:14 PM

To: **Marilyn Wellan**

Subject: ARS Members, I urge you to vote NO on the By-Law Amendment in the Triennial Election on June 1st.

Dear ARS Member,

I am writing in response to a recent letter you might have received from American Rose Society member Hal Reynolds. He has proposed an amendment to the ARS By-Laws that will remove almost all qualifications for candidates for ARS Vice President/President, leaving only the requirement that a candidate be a 3-year ARS member. You are being asked to vote "yes" or "no" on that amendment beginning June 1st. I urge you to vote "NO" and here are the reasons why:

In no organization or business is the newest employee named CEO, and that should not be the case for ARS.

Signing up for a 3-year ARS membership only guarantees that a person will receive the ARS magazine, but will do little to prepare that member for service in our top leadership position. Much more commitment is needed, and based on my own knowledge about the job and the administration of the organization, more commitment is required.

All we ask is that the candidate first gain experience by serving one 3-year term on the Board of Directors, as a District or Regional Director or officer. That is not too much to ask of someone who wants to be the President of the American Rose Society.

Once elected, the Vice President is automatically a member of the Board of Directors and the 5-member Executive Committee. In my opinion, it would be irresponsible to put ARS leadership in the hands of one so lacking in experience and knowledge regarding the administration of the Society – a term that would last for SIX YEARS, without any vehicle to remove that person from office should it not work out.

The current By-Laws regarding qualifications for Vice Presidential candidates serves us very well; the proposed amendment will be detrimental to the Society.

Hal Reynolds' letter can't go unanswered. I am a Past President of the American Rose Society (2003-2006) and a current member and past chairman of the By-Laws Committee. My statement to you is my opinion, and it is based on my ongoing, unselfish commitment to the American Rose Society, and my desire to uphold its By-Laws (our constitution) and guard against changes that I believe will be detrimental to the Society. I value the Society--and we should all value the Society too much to allow the presidency to fall into the hands of someone who has not demonstrated a commitment to the organization, a knowledge of its administration, and a demeanor that will not be disruptive and harmful, all of which can be learned about a candidate through his or her prior service.

Hal's letter is posted below for your reference. The following is my response.

Regarding Hal Reynolds' statement - "The Status Quo Today":

My reply: In his "status quo" paragraph, Hal Reynolds states that "those campaigning against this By-Law change

would prefer to keep power to themselves.” That is insulting to leaders who have given so much to the Society as volunteers. The whole premise of the “status quo” paragraph is a grossly unfair portrayal of the Society and its members, leaders, history and policy, and is artfully composed to try to justify their amendment. Firstly, the current By-Laws impose term limits to prevent an unlimited continuation of leadership. Secondly, it is unrealistic to expect that the Society will be better served by a president who has been required to do nothing more than purchase a 3-year membership! It is knowledge, experience and an exhibited commitment to the Society that is needed in our leaders.

Hal’s statement is deliberately misleading or he is ignorant of our organization. In addition to opportunities to serve as Regional or District Directors, there are approximately 40 committees within the organization that provide opportunities for service, and opportunities to learn about the operation of the Society, in addition to the leadership opportunities within our Local Societies. Dedicated members move into these positions in service to the Rose and to the Rose Society; and through that service, good leaders emerge.

The Vice Presidential candidate’s “resume” is essential; our By-Laws require that his “resume” include one term as a Director. This commitment is not too much to ask. If you vote NO to the amendment, you will be supporting the current By-Laws regarding qualifications for service and insuring that Vice President/President candidates earn the right to lead this great organization.

Regarding Hal Reynolds’ statement - “The Reasons for the Change”:

My reply: Yes, until 1997, any member could decide to run for the office of ARS Vice President EXCEPT back then the National Nominating Committee designated which of those potential candidates would actually be granted a place on the ballot. That rule was to insure that not only was there a full roster of candidates, but that those candidates were qualified for the office, having the knowledge and experience regarding the goals, operations, financial status, needs of members, etc. that can only be gained - and can only be assured - by his or her service on the ARS Board of Directors. The By-Law regarding qualifications for Vice Presidential candidates was amended in 1997 to require previous service to the Society as a Regional or District Director (the current By-Law), rather than leave it up to the National Nominating Committee to make the decision. It was an important change at the time, for the reasons stated above, and it is very important now. The current policies and By-Laws work. The By-Laws Committee and a majority of the Board of Directors voted against the amendment you are being asked to vote for in the upcoming election.

The proponents of this amendment frequently cite the case of a well-known member who was elected Vice President in 1997 before the new qualification rules went into effect, and claims he “was a very successful leader” in spite of the lack of prior service. In a number of ways, that member’s history with the Society is reason enough for me to challenge this proposed amendment. Not many- if any - other members have filed a lawsuit against the Society, one part of his history that offends me most.

There has never been a shortage of candidates for Vice President. A bank of 30-90 potential candidates is an incredibly rich pool from which good qualified candidates continue to emerge, specifically because they will have become known through their deeds, dedication, service, leadership and abilities. That pool is increased every three years, with new directors coming on board in every new term.

Regarding Hal Reynolds’ statement - “Opposition Spin to By-Laws Change”

My reply: This petition gained the required signatures (representing only 4% of our membership) because those who signed it were not provided the important reasons to oppose it. You have those reasons before you now. Again, I am asking you to vote “NO” when you cast your ballot in the Triennial election. You may share this communication with anyone you wish, and I hope you will.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Wellan

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A Message from Hal Reynolds

Author of the Petition

The Status Quo Today

The ARS is viewed by many Members as being controlled by a small group of people instilling in Members the feeling that they have little say in management. Those people campaigning against this By-Law change, would prefer to keep power to themselves. Witness how the number of ARS Members actually cast votes in the ARS election. Apathy is prevalent for it created an embarrassing and historically low number. Members of the board and officers simply transfer from one position on the board to another and then on to become the Vice President/President and then as a Past President become a non-voting lifelong member of the board. Right now, one person can serve six years as District Director, six years as Regional Director, three years as Vice President, three years as President and then automatically become a non-voting lifelong member of the board. This ability to serve for such a long period is a cause for stagnation in leadership and restricts new leaders, new blood, new ideas, visions and new Members from participation in leadership of the organization. The American Rose Society had grown to a membership of about 24,000 and now has dropped to under 8,000 members. Even with our reduced membership of 8,000 Members there is still a large and perhaps younger talent pool in our membership being denied the chance to lead.

The Reasons for The Change

There is an urgent need to return to the historic way we used to elect the ARS Vice President. Up until 1997, any Member could run without restrictions. In 1997 the By-Laws were changed to restrict that only members who have previously served as a National Officer, District or Regional Director were eligible. This change was enacted to prevent one individual from running, but the change in By-Laws was approved too late to prevent that person from being elected ARS Vice President. In fact, this person was elected Vice President and went on to serve as President for three years and was a very successful leader. He subsequently became President of the World Federation of Rose Societies. These accomplishments were possible without having ever served as a Regional or District Director. The current situation can best be described that a dwindling number of ARS Members are qualified to run - approximately 90 and only about 30 of those are young enough to commit to a 6-year period of service. Besides, many of these 30 individuals lack the desire or finances to fulfill a 6-year term.

Opposition Spin to By-Laws Change

Opponents to the By-Law change contend that it is supported by some disgruntled members from the West Coast. This is just not the case.

This grassroots effort gathered the necessary signed petitions for this referendum from over two thirds of the states and four foreign countries. The petitions arrived with many notes stating how glad they were to see someone was trying to do something about the exclusionary tight control of ARS. Some people have stated the purpose of this referendum was to help a specific candidate or even myself and this I guarantee you is not the case.

False Opposing Arguments

This change in the By-Laws would allow people unfamiliar with the ARS run for office. I would point out that the referendum requires that the person must have been a member in good standing for 3 years or more. Thus, the elected individual would be involved with the ARS for at least 3 years before they can run and then they would serve 3 years as VP a total of 6 or more years of experience with the ARS before becoming President with a 6 or more year learning period. I would also point out that the President makes some committee appointments, chairs the meetings of the board and Executive Committee but only votes to break tied votes.

Selecting a Future Leader

Today, a Member elected to the office of ARS Vice President serves three years as VP immediately followed by a three term as ARS President. ARS Members vote for the office of Vice President, knowing that three years later that person will automatically become President. The current election will elect a person to serve as Vice President from 2015 to 2018 and the President from 2018 to 2021. This proposed change in By-Laws will not have any effect on the current election for VP and only have an impact on elections from 2018 onwards.

The Voting Process

All ballots will be cast electronically online by clicking on the election link at the ARS Website and should be completed before the last Friday in July. Members who have a dual membership will each get a vote. Voters will notice a unique Voter ID number from their personal copy of the ARS Magazine May/June issue or as it is listed in a letter that may be sent to them from ARS. During the voting period Chapter/Affiliated Rose Societies and Members may help other Members cast their vote if they, for any reason, have any problem with compute access or do not know how to do the voting.

Remember you will be voting for your choice of candidate for Vice President, AND hopefully your "YES" VOTE for the By-Laws Change.

ARS is an organization of passionate hobbyists and my hope is that we can return the ARS to its historic openness in the way we select our future leaders. It is our privilege and right to vote for this By-Laws Change in furtherance of our desire to make the American Rose Society more open and democratic.

AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY FALL NATIONAL CONVENTION

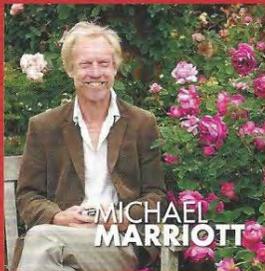
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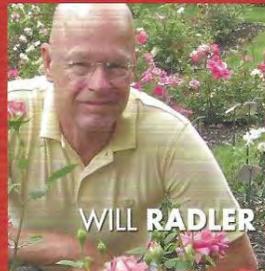
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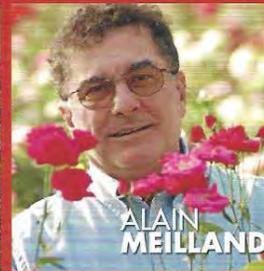
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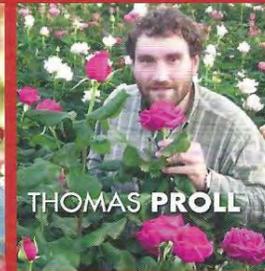
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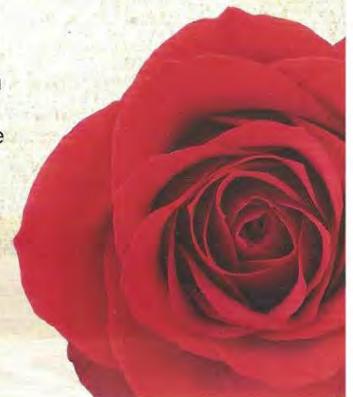
Speakers include:

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- program line-up
- speakers
- tours and more!





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	How Many	Price	Total
Early Registration (Prior to May 10, 2015)	_____	\$195	\$ _____
Regular Registration (Prior to July 10, 2015)	_____	\$230	\$ _____
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Tour to Dickman Farms and Beak & Skiff Orchards (optional)	_____	\$ 30	\$ _____
2015 Current Patron's Only Reception	_____	\$ 0	\$ _____
		Total Enclosed	\$ _____

Entree Choice for Saturday Night Dinner: ___ Braised Beef Jardiniere ___ Chicken with Risotto ___ Baked Tilapia

Your registration includes two lunches, two dinners, two receptions, all educational programs, rose show entry and convention goodies. Make your check payable to: ARS New York District. Send to: Joe Gibson, 8203 Pembroke Drive, Manlius, New York 13104. You can also register and pay via PayPal online at newyorkroses.org. The refund deadline is July 10, 2015, there is a \$35 cancellation fee.



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