



The Rose Vine

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Director's Message

I cannot wait for the "End of Winter". . . Both the meteorological event and the big fun weekend for Rosarians everywhere. For Penn-Jersey District, the "End of Winter Weekend" can only mean one thing, spring is surely just ahead and it is time to get together for a weekend of rose friends and rose talk. By popular demand, this year's End of Winter Weekend programs will be centered on the photographic side of our hobby. The Penn-Jersey district is blessed with some great photographers and many of them will be sharing their skills and insights with us. This is a great opportunity to come and spend one on one time with your camera and folks that know how to really use them.

As a precursor to the Friday night welcome, **Bruce Monroe** has made arrangements for a **Horticulture Judge's Audit** on Friday afternoon. This is the only Horticulture audit available at this time for our judges to recertify for the next 2 years. I urge any and every member who can to attend this program to do so. Even if you don't have to audit, it is foolish to not avail yourself of this opportunity. Also it means more time with your friends.

Another feature of the weekend will be a chance to meet and greet the two candidates that are running for the **American Rose Society Vice-Presidency**. Every 3 years we ask someone to take on the responsibility of becoming the Vice-President and then after that term, to assume the presidency for another three years. This triennial election is also the time that we select the **District Director, Regional Director, and the PJ member for the National Nominating Committee**. The District Director and Regional Director positions, when contested, are elected on an electronic ballot during the summer along with the **ARS Vice-President** position. The District National Nominating Committee member will be affirmed or elected (if there are two candidates) at the End of Winter weekend meeting. This is the same procedure that is used in all of the Districts and Regions.

The third position of **Regional Director for District 1** is open. **Elaine Adler** is finishing up her second 3 year term in this position and ,therefore, cannot succeed herself for a third term. We thank her very much for her commitment and willingness to bring the concerns and wishes of our District to the full Board during these last 6 years.

Editor's Note: You can click on items in the "Inside This Issue" table (at left) to go directly to the article's page.

The Penn Jersey District is unique. But then you knew that. Seriously, we have 2 Regional Directors. When this Regional Director position was conceived, it was decided to, after the District Directors were elected by their Districts, that a Regional Director be established. The thinking of the time was to assist in communication and resources. In this age of email, that part of the function is not used as frequently. The other resource that they were to bring to the board was one of experience. Usually the Regional Director is a person who would have already served on the Board as a District Director. Having served a previous term(s) of either 3 or 6 years, it was thought that the experience of this person would also be an asset to the running of the ARS. Actually in the By-Laws, it states that they are to assist with membership and fundraising.

That being said, I mentioned that Elaine has been our representative for the Pennsylvania members of the Penn-Jersey District. The New Jersey folks are represented by David Long from Connecticut. Reason: the New Jersey Zip Code starts with a zero and Pennsylvania Zip starts with a 1. The Penn-Jersey District is the only District in the ARS to be split into two regions.

So, Region 1 is composed of Pennsylvania and New York (Zip Codes that start with a 1). This year we have two individuals running for **Region 1 Director, Bruce Monroe** from Philadelphia and Del-Chester Rose Societies and **Lois Fowkes** from the **New York District**. This will be a contested election and, therefore, be elected by electronic ballot at the same time as the ARS Vice-Presidency in the summer.

I mentioned the other position of National Nominating Committee Person. This is also a three year term and **Gus Banks** has just finished his first of 2 possible 3 year terms. The election of this position will take place at the End of Winter Weekend meeting.

If you are an exhibitor or you really like flower shows, you are in for a very special year. This June, the Columbus area of the ARS will be hosting a super duo. At one time, they will be putting on the **Spring National Convention** along with the **2015 National Miniature Rose Show**. This will be an unbelievable chance to see the best and the brightest in arrangers, and exhibitors. All the **National Rose Show** spring trophies along with the **National Miniature Rose Show** trophies will be available. This will happen in the second weekend in June. Of course, that is also our usual show time for the Penn-Jersey District. Several societies are opting out of a show this year in order for their members to experience a national event. Information is available on the **Buckeye District** website (<http://www.buckeyerose.com/>).

And if that isn't enough. Penn-Jersey is joining with Syracuse and the New York District to put on the **Fall National Rose Show** in Syracuse. Last fall, we voted to combine our efforts with our friends to the north and put on a great event. Our trophies will be there for competition along with the national fall trophies. At this time, our **Pat Shanley, ARS Vice-President**, (Noticed I claimed her for ourselves, as she is in Region 1) will be installed at the **President of the American Rose Society**. This will be a great fun event. The last time a President of the ARS came from our area was when **Frank Benardella** took on that mantle. So local girl does "**Great**" and we want to be there to cheer her on as she leads us forward to a very productive three year commitment of service

And a final congratulations to the district as a whole. The **Frank Benardella Trophy** is officially complete. It will again be offered at the next **Mini National Show**, this spring in Columbus, Ohio. Our hope is that the winners will again bring it back to the district. The site for the **2016 Mini National Show** was awarded to the **York Area Rose Society** and the convention will be held on the last weekend in July just north of Harrisburg. Wouldn't it be great if we could start the trophy out with a trifecta of Penn-Jersey winners.

Another great feature is the raffle extravaganza. Let's be honest. We love it. There is an extra twist this year. **Elaine Adler** and **Pat Bilson** have secured for the district a treasure trove of arranger supplies. They gave a donation for this bulk of material, with district funds, so that we could resell it to our members. Supplies like these are really a treasure. We all know the expression –“*They don't make it like they used to.*” Well that is true, and these arranger items are from the past when quality in Kenzans was the standard. This alone should give every rosarian a chance to get those needed supplies to get out there and exhibit. Along with **Leslie Cox's** exquisite handmade goodies, who needs outlets in order to shop?

My final hope is that with our decision to move our weekend to the first full weekend in March, we will have helped to eliminate these constant snowfalls and we will have a sunny, dry weekend to start off a great rose season of 2015.

Nancy Redington



CHECK OUT THE FOLLOWING ROSE & GARDENING BLOGS

Why I Grow Roses—The Garden Diary: <http://thegardendiary.com/>

Prairie Roses Garden—<http://prairierosesgarden.blogspot.com/>

Roses & Other Gardening Joys—<http://dreamingofroses.blogspot.com/>

The Redneck Rosarian—<https://redneckrosarian.wordpress.com/>

The Graceful Gardener—<http://www.thegracefulgardener.com/>



PENN-JERSEY DISTRICT ELECTION

At this fall's **Penn-Jersey District** meeting, there will be an election for the district officers that will serve for the next three years. In preparation for this election, I am asking for nominations for the following positions:

1st Assistant Director

2nd Assistant Director

Secretary

Treasurer

Due to a request by the **ARS** that our representative to the **National** Nominating Committee be submitted by the end of July, we will hold election for this position at the End of Winter Rose Weekend— March 6-8,2015. The elected individual will not take office until the **Fall District** meeting. All officers serve the same term as the **District Director**. Please submit nominations prior to the meeting.

Duties for all positions may be found in the District By-Laws on our web site, <http://www.pennjerseydistrict.org>.

Nominations for the **District Director** remain open until **January 31, 2015**.

Please send all nominations directly to me at Jrsyrose@gmail.com.

Gus Banks

NOTE: THE WEST JERSEY ROSE SOCIETY'S 2015 ANNUAL ROSE SALE

IS UNDERWAY

***THE 2015 ROSE SALE ORDER FORM WILL BE EMAILED AS A SEPARATE
ATTACHMENT.***

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ORDERING,

YOU CAN EMAIL:

JUDY GOSS @ goss_judy@hotmail.com

Or call 540-226-0383

Or mail the form to her at: 45 Stevens Lane, Tabernacle, NJ 08088



Plan Now for the Penn-Jersey District Spring Forward Rose Photo Contest

If you haven't already done so, prepare your color picture prints for the **Penn-Jersey District Spring Forward Rose Photo Contest** so that you can enter them next **February**.

The photo contest is open to any photographer who is either a member of the Penn-Jersey District and/or who has registered for the 2015 End-of-Winter Rose Weekend. Exhibitors do not have to attend the End-of-Winter Rose Weekend to enter the competition and need not be present to win.

Each photo entry must be an unmatted 5"x7" color print. Mail entries with your name, the class number, and the name of rose or other photo identification attached to the back of the photo to: Bruce Monroe, 3030 Maple Shade Lane, Wilmington, DE 19810-3424. **All entries must be received by February 9, 2015.** Although not required, contact information, a phone number and/or an email address, would be appreciated.

Except for the novice class (class 1), exhibitors are limited to two entries per class. Entries in excess of two per exhibitor per class in classes 2-14 will not be considered for awards. Novice exhibitors may enter up to five photos in class 1 and may enter other classes as well, provided the same photo is not entered in more than one class. The Novice class is open only to those exhibitors who have won three or fewer blue ribbons in previous district and national photo contests.

All roses, gardens, and activities must be correctly identified. Rose photos will be evaluated 50% on exhibition quality of the rose and 50% on photographic excellence. Arrangement photos will be judged 50% on the arrangement design and flower quality and 50% on photographic excellence. Classes 11-14 will be judged on photographic excellence only.

All photos entered will be on display and final judging and awards will be made at the End-of-Winter Rose Weekend, **March 6-8, 2015**, in New Cumberland, PA. The judges' decision is final. Ribbons will be given in each class and awards to the top three photos overall.

All rights to the submitted photos are retained by the owners of the photos. However, by entering the contest, the owner agrees to allow the Penn-Jersey District of the American Rose Society to display the photo at the 2015 End-of-Winter Rose Weekend and publish the photo in the District Newsletter, the **Rose Vine**. Owners who enter photos that win blue ribbons also agree to allow the local rose societies in the Penn-Jersey district to publish their winning photos in the societies' newsletters.

Please note the following definitions:

An **exhibition bloom** is a specimen that has one bloom per stem without side buds. Unwanted side growth, side buds and/or spent blooms may be removed from any specimen to improve the appearance. At its most perfect phase of possible beauty an exhibition bloom is generally one-half to two-thirds open, gracefully shaped with sufficient petals symmetrically arranged in a circular outline, and tending to a high center. An **open bloom** must have the stamens showing. A **spray** has two or more blooms per stem with or without unopened side buds. Roses classified as **single or semi-double roses** by the ARS are generally at their most perfect phase when fully open.

- Class 1:** Novice Class – Photo appropriate for any of Classes 2-14.
- Class 2:** One Exhibition Bloom, Hybrid Tea, Grandiflora, or Floribunda—no side buds
- Class 3:** One Exhibition Bloom, Miniature or Miniflora – no side buds
- Class 4:** One Open Bloom, Hybrid Tea, Grandiflora, or Floribunda (other than roses classified as single or semi-double varieties by the ARS)—no side buds
- Class 5:** One Open Bloom, Miniature or Miniflora (other than roses classified as single or semi-double varieties by the ARS)—no side buds
- Class 6:** One Open Bloom of a Hybrid Tea, Grandiflora, Floribunda, Miniature, or Miniflora classified as a Single or Semi-Double by the ARS—no side buds
- Class 7:** One Spray, Hybrid Tea, Grandiflora, Floribunda, Polyantha, Miniature or Miniflora
- Class 8:** One Bloom or Spray, Species or Old Garden Rose—side buds permitted
- Class 9:** One Bloom or Spray, Shrub or Climber –side buds permitted
- Class 10:** A Rose Arrangement (identify arranger, if known)
- Class 11:** A Rose Garden (identify garden)
- Class 12:** A Rose Society Activity (identify society and activity)
- Class 13:** Rose Potpourri—a horticulture specimen that does not fit the criteria for Classes 1-9. For example, an extreme close-up. rose hips, foliage, hybrid tea or miniature blooms with side buds, multiple sprays, critters in the garden, portion of a rosebush with companion plants, snow on roses, etc.

2015 PENN-JERSEY DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 6-8, 2015	Mid-Winter Get-A-Way Weekend, Clarion Inn, 148 Sheraton Dr., New Cumberland, Harrisburg West, PA 17070 Contact: Joan Singer, Jsinger@keystonehumanservices.org
May 31, 2015	Philadelphia Rose Show, Morris Arboretum, 100 East Northwestern Avenue, Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19118 Contact: Don Atkiss, Rosarian4@comcast.net
June 6, 2015	West Jersey Rose Society Rose Show, Sears Court, Moorestown Mall, 400 Rt. 38, Moorestown, NJ 08057 Contact: Terry Palise, 609-896-2011, ctpalise@gmail.com
June 6, 2015	Harrisburg Rose Society Rose Show, Bethany Village, 325 Wesley Drive, Mechanisburg, PA Contact: Ron Chronister, rnd4psu@verizon.net
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
To Be Determined	Del-Chester Rose Society Rose Show, Longwood Gardens, Kennth Square, PA Contact: Elaine Adler, eadler36@gmail.com
No Rose Show in 2015	York Area Rose Society Contact: Donna Smith, RosyRmbIns@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



Child's Play by Rich Baer



Falling In love by Bill Kozemchak

PENN-JERSEY DISTRICT

Horticulture Judging Update at the End of Winter Rose Gathering

There will be an update for horticulture judges on the afternoon of Friday, March 6, 2015, at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center in New Cumberland, PA, as part of the End of Winter Rose Weekend (A/KA the “Winter Meeting”). Speakers include: **Bruce Monroe, Curtis Aumiller, and Diane Wilkerson.** Judges from all districts are welcome to attend.

Horticulture judges are required to attend an update at least once every four years and are encouraged to do so more frequently. Because of the Penn-Jersey District’s participation in the ARS Fall National Meeting, September 9-13, 2015, in Syracuse, New York, **the Penn-Jersey District will not have a horticulture judging school and update in the fall of 2015. The next update will not occur until at least 2017.** Penn-Jersey horticulture judges should have received an email that indicates when they will be required to update. Horticulture judges who need to update in 2015 and 2016 should plan to attend this program. All other horticulture judges, as well as anyone who wants to learn about rose judging, are welcome to attend.

For further information, contact **Bruce Monroe**, professor@katiegirl.net.



TENTATIVE PROGRAM—HORTICULTURE JUDGES AUDIT—2015

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| 1:00 – 2:00 | Welcome— Bruce Monroe
Update: Judging Sprays, Polyanthas, Climbers, and Shrubs
Judging Pitfalls—Bruce Monroe |
| 2:00 – 3:00 | Judging Photographs— Curtis Aumiller |
| 3:00 – 3:15 | Break |
| 3:15 – 4:15 | Challenge Classes, Collections, and
Court of Honor— Diane Wilkerson |
| 4:15 – 5:15 | Judicial Attitude & Ethics— Bruce Monroe |

Spring Forward Rose Weekend Registration

Reserve rooms directly with **Clarion Inn**, 148 Sheraton Drive, New Cumberland, PA 17070, phone **717-774-2721**.

Rates are **\$85** per room per night. Complimentary hot breakfast buffet with room reservations! Hospitality room will be open Friday, March 6.

Mention **the PA/NJ District American Rose Society** meeting to get the special room rates.

Reserve rooms by February 13, 2015!!!

Spring Forward Rose Weekend March 6, 7 & 8, 2015

Name(s): _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ ZIP _____

E-mail: _____

Registration \$15.00 each \$ _____

Judges' Audit \$10.00 each \$ _____

Buffet Dinner (Saturday) \$30.00 each \$ _____

(must be registered for convention)

Beef and chicken

Do you have any special dietary concerns/needs? _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Make check payable to: **Penn-Jersey District**

Mail to: **Georgianna Papale**

2371 Perricrest Drive

Pittsburgh, PA 15220

Come Join Your Friends!

March 6, 7, & 8, 2015, will be the dates for our annual Spring Forward Rose Weekend. A Judges' Audit will be held on Friday from 1 – 6pm. Enjoy dinner on your own Friday evening; then relax and visit with friends in the hospitality room. Events begin Saturday morning at 9am. A 'hot' breakfast is included with your hotel reservation. Speakers, a photography workshop, and a photography contest are planned for during the day on Saturday. Saturday evening there will be hospitality, dinner, and the ever popular – *raffles*!! Sunday morning complimentary breakfast with a paid room reservation and then our Penn-Jersey business meeting.

**Our location for 2015 is the Clarion Inn,
148 Sheraton Drive, New Cumberland, PA 17070,
TELEPHONE: 717-774-2721.**



Services/Amenities in All Rooms: (*charge for service)

- Business Center
- Lounge/Bar *
- Elevator(s)
- Fitness Center
- Free Full Breakfast
- Free Handicap Parking on Premises
- Guest Laundry
- Indoor Heated Pool
- Pet-friendly Hotel *
- Restaurant *
- Room Service *
- Turn Down Service
- Voice Mail
- Cable/Satellite TV
- Flat Screen/Plasma TV
- Free Local Calls
- Free Wireless High Speed Internet Access
- Hair Dryer
- In-Room Air Conditioning
- In-Room Coffee Maker
- In-Room Desk
- Individual A/C & Heat
- Iron & Ironing Board
- Pay-Per-View Movies *
- Pillow Top Mattress
- Wake-Up Service

There is a restaurant at the hotel as well as others within walking distance: Bob Evans, John's Diner, and Pizza Hut. Many more restaurants and shopping areas are nearby. Hope to see you there!



JOIN THE ARS

The **American Rose Society** is now offering a four-month trial membership for only \$10 to anyone who is interested in becoming members of our organization. Most ARS members are home gardeners who enjoy growing roses and want to expand their knowledge of rose culture.

Four-Month Trial Members receive:

Free advice from Consulting Rosarians. The ARS Consulting Rosarians program connects members with expert rosarians that provide free assistance with your rose questions.

Free or reduced garden admissions, a \$25 value after just 3 uses. With the ARS [Reciprocal Garden Admission program](#), members enjoy free or reduced admission to and discounts at hundreds of gardens, conservatories and arboreta nationwide.

Free online access to four quarterly bulletins, a \$45 value. Previously available by subscription only, the Mini/Mini-Flora Bulletin, Old Garden Rose & Shrub Gazette, Rose Arrangers' Bulletin, and Rose Exhibitors' Forum are all now available online for free to all ARS members.

Two issues of *American Rose* magazine, \$16 value. The only magazine devoted exclusively to roses and rose culture, these bi-monthly, 84-page issues feature informative articles and beautiful color photography for beginners and experienced rose growers alike. View a [free issue](#) online.

Discounts of up to 30% at merchant partners. The ARS Member Benefit Partner program offers discounts at various merchants with new partners being added continuously.



PHOTOGRAPHY REPORT

BY: Tom Mayhew Chairman of Photography

Sample Judging Guidelines and/or Photography Contest Rules have been posted on the Penn-Jersey District Website under the heading "Photography Rules" and sub-heading "Samples".

These include the following:

1. Proposed Guidelines for Judging Photographs – Tom Mayhew – TM3
2. A Sample of a simple Local Photo Contest Schedule – Courtesy Bill Kozemchak – Philadelphia Rose Society
3. A Sample of a formal Local Photo Contest Schedule – Courtesy Mary Hahn – Jersey Shore Rose Society
4. A Sample of a District Photo Contest Schedule – Courtesy Gus Banks – West Jersey Rose Society
5. A Sample of Mid-Winter Photo Contest 2014 Schedule – Courtesy Bruce Monroe - Del-Chester Rose Society
6. A Sample of the Mini National Photo Contest 2014 Schedule – Courtesy Gus Banks – West Jersey Rose Society.



Over The Moon by Rich Baer

ARE YOU A CONSULTING ROSARIAN? WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE ONE?

BY: JO SINGER

I kept saying “No” to being a Consulting Rosarian. Finally, they wore me down and I said, “Yes.” And, I found out it wasn’t that bad being a Consulting Rosarian. Anyway, I had been doing most of the things for which Consulting Rosarian is responsible all along. To be a consulting rosarian, you have to attend a **Consulting Rosarian School** and take a test. After attending 12 years of school, then 4 years of college, classes for work, then more college classes, I was schooled out. The word “test” sent shivers up my spine! This “school” turned out to be very enjoyable. Gus Banks did most of the presentation of the information for the consulting rosarian school. He did his usual “If it flies, it dies.” presentation along with very pertinent information on chemicals. Chemicals were the hardest part for me. The test itself wasn’t so bad because it was an open book test. To keep up your accreditations as a consulting rosarian, you must renew your Consulting Rosarian status every 4 years by taking 4 credits (1 of which is chemical safety) of approved subjects. It is easy to do because there are usually credits available at local, district, national meetings and conventions.

There were quite a few of us that day. Great friendships, laughter, and learning. I have found that when I am out and about in garden centers and such places and I hear someone trying to decide what type of roses to buy, I try to be helpful and ask if they want any help. Most garden centers welcome any free help they can get. However, when asked about chemicals, I tell the person to make sure to read the label. I do not get involved in chemical discussions because I use a no spray program. If you do not feel comfortable is giving someone information on a specific topic, refer them to the ARS website for more information. So give it a try – you’ll enjoy being a Consulting Rosarian.

A NOTE ON THE PENN-JERSEY DISTRICT WEBSITE

BY: Rafiq Bolar, Webmaster

Please send me information on any upcoming events in the Penn Jersey District area to be included on the Penn-Jersey District website — <http://www.pennjerseydistrict.org/>

Please include the following information in it:

- ◆ Location of the event, date of event
- ◆ Information about the event
- ◆ Contact person’s name
- ◆ Contact details such as email address, phone number or address.
- ◆ Also, submit any website links for to direct more information to specific persons.

My email address is: bolarr@gmail.com.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR “MINIATURE AND MINIFLORA ROSE HALL OF FAME”

Dr. Jim Hering, Chairman

ARS Miniature/Miniflora Rose Committee

The ARS Miniature and Miniflora Rose Hall of Fame honors miniature and miniflora roses that have stood the test of time in commerce for at least 20 years. Now, it is your opportunity to participate in this process by sending in your nomination (s), (five or less). A short list of the most popular miniature and miniflora roses that are 20 years or older can be found at the end of this article. Criteria for the Hall of Fame can be summarized as follows:

1. The variety must have been introduced at least 20 years prior to the year the award is given. Introduction date will be verified by the latest edition of *Modern Roses*.

2. There can be multiple winners in any year.

3. Varieties for consideration are solicited from the general membership through an announcement in the *American Rose* magazine, on the ARS web-site, in the Miniature Rose Bulletin and in district and local bulletins. Nominations are to be sent by **April 1, 2015** to:

Dr. Jim Hering

1050 Kingwood Drive

Marion, OH 43302

rosehering@roadrunner.com

4. The Chairman of the Miniature/Miniflora Rose Committee will prepare the tabulations for selection by the full committee by ballot.

5. Formal announcement of the winner(s) will take place at the ARS National Miniature Rose Conference.

PREVIOUS WINNERS

ELECTED IN 1999

Starina, 1964, Meiland

Beauty Secret, 1972, Moore

Magic Carousel, 1972, Moore

Rise'n'Shine, 1977, Moore

Party Girl, 1979, Saville

ELECTED IN 2000

Cinderella, 1953, de Vink

Mary Marshall, 1970, Moore

ELECTED IN 2001

Green Ice, 1971, Moore

Jeanne Lajoie, 1976, Sima

ELECTED IN 2006

Giggles, 1987, King

Black Jade, 1985, Benardella

ELECTED IN 2007

Pierrine, 1988, M. Williams

ELECTED IN 2008

Irresistible, 1989, Bennett

Fairhope, 1989, Pete & Kay Taylor

ELECTED IN 2009

Gourmet Popcorn, 1986, Desamero

Luis Desamero, 1988, Bennett

Tiffany Lynn, 1985, N. Jolly

ELECTED IN 2013

My Sunshine, 1986, Bennett

Peggy "T", 1988, King

Winsome, 1984, Saville

ELECTED IN 2014

Soroptimist International, 1995,

Benardella

Incognito, 1995, Bridges

ELECTED IN 2002**Cupcake**, 1981, SpiesELECTED IN 2003**Snow Bride**, 1982, Jolly**Little Jackie**, 1982, SavilleELECTED IN 2004**Minnie Pearl**, 1982, Saville**Red Cascade**, 1976, MooreELECTED IN 2005**Jean Kenneally**, 1986, Bennett**Rainbow's End**, 1986, SavilleELECTED IN 2010**Chelsea Belle**, 1991, P. & K. Taylor**Grace Seward**, 1991, Bennett**Fancy Pants**, 1986, KingELECTED IN 2011**Kristin**, 1992, Benardella**Olympic Gold**, 1983, N. JollyELECTED IN 2012**Hot Tamale**, 1993, Zary**X-Rated**, 1993, Bennett**A BRIEF LIST OF ELIGIBLE MINIATURE & MINI-FLORA ROSES**

Acey Deucy	Ain't Misbehavin'	Apricot Twist	Baby Grand	BabyKatie
Cal Poly	Connie	Crazy Dottie	Cuddles	Dee Bennett
Dreamcatcher Elfinglo	Ember	Figurine	For You Dad	Gail
Halo Fire	Halo Today	Holy Toledo	Jennifer	June Laver
Lavender Delight	Lavender Spoon	Lights of Broadway	Linville	Little Mermaid
Little Sister	Millie Walters	Mobile Jubilee	Mothers Love	Old Glory
Over the Rainbow	Pacesetter	Peaches'n' Cream	Poker Chip	Popcorn
Pucker Up	Purple Dawn	Red Minimo	Roller Coaster	Ruby Pendant
Si	Simplex	Something for Judy	Stars'n'Stripes	Summer Sunset
Suzy	Sweet Chariot	Sweet Revenge	Teddy Bear	Tennessee
Toy Clown	Vista	Wistful		

SOME ROSES ELIGIBLE FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS YEAR

Amber Sunset	Angelica Renae	Angel's Blush	Annie R. Mitchell	utumn Sunblaze
Baby Secret	Behold	Bingo Queen	Bridal Sunblaze	Bright Lights
Caesar's Rose	Charlie Brown	Cherry Hi	Darby O'Gill	Dark Mirage
Diamond Anniversary	Diamond Doll	Dreamcoat	Fall Splendor	Father Christmas
Finest Hour	Flora Bama	Glowing Amber	Glowing Petals	Haleakala
Hearts A'Fire	Heavenly Vision	Here's Ian	High Life	Honky Tonk
Innocence	Jeanette	Ju Ju	Lemon Meringue	Lost in Paradise
Love 'Ya Dad	Mary Louise	Morning Song	Oh My Stars	Old Country Charm
Orange Sunset	P.J.'s Pride	Purple Haze	Rita Applegate	River City
Jubilee	Salmon Sunblaze	Seattle	Scentsation	Showdown
Silk 'n' Satin	Silverhill	So in Love	Solar Flare	Street Wise
Tangerine Twist	Trick or Treat	Umberlglo	Voyager	Wishful Thinking

Frank Benardella National Challenge Trophy

By: Bill Kozemchak

The Penn-Jersey District has been trying to establish a fitting trophy to honor the late Frank Benardella since his passing. A committee to create the Frank Benardella National Challenge Trophy was assembled last year consisting of Penn-Jersey District Director, Nancy Redington, PJ Trophy Chair, Bill Kozemchak, PJ Treasurer, Georgie Papale, and Andrew Hearne. The District also agreed to fund a start up for the trophy. I'd like to thank Andrew Hearne, who got the ball rolling by contacting Sandy Lundberg to get information on how the Top Gun Award was established and submitting the forms to appropriate committees for their approval with some assistance from his lovely new wife Julie. The timeline was quite tight as we wished to be able to award this for the first time at the Mini National Convention in Marlton, New Jersey in July. We had a lot of help from many of Frank's friends around the country in support of this effort including Jolene Adams, Pat Shanley, Jim Hering, Lois Fowlkes, Tommy Cairns, Luis Desamero, Bob Martin, John Mattia, Sandy Lundberg, and so many others.

The next step was to come up with an appropriate national trophy. A few ideas were kicked around and we thought rather than something that mimicked an existing one, we would like something more original. Andrew found glass artist, Will Dexter, of Taylor Backes in Boyertown, Pennsylvania who does work similar to Dale Chihuly. We thought it would also be nice to have someone who resides in our district to create the trophy. The committee met with Will to come up with a design and then again to choose from several different prototypes for the final one. The trophy is a bowl type design of red coloring faded dark at the top to clear at the bottom to represent many of Frank's famous miniature and miniflora roses. It sits on a clear glass block inscribed with Benardella on the side. There is one base that stays with the trophy and each winner will get one to be inscribed as a "keepie trophy."

The ARS Board approved the trophy earlier this year at the San Diego ARS Spring Nationals and it was to be available for the first time in Mount Laurel in Frank's home state of New Jersey. I had the pleasure and honor of being able to attend the convention and call both June Benardella and Nancy Redington to tell them it had become a reality. Frank's wife, June, gave the final approval for the specification for the class which require seven different exhibition miniature blooms in separate containers. This specification was thought to make it available to many rose exhibitors, while still maintaining a challenge to have seven different excellent blooms. It was also decided not to require one or all of them to be Frank's roses as this would limit it or maybe force an exhibitor to use a lesser quality rose to meet the specifications. We didn't think this would be something he would want since he always thought the best quality should win.

The West Jersey Rose Society hosted the 2014 National Miniature Rose Show and Conference at the Hotel ML in Mount Laurel, New Jersey in July. This was the first conference and rose show to present the new Frank Benardella National Challenge Trophy. There were four entries in the class this year and all of great quality. Penn-Jersey's own Michael & Sally Wrightstone were the first winners of this new national trophy with the following roses: Renegade, Bee's Knees, Soroptomist International, Joy, Dr. Tommy Cairns, Ty, and Edisto. This included two roses bred by Frank, Soroptimist and Dr. Tommy Cairns. The Wrightstones were also winners of the Harm Saville Challenge Bowl, Miniflora King, Prince and Duchess, Miniature Duchess, Miniflora Spray Queen and Miniflora English Box. It was a very impressive show for them.

At dinner Penn-Jersey District Director, Nancy Redington, presented June Benardella with the first keepie block for the Benardella National Trophy inscribed for her on this special occasion. June and both her daughters Karen and Jane were able to be present for the inaugural presentation of the trophy. June and Nancy then presented Michael & Sally Wrightstone with the trophy. Nancy Redington and Bill Kozemchak also presented the Saville Challenge Trophy to the Wrightstones. It was wonderful to see this dream come true for all the Penn-Jersey District and Benardella family members. The fact that it was also won by one of our members made it even better. Mike and Sally made us proud! Sally told me winning this trophy was Mike's focus for the rose show.

A thank you should also go out to Nancy for spearheading and coordinating this effort and Joe Redington for serving as Nancy's chauffeur to Boyertown and also to our Treasurer, Georgie Papale for keeping track of all the funds and donations we received from outside donors. If you would still like to donate, contributions can be mailed to: **Penn-Jersey District, c/o Georgie Papale, 2371 Perricrest Drive., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15220.**



The Frank Benardella National Challenge Trophy. Photo by Bill Kozemchak



P-J District Director, Nancy Redington presents the first "Keepie" block for the Benardella Trophy to June Benardella. Photo by Tom Mayhew



**Benardella Trophy won by Mike & Sally Wrightstone
Photo by Tom Mayhew**



**The Benardella Trophy presented by Bill Kozemchak to Mike & Sally Wrightstone.
Photo by Tom Mayhew**



WINTER STORAGE OF POTTED ROSES

By Dr. Suni Bolar, Consulting Rosarian
All photos by Suni Bolar

There are several options for newly rooted cuttings and roses in containers to make it over winter. Though my garden falls in zone 7, the microclimate in my garden makes it more like a zone 5 garden as it is in a high wind zone. I have used all of the options listed below successfully in my zone 7 garden.

1. The container can be kept indoors next to a sunny window.
2. After the first hard frost, keep the containers dormant in the garage over winter making sure that the soil doesn't dry out.
3. Keep the containers under a gro light in the basement. This option allows the plant to grow actively over the long winter and rewards you with beautiful blooms throughout the winter.



Container kept indoors in a sunny location.
The cage is to keep the cats away.



Containers under a gro-light in the basement.

4. Plant the newly rooted cutting in the ground, put a glass jar over it and cover it with mulch leaving just the top of the bottle exposed to sunlight. This makes a nice greenhouse for each plant and the plant remains green in the bottle over winter.



5. Dig a trench and place all the containers in it. Fill soil up to the height of the containers. After the first hard frost when the leaves shed, bury the entire plant in mulch.



Containers lined in a trench for winter storage.



The cage helps to pile up the mulch and to keep the animals out.

6. Make a cold frame for outdoor storage. After roses have gone dormant in fall, water containers thoroughly, store in cold frame and seal well for winter storage.



The option you choose will depend upon the amount of space you have indoors or outdoors.



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