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The Rose Vine

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Director's Message:

Director' Message (or as we say this year – From the Director's Bed:

(This year's spring has presented many challenges, and although the foot surgery that requires me to stay pretty sedate, wasn't scheduled until April 28th, the weather was not conducive to get out and prune earlier. So even though Donna and JR Smith came twice to try and help Joe get pruning done, the garden is struggling. Thanks again guys!

Have you finished pruning? According to most, this year's winter damage has made that statement almost a joke. Early pruning left canes that within a few days turned black or dried up. Older plants seemed to take a very hard hit. I had a 9 foot **Baby Cecile Brunner**, that is now reduced to a 6 inch, 4 cane plant. And I couldn't tell you for sure if it will survive or not. For our modest garden, most plants have been reduced to a 6 inch starter. The area that was most protected and was pruned early before my April surgery



is now demonstrating a 10 to 16 inch growth. This is the year to make those notes about "plants that require winter protection"

as this will be much welcomed information in this year's **Roses in Review** report and for future planning.

Last weekend was the **National Rose Show** in San Diego. For those of you who attended the **Winter Get-A-Way**, the **Penn-Jersey District** was committed to get approved and established the **Frank Benardella Miniature Rose Horticulture Trophy** in time to be awarded at the upcoming **National All Miniature Rose Convention** scheduled for **July 25, 26 and 27**, which this year is to be held in Frank's home state of New Jersey. Our **Trophy Chair, Bill Kozemchak** along with the rest of his committee has guided the trophy through all the committees of the **ARS** to a final approval vote at the **May 9th Board Meeting**. It has happened!, (as it should). **Andrew and Julie Hearne** along with **Joe Redington** and **myself**, joined **Bill Kozemchak** and traveled to Boyerstown, Pa to meet with a glass artisan who was selected to be the creator of this one-of-a kind trophy.

The trophy can best be described as an oval, organic, substantial red glass bowl that is both a piece of hand blown glass art and also a usable bowl. The trophy is actually two parts, the bowl and a glass platform. The winning exhibitor will keep the glass trivet/bookend that will be engraved with their name and the pertinent information from the show at which it was won. The award will be presented this first time by **June Benardella** at the Mini National. This is for miniature (not mini flora) roses, And if rumors are true, it will be one of the most coveted classes at this year's show.

Now that the trophy has been approved, all donations should be sent to **Georgie Papale** our treasurer for the district. I know that **York Area Rose Society's** check is in the mail as I write. Georgie has requested that all donations be sent to her with the notation "**Benardella Trophy**" be placed on the memo line of the check. All donations will be acknowledged by her and a permanent record kept of the benefactors and their donations. This final record will be sent to the ARS for their storage. To send donations or to make inquiries, contact **Ms. Georgie Papale**, 2371 Perricrest Drive, Pittsburgh, Pa 15220.

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Penn-Jersey Treasurer.

If you haven't registered for the Mini National, you will want to get your form in now and get your room registration. For those who have never attended a mini national convention, you are in for a real treat. It is one of the most friendly gatherings one can go to. It is so easy to transport miniature roses, and the timing will be perfect so there is no excuse for not coming and joining in on all of the fun.

New Jersey here we come!

You will also want to look for the information on **PJ's District** one day **Rose Show and Meeting** to be held in **Harrisburg** on **September 6th**. For those who like the quick reference, the date is the Saturday after Labor Day. The **Greater Harrisburg Rose Society** is hosting the event and this will be another first for our District. We have never had a one day show and conference and we are grateful that Harrisburg is graciously willing to try it. With all of the crowded schedules, this is just another alternative "arrow in the quiver." We will try new things and find out what is the best for us. **Tradition is a reference not a rule.**

Our website is the easiest and fastest way to contact folks in the district. Again thanks to **Rafiq Bolar** for the outstanding job he is doing to keep us all up to date. Speaking of websites. If you would like to find out information about all the goings on throughout the ARS, just go to their website. (And that is super easy, type in **Rose** on your search bar and the ARS comes up.) At the bottom of the home page is a tab for "calendar". If an organization has submitted their information, every show is listed on this calendar and by floating the cursor over the name of the organization all the contact information becomes available. Traveling this summer? Check out this feature and find out if there are any special "rose doings" at your destination or along the route.

Thanks to **Terry Palise** for holding this newsletter so we could announce that the **National Benardella Trophy** is a reality and ready to be won.

And one final thought. When was the last time you brought someone new to view a rose show? The beauty of the rose is featured nowhere better than at a show. So show them off. Catch the fever, Have "Fun" and "Grow" the **National Floral Emblem**:

THE ROSE.



Nancy Redington

2014 PENN-JERSEY DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS



June 1, 2014	Philadelphia Rose Show, Morris Arboretum, 100 East Northwestern Avenue, Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19118
June 7, 2014	West Jersey Rose Society Rose Show, Sears Court, Moorestown Mall, 400 Rt. 38, Moorestown, NJ 08057 Contact: Terry Palise, 609-896-2011.
June 7, 2014	Harrisburg Rose Society Rose Show, Bethany Village, 325 Wesley Drive, Mechanisburg, PA Contact: Ron Chronister, 717-766-2656.
June 8, 2014	Reading-Berks Rose Society Rose Show, Boscov's North, Fairgrounds Square Mall, 2910 N. 5th St. Highway, Reading, PA 19605. Contact: Kevin Glaes, 610-926-4428.
June 14, 2014	Del-Chester Rose Society Rose Show,
June 14, 2014	York Rose Show, Dover Community Park, Carrousel Bldg., Dover, PA 17315 Contact: Terri Johns ,717-292-6247.
July 24-27, 2014	2014 Mini National Convention & Rose Show hosted by WJRS Hotel ML, 915 Rt., 73, Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054 Contact: Gus Banks, 609-267-3809.
September 6, 2014	Penn-Jersey District Rose Show & Meeting Harrisburg Rose Society, Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey 4650 Lindle Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111 Contact: Mary Slade, 717-939-6463,
September 13, 2014	Jersey Shore Rose Society Rose Show, Deep Cut Gardens, 152 Red Hill Road, Middletown, NJ 07748.
September 13, 2014	Pittsburgh Rose Society

WHAT WINTER LEFT ME

BY: KEVIN GLAES

Everyone knows it was a hard winter—very cold and a lot of snow. I had 4 nights below zero. It is April 5 and the temperature will go down to about 27° overnight. I am still about a week away from pruning. I have been able to go out every day since the snow melted about two weeks ago and survey the damage. I mounded mulch up about 14" high on the Teas, Chinas and 1st year plants. I left the Hybrid Teas and Floribundas unprotected and will be pruning them close to ground level. It has been so long since I had to prune so low that I can't remember how long it took them to bounce back. But they will bounce back.

I thought it would be interesting to look at the different classes of Old Garden Roses (OGRs) and see if there are any patterns. I will not list the species and once-bloomers as we know they are very winter hardy. Here are the roses by class and how low overall they will have to be pruned. I used the abbreviation **ML** to denote roses that had a mound of mulch and died back to the mulch mound. As a rule of thumb, most of the bushes listed here grow to 4 – 5 feet.

Hybrid Perpetuals

Mrs. John Laing – ML
Baron Girod de la Ain – 24"
Frau Karl Druschki – 6"
Sidonie – 20"
Baroness de Rothschild – 12"
Reine des Violettes – 20"
Marchesa Boccella – 20"
Enfant de France – 30"
Baronne Prevost – 24"
General Jacqueminot – 24"

Teas and Chinas

All died back to the mulch mound

Moss

Salet - 30"
Mme Louie Leveque – 24"
Gloire des Mousseuses – 14"

Mme de la Roche Lambert – ML

Gabriel Noyelle – 14"

Alfred de Dalmas – 20"

Bourbons

Rose Edouard – ML
Honorine de Brabant – 24"
Boule de Neige – down to the ground
Mystic Beauty – probably dead
Souv. de la Malmaison – ML
Souv de Mme August Charles – 20"
Mme Ernst Calvat – 10"
Mme Issac Periere – 8"

Portlands

Yolande de Aragon – 30"
Compte de Chambord – 40"
Indigo – 20'
Rose de Rescht – 36"
Delambre - ML

Hybrid Spinosissima

Stanwell Perpetual – 30"

Noisettes

Champney's Pink Cluster – ML
Blush Noisette – ML
Alister Stella Gray – ML
Reve d'Or - 14"
Mme Alfred Carriere – 14"
Mary Washington – ML

One surprise to me was how poorly the Bourbons did as a group. The past 4-5 winters had little effect on them but this year really hurt them. The other surprise was the small amount of winter damage on the Portlands.

Dale and Elaine Martin Presented the ARS Guy Blake Hedrick Jr. Award

Dale and Elaine Martin were presented the American Rose Society Guy Blake Hedrick Jr. Award at the recent San Diego National convention. Dale is a past Penn-Jersey District Director and also served as the district chairman of horticulture judges. Dale was awarded the Penn-Jersey District Silver Medal in 1976. The Penn-Jersey District named Dale as the outstanding consulting rosarian in 1971 and the outstanding judge in 1978.

According to the ARS, the Guy Blake Hedrick Jr. Award "is established in memory of Guy Blake Hedrick, Jr. to recognize outstanding rose exhibitors who display the highest levels of excellence, integrity, and respect for the ideals of showing roses typified by Mr. Hedrick during his long career as a rosarian. It is intended as a life-long achievement award for an exhibitor who has been a successful National, District, and local exhibitor, and also a model in sharing his/her knowledge in growing championship roses."

The Award was presented at the Awards Banquet on May 12, 2014, by Andy Plaszc, Chairman of the ARS Horticulture Exhibitors Committee. Prior to the presentation, Plaszc read the following citation (which has been slightly edited for publication):

"As Chairman of the American Rose Society Horticulture Exhibitors Committee, I am here to present the Guy Blake Hedrick Jr. Award. This award is intended as a lifelong achievement award for an individual or team, who have been successful exhibitors at the national, district and local levels and have a been a model in sharing their knowledge in growing outstanding and championship roses. There are 3 criteria for this award:

- 1). Sustained success in exhibiting roses of the highest caliber with the integrity, spirit and ideals of the ARS;
- 2). Sustained lifetime achievement in educating and promoting the art of exhibiting roses and rose care in general; and
- 3). Significant and sustained acts of achievement of organizing rose shows at the national, district and local level.

Tonight's winners planted their first rose garden in the early 50's. They won their first Queen in 1952 and their most recent one in 2012. Dale and Elaine Martin have been rose society and ARS members for well over fifty years, spread over seven different decades from the 50's to the teens. How many folk in this room can match that?

They have won 7 National Challenge Class trophies, 4 National Hybrid Tea Queens, 20+ District Hybrid Tea Queens, and countless other Queens.

Dale was the first ever guest editor of the ARS Annual, editing the Annual in 1979 and 1980. It was an experiment that, because of Dale's efforts, continues to this day. In the 1979 ARS Annual the Martins, along with nine other top exhibitors, had a twelve page symposium on the exhibiting roses. This was the seed that was planted.

At the 1980 Buffalo National Convention the Martins organized the first of its kind advanced exhibitors' workshop with Frank Benardella, Harold Weaver and Lincoln Atkiss. The Martins were the first to establish a need for the dissemination of exhibiting information. This was the germination of that seed.

These last two items pioneered the Exhibitors Rose Information Highway, which led to the Rosaecea, FIRE and the Rose Exhibitors Forum. Thirty five years later the Rose Exhibitors Forum is still running strong.

Ladies and gentlemen I ask that you stand and join me in welcoming this wonderful, humble, pioneering, extraordinary exhibiting couple, Dale and Elaine Martin as the winners of the American Rose Society Guy Blake Hedrick Jr. Award for 2014."



**Andy Plaszc (left), Elaine Martin, and Dale Martin
with the Guy Blake Hedrick Jr. Award.
(Photo by Lora Martin.)**

THE YEAR BEFORE OUR DAY OF GLORY

BY: RALPH STEHLE

Many of us may think that the Penn Jersey District was around long before the **Pittsburgh Rose Society** was formed. That is not true because back after the second World War most organized rosarians were members of the **American Rose Society** which was a national organization some 40,000 strong. Most belonged directly to the National and there weren't many district or local organizations. Its headquarters was in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania then to Columbus Ohio before moving to its present home in Shreveport, Louisiana. (I think that the most interesting article that I ever wrote and did research for was the one that I wrote back in November, 2006 about the first District Convention that was held by our society. In the articles that I am putting together now and for the next three months I will elaborate on this event and provide more information on that and the societies' history. I hope that you enjoy them as much as I enjoyed doing them.)

On March 22, 1950 at the **American Rose Society** Headquarters in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, a meeting was held to organize the **Penn-Jersey District**. It was to consist of all the societies with over 1,800 active members. The first District Director to be appointed was **Fred S. Glaes**, the hard working and well-liked head of the 13 Consulting Rosarians in the Pennsylvania and New Jersey area. Even before our society was formed in '49, **Hugh L. Cobb, Hugh C Blair and Mrs. J. L. Cotter** were CR's from Pittsburgh and very instrumental in forming our group.

Many of our society members became active in district events and meetings although it meant traveling a long distance. Most activities were held in Harrisburg. Their first convention and rose show was held in Cape May, New Jersey and the second had its rose show and meetings in Montclair with those attending traveling to the nearby town of East Orange for sleeping accommodations. During the April, 1954 meeting, **C. Hugh Blair** (PRS Treasurer and Executive Committee Chairperson) suggested that our city has an obligation and should invite the District to hold their third convention in our newly cleaned up City. At the May meeting Mr. Blair reported that he contacted the Chamber of Commerce and they promised to cooperate and make every effort to bring the convention to our town. They also had the William Penn Hotel reserve their ballroom on the 171st floor along with a large block of rooms for the months of June and September, 1955 until the District could make a decision. The Aluminum Company of America offered, through Mr. Blair, the entire first floor of its world-class new building for the rose show. The Pittsburgh Railway Company and the Pittsburgh Motor Coach Company were both available to provide buses for tours of the City. Mr. Blair also arranged for the cost of these tours, the entertainment, and most of the supplies needed to be paid for by sponsorships. Mayor **David L. Lawrence** sent a letter to the District urging them to hold their convention here and to witness first-hand the changes in what was known at one time as the "Smoky City."

In late August, **Edgar A. Beard**, President of our society received an acceptance letter from **Fred Glaes**. Everyone involved became very enthusiastic about using the Alcoa building. It was decided to use the entire large entrance lobby on the first floor for displays by commercial growers. Pittsburgh Cut Flower promised to build the main display garden and to also distribute 15,000 blooms to visitors during the event.

It was also decided that the first day of the convention be given over to business meetings, the second day to lectures, garden tours of Sewickley and Fox Chapel, and a fashion show in the hotel's ballroom. Saturday would be utilized to prepare, judge and open the rose show and all its displays. Sunday would be saved for the show and tours of our City. These timetables must be put together in a few days so that the

Publicity Committee and Alcoa's Public Relations Department could put together a colored brochure to be handed out at the District Convention to be held during September in Montclair, New Jersey.

At the October meeting, **Mr. Blair** announced that committees are being formed for the Convention and that everyone that is able will be named to at least one. He also told the members that the Board came up with a slogan for the convention and our society, "We Serve. People who put the most into life get the most out of it."

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THE HYPE

The **First Annual Convention** of the **Penn-Jersey District** was held on September 26 and 27, 1953 at the oldest seashore resort on the Atlantic coast in historic Cape May, New Jersey. The meetings were held in the auditorium of the Cape May High School with the Friday night highlight being the choosing and crowning of the conventions 'Queen of Roses'. The rose show was held in the famous ball room of the Convention Centers on the Pier. The dinners and banquet were held at the Macomber Hotel where the conventioners resided. This was said to be the convention that was impossible to top.

The second convention and rose show was held at the beautiful Montclair Garden Center in Montclair, New Jersey. Friday, the opening day, started with a three-hour tour of the center's gardens. That evenings 'Get Together Dinner', the Banquet and a few of the other events and meetings were held in the nearby town of East Orange in the Suburban Hotel, the headquarters for the overnight guests. It was at this convention that a very impressive beautiful full colored brochure was handed out to all announcing that the 1955 convention was to be held in Pittsburgh.

It was decided by the PRS board at the next general meeting after the Montclair convention that during the next year, before their convention, that they would try to put together and mail to all members of the Penn-Jersey district, and ARS members from Ohio, New York, West Virginia and others rosarians that they befriended at rose shows and conventions. They gathered over 2,800 names and went to work soliciting companies from this area to help defray the cost of this venture. They were very successful as many prominent businessmen were members or spouses of PRS members. They were able to fund the publishing of and the postage for two of the brochures. However, they lucked out when the Mayor, **David L. Lawrence** said that he would like their list of names to personally invite them to the convention to display the progress made during the renaissance and cleaning up of the city. The first mailing went out in January, the second in March, and the final one was mailed in early July.

Edgar A Beard, Society President, said that he would like to see between 450 and 600 rosarians attend this convention. **Mr. Cotter** spoke up and announced that only 90 attended the first Penn-Jersey Convention and 103 the second. **Mrs. Cotter** mentioned that rosarians would not be interested in touring the city and its embellishments and only came because of the rose show and the meetings. The idea of enthusiastically promoting the city along with the rose convention was approved. However, they all agreed that they would build the budget around 150 to 200 attendees and hope for more. To further help offset expense they would seek funds or charge the commercial exhibitors, the companies selling rose plants, cut roses and rose supplies, and charge rent for other spaces in both the hotel and Alcoa Building. They also sold advertising space in all their programs.

The first news release to the general public appeared in all the newspapers around western Pennsylvania the second week of January dealing with the rosy picture kicking off the summer and what was in store for local residents. By April many articles were urging all rose growers including amateurs to get their roses ready to enter in the big show coming in June. It was also announced that **Fred Glaes** arranged for many special trophies, such as the **McFarland Memorial Trophy**, the **M.S. Hershey Bowl**, and others be awarded to **ARS** members and many others to the amateur exhibitors. Also, during that month, the Wall Street Journal carried a column on the rose growing industry, citing the increased demand for plants and the upcoming convention in Pittsburgh. Another help by the news media occurred on April 1, when they announced that the PRS would hold a competition for commercial rose growers in the Alcoa Building on June 11th. This was the first time that a local group would host this floral affair. There was also excellent coverage of the upcoming event on radio both as news updates and several editorials by staff of KDKA and WQED. But the real boost to the convention was an eight page insert by the Sun-Telegraph covering the scope of the event both in pictures and print. Many other papers picked up some copy from this coverage. The Sun also printed 2,500 extra copies of this insert to be handed out to the conventioners during June.

Fred Glaes, the District Director, commented at the May society meeting held at the Garden Center that he had never seen any rose event receive the PR that this event was receiving.

As an interesting footnote—During May of year a proposal was made by the **American Rose Society** to the **Congress of the United States** that the rose be designated as the country's **National Floral Emblem**. As we know, this didn't happen until 1986, some 31 years later.



'Kardinal' Queen of Show

Won by Bill Kozemchak

At the West Jersey Rose Society's 60th Annual Rose Show in 2013

AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY NATIONAL MINIATURE ROSE SHOW
"JERSEY MINI ROSE GEMS"
HOSTED BY THE WEST JERSEY ROSE SOCIETY, MT. LAUREL, NEW JERSEY
JULY 25, 26, & 27, 2014
REGISTRATION FORM

Registration is required to participate in any of the events of the "Jersey Mini Rose Gems" ARS National Miniature Rose Show. Separate registration forms are required for each person attending, i.e., Husband and wife, but only one check is necessary IF both forms are in the same envelope.

Mail this form with your check payable to: "WJRS-2014 ARS National Miniature Rose Show."

Mail check to: KATHY KOZEMCHAK, Conference Registrar, 12 Violet Road, Levittown, PA 19057.

For questions: e-mail KathyKozemchak@aol.com or call 215-945-8098.

Registrant's name (as it should be on your badge):

NAME _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP: _____ Phone _____

E-mail* _____

*Your email address and other personal information will not be published, shared or sold outside the ARS.

Do you plan to exhibit **: (Y N) _____ Horticulture _____ Arrangements _____ Challenge Classes _____

Are you qualified and can we contact you about judging?: (Y/N) _____ Horticulture _____ Arrangements _____

May we contact you about clerking?: (Y N) _____ Horticulture _____ Arrangements _____

	<u>Price</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Registration fee before June 30, 2014***</u>	\$140	\$ _____
Registration postmarked after June 30, 2014***	\$150	\$ _____
Friday, Arrangement Seminar	\$ 40	\$ _____
Sunday Bus Tour of Local Gardens	\$ 35	\$ _____
Vendor's Table	\$125	\$ _____
	Conference Total	\$ _____

**Exhibitors must be registered for conference.

***Registration includes Friday Evening Reception, Saturday Morning Breakfast, Saturday Evening Awards Banquet, Hospitality Room, and access to all speakers, (except the Arrangement Seminar and Bus Tour).

Sunday morning breakfast is not included.

****After this date, Room rate will be based upon availability and prices are subject to change.

Event Cancellation and Refund Policy: Please register early! Events will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

Some events may have limited space. If minimum booking requirements are not met, we reserve the right to cancel any event with full refund. Registrants for filled events will be placed on a waiting list. Refunds for filled or cancelled events will be mailed after the conference.

Hotel Information:

When making reservations please call the hotel directly and specify that you are attending the "Jersey Mini Rose Gems" 2014 ARS National Miniature Rose Show, Group #140724NATI. Hotel ML is located at **915 Route 73, Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054, telephone 856-234-7300. Rooms are \$109.00/night plus tax. Hotel reservation cutoff date is June 30, 2014; after this date rooms will be based upon availability and price is subject to change.**

“Jersey Mini Rose Gems”

2014 Mini National Conference & Rose Show

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Please note: Locations and times are subject to change. Check at the registration table for any updates.

Friday July 25, 2014

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Registration, Hotel Lobby
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Arrangement Seminar, Gary Barlow, and Lew Shupe (Arrangement Seminar Limited to 35 persons)
3:00 PM	Rose Show Setup
6:00 PM -- 7:00 PM	Social Hour
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Convention Casual Reception
9:30 PM	Hospitality Room Open
10:00 PM	Rose Show Area Open to Arrangers and Photographers

Saturday July 26, 2014

5:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Rose Show Open for Entries
8:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Registration, Hotel Lobby
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Vendor Area Open
8:30 AM – 9:30 PM	Judges Breakfast
10:30 AM	Judging Begins
1:00 PM – 4:45 PM	Rose Show Opens to Public
2:00 PM – 2:50 PM	“Rose Hybridizing 101,” Rafiq and Suni Bolar
3:00 PM – 3:50 PM	“The Miniflora - Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow,” Richard J. Anthony
4:15 PM – 5:00PM	Presentation of Awards
5:00 PM	Rose Show Breakdown
6:00 PM -- 7:00 PM	Social Hour
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Dinner
9:30 PM	Hospitality Room Open

Sunday July 27, 2014

9:00 AM – 2:00PM	Garden Tour
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