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From the District Director's Desk—Kevin Glaes

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Penn-Jersey Fall Convention
Sept. 13 - 16
Eden Resort & Suites
Lancaster PA

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<http://PennJerseyRose.org>

May is just around the corner and we have a lot of events coming up. A Consulting Rosarian School will be held May 5 At. See page 2 for details. There will be an Old Garden Rose Symposium at Wyck on May See page ##### for details.

The West Jersey Rose Society has moved their rose show date to May 26 – a week earlier than normal to try and match the earlier-than-normal Springs we have been experiencing. Please try and participate at this show if you can because they are taking a bit of a gamble and we want them to succeed. And I must also ask that you participate in the other local shows as well.

I just got back from an American Rose Society (ARS) Board meeting in Tyler, Texas and it was a successful meeting and trip. Looks like everybody is 2 weeks ahead of schedule. The great Tyler Rose Garden was past peak (normally peaks April 20) but still had a lot of good blooms in the garden.

The directors worked primarily on budget matters and membership. We made some adjustments to line items in the 2012 budget necessitated by changes in income. Each year I have been on the Board, we get closer at the end of the year to the numbers voted on in the proposed budget which is passed in September of the previous year. Hats off to Diane Sommers (Treasurer) and Jeff Ware

(Executive Director) for the time and effort they put into giving us a realistic budget and then executing it.

On a very good note, donations to the Annual fund (Patron's fund) are at 60% of budget for the year and we are still in April! We raised the budgeted numbers for this year based on a few assumptions and we are exceeding that heightened goal! Thank you for your support and generosity.

Membership in the ARS is currently hovering at 9000. The good news is that it is "hovering" and not falling. Pat Shanley of the Membership Committee presented some interesting programs they are developing (still in the development stage so I don't want to get specific) that I believe will be of great benefit to us.

The American Rose May-June issue is set to be mailed April 30. This issue contains information on the ARS triennial elections. All balloting will be done electronically on the web. On your magazine mailing label will be the number you will use to vote. The number will also be printed in the magazine. Instructions for voting will be contained in this issue so don't throw it away. Balloting will open on June 1 and close on June 27. Please take a few minutes to vote.

Better management of our financial resources and a great potential for attracting new members make me very optimistic on the future of the ARS.

Consulting Rosarian Schools

Two Consulting Rosarian School are planned for this year in the Penn-Jersey District. The first is in Lumberton, NJ and the second will be in Philadelphia area in August.

The West Jersey Rose Society will host a Consulting Rosarian School on May 5, 2012. The school will start at 9 am and run until 5 pm, lunch and breaks will be included. There is a \$25 fee to cover expenses.

The school will serve to re-qualify any current CRs. Anyone interested in becoming a Consulting Rosarian must attend the school and complete the open book test. There is an additional ARS \$10 fee for individuals taking the CR test. The school is open to anyone who wants to increase their rose growing knowledge. You do not have to be a CR or take the test to become one to attend. The school will be at the Lumberton campus of Medford Leas in Lumberton NJ.

To become an ARS Consulting Rosarian you must:

1. Be an ARS member for three consecutive years.
2. Be an active member of a local society.
3. Must have grown various types of roses for five years and be knowledgeable in rose culture.
4. Must provide three letters of recommendation from CRs.
5. Must participate yearly in Roses in Review.
6. Must exhibit a continuing willingness to share knowledge and an enthusiasm for the rose and the American Rose Society.

Everyone attending the school must have a copy of the CR Manual. Manuals **will not** be available for purchase at the school. They must be purchased directly from the ARS. Allow at least ten days for shipping when you order the manuals.

Anyone interested in attending the school or becoming a Consulting Rosarian please contact Gus Banks 609-267-3809 jrsyrose@verizon.net. Please complete the registration form for the school.

CONSULTING ROSARIAN SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration – CR School on May 5, 2012

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ ZIP _____

e-mail: _____

Registration \$25.00 \$ _____

CR Test \$10.00 \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Make check payable to **West Jersey Rose Society** and mail to Gus Banks, 117 Farmdale Road, Mt. Holly, NJ 08060-3296

NOTE: Individuals attending the school must have a copy of the CR Manual. Manuals **will not** be available for purchase at the school. They must be purchased directly from the ARS.

Triennial Elections

The Fall of 2012 is the Triennial election for the ARS and the ARS offices. To follow suit, the Districts also have an election for their ARS District Officers to coincide with the National Elections.

In Penn Jersey, we have 6 such elected offices. Two of those offices, District Director, and Chairman of the National Nominating are elected through the offices of the ARS. Since they are both District and ARS offices, their nomination form must be approved by the National ARS board before being subject to the vote of the District Membership. These offices also are 3 year terms. And these offices are limited to 2 consecutive terms.

Last Fall, the ARS instructed all Districts to start the election process earlier than the upcoming Summer National Ballot. Specifically we were to have our election for the Chairman of the National Nominating Committee at our Spring Meeting, which we did at the Mid Winter Get-A-Way.

Gus Banks was elected as the Chairman of the National Nominating Committee.

Gus will, according to our By laws, besides serving on the National Committee, he will serve as the Penn Jersey District Chair of Prizes and Awards Committee and as the Chair of the PJ District Nominating Committee, he will preside over the selection of the PJ recipient of the ARS Silver Honor Medal Award. He will also be a member of the PJ

Board of Directors

We are lucky that Gus has stepped forward to help again. For those of you who do not know Gus well, I thought that a very shortened biography of service was appropriate.

He has served the ARS and Penn Jersey for more than the past 25 plus years in all levels of offices and positions. During this time he has been a leader first

in his local society, holding offices of President, Vice President, and Chairman of Society Shows to mention a few. He has been the Chairman of several District Conventions. On the District Level, Gus was a very dynamic 7 year District Director, spearheading and directing a very successful the 2002 National Convention in Philadelphia. He followed that up with a 3 year commitment as the Regional Representative for Region 0 on the ARS Board of Directors. Most of us remember Gus's work for more than 13 years as the coordinator of the PJ District Mid-Winter Get-A-Ways.

He is a Horticulture Judge, having judged at many Local, District and National Shows.

As head of our very successful CR program for the past 9 years, he has been instrumental in developing a program that has educated many rosarians to be effective ambassadors for the rose.

He has rightfully received his Society's Bronze Medal, the District's Silver Honor Medal, the District Outstanding Judge Award and Outstanding Consultant Rosarian Award. He is a Master Rosarian.

And if all that was not enough he has been invited to speak at many National, District and Society meetings, giving of his time and talents to promote the rose. For more that 10 years he has been invited by the Philadelphia Horticulture Society to speak at their annual Flower Show. He is member of multiple rose societies; West Jersey, Philadelphia, Del Chester and exhibits at and supports all of them.

And most of all, Gus has been very available to the rose growing public – a knowledgeable and enthusiastic CR. His quiet, competent, encouraging demeanor has been the hallmark of his leadership style and as such has been a very real benefit to his local society, the District and the ARS.

I mentioned that there were **four offices that will need to be elected** at the Fall District Convention and Meeting. Those offices are Secretary, Treasurer, First and Second Asst. District Directors.

The job description for these four offices per our By-Laws of 2008 are.

Secretary: Keep the minutes of all District meetings and Board of Directors Meetings, and furnish a copy to the District Director within thirty (30) days after the meeting. Call the roll of the local societies at all District Meetings and Serve on the Board of Directors.

Treasurer Maintain bank account or other appropriate investment(s), in name of Penn Jersey District, American Rose Society, with signature authorized by either Treasure or District Director, and deposit all funds received into the account(s) . Pay all District Bills, authorized by the annual budget or as authorized by the Board of Directors. Bill and collect all funds due the District. Prepare an annual financial statement for presentation at the annual Business meeting. Close the financial books at the end of the District's Year and make them available to the Financial Audit Committee. Serve on the Board of Directors.

First and Second Assistant Directors will perform the duties of the Director (in order) in the absence or inability of the Director, and assume the duties of that office as "acting Director/ 1st Assist Director" until a District Director is elected. Serve on the Board of Directors and perform other duties as assigned by the District Director.

As the current Chair of the National Nominating Committee, it is part of my responsibilities to prepare a slate of officers for the upcoming Fall election To aid in this, I have asked **Georgianna Papale** msggeorgi@ix.netcom.com in the west, **Kevin Glaes** glaes1215@comcast.net in Central Pa, and **Gus Banks** jrsyrose@verizon.net in New Jersey to serve on a nominating committee with me., Nancy Redington rosered1@comcast.net This position entitles the four of us to coerce, arm twist and generally encourage folks to serve. That was meant to be humorous, but only slightly. Each of my partners is in the process of listening and subsequently contacting folks who would like to do a little more at the District Level. The listening comes from responding to the suggestions of others. If you know someone who you think would do this service for the District, let anyone on the committee know, and we will do the contacting to follow up on your nomination. Wives can suggest husbands, and vice versa. Every member of the Penn Jersey District who is a member of the ARS is eligible. No one will be on the ballot without their permission.

In the next Rose Vine we are hoping to have a complete slate of officers to propose to you. Nominations will not close though. until after the slate has been approved at the Fall District. Nominations can take place from the floor at that time also , as long as the nominated individual is present to accept. I repeat, all members of the Penn Jersey District who are also ARS members are eligible for holding an office at the District Level and of course, only ARS Members are eligible to vote.

First Call for Roses

By Kevin Glaes

We have a change to the show calendar this year which will hopefully give you more opportunities to participate in local rose shows in our District. The West Jersey Rose Society has moved their show from their traditional first Saturday in June to May 26 - the last Saturday in May. This is an experiment to try to match the earlier springs we have been experiencing the past several years.

You haven't exhibited before? You are afraid your roses aren't of high enough quality? No problem on either count! With a little bit of coaching, you can enter good roses in a show. Just because your roses are not of "Queen" quality does not mean they should not be entered. On one hand, the shows are a competition among amateur rose growers. On the other hand, which is more important to me, the show is for the public to view roses grown in our area. If we limited the roses to just those few vying for the queen, then we wouldn't have a very good show.

There are many classes in which to enter roses. The first step is to get a show schedule for the show you are interested in participating in. The schedule lists all the classes and what is required in each class. While all shows have the same types of classes, the rules for the classes are (within limits) up to the local society so there can be subtle differences in the schedules of different societies. It pays to get the schedule and go over it to make sure you understand the rules and class requirements and, when you have questions, don't be afraid to ask for clarification. The show schedule looked like Greek to everyone when they started out. You will be able to get a handle on the unique words and language in a schedule.

The next thing to work on is grooming. This is a hands-on task and is one learned by doing. You are trying to present your rose to the judges in a pleasing manner. The leaves are clean, no

damaged petals and, most important, the petals forming the bloom display a symmetrical circular pattern. The judges look for this symmetry just as much in an open, "decorative" bloom of 8 - 12 petals as they do in a high-centered hybrid tea with 30 petals.



Not all classes require the high-centered hybrid tea type bloom form. Mariotta photo by Bill Kozemchak

Very few roses come into the "prep" (read grooming) room ready to go on the show table. So some work is involved in getting the rose ready. At each step, don't be afraid to ask other exhibitors questions about what you should do for a particular rose. Your fellow exhibitors are very friendly and should take a few moments to point out what you need to do. Practice at home on roses right out of the garden. Learn to gently move the petals a bit working for symmetry.

Cleaning the foliage can be done with a piece of lamb's wool, a piece of stocking, an old cotton sock or any other "soft" material that removes dirt and spray materials from the leaves and shines them up. This is another task to practice on. Don't pull too hard on the leaves or you will break them off. Practice gives you a sense of how much pressure you can apply.



Bright, fresh stamens and clean, crisp petals catch the judges' eyes. Sally Holmes by Robert Saurbaugh

Pulling off damaged petals is another task that requires practice to get the right grip and motion. Grasping the petal at the base and using a slight sideways pulling motion works well. Again, practice to learn the amount of pressure in you grip and the motion needed to pull it away,

Most rose stems do not fit snugly in the vase so you should wedge the stem in the vase so it does not flop around when it is handled. On regular classes (not Challenge Classes), the judges may pick up the entry by the vase or block (when tubes are used) to look more closely at the bloom, so the entry should rest firmly in the vase. Judges are prohibited from touching the bloom or foliage. Do not wedge it so tight that you crush the stem, stopping water flow to the bloom and causing the bloom to wilt. Check the schedule to see if there is any language about what is allowed/prohibited for wedging material.

Make sure you keep your roses well-hydrated. Many exhibitors take a bucket of water into the garden and use it when collecting blooms for the show. They cut the stems under water to ensure no air gets into the stem and blocks water flow to the bloom. They first cut the stem from the bush and then place the stem in the bucket and cut the lower ½ inch to one inch off the base of the stem underwater. One of the criteria used to judge roses is “substance.” Substance is directly related to the amount of water in the petals. Judges want to see stiff, turgid petals, not droopy, limp petals.



Sprays should show an overall pleasing form.

The last piece of advice is to arrive at the prep area with plenty of time to get your roses ready for the show. It takes time to put you exhibits together and most beginners are surprised at how long it does take. The schedule will note the time when the prep area opens, entries are accepted and the time when entries are no longer accepted and judging begins.

This certainly does not cover everything and, over time, you will develop your own approach to exhibiting. Hopefully, this is peaked your interest and you will join us at some of the best rose events of the year – rose shows

Rose Shows Spring 2012

May 26
West Jersey RS
Moorestown Mall
Gus Banks - jrsyrose@verizon.net

June 2
Harrisburg RS
Harrisburg Mall.
Mike Wrightstone mwrightsto@aol.com

June 3
Philadelphia RS
Morris Arboretum
Bill Kozemchak - PinkyKoz@aol.com

June 9
York Area RS
Harrisburg Area Community College, York
Curtis Aumiller caumiller1@verizon.net

June 9
Del-Chester
Longwood Gardens
Bruce Monroe Brmlmonr@aol.com

June 9 – 10
SPARS
1st Lutheran Church, Chambersburg
Dale Martin dmartin5222@comcast.net

June 10
Reading-Berks
Boscov's North
Kevin Glaes Glaes1215@comcast.net

14th Annual ARS National Miniature Conference and Rose Show “Beautiful Ohio Gem of the Midwest”

The 14th Annual ARS National Miniature Rose Show and Conference will be held in Columbus, Ohio from **July 27 –29, 2012** honoring Outstanding hybridizer Tom Carruth. For more Information go to : <http://www.buckeyerosesociety.com/2012MiniShow.htm>

Great Rosarians of the World Lecture Series 2012- East Coast

The Great Rosarians of the World Lecture Series 2012 will be held in **New York** on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, **June 1-3, 2012**. The 2012 Honoree will be **Allain Meilland**, 6th Generation President of Meilland International.

Friday June 1, 2012, 11:00 am "The American Rose Society and the Rose Industry: The Enduring Partnership in the 21st Century" The Discussion Continues! a symposium at the Union League Club, followed in the evening by “The 7th Annual New York Metropolitan Rose Council Dinner.” Presentation of the GROW 2012 International Friend of the Rose Award to **Ellen Minet**, followed by a Reception & Dinner at the Opia.

Saturday June 2nd 2012 - Gaye Hammond - An Update on The Earth Kind Trials followed by a Panel discussion on Sustainable, Disease Resistant Varieties - Now and in the future - with internationally recognized hybridizers, Moderated by Peter Kukielski, held at The New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, NY.

Sunday June 3rd 2012 - A Guided Tour of the **Planting Fields Arboretum Rose Garden**, by GROW 2012 International Friend of the Rose Honoree, Ellen Minet, Curator of The Rose Garden. For more information go to: http://www.manhattanrosesociety.org/upcoming_events.htm

DEALING WITH MIDGE

by Fr. Gervase Degenhardt, MR

Reprinted from the April 2012 edition of the Pittsburgh Rose Society Newsletter Fr. Gervase Degenhardt, editor

Our long-time members may yawn and say “How often do we have to hear about such and such, for instance, midge?” In this case and in the “What to do” columns the answer is “often.” We’ve got to realize that we have new members who need to hear these things. This month—after the Home & Garden Show—we have quite a few new members and we welcome them and we desire to help them. Not only desire, but we owe it to them.

It’s most important for them to know about midge because it is such a puzzling and mysterious problem. And it is a problem whose mystery and disastrous effects are so readily understood and, when understood, taken care of. Without understanding it and without taking care of it, new members may wonder why they have such beautiful bushes but no blooms.

So we start at the beginning. Let us paint a picture. It is a beautiful late May morning, bright and clear and warm. You are enjoying a cup of Starbucks coffee on your patio. What else could be so close to paradise?

After a lapse of time you wander out into your rose garden and begin to inspect your roses. At first you notice how bushy and green they are—such healthy looking plants! But then it dawns on you: there are no buds! Inspecting more closely you notice that all of the tips are crisp and black where you would expect buds. The tiny but mighty **midge** has struck like a thief in the night.

Wailing and gnashing your teeth will not help; spraying would have. I have frequently stated that we should not spray with an insecticide until and when we have a problem. What I am saying is this: you don’t spray for aphids if you don’t have aphids; you don’t spray for mites if you don’t have mites, etc. Preventive spraying is reserved for diseases. This is the one exception—we spray to exterminate the mighty midge. If you do not spray to keep from having an infestation of this little, super-fly you will have no roses on your plants.

The midge is the devastating little culprit. It is a mosquito-like little fly or gnat that lays its eggs unseen in the growth axil of any lateral growth that would ultimately produce a

bud and then a bloom. The eggs hatch in 2 days and the larvae, which are rarely ever seen, eat and kill the terminal growth, normally just leaving a black area where the growth would have continued. If a bud has already begun to form, it will be damaged to distortion, usually evidenced by a black mark at its base, deforming it and ending any chance of bloom.

After feeding, the larvae fall to the ground, pupate and repeat their life cycle. This takes about 10 to 14 days. So you can see that there is hardly anything more devastating than midge.

Often enough midge does not strike, especially if your roses are away from fields and grasses. One could take a chance and spray only when midge hits. But if you do that you would lose at least one flush of bloom and probably more.

I would recommend spraying to fend them off. Midge had been kept in check rather nicely with *Diazinon*, but the EPA has banned it. It seems that we have been having more frequent attacks, and I believe that these could be due to the fact that midge was becoming immune to the chemicals we had been using. There are now some new products on the market, which will take over where *Diazinon* left off. There is a granular product from Spectracide called *Triazicide*. My suggestion of choice would be several new products that come from the Bayer Company. Bayer products always come in blue containers. The spray is called *Rose & Flower Insect Killer* and contains *Cyfluthrin* and *Imidacloprid*. Another product is: *Advanced Garden Complete Insect Killer for Soil and Turf*.

What you want to do is catch the culprit in one of its stages. It is suggested that you use both a granular form and a spray beginning in mid-April and continuing each week for three weeks. The granular is placed under the drip line of the plant and the spray is applied to the leaves, especially at the tips. It is also possible to use just the spray form, mixing it in a spray can and applying it under the plant and also applying it as a spray on the leaves. Applying it in the soil under the plant is to kill the pupae (the cocoons) and to spray to kill on contact the adult midge and the larvae on the plant.

Tom Carruth

Tara Krause

Stephen Scanniello



Saturday, May 19th 8:30-4:30

The 2012 Wyck Old Rose Symposium

a partnership event with The Heritage Rose Foundation

“Fragrance and Old Roses”

Featured Speakers

Tom Carruth

Rose Fragrance in Hybridizing

Tara Krause

The Lost Art of Natural Perfumery: The Universe in the Scent of a Rose

Stephen Scanniello

19th Century Fragrant Philadelphia Gardens

Workshops (participation in 2)

Curtis Aumiller | Fragrant Rose Arrangements

Gus Banks & Tom Mayhew | Photographing Roses Outside

Pam Coath & Betty Vickers | Propagation of Roses

Mary Hahn | Cooking with Roses

Tara Krause | Sampling the Art of Natural Rose Perfumery

Stephen Scanniello | Climbing Roses

Dennis Whetzel | 18th Century Potpourri

Bring Your Own Roses!

Fragrant Rose Competition

Bring your most fragrant rose from home (1 entry).

Awards will be given for the 5 most fragrant.

Rose Identification

Rose experts will be on hand to identify your unidentified rose blooms. Find out what treasures you have!

The first 20 registrants will receive a guided tour by the well-known rosarian and Wyck Rose Garden expert, Rev. Douglas Seidel. (more information on reverse)



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Rose Rosette Disease In My Rose Beds

By Terry Palise

Reprinted from the March, 2011 edition of *the West Jersey Rose Rambler*, Terry Palise, editor. This article received an Award of Merit from the American Rose Society.

In July, 2010 after enduring a brutal summer with record high temperatures every day, I discovered two rose bushes with the **dreaded** Rose Rosette disease also known as “witches broom” because of the distorted growth once a bush is infected. The first bush I found it on was an '**Abraham Darby**' bush that was donated to me by the very generous Bill Kozemchak of my rose society. This bush was in my back yard and had been growing beautifully since I planted it a couple of years ago. The second rose I discovered the disease on was one of two '**Playboy**.' On the Abraham Darby rose I cut the cane back to the bud union and no other signs of Rose Rosette reappeared during the rest of the summer or fall. The 'Playboy' rose, however, had had the cane cut down to the bud union and a second can appeared with the disease. I had no choice but to dig it out. In both cases, I cut up the bush and placed it in a large plastic bag before placing it in the garbage bin.

Symptoms & History

An article which appeared in the [American Rose Society magazine](#) entitled, "**Watch Out For Rose Rosette**,"* and written by **Field Roebuck**, states: "Recognition of its symptoms, coupled with early detection, is the key to nipping it in the bud. What are these symptoms? According to **Dr. George L. Philley**, Extension Plant Pathologist at the Texas A&M facility in Overton, the onset of rose rosette can look much like herbicide damage, but its effect soon becomes much more dramatic. Infected canes will sprout thick clusters (rosettes) of stubby, soft and brittle stems with elongated leaflets, a growth pattern commonly referred to as “witch's broom.” This disease was first detected in the 1930s in wild roses growing in the mountains of California and Wyoming. Then it

spread to stands of *Rosa multiflora*, an almost perfect host, and moved across the country and into the Midwest. In the late 1970s and early 1980s, it swept like a wildfire up the Ohio River valley and into West Virginia. Today, it's endemic wherever wild multiflora roses are found, including the nearby states of Oklahoma, Arkansas and Kansas."

Disease Cycle

The disease is caused by a tiny, microscopic mite known as "Eriophyte" that is blown into an area. This mite is carried by wind currents and if there are any *R. multiflora* bushes upwind from your rose beds, the mites can travel by air currents to your rose beds. Roebuck states that, "On a rose, it takes up residence in the axillary-bud regions under the stipules, where the petioles (stems) of the leaflets emerge from the canes."

The important thing is to identify and remove cane as soon as possible. According to Roebuck, "Symptoms may appear first on only one cane. If you can spot the disease then, you can try to stop it—and save the plant—by completely removing that cane. (Dr. Philley estimates that this is effective about 50 percent of the time.) Otherwise, the disease will spread quickly, and your only recourse will be to remove the entire plant, seal it in a plastic bag, and send it off to the landfill."

Identifying the disease is relatively easy. Most rose bushes the canes will have a burgundy-red color and the canes will also have many more thorns. These thorns or prickles will be soft and rubbery.

Photos 1 & 2 below depict the disease on one of my 'Iceberg' rose bushes:



Control

This disease is feared by rose lovers because there is no known cure, spray, or application that is 100% successful in treating and eradicating it. Another article I read entitled, “**Rose Rosette Disease**” by Charles Shaner a Consulting



Above Photo from "Watch Out For Rose Rosette" article.

Rosarian with the Shenandoah Rose Society. Shaner states "Once a rose is infected, there is no cure! There is a prevention and that is to spray every 10 days with **Avid**. **Cygon2E** was the recommended spray but the EPA has pulled Cygon2E from the market. This is the only spray that will kill the mite that carries the disease. There is no ‘organic’ control. If you think you may have a rose with RRD, start spraying the surrounding roses every 5 days with **Avid**. RRD is contagious and can be spread by you pruners. If you prune an infected bush, clean your pruners with the old style Lysol. Bleach may also be used but bleach is hard on pruners. If you wash the bleach off and apply a light coating of oil, your pruners will be fine.

In an article written by plant pathologists at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Chuan Hong, Mary Ann Hansen, and Susan DeBolt), they write that

"One way to use a miticide as an additional tool in a control program is to focus sprays on plants that surround spots where diseased plants have been removed. These are the most likely plants to which mites from within a planting would have

moved. Spraying every two weeks from April until September should significantly reduce the mite population and the risk of transmission. Additional sprays may be needed during hot, dry weather when eriophyid mites are most active."

Another method of control is to eliminate, if possible, the *R. multiflora* plants from the vicinity of your roses (within 100 yards). Spacing your roses apart is another recommended so that leaves and canes do not touch each other. The mites do not have wings and must crawl from one rose bush to another. Also, when digging out an infected plant, make sure you remove all of the roots and do not plant another rose in the same area for a period of 2 years.

I have already lost one large shrub ('Iceberg'), one Floribunda ('Playboy'), and one mini (Linville) which I had just planted. I also found it on 'Knockout', another 'Iceberg,' and 'Garden

Party.' On those roses I removed the diseased cane all the way down to the bud union. I am hoping that the disease has not spread to the rest of the bush. But, as soon as spring arrives and I notice any evidence of the disease, I will dig out each and every one of the diseased rose bushes.

References:

1 "**Watch Out For Rose Rosette,**" *American Rose Society magazine*, **Field Roebuck** . *This is an updated (to July 31, 2001) version of an article that first appeared in the House & Garden Section of The Dallas Morning News on January 1, 1999*].

2**Rose Rosette Disease** by Charles Shaner, Consulting Rosarian, Shenandoah Rose Society.

3**Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University**, Chuan Hong, Mary Ann Hansen, and Susan DeBolt, Rose Rosette Disease

2012 PHOTO CONTEST RESULTS
Penn-Jersey District Winter Rose Get-a-Way Weekend
Eden Resort Inn, 222 Eden Road, Lancaster, PA, February 17-19, 2012

First Place Overall: **Bill Kozemchak** **Marriotta** (Won Class 5)
Second Place Overall: **Robert Saurbaugh** **Hot Cocoa** (Won Class 4)
Third Place Overall: **Robert Saurbaugh** **Sally Holmes** (Won Class 9)

List of all the winners by Class:

Class 1 Novice (Photo appropriate for any of Classes 2-13)
Suni Bolar **Charismatic** (MinFl)

Class 2 One Exhibition Bloom - HT, GR, or F.
Tom Mayhew **Cajun Sunrise** (HT)

Class 3 One Exhibition Bloom – Miniature or Miniflora
Suni Bolar **Foolish Pleasure** (MinFl)

Class 4 One Open Bloom - HT, GR, or F.
Robert Saurbaugh **Hot Cocoa** (F)

Class 5 One Open Bloom – Miniature or Miniflora (No Single or Semi-Double roses allowed here)
Bill Kozemchak **Marriotta** (Min)

Class 6 One Open Bloom of a rose classified by ARS as a Single or Semi-Double
Tom Mayhew **Thanks to Sue** (MinFl)

Class 7 One Spray, HT, GR, F, Polyantha, Miniature or Miniflora
Bill Kozemchak **Priscilla Burton** (F)

Class 8 One Exhibition Bloom or Spray – Species or Old Garden Rose (OGR)
Bill Kozemchak **Madame Plantier** (A)

Class 9 One Exhibition Bloom or Spray – Shrub or Climber
Robert Saurbaugh **Sally Holmes** (S)

Class 10 A Rose Arrangement
Bill Kozemchak **Arrangement by Judy Arthofer**

Class 11 A Rose Garden
Gus Banks **Mills Rose Garden**

Class 12 A Rose Society Activity
Bill Kozemchak **Syracuse Garden Tour**

Class 13 Rose Art
Bill Kozemchak **Blue Fourth of July**

This year, 6 photographers entered 115 5x7 color prints in the Penn-Jersey District 2012 Photo Contest. The photos were submitted to the Photo Judge, Bruce Monroe, who winnowed down the field and selected several potential winning photos for each of the thirteen classes. These were then voted on by the Winter Rose Get-a-Way attendees to select the winner of each class. From these thirteen winners, the final selection of the first, second and third place overall winners was done by Pat Shanley and Curtis Aumiller. All of the 115 entered photos were on display at the Winter Rose Get-a-Way Weekend in Lancaster.

The number of photos entered in this contest has varied over the years. There were 53 photos entered in 2002, 70 in 2003, 83 in 2004, 90 in 2005, 75 in 2006, 66 in 2007, 101 in 2008, 105 in 2009, 121 in 2010, 119 in 2011 and 115 in 2012. The number of photographers has varied between 6 and 11 contestants during these years.

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