



The quarterly newsletter of the Penn Jersey District, American Rose Society

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### **District Director's Notes**

First, a comment on this issue. Due to an unfortunate set of circumstances (including a major computer malfunction) I was unable to get all of the Convention material to the usual editor before he left on vacation. So, this issue is being put together, without any of the usual polish and trimmings, by an inexperienced editor - me.

The June Rose Shows are over and we wish for a good summer for rose growing with ample rain, bright sunshine and no extreme weather. Gus Banks has supplied an article on Summer Rose Care which appears in this issue of the *Rose Vine*. Remember it is care over the summer that provides great fall roses for the shows and keeps your bushes alive over the winter.

Penn Jersey will begin its fall rose show season early this year with the District Convention on Labor Day weekend. Details are in this *Rose Vine*. I hope to see many of you there. Pittsburgh and Jersey Shore Rose Societies also have Fall Rose Shows, and the ARS Fall National Show and Convention is in Memphis at the end of the September. (Check the ARS magazine for details.)

The ARS Executive Director has been providing a weekly email newsletter to the Board and others interested. I've included some items from recent emails in this issue, including the information on nominations for "Master Rosarian". Penn Jersey nominated several of its Consulting Rosarians for this new designation last year. The 15 recipients of this honor were announced at the Winter Rose Getaway and will be presented with their certificates and pins at the PJ Fall Convention. Nominations for new "Master Rosarians" are being considered at this time.

**ARS Executive Director, Benny Ellerbe - Excerpts from Friday Focus, July 1, 2005**

#### **DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE TO ARS MEMBERS!**

SMITH & HAWKEN, a leading American marketer of garden inspired products, now offers a 10% discount to ARS members. The discount is available only at Smith & Hawken owned stores, and you must present your ARS membership. See S&H website to locate a store near you. (Not available on catalog or website sales, or at "authorized retailers"). Please congratulate Pat Shanley, chairperson of the ARS Marketing & Publicity Committee and associate chairperson of the ARS Membership Committee, for this wonderful new benefit. Pat also serves as president of the Manhattan Rose Society.

#### **Keep Those Little Ones Busy - Writing About Roses**

The deadline for the 2005 Children's Essay Contest has been extended to August 1, 2005 and is open to children ages 12 and younger. Details can be found on page 6 of the June issue of *American Rose* or on the ARS website.

#### **American Rose Wants Your Articles**

Have you ever written an article for your local newsletter or bulletin? Then why not consider submitting an article to *American Rose*? Submitted articles are sent to members of the Editorial Advisory Committee for review and suggestions, and then the magazine editorial staff helps polish up each piece for publication. The main criterion is that the subject be of national interest. If you would like a copy of the Writers' Guidelines or the Member's Garden Questionnaire, contact Ellen Trice, ellen@ars-hq.org.

## Summer Rose Care - *Gus Banks, Director, Region 0*

Summer care for most roses consists of three major tasks - watering, spraying and fertilizing. These tasks need to be done consistently during the entire growing season to have strong, beautiful roses. If you spend a hour a day or a hour a week in your garden you need to be consistent about it because if you don't you will end up with rose problems. Most roses do not thrive on neglect. They respond better to regular care. The only exceptions are some of the rugosas and landscape or "low maintenance" shrubs.

Last year after our June Rose Show I cut back (stopped) my regular spray routine. The result was that I had some insect damage. That wasn't too bad since no shows were coming up. But I did discover that a number of the mini-floras are very subject to powdery mildew. Conundrum, Class of 73 and Ferrin all had powdery mildew with twisted leaves. I also had some black spot on a few plants. This year my spray program is on schedule. Insects, even Japanese Beetles, may be ignored or countered with natural predators if you don't want to use a chemical insecticide. Fungus diseases such as anthracnose, black spot and powdery mildew need to be controlled and treated chemically. I continue to use Daconil and Funginex to treat/prevent all three of these.

As the temperatures increase during the summer "when to spray" becomes a question. Our conventional thought has been to spray in the morning or the evening because it is cooler and there is less wind. This is accurate and correct. Being cooler there is less chance to burn the rose leaves with the chemical spray. I discussed this with the late Johnny Becknel of Louisiana. He stated that, "If we waited for a cool time or day we would never spray". He indicated that both the size of the stray particle and amount of spray used had more effect than the temperature. Since talking with him I have sprayed in temperatures above 85° in mid-afternoon without any damage to my plants. The way to accomplish this is to use your sprayer's nozzle's finest spray setting and not to drench the leaves with the spray. Cover the leaves with a light spray. The sprayed materials will dry quickly before a burn will occur. The burn comes not only from the chemical but from how it pools on the edge of the leaves and acts as a magnifier of the sun's rays. Using this method you will be able to spray at any time regardless of temperature.

Watering your rose bushes before you spray is a good way to prepare. By insuring the plants are well hydrated you help to prevent damage. Water is the single most important element we can provide our plants. Remember roses need about an inch of water a week. A single deep watering is preferred to several light watering. A rain gauge is a valuable tool in determining how much water your garden has received and how much it needs. Keep in mind that if you are growing roses in containers they require watering more often. The soil in containers dries out much quicker.

By adding a water soluble fertilizer when you water you can complete two jobs at one time. I have been using Miracle-Gro for Roses (18-24-16) with a hose end feeder. This saves me time when I fertilize. When I use fish emulsion or other additives I mix this and put it on by hand. The other additives I use are special fertilizers in small amounts. I use Monty's Joy Juice (4-15-12) a liquid plant food and Ag Response (9-9-7) a liquid seaweed fertilizer. I believe these help to improve the overall condition of my roses.

I also will be putting down my last application of solid fertilizer prior to the end of August (central-south NJ- adjust if further north or west). The solid fertilizer I prefer is Milorganite (6-2-0). Milorganite is an organic fertilizer made from sewerage sludge. It contains organic nitrogen plus iron that promotes vigorous growth and vibrant colors. You do not want to use a solid fertilizer after the end of August if it contains Nitrogen. Nitrogen is the element that stimulates growth. As we move into the fall we want our plants to harden off in preparation for winter. Nitrogen keeps the plants growing and can actually weaken the plants as they put their strength into new growth that will not be strong enough to survive winter. Especially a winter like we had this year.

One thing you may notice about your roses in August is that the blooms will be smaller and they may be a slightly different color. This is caused by August's heat. The heat causes the plants to bloom quicker and the blooms open faster. It takes between 45 and 54 days for a rose plant to recycle its blooms. This is based on a cutting at a lower point on the cane. Many exhibitors use this to plan to have blooms for a show. If you cut your roses back around the middle of July you won't have many blooms in August but will have a great flush of bloom in early September for the Penn-Jersey District Convention.

If you want continuing blooms through August just deadhead your current blooms as they die and don't do any disbudding. These two actions will allow the plants to produce more blooms. These blooms will however be smaller and on weaker stems.

Whatever you chose to do with your roses this summer take the time to give them care. They will respond with beautiful blooms for your enjoyment.





## 2005 Penn Jersey District Convention

The Philadelphia and Del Chester Rose Societies invite you to a very special Labor Weekend filled with hospitality, roses, and some education too. Come to the District Convention at the Valley Forge Hilton in King of Prussia, PA, September 2-4, 2005.

On Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Convention will begin with a Horticulture Judges School for those who wish to become ARS judges or just learn about how roses are judged. The morning session will also serve as an audit for present judges who need to update their credentials. For more information, contact Bruce Monroe, District Chairman of Judges, (302) 478-5733, [Brmlmonr@aol.com](mailto:Brmlmonr@aol.com). Those arriving on Friday and not attending the Judges school can tour Valley Forge National Park (7 minutes from the hotel) or explore the extraordinary King of Prussia Court and Mall (5 minutes away). District Awards will be presented at the dinner on Friday night followed by social hours in the Hospitality Room.

Saturday is the Rose Show. Entries will be accepted from 6AM to 10AM. Setup is conveniently located just outside the show room. Judging will begin at 10:30AM, and, hopefully, the Show will be open to the public no later than 1PM. Come and exhibit YOUR roses. If you have never seen a District or National Show, come and be amazed. You will see some new and different exhibits.

Two set of programs are planned for Saturday afternoon starting at 2:15PM so there will be plenty of choice. Some of the topics are Rose Photography, Propagation, Arranging with Roses, and Panel Discussion and question session aimed at the newer rose growers.

The Annual District Meeting is also scheduled for Saturday afternoon. Production and distribution of the district newsletter, the *RoseVine* has been a major issue in recent years. This is the place to express your opinion. Anyone with items for the agenda, please contact Elaine Adler, District Director, 610 692-5631, [eadler@westtown.org](mailto:eadler@westtown.org). If you have an item for discussion and will not be present, talk to your District Representative or any District officer. (check the Rose Vine for names and addresses).

We are privileged and excited to have Bob Martin as our Dinner Speaker on Saturday night. Bob is a judge, an exhibitor, an arranger, a consulting rosarian. He serves on the ARS Board member as Director of the Pacific Southwest District, and is the current editor of the Exhibitor's Forum, the ARS publication for those particularly interested in exhibiting roses. Bob has published an outstanding exhibitor's guide, "Showing Good Roses". Most importantly for our event, he is a very knowledgeable and witty speaker. The title of his presentation is "The Divine Secrets of the Rah Rah Exhibitorhood". He promises pictures of those wacky exhibitors to illustrate his theme

On Sunday there will be an Arrangements Seminar and workshop. This five hour session is open to anyone interested, and will allow present Arrangement Judges to requalify. The emphasis of this program will be Traditional Arrangements. Those attending should bring clippers and other tools, and containers suitable for traditional designs. Roses (from the Show) and other materials will be provided. For more information, contact Pat Bilson, District Chairman of Arrangements Judges, 610 644-1860 or [PATBILSON@YAHOO.COM](mailto:PATBILSON@YAHOO.COM).

Also on Sunday you will have the opportunity to visit three very different local society members' gardens. Ken Borrmann's is a specialized exhibitors' garden. Tom Mayhew demonstrates growing an incredibly wide variety of roses in a garden with significant shade. Bill Kozemchak's garden exemplifies the creative use of space – we refer to it as the "Land of a Thousand Roses".

Make your plans now to attend – the hotel deadline is August 7th. The hotel will be honoring our special convention rate of \$99 per night for two days before and after the Convention if you would like to spend some additional time visiting the historical sights in Valley Forge and Philadelphia, or the many cultural attractions and gardens in the Delaware/Brandywine Valley.

## PROGRAMS

*Please note. All locations and times are subject to change. Please check your Registration package upon arrival at the hotel.*

### Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### Horticulture Judges School

Registration	8:00AM – Ballroom Lobby
Class	8:30AM - Adams Ballroom
Lunch on your own –	Students return at 1PM, Hospitality Room 220
Hospitality Hour	6:00PM – Ballroom Lobby
Awards Dinner	7:00PM – Hancock Ballroom
Hospitality Room Open	9:30PM – Room 220
Rose Show Setup	9:30PM - Grand Ballroom

### Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### Show Entries Accepted

Judges Breakfast	6:00AM-10:00AM Horticulture – Grand Ballroom
Judging Begins	6:00AM-10:30AM Arrangements – Grand Ballroom
Show Opens	9:00AM – Alexander's
Programs – 1 <sup>st</sup> set	10:30AM Horticulture– 11:00AM Arrangements
- 2 <sup>nd</sup> set	1:00PM – Grand Ballroom
District Meeting	2:15PM – Adams Parlor and Franklin Parlor
Presentation of Show Awards	3:00PM - Adams Parlor and Franklin Parlor
Mass – Fr. Gervase Degenhardt	3:45PM – Adams Parlor
Hospitality Hour	4:30PM - Grand Ballroom
Dinner and Speaker	5:15PM – Hospitality Room, 220
Hospitality Room Opens	6:15PM – Ballroom Lobby
Show Breakdown	7:15PM – Grand Ballroom
	10:00PM – Room 220
	10:00PM – Ballroom

### Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>

Arrangement Seminar	9:00AM – to be announced
Lunch	12:00 noon – 1:00PM (included for those registered)
Adjourn	3:00PM
Garden Tours	12 noon – 5:00

# PENN JERSEY DISTRICT CONVENTION

September 2-4, 2005

## REGISTRATION

Reserve hotel rooms directly with Hilton Valley Forge, 251 DeKalb Pike, King of Prussia, PA 19406. Phone 610 337-1200, 1-800-TRY-VFPA. Rates are \$99/room/night. Mention **American Rose Society – PJ District** meeting to get the special room rates.

**Reserve hotel rooms by August 7, 2005!!!**

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Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State and Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (eve) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan to exhibit (schedule will be mailed)      Horticulture \_\_\_\_ Arrangements \_\_\_\_

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Registration (Mandatory)      \$45.00 each      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Judges Audit (those taking test also send \$50 check for ARS)      \$15.00 each      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Banquet  
Sliced Round of Beef \_\_\_\_      Chicken Marsala \_\_\_\_      \$39.00 each      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Banquet  
Flounder stuffed with Crab Imperial \_\_\_\_      Prime Rib \_\_\_\_      \$41.00 each      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Arrangement Seminar      \$35.00 each      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount Enclosed**      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to **Del Chester Rose Society** and mail to Ginny Coleman, Registrar,  
1421 Ponds Edge Road, West Chester, PA 19382.



Come one come all  
ARS Design Seminar Sunday September 4<sup>th</sup> 9 AM until 4:30 PM  
What makes a traditional design a traditional design?

This seminar will recertify ARS arrangement judges and will be a learning experience for all arrangers. Traditional designs are the back bone of rose arrangements, and we will explain their characteristics and differences.

Designers from several states will share their tips and techniques, following lunch there will be hands on workshop. Please bring newspaper, clippers and one or two traditional containers. A box or something to get your design home would be useful. Using the roses from the convention and other flowers which are included in the price of the seminar, you will create one or two designs to take home. Lunch is also included in the \$35.00 registration fee. Please plan on joining this extension of the Penn-Jersey 2005 Fall District Convention. See the Convention registration form to sign up or contact, Patricia Bilson, 127 Gable Road, Paoli, PA 19301 610-644-1860, patbilson@yahoo.com

## **NOTES FROM THE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN OF HORTICULTURE JUDGES**

**The 2004 District Show.** Many thanks to all the judges, clerks, and other who helped with the District show. The Pittsburgh Rose Society and the local floral industry had extensively promoted the show to the public so it was essential that the show open on time. Thanks to all your help, the show opened five minutes early.

**Horticultural Judging School at 2005 District Convention.** A Horticultural Judging School will be held in conjunction with the 2005 District Convention. Tentatively, the judging school will be on Friday with the exam scheduled for Saturday afternoon. Accredited judges are required to attend a four-hour judging audit at least once every four years. Please let me know of individuals who might be interested in attending and becoming judges. Details of the school will be available at a later date. Contact me for an application form, (302) 478-5733.

**Judge Emeritus Status.** As a reminder, accredited judges who have been certified for at least 10 years and who feel they can no longer fulfill all the requirements to continue as an Accredited Judge, may apply to their District Chairman of Judges for Judge Emeritus status. The Judge Emeritus will no longer be required to meet the requirements to maintain judging status except to maintain membership in the American Rose Society. However, a Judge Emeritus cannot judge accredited rose shows. If any judge wishes to become a Judge Emeritus, please let me know.

**ARS Establishes A New Definition of "Single Rose".** Upon the recommendation of the ARS Classification Committee, the ARS Board of Directors at the Board meeting in Shreveport, LA on April 25, 2005 approved the definition of a "single rose" as one that possess 4 to 8 petals. This change of definition will bring the ARS, as the International Registrar for Roses, into agreement with the *generally accepted horticultural definition* of a single bloom. The term "single rose" should not to be confused with the term "one-bloom-per-stem." What judges should be aware of, and should make known to the schedule writers of their local shows, is that the term "single" should **not** be used in the schedule when simply "low-petalled" is intended.

**Bruce Monroe. District Chairman of Horticulture Judges**

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*Come join us! Your hosts, the Philadelphia and Del Chester Societies*

