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EDITOR'S MESSAGE

In this edition we have updates on the next WFRS Regional Convention in Nanyang, China. As with previous Chinese rose conventions, there is a big "WOW" factor as you will read about further on in this edition and you should plan on attending.

We have the first of our "Secret Gardens" with one of my personal favorites, The Huntington in San Marino, California, United States. I hope others will share with us their favorite gardens whether they are private or public, even their own garden. All we ask is if the garden is available for visiting with an appointment if private, and is not a WFRS Award of Garden Excellence winner.

For research, I included the latest newsletter from Texas A&M, Texas, United States Rose Research Department. They are one of the world's leaders in rose diseases, pests, genetics, conservation, and breeding research.

We also have the first of the regional reports from our WFRS Vice Presidents.

We also welcome five new Breeders' Club members. A short biography on each one is included, highlighting the person, company, their breeding philosophy, and their roses.

I also want to thank good friend John Mattia for his creative designs for our covers.

Above all, our wishes for a "rosy" holiday season and a happy New Year to all of our Member Countries and rose friends!

Steve Jones, Fiddletown, CA, United States



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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Henrienne de Briey
WFRS President

Dear Rose lovers and friends:

It is difficult to summarize all which have happened over this last several years involving the Rose, but definitively 2018 will be in our memories of a special fairy tale with our 18th World Rose Convention in the Nordic part of the world and celebrating our 50th anniversary at the same time.

It is amazing how the WFRS has grown over the last years and what a great performance to share our passion for the Rose across all continents. However, after a half century of operation, our organisation must improve its standards of excellence by revisiting our rules and guidelines to be compliant with a growing number of regulatory requirements in a fast changing world. We must be more and more agile to meet and support the expectations of our rose partners whether they are professionals or amateurs.

Of course, it requires collectively a positive mindset around our unique asset, the Rose.

The Rose is our treasure which brings a smile to sick, the lonely or disadvantaged people (especially during the holidays), making a difference to a child, and can serve a humanitarian cause or be a symbol of memory. Its production is expressed through an impressive number of industries, sometimes unknown to us. It is a great wealth that we owe to our breeders and that we share around the world.

I look forward to seeing you again on my trips for Roses and of course at our next regional convention in Nanyang, China.

In the meantime I wish you all a happy Rose growing season wherever you live and all the best for a happy New Year 2019 for you and your family.

With my very kind and best regards:

Henrienne de Briey

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



SUMMARY OF MEETINGS HELD IN COPENHAGEN

During the 18th World Rose Convention (WRC) held in Copenhagen, Denmark, between 28 June to 4 July 2018, a series of WFRS Committee meetings were conducted. These highly supported gatherings became a hub where many important issues were discussed at length for the benefit of aims of the WFRS and for the advancement of the rose. Here is a brief round-up of discussions, and subsequent conclusions drawn from lively debates.

AWARDS – The President, Mr Kelvin Trimper, outlined the new criteria of judging required for the Award of Garden Excellence. The Chairman, Mrs Monique de Clarens, confirmed that 10 gardens had been nominated, and following a ballot of Members present, seven were bestowed the award. The successful gardens were Rosarium Baden, Doblhoffpark, Austria; Queensland State Rose Garden, Australia; Butchart Rose Garden, British Columbia, Canada; Daxing Rose Garden, China; Yokohama English Garden, Japan; Christchurch Botanic Park, New Zealand; and Laura Conyers Smith Rose Garden, United States. The Hall Of Fame winner was for the cultivar, ‘Knock Out’ bred by Will Radler, USA. The Old Rose Hall of Fame was named for the variety *Rosa banksiae lutea* introduced to the United Kingdom from China in 1824. Five books were nominated for the WFRS Literary Award and each entry was successful. The books granted this accolade were *Growing Roses In Subtropical Climates* by Mr Paul Hains; *The Rose Garden* by Mr Nobuo Shirauna; *The Rose Garden of Fukushima* by Ms Maya Moore; *Roseraie Princesse Grace* by Dr Gérald Meylan, Mr Georges Restellini, and Mr Jean Jacques Pinotti; and *The Seasonal Guide To Growing Roses in South Africa* by Ms Nan Steyn.

BREEDERS’ CLUB & INTERNATIONAL TRIALS – The Chairman of Breeders’ Club reported that since the group was formed over a decade ago, 22 breeders had joined from nine different countries. Dr Meylan announced his retirement from the role and that Mr Jean-Luc Pasquier will be his successor. Mr Brunsing, Chairman of International Trials, reported that the new criteria agreed at the 2015 World Rose Convention in Lyon had been used successfully in 25 different countries. He hoped that new trials will be established in England, Ireland, Italy and Switzerland in the near future. Mr Brunsing presented the Committee with his proposed new *WFRS Guidelines for International Rose Trials*. He spoke of his intention to present a draft copy in The Hague during September and will report any feedback received from the breeders.

CLASSIFICATION & REGISTRATION – Mr Alain Meilland spoke of his grave concerns of the *Xylella* infection in Europe which has destroyed thousands of olive trees. It had emerged that the infection had spread to a floribunda rose on the island of Corsica. As a consequence, the European Regulations for reserving movement of plants declared that all floribunda roses cannot be moved around Europe or other destinations. He felt that an urgent solution needed to be found. Members of the Committee reported that the *Modern Roses* database and online procedures for registration of new cultivars run by the American Rose Society (ARS) has not been functioning efficiently. The President suggested that the ARS be given a three- month period to sort out these issues. The Chairman, Mr Richard Walsh, recommended “g” (green) be added to the colour classification of roses. It was further suggested that the Hybrid Musk and Hybrid Rugosa classes be moved from the Modern to Old Garden Rose section.

CONSERVATION & HERITAGE – The Executive Director announced that Mrs Brigid-Quest Ritson will succeed Dr Yuki Mikanagi as Chairman. Mrs Crenagh Elliott gave an in depth summary on status of data collection for rare roses. There was strong support, particularly from South America. The recommended form to register a cultivar to be given: 1) Common name of the rose, 2) Year, bred or introduced, 3) Breeder or introducer, 4) Breeders Code, if known, and 5) Garden Code, three digits determined by country, region, state or province. Mrs Quest-Ritson suggested that an Ad Hoc panel of rosarians who have the required expertise be assembled to assist with identification via email. The President requested that all Member Countries confirm who will be their representative for the period 2018 – 2021 and whether they wish to continue with their current representative or appoint a new one. The closing date to be 30 November 2018.

CONVENTION LIAISON – The Chairman, Mrs Helga Brichet, was pleased to report successful outcomes from the conventions held in Beijing China, Punta de Este, Uruguay, and Ljubljana, Slovenia. She has travelled extensively in her role, especially to India and China to undertake further discussions for forthcoming events. She was sad to confirm that the German Rose Society had to withdraw from their bid to host WRC 2024, but was delighted that the Japan Rose Society had decided to host the event in their country instead. Plans for the 19th World Rose Convention being held in Adelaide, Australia in 2021 were coming along nicely.

COUNCIL & EXECUTIVE MEETINGS – The President confirmed that the Piaget Foundation had given grants to Sangerhausen Rosarium (Germany) and Meise Herbarium (Belgium). It was reported that the balance of £7,500 remained. New worthy projects to be considered once the Executive Director sends a mail-out to all Member Countries seeking applications. Council agreed that a sub-committee be set up to look at the future of the organisation, with possible new banking arrangements. It was agreed that subscription rates remain unchanged for the period 2018 – 2021. Council approved of the new protocols for Awards Committee and Honours. The Honour Awards were duly presented at the Closing Ceremony, Mrs Inger Schierning (Silver Commemorative Medallion); Mrs Fiona Hyland, Mr Markus Bruning and Ms Jolene Adams (World Rose Award); Mr David Elliott (Silver Medal); and Mr Kelvin Trimper (Gold Medal). The Council was pleased to approve of the proposed publication, *International Principles of Exhibiting & Judging Roses – An Illustrated Approach*, Editor Luis T. Desamero. Mr Desamero has generously offered to finance the production of the book and market the publication. A percentage of sales will be donated to the WFRS. The President thanked Ms Jolene Adams and Dr Tommy Cairns for producing such a splendid *WFRS 50th Anniversary* book. It was agreed that all Member Countries, Associate Members and Breeders' Club (if subscriptions had been paid) will receive a gift copy of the book. WFRS Award of Garden of Excellence recipients will also be entitled to receive a free copy. It was confirmed that the following Vice Presidents were retiring from their posts, Ms Jolene Adams, Mr David Elliott, and Ms Rae Gilbert. The following Chairmen were due to retire, Dr Gérald Meylan, Mr Markus Bruning, Mrs Monique de Clarens, Mr Steve Jones and Ms Yuki Mikanagi. The President thanked them for their diligent work.

Mrs Henriette de Briey was installed as the incoming President. She thanked Mr Kelvin Trimper for his immense hard work and dedication which he had demonstrated in office.

INTERNATIONAL JUDGES COMMITTEE – The meeting was chaired by Dr Andy Plasz, Deputy Chairman, in the absence of Chairman, Mr Luis Desamero, who sent his apologies. Dr Plasz presented the proposal for the publication of the *International Principles of Judging Roses, An Illustrated Approach* using a flip-book LED projection of all page spreads in the book. After viewing, the vote by delegates from Member Countries was unanimous to accept the terms proposed by the International Judges Committee with that recommendation forwarded to Council for final approval.

PROMOTIONS AND FRIENDS – The Chairman, Mr Steve Jones, felt that active promotion of upcoming conventions was of paramount importance. He was pleased that the National Rose Society of Australia was very prominent at WRC 2018 publicising the 19th World Rose Convention in 2021. The Friends of the Federation scheme continues to thrive with 102 registered Friends and 22 Life Friends. Dr Meylan queried what can be done with the monies raised. This matter will be investigated at a later date. It was debated how the WFRS logo could be used to promote the organisation. It was agreed that any association wishing to use the logo must use it in isolation after permission had been granted from the Executive Director, in consultation with the President. The Executive Director suggested “term and conditions” needed to be created in the light of some difficulties experienced at past Friends functions, but he emphasized how successful these events are. Then Mr Jones praised the brilliant work of Mrs Mary Frick who arranges “Friends Only” events in her homeland of Australia. He would like to see this sort of proactivity conducted in other countries.

PUBLICATIONS – The Chairman, Ms Jolene Adams was pleased to report that the *WFRS 50th Anniversary* book had successfully come to fruition and thanked the Committee for their input and support. She expressed her gratitude to Mrs Ethel Freeman (Webmaster since 2000) and Mrs Sheenagh Harris (WRN Editor since 2012) for their diligence and tireless service. Mrs Freeman reported that the WFRS website had received 16,000 hits last year, with 12,000 coming from users of desktop, 25% from mobile devices and 10% from tablets. Mr Paul Hains reported how successful Social Media has been in promoting the Federation. There are currently over 1,200 Members registered on the Facebook page. He was pleased to record that during the last month, 595 enthusiastic comments had been posted on the site. He explained that Instagram stories are the latest innovation and felt that the Federation must adapt to this sort of media in order to make significant impact. Mrs Nimet Monasterley-Gilbert spoke of the continued success of the conservation and heritage journal, *baon*. The publication has recently covered a range of topics from authors from 20 nationalities. The readership continues to grow with new requests for the publication to be distributed further. Mr Hains was delighted to be appointed new Webmaster and gave the Committee a preview of the new stylish WFRS website, which he had recently constructed. The Committee felt inspired by his creativity. Shortly afterwards, the website was launched and has received much praise. The new *World Rose News* Editor, Mr Steve Jones, reported on the direction and information he would like to cover in upcoming editions.

Full versions of the Minutes are available upon request.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a joyful Christmas and a very rosy 2019.

Derek Lawrence

ROSE NEWS

KELVIN TRIMPER'S PROUD MOMENTS

By Melanie Trimper

In 2018 Kelvin Trimper's life time achievements covering over 40 years in the rose world, strong community leadership involving decades of volunteer work and 25 years delivering major housing developments were recognised in the Australia Day Honours.

In January Kelvin was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM). This appointment celebrates the contribution and achievements of Australians who have made a significant and positive impact on the Australian community. The award was recognition of his leadership in urban development, and significant service to horticulture and the promotion of gardening, and to the community of Salisbury.



Photo: Tom Reschi

SA Governor Hieu Van Le (l), Kelvin Trimper (r)

Hieu Van Le AC, Governor of South Australia expressed, "Congratulations on this very well deserved honour. The spirit of service that it recognises is, as a society and as a nation, one of Australia's most precious attributes."

Upon receiving his award Kelvin said, "It is with surprise, delight and humility that I have accepted my appointment as a Member of the Order of Australia (AM). I feel lucky that I have been able to pursue my passions and hobbies alongside my career in urban development. I could not have fulfilled these many roles without the wonderful support of my family and friends. I sincerely thank you all for your help and kindness along the way. My passion for roses has taken me all around the world and it has been an extraordinary journey. It has been an immense pleasure to serve the National Rose Society of Australia, The Rose Society of South Australia and The World Federation of Rose Societies in addition to the Not-For-Profit organisations and business groups I have been associated with over the years."

Kelvin grew up in the small town of Renmark, before moving to Adelaide for his university studies. He said his love for all things gardening began during his childhood in the Riverland. His late father, Eric, and WFRS President Emeritus David Ruston were close friends and they encouraged him to start growing roses. Growing vegetables and roses became passions.

On 4th July, outgoing WFRS President, Kelvin Trimper, received the WFRS's highest honour for an individual, a Gold Medal for his record of outstanding service to the Federation (2009 - 2018), the Rose Societies in Australia and the Rose.

In presenting the award the incoming WFRS President Henrienne de Briey said, "Kelvin has attended 5 World Rose Conventions; 9 Regional Conventions and 2 International Heritage Rose Conferences, often leading popular Australian group tours. He also delivered lectures at 10 of these conventions".

In his role as President Kelvin worked diligently to update protocols and improve the administration of the Federation and he also travelled to over 30 Member Countries during his three year term.

Kelvin's involvement with the WFRS commenced with the Regional Convention in Melbourne in 1999 and he soon became a great supporter of WFRS activities.

As an energetic and hard-working WFRS Vice-President from 2009 to 2015, Kelvin represented Australian delegates and personally coordinated and led group tours. One highlight was the 108 Australians attending the WRC in Lyon.

As an active member of the Executive, Kelvin was involved in the establishment of the Friends of the Federation which was implemented and has so far raised over £7,400 for the WFRS.

In 2015, Kelvin as the newly elected WFRS President focused on three key areas: attract new Member Countries (Poland has re-joined and since visiting Seoul, South Korea joined in June); develop the social media platforms necessary to take the WFRS into the 21st century and update the protocols where required to improve efficiency and administration.

Kelvin has travelled and assisted in planning numerous forthcoming conventions. Starting in 2014, Kelvin took responsibility for Australia's bid to host the 19th WRC in 2021 in his home town, Adelaide. He is providing leadership as Chairman of the organising committee and they have made excellent progress to date. The website wrc21.aomevents.com.au has the preliminary details.

Kelvin's passion for the rose, achievements and willingness to serve the WFRS, as well as the societies in Australia, can certainly be regarded as outstanding.

Our congratulations to Kelvin on these prestigious awards.



'Adam'

ROSE NEWS (Cont.)



Photo: 50th Anniversary Book

Robert (l) & Susan (r) Begg at 1983 World Rose Convention

Robert Begg

From Argentina comes news that Robert Begg, husband of the late WFRS Past President Susan Begg, had passed on 24 September, 2018. Robert served as WFRS Secretary from 1985-1991, Chairman of the WFRS Publications Committee from 1985-1988, and was a solid support to his wife during her term as President from 1988-1991. Our hearts go out to his family.



Photo: Jolene Adams

ARS President Pat Shanley (l) awards Jolene Adams (r) with the ARS Gold Medal

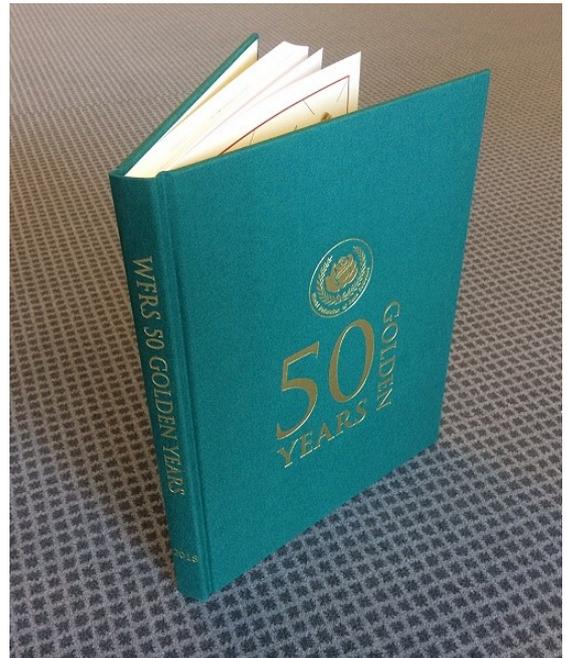
Jolene Adams Awarded The ARS Gold Medal

At the San Diego American Rose Society (ARS) National Convention held in October, 2018, past WFRS Vice President (North America) and current Chairman of the WFRS Publications Committee, Jolene Adams, was awarded the ARS Gold Medal, the highest ARS honor, for her service to the organization.

To be nominated for this prestigious award, the nominee must have diligently worked on the National level, in any capacity, for the betterment of the ARS and its membership. The award is given to those who have done work of merit above and beyond the normal call of duty and devotion.

WORLD FEDERATION OF ROSE SOCIETIES 50 GOLDEN YEARS

Editor: Jolene Adams



This sumptuous hardback volume commemorates the Golden Jubilee of the WFRS. The 180 pages delve into the Federation's fascinating archives, from its founding in London on 4th July 1968 to the present. The book explores the triumphs and achievements of an organisation whose charitable aim is to promote the sheer beauty and allurement of the rose around the world. Illustrated throughout with many splendid colour and black and white images, it celebrates past Conventions, International Trials, Gardens of Excellence, and much more.

The book is a must for any rose enthusiast and would make an ideal gift.

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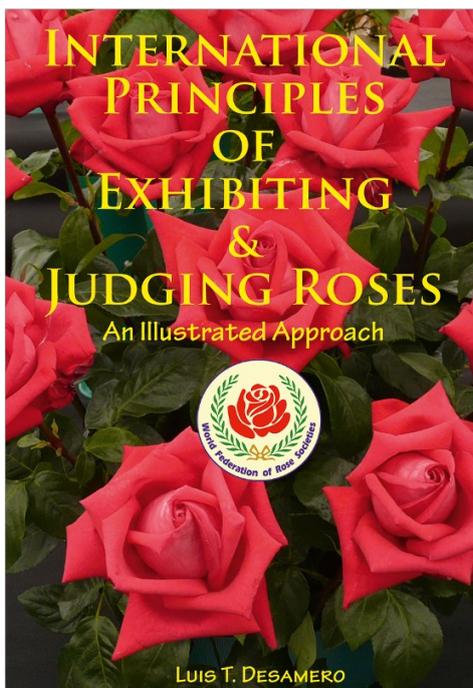
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A LOOK INSIDE AT A FEW OF THE 160 PAGES OF THIS NEW BOOK

Roses in Picture Frames

TO PROMOTE THE EXHIBITING ASPECT of the hobby to the small rose garden, many rose shows will feature entries devoted to exhibiting a rose in a picture frame mimicking the gentleman's button hole display so popular in the Victorian era. Generally the show schedule will spell out the exact criteria for such entries, usually one bloom with foliage that need not be attached to the stem of the bloom.

The entry illustrates a number of distinct advantages and a few flaws. The form of the miniflora, 'Dr. John Dickman', is impeccable not to mention absolute charm of the color. The clever use of two sets of foliage to augment the setting for the bloom is good strategy. Lower foliage set does not match the upper set to create symmetry and has several dead spots on the lowest leaf. Foliage has been staged to occupy a major area of the frame, again creating a very pleasing display. Using the black background to full advantage with lurid foliage sets that look alive making this entry a winner!

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Australia: Supreme Champion Sydney Royal Easter Show 2017 entry of the Floribunda 'White Spray' amplifying the preferred style of display as a Bunch showcasing all stages of bloom with an emphasis on the artistic presentation of a cascade of bloom sizes from top to bottom in a pleasing arrangement.

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Matched Pairs of Roses

ROSE SHOW SCHEDULE WRITERS are constantly searching for new approaches to exhibiting roses that capture the attention of the viewing public. Borrowing from the horticultural exhibiting world of onions, carrots, and other root vegetables, a new challenge class has been developed. Simply stated the entry demands two large flowered blooms at exhibition stage that look like exact clones of each other, hence the name "Matched Pair". Choosing two stems that show a cloning effect of exact similarity is no easy task.

This pair of 'Royal Highness' on first sight may seem like a reasonably matched pair, but on closer examination the bloom sizes are not exactly the same size. The younger the bloom, the deeper the color. Comparing the form of the pair also reveals a large deviation in petal openings. This example has illustrated the caution in closer examination that should be exercised when judging this class. Blooms should be spaced apart so as not to touch. In this case, the spacing was a little too close that promoted the visible differences in size and color and form.

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- § Reviews of evolution, classification and growth habits of roses
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TEXAS A & M ROSE RESEARCH UPDATE

Editor's Note: The Texas A & M (Agricultural & Military) University Agricultural Program, United States, is one of the world's leading research facilities in the world covering rose diseases, pests, genetics, conservation, and breeding. The rose program is headed by Dr David Byrne. This newsletter was reprinted with the permission of the author.

General Activities

As classes at Texas A&M University start for the Fall, the temperatures have been dropping and our quiet summertime campus once again is buzzing with activity. It has been a very busy summer with plenty of field work beginning with planting, followed by rose evaluations with an abundance of weeding and mowing. Now we are making final rose selections and preparing to plant the next round of rose seedlings, selections and cultivars for evaluation and breeding.

We have been revising and updating the long neglected Rose Breeding and Genetics Program web site as well. The person doing this is Sarah Lozano, a wonderful undergraduate student at Texas A&M University. She has redesigned, updated, and added new information to the website. We have come a long way and if all goes well, it will be launched this Fall. We have also set up a listserv for this Rose Update. When I began writing these in 2013, I had less than 100 subscribers and now I have more than 1,000! The listserv allows me to use a template that should make the Rose Updates more enjoyable to read as well as allow people to subscribe or unsubscribe as they wish. Bear with me as I learn how to use these new tools.

Over the past year, we have had several additions to our Rose Breeding and Genetics group. Seza Noyan arrived in the Fall of 2017 from Turkey to do a Masters of Science program. Hui Feng, a rose breeder from the Beijing Institute of Landscape Architecture, arrived in December of 2017 as did Ling Wang, an ornamental breeder from Northeast Forestry University in Harbin, China. All three have been working with all phases of the breeding program as well as on their research projects. Seza is working on a project to assess the efficiency of digital imagery from a drone to follow rose flower productivity and other traits throughout the growing season. Hui Feng is documenting how rose cultivars produce flowers with respect to the number and sequence of flowers produced on the primary, secondary, and tertiary flowering shoots throughout the growing season. Ling Wang is working on a related project but instead of looking at where and when the flowers are produced, she is documenting the life cycle of individual flowers in several rose cultivars from a bud to losing their petals. These studies are the first steps in understanding the flowering behavior of the rose that will facilitate the development of new rose cultivars with more consistent flowering throughout the season.

Activities

Rose Rosette Monitoring Program. Kevin Ong has the Rose Rosette Disease (RRD) website up and running at <https://roserosette.com>. Beyond being the site with the most accurate information on the identification and management of rose rosette disease, it is also the place to report any sightings of rose rosette in your neighborhood. We need your cooperation to know where rose rosette is. To collaborate in this citizen scientist project go to the Rose Rosette Web Page and click on the Reporting tab. There you can enter your contact information, location, the rose name if known and a couple of pictures of the diseased plant. This information is sent to a verifier who will either accept the report based on the pictures or ask for a sample for verification. Once verified, the report is added to the Distribution Map. Even though there may be a report for your county, multiple reports give us a better idea of the frequency of the disease and information on which roses are succumbing to the disease. Let me encourage you to participate in this very important scientific project to develop better management tools for the rose rosette disease.

The National Clean Plant Network Roses (<http://ucanr.edu/sites/ncpnrose/>) meeting was held this year in late June at the Los Angeles Arboretum where the original Tarzan was filmed. The NCPNR is a public-private collaboration to ensure that virus-tested propagative rose materials are available to the rose industry. We discussed the growing clean collection in California, the diagnostics and protocols to keep the collection clean, the priorities of the group, the testing of rose collections in Florida and Texas, the possibility of establishing a backup collection and the threat of the rose rosette virus to these collections and the rose industry. This important work ensures that high quality rose plants are available for our gardens.

We attended the national American Society of Horticultural Sciences meeting in Washington D.C. this year where we delivered over 20 presentations. Although we had talks on our peach work, the vast majority of the presentations dealt with our rose breeding and genetics research with emphasis on the Combating Rose Rosette Disease SCRI project. Among the rose topics discussed were landscape performance, consumer preference of rose traits, enhanced phenotyping tools using digital imagery and drones, mite identification, distribution, and behavior, virus diagnostics, resistance to the rose rosette disease, the heritability of several rose traits, chromosome counts, polyploid genetics, and the RRD monitoring and information web site (<https://roserosette.org>). It was exciting to see all of the work being done to better manage this disease and advance the science of rose breeding. The posters and oral presentations are available at <https://ashs.confex.com/ashs/2018/webprogramarchives/start.html>.

We will continue with our discussions about the rose rosette disease work in October in Crossville, Tennessee when we have the Combating Rose Rosette Disease Review.

Donations

I would like to thank several people who have supported the program over the past year. First I would like to thank Richard Baxter, Texas A&M trained engineer who runs an oil drilling company and is an avid rose hybridizer, for the donation of Ford F-150 pickup truck to the program. This donation comes at the perfect time as our truck was on its last legs.

Kawamoto Rose Garden in Japan (<http://www.kawamotorosegarden.com/>) has donated to the Ralph Moore Endowed Fund to strengthen the financial base of the Rose Breeding and Genetics Program. These contributions are essential to ensuring the long-term future of this research and teaching program. I sincerely thank Mr. Kawamoto for his donation and encourage others to follow his lead.

Christian Bedard at Weeks Roses (<https://www.weeksroses.com/Research/index.html>) made hundreds of crosses for the Combating RRD project. The crosses made are essential to determine the genetic basis of and to identify genetic markers for RRD resistance. This work will accelerate the development of RRD resistant roses, an essential tool to manage this devastating viral disease.

In kind

Many thanks to Seville Farms (<https://sevillefarms.com/>) for maintaining the Moore Rose Evaluation block in Mansfield, Texas over the last four years. We obtained invaluable information about this unique collection. As we ended the trial, we got cooperation from Seville Farms, Laura Miller, Kevin Ong, Claude Graves and Dean Oswald (Chambersville Heritage Rose Garden) in preserving the best of this germplasm for future use.

Finally many thanks to the nurseries who provided plants of roses for additional trials. This includes Weeks Roses, Bailey Nurseries, Greenheart Farms, Star Roses and Plants, and Spring Meadow Nursery.

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SECRET GARDENS

The Huntington Rose Garden, San Marino, California, United States

Editor: For the first of the Secret Gardens series featured in the World Rose News, I selected one of my personal favorites. To be a Secret Garden, I am concentrating on public and private rose gardens that are not WFRS Award of Garden Excellence winners.

The Huntington was one of the first gardens I volunteered to work at when I got into roses and other plants back in the mid-1980s. The volunteers helped deadhead and prune the roses, propagated rare roses, and held an annual rose sale to benefit the gardens. When I started, Claire Martin was the Huntington Rose Curator. The Huntington also featured speakers from around the world and held the annual Great Rosarians of the World presentations. In time, The Huntington, like other organisations, cut back on their services and Claire eventually retired.

About six years ago, Tom Carruth, was hired as the E.L. and Ruth B. Shannon Curator of the Rose Collections. Tom is the well-known rose hybridizer from Weeks Roses where he created many of the world's best known roses, such as 'Fourth of July', 'Moonstone', 'Marilyn Monroe', and 'Julia Child'. Once Tom took over, the gardens have steadily improved to their old glory, and then some.

Originally designed by Myron Hunt, the Rose Garden was planted by William Hertrich in 1908 for the private enjoyment of Henry and Arabella Huntington of railroad fame. Bella adored roses and camellias and the gardens were intended primarily for bouquets, providing copious quantities of cut blooms for the large elaborate floral arrangements favored in their home. Household records indicate that in one year alone more than 30,000 flowers were used in these massive bouquets, 9,700 of which were roses.

Today there are over 2,500 roses and 1,260 varieties planted in different gardens. The Shakespeare Garden contains many of the roses known at that time such as *Rosa gallica officinalis* (Apothecary's Rose) and *Rosa gallica versicolor* (Rosa Mundi), in addition to David Austin English Roses. The main rose garden runs outside the Tea Room down pergolas and large beds of roses including one surrounding a marble statue of Cupid. In all, the rose gardens cover about 3 acres (1.2ha).

The gardens also contain many other plants on 120 acres (48ha) of the 207 acres (83ha) of the property, including over 100,000 varieties from all over the world, some very rare species, and recently, over 120 varieties of bulbs were planted. The gardens include: Liu Fang Yuan (Garden of Flowing Fragrance), Japanese Garden, Desert Garden, Frances and Sidney Brody California Garden, Frances Lasker Brody Botanical Center, Helen and Peter Bing Children's Garden, Rose Hills Foundation Conservatory for Botanical Science, Associated Foundations Teaching Greenhouse, Ranch Garden, and the Australian, Herb, Jungle, Lily Ponds, Palm, and Subtropical Gardens to enjoy. With so many acres, one can easily get lost among the beauty.

Outside of the gardens, The Huntington is home to a world class art collection with 650 paintings and 440 sculptures, including the well-known paintings *Pinky* and Gainsborough's *Blue Boy*. The research library is second to none and contains over 7 million manuscripts, 430,000 rare books including one of the few remaining Guggenheim bibles, 275,000 reference books, 875,000 prints and ephemera, and 774,000 photographs, all covering the fields of British and American history, literature, art, and the history of science, stretching from the 11th century to the present.

The Spring and Fall are the best times to visit the gardens although there is something of interest blooming year round. There is an entrance fee and the gardens are open every day from 10 am to 5 pm, except for Tuesdays when they are closed.

(All photos courtesy of Tom Carruth)

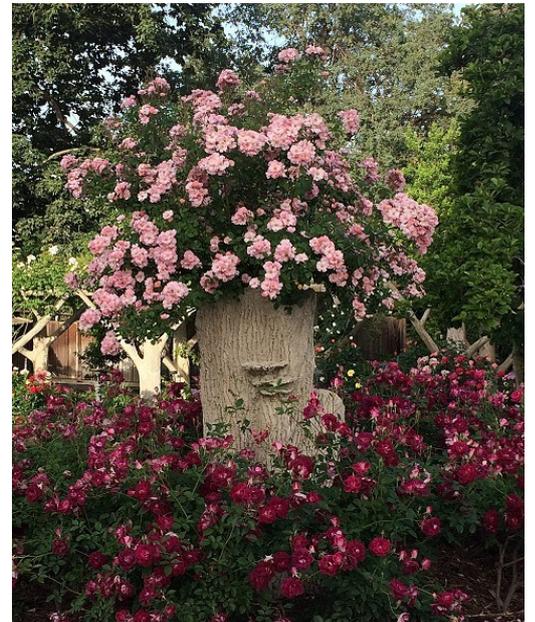




Shakespeare Garden



Rose Curator Tom Carruth with box of Hens & Chicks



'Flower Girl' growing from stump sculpture

WFRS VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

South Africa, VP Vivienne Black

The National Convention in South Africa was held in Durbanville in the Western Cape 25th to 28th October, 2018. The members attended the convention from the following societies, Gold Reef Rose Society, Midlands Rose Society, Knysna Rose Society, Pretoria Rose Society, Western Cape Rose Society and the Heritage Rose Society. Barbara Wood was elected as the new President of ROSA taking over from Gail Birss. At the gala dinner Gail was awarded the Zoe Gilbert award for the outstanding service to the world of roses. Sheenagh Harris received The President's Award for her contribution as Editor for the WFRS *World Rose News*. (Editor: Congratulations Sheenagh!)



Members of the Heritage Rose Society gathered for a photo. Standing from left: Alan Walker, Barbara Wood, Gail Birss, Kim Van Niekerk, Debbie Johnson, Rhona Mc Loughlin, Michele Basson, Vivienne Black. Sitting from left: Sheenagh Harris, Joan Walker, Joy Webb, Miene Skarba



WFRS Vice President Vivienne Black (l) and Barbara Wood (r) enjoying the convention.

Europe (Eastern), VP Breda Čopi

A special rose event was held in Kutno, Poland from 7th to 9th September 2018. There was a great opening ceremony and party with a lot of people from the town. The next day there were conferences with interesting lectures. There was Matjaž Mastnak from Slovenija speaking about roses from the East of Europe and Arnau Ferrer from Spain who showed pictures of roses from Spain.

The lectures from Polish speakers were very interesting for local rose lovers. The event was organized by the Polish Rose Society, Polskie Towarzystwo Rozane, where Mr Lukasz Royewski is the President, and by the City of Kutno.



Opening ceremony with President Lukasz Royewski (c)



Lukasz Royewski (l), WFRS VP Breda Čopi (r)



Rose Fair in Kutno

“A NEW ERA IN ROSES”

2019 WFRS REGIONAL ROSE CONVENTION IN NANYANG, CHINA

A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE AT AN AFFORDABLE PRICE

Registrations have opened for the World Federation of Rose Societies Regional Convention to be held in Nanyang, China from 27 April to 2 May 2019.

Visit the website <http://www.chinarose2019.org> for details of the program, including the Pre convention Tour and Post Tour. Nanyang is ideally located for this event, being the largest rose production region in China and famous for its roses and jade. The convention will coincide with the city’s 10th China Rose Festival and 16th Nanyang Jade Carving Cultural Festival.

The modern Holiday Inn Nanyang is the official convention hotel and congress centre.

Nanyang is a thriving city where you can experience Chinese culture, history, artistry and nature. The city is considered an historic and cultural centre with green credentials.

The region's tradition of jade carving began 2000 years ago and is still as popular as ever. Many of the art works carved by master craftsmen will be displayed at the Jade Exhibition. For those who love to shop there are hundreds of jade stalls in the market adjacent to the Jade Exhibition.

The rose also has a 2,000 year old history in this city where more than 2,300 varieties are grown including some wild rose species. Today Nanyang supplies about 80% of the roses for the domestic market and more than 70% of the roses exported elsewhere. It lives up to its reputation as the “Home of Chinese Roses”.

Early bird Registration is only USD \$400 until 31 December 2018. Will we see you there?

The six day Pre Tour - 22 April to 27 April 2019

The Pre Tour will visit many classical gardens and highlights in and around Shanghai including: Shanghai Chen Shan Botanical Garden, South Classical Garden, which was built during the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644), the Humble Administrator’s Garden, one of the largest classical gardens in China, Lion Forest Garden, which highlights Chinese classical private garden architecture, Zhouzhuang, which has gained the reputation as “Number One Water Town in China”, West Lake, one of the first and most famous scenic spots in China, and the Hang Zhou Flower Garden, a garden famous for their bonsai.

The five day Post Tour - 2 May to 7 May 2019

The Post Tour will visit many Chinese Cultural Sites including: the 119ha Zhengzhou Garden Expo, Song Yang Academy , the world famous Shaolin Temple, Luoyang Longmen Grottoes, Museum of Terra Cotta Warriors, which is listed as an UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site, the Huaqing Hot Spring in Xi’an, and will finish with the 2019 World Horticultural Expo in Beijing.



Shanghai Botanical Garden



Terra Cotta Warriors

All photos: Nanyang Website

2019 WFRS REGIONAL CONFERENCE, NANYANG, CHINA UPDATES

Helga Brichet, WFRS Chairman Convention Liaison Committee

On 26th September last a meeting was held in the Holiday Inn Hotel, Nanyang, between members of the City Government, representatives of the Provincial Government, Provincial representatives of the Chinese Flower Association, the Chinese Rose Society and representatives of the WFRS; Kelvin Trimper, Immediate Past President, Helga Brichet, Past President and Chairman of Convention Liaison Committee, Zhao Shiwei, Convener and WFRS Vice President (Asia), and Past President Dr. Gérald Meylan. After an initial formal and courtesy meeting with the above representatives of local government and interested parties, the working committee then turned to the following matters:

The Convention Website

A number of questions had been raised by rosarians interested in attending the Convention:

1. It was not clear whether the registration fee included the price of the hotel room in Nanyang or not. In fact the hotel cost is NOT included for the duration of the Convention in Nanyang. The website will shortly show these prices, Standard room with King bed US\$ 90 per night, Standard room with Twin beds for US\$ 90 per night, and Advanced suite with King bed US\$ 146 per night. Regarding the **Pre tour**: Standard room with King bed US\$ 1280 and Standard room with Twin beds US\$ 1100. This includes nine dinners, accommodation, entrance tickets, tour vehicles, tour guide, pickup service and insurance. Regarding the **Post tour**: Standard room with King bed US\$ 1300 and Standard room with Twin beds US\$ 1160. This includes 10 dinners, accommodation, entrance tickets, tour vehicles, tour guide and insurance.
2. As payment for the Convention by credit card or bank transfer was presently proving difficult, it had been decided by the organizers to permit participants to pay registration, hotel and tours upon arrival in Nanyang by credit card or cash (RMB), taking into account the date upon which they registered.
3. Complaints had been received regarding the inability to contact assistance by telephone. This has now been resolved insofar as the person in charge of enquiries, **Lucy**, may be contacted in English by cellphone at the following number: 0086-15937717177 (during weekdays and at China time) or by email at:75964043@qq.com Should an immediate answer to an enquiry not be known, the caller will receive a return call or email.
4. Regarding those participants who will not be attending the pre tour, it must still be clearly stated on the website how these individuals can easily arrive at Nanyang, in consideration of the fact that presently there are not daily air flights from all international airports. **Please note**: For those participating in the Pre tour, there will be pick-up services at the Shanghai Pudong International Airport from 21st to 22nd April, 2019. For those **not** participating in the Pre-tour, it is possible to fly via Beijing Nanyuan Airport or Shanghai Pudong International Airport to connect for Nanyang Airport or Zhengzhou International Airport where there will be pick-up services at both of these on April 27th, 2019. Volunteers with distinctive t-shirts will assist participants upon arrival.
5. Once rosarians have registered, those in need of **special governmental invitations** in order to participate in the event will immediately be supplied with these.

Other matters discussed:

Convener Dr. Zhao Shiwei assured that suitable floral decoration would be used at the entrance of the Convention hotel to ensure a warm welcome to all participants. During our two day sojourn in Nanyang we were able to make time to visit the site of an enormously impressive, one hundred hectare park project which includes 1,400,000 rose plants where the Opening Ceremony will take place. Another visit was to shops of traditional painting and exclusive jade products, including a special medal in jade to celebrate the Regional Convention.

1.4 MILLION ROSES!

During the convention meeting in Nanyang, WFRS Past President Dr. Gérald Meylan shared with us this photo of the new rose garden that will be inaugurated at the 2019 WFRS Nanyang Regional Convention. With 1,400,000 roses, this garden will clearly be the largest rose garden in the world. It would be worth the trip not only to see China, but to see this fabulous new rose garden!



All photo: Dr. Gérald Meylan

Overview of the new Nanyang Rose Garden under construction



From left: Zhou Guojun (translator), Fa Juming (Deputy Leader, Nanyang Rose Garden construction battalion), Helga Brichet, Kelvin Trimper, Prof. Zhang Zuoshuang (President China Rose Society), Dr Gérald Meylan, Zou Pingzhou (Vice Director, 2019 WFRS Regional Convention)

DEDICATIONS OF THE WFRS AWARD OF GARDEN EXCELLENCE

On 25 September 2018, WFRS Immediate Past President Kelvin Trimper and Past President Helga Brichet presented the WFRS Award of Garden Excellence to the Daxing Rose Garden In Daxing, China. Accepting the Award is Deputy District Head of Daxing District, Beijing, Yang Yanguang.



Photo: Dr. Gerald Meylan

From left: Helga Brichet, Kelvin Trimper, Yang Yanguang

A celebration was held on 20 September 2018 at the Laura Conyers Smith Municipal Rose Garden in Kansas City, Missouri, United States, for being awarded the WFRS Award of Garden Excellence which was announced at the World Rose Convention in Denmark a few months earlier. The plaque is in transit to the garden, but a trophy cup will suffice for now.



Photo: Greg German

From left: Cydney Price (President Kansas City Rose Society (KCRS)), Jolene Adams (WFRS Past Vice President - North America), and Rob Gray (Vice President of KCRS)

NEW BREEDERS' CLUB MEMBERS

Editor: As of the 2018 World Rose Convention in Denmark, we have five new Rose Breeders' Club members. The following is a short biography of the person, company, and their roses.



Paul Hains



'Toni'



'Lenny'



Seedling 12-10-1



Seedling 12-91-6

Hains Roses, Paul Hains, Australia

Paul's inspiration to start breeding was the limited new varieties arriving in Australia due to quarantine restrictions. His initial breeding aims were Minifloras and Hybrid Teas. Paul's first registered rose was named for his wife 'Toni', a magenta pink Hybrid Tea. He exhibits his own varieties in competitions and in both 2015 and 2018 he won the Australian Bred Rose Australian Championship at the National Championships with six of his own rose varieties. Paul's 'Lenny' and 'Governor Marie Bashir' are planted in the Australian Leaf of the WFRS Award of Garden Excellence Victoria State Rose Garden. A hallmark of many of his releases is their contributions to Australian charities. Paul contributes with many roles across rose societies locally and internationally. He was awarded the Australian Rose Award in 2017 and the T.A. Stewart Memorial Award in 2018. He also received the WFRS Literary Award in 2018. He continues to focus his breeding on roses with perfume and is also working with a thornless line. *(All photos courtesy of Paul Hains.)*



Dr Suni Bolar



Rafiq Bolar



'Decoranza Winners Wheel'



'Faerie Pink Princess'



Rafiq's Seedling

Bolar Roses LLC, Dr Suni Bolar, United States

Bolar Roses LLC was formed in New Jersey, United States, in February 2012 when Rafiq Bolar and Dr. Suni Bolar's journey in the rose world culminated in their breeding program. They started out as rose exhibitors competing at local, district and national rose shows winning several National awards including a National Queen (best rose in a rose show) in 2013 and over 25 local and district queens. After retiring from exhibiting roses, they are now completely focused on their breeding program. They have been breeding disease resistant, insect resistant, fragrant and cold hardy roses since 2010.

Dr Suni Bolar is a pediatric dentist by profession. She is a rose breeder by profession and passion. She has written numerous award winning articles on roses that have been published in the American Rose magazine, the Rose Hybridizers Association Newsletter and in local newsletters. Suni Bolar's hybridized roses are being sold by Amore Roses in New Zealand. Rafiq Bolar is an Engineer by profession with a masters degree in Business Administration. Along with Suni Bolar, he has given numerous talks at local, district and National Rose Conventions. *(All photos copyrighted by Suni Bolar.)*



Warren Millington



'Daniel Mon Ami'



'Dunn Deal'



'Cool Change'

Dynamic Rose Genetics, Warren Millington, Australia

Years ago I was reading this book on old fashioned garden roses and at once I fell in love. I have always kept these breeding strategies of creating old fashioned shaped roses with killer perfumes, regardless of people trying to change my direction of breeding to high centred Hybrid Teas. Over the last decade I have incorporated numerous species roses into my breeding. The aim of this was to create new perfumes and colours, healthy and vigorous new rose cultivars for the gardeners of the future. DRG roses have been developed for high production of blooms with very fast repeat bloom for the gardener and maintaining colour within the garden setting. The last two years have seen the development of cold hardy rose cultivars which will be suited for those countries of far North Europe. *(All photos courtesy of Warren Millington.)*



Alain Tschanz



'Rouge de Plaisir'



'Novotel 2009'



'Ghisang'

Alain Tschanz SA, Alain Tschanz, Switzerland

Coming from a family of rose growers, in 2001 we decided to renew ourselves and, while remaining with the Queen of Flowers, to create a new company specialising solely in the production of old and botanical roses.

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Our creations (since 2001): 'Terre et Nature', 'Coraline', 'Novotel 2009', 'Elvia's Rose', 'Ghisang', 'Rouge de Plaisir'. *(All photos courtesy of Alain Tschanz.)*

Our last new member of the Breeders' Club is François Felix, of Félix Rosiériste, France. His biography did not arrive in time for this edition.

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Belgium (1968) - Société Royale Nationale 'Les Amis de la Rose'
Bermuda (1981) - Bermuda Rose Society
Canada (1968) - Canadian Rose Society
Chile (2000) - Asociación Chilena de la Rosa
China (1997) - Chinese Rose Society
Czechia (1994) - Czechia Rosa Club
Denmark (1994) - The Danish Rose Society
Finland (1997) - Finnish Rose Society
France (1979) - Société Française des Roses
Germany (1968) - Gesellschaft Deutscher Rosenfreunde
Great Britain (2018) - The Rose Society UK
Greece (1997) - The Hellenic Rose Society
Hungary (2008) - Hungarian Rose Friends Society
Iceland (2007) - Icelandic Rose Society
India (1968, 1982) - Indian Rose Federation
Israel (1975) - The Jerusalem Foundation
Italy (1968) - Italian Rose Society
Japan (1968) - Japan Rose Society
Luxembourg (1983) - Luxembourg Rose Society
Monaco (2012) - Société des Roses de Monaco
Netherlands (1976) - Nederlandse Rozenvereniging
New Zealand (1968) - New Zealand Rose Society
Northern Ireland (1982) - Rose Society of Northern Ireland
Norway (1988) - Norwegian Rose Society
Pakistan (1992) - Pakistan National Rose Society
Poland (1981, 2017) - Polish Rose Society
Romania (1992) - Asociatia Amicii Rozelor din Romania
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7-12 June 2020	WFRS 15 th Heritage Rose Conference - Brussels, Belgium
21-28 October 2021	WFRS 19 th World Rose Convention – Adelaide, Australia
May 2024	WFRS 20 th World Rose Convention - Fukuyama City, Japan

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Tony Hanna, Australia

Sue & Tony Stallwood, Australia

FRIENDS OF THE FEDERATION SUPPER

On Friday 5th October 2018, in conjunction with the National Rose Society of Australia's AGM Weekend, the 3rd WFRS Friends of the Federation Supper was held at the Creole Kitchen, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia which was a short walk from our accommodation, The Grand Chancellor Hotel.

Eight Friends attended for what was a fun evening with plenty of laughs, delicious Louisiana style food and a selection of American beers which was enjoyed by the beer drinkers.

Of course everyone was so pleased that Elvis could join us!

The next WFRS Friends of the Federation Supper will be held in Adelaide, South Australia on Sunday 27th October 2019 in conjunction with the 2019 National Rose Society of Australia's AGM Weekend.

We look forward to the pleasure of your company in 2019.



**L-back to front Kim Humphries, Tony Hanna, Jim Cane, Mary Frick
R-back to front Gavin Woods, Kelvin Trimper, Diane vom Berg, Les Johnson**