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District Director's Message

The "winter of our discontent" is mercifully over and Spring is "busting out all over"! I have noticed that the forsythia did not bloom as brightly this year and the lilac bush in the back yard is just starting to bloom, but it isn't going to be as prolific and aromatic as in past years. I wonder if this is premonition of our rose season; I hope not. However, our roses have had more dieback this year than in most other years. I find that this can sometimes be good because more basal breaks seem to occur when the bush doesn't have to supply so many nutrients to the surviving canes. I hope I am right.

Our Pre-spring Meeting was a success, and I would like to thank the Tidewater and Virginia Peninsula Societies for putting together a wonderful, long-distance convention. I don't have the final results, but thanks to the generosity of those present, the meeting appears to have done well financially. The paid registration, including partial registrations, was 75. It was wonderful to have both candidates for the ARS [Continued page 6]

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2009 Spring Rose Shows

- * May 16-17 — Virginia Peninsula Rose Society — Patrick Henry Mall, Newport News, VA. Contact: Dick Parsell, 757-850-2765 or www.vprs.org
- * May 30-31 — Arlington Rose Foundation, Merrifield Garden Center 12101 Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA. Contact: David Maxwell, 703-860-0071, davesroses@yahoo.com.
- * June 6 — Maryland Rose Society, Friendly Farm Restaurant, 17434 Foreston Rd., Upperco, MD. Contact: David Walsh, 410-374-1070, shiloh@qis.net
- * June 7 — Charleston Rose Society, University of Charleston, Charleston, WV. Contact: Lynda Grass, 304-345-3634, lyndagrass@wvhdf.com.
- * June 13-14 — South Penn Area Rose Society, 1st Lutheran Church, Chambersburg, PA. Contact: Dale E. Martin, 717-369-3036, demartin@innernet.net
- * June 18-24 — 154th American Rose Society National Convention & Rose Show, in conjunction with World Federation of Rose Societies, Vancouver, BC, Canada. Contact: Brenda Viney & Darlene Sanders, 604-936-1514, brendaviney@telus.net.
- * Jul 17-19 — Mini National Show & Conference, Oklahoma City, OK. Contact: Bert Wheeler, 405-282-2495, berkat@worldnet.att.net; Jeanette Davis, okjdavis@prodigy.net.

District Consulting Rosarian Report

by Diana Klassy, Chairperson

First, I want to let everyone who saw me at the pre-spring meeting know that I did prune my roses, in spite of the broken bone in my foot.

The program planners for this year's Pre-Spring meeting outdid themselves. So many programs were offered that it was hard to decide which ones to attend. The CR seminar was well attended with 19 CRs being recertified for four more years until 2013! Thank you to our speakers: Jolene Adams (CR Responsibilities and Ethics), Don Meyers (Chemical Safety and Rose Diseases), and John Smith (Rose Hybridizing). Also, I facilitated a group discussion on Using Organic Matter in the Rose Garden and Making Compost.

The American Rose Society has changed the deadlines for the 2009 Master Rosarian selection process! May 1, 2009, is the deadline for accepting nominations. Remember, Master Rosarian is a designation, NOT an award. The Master Rosarian designation is a way to signify advanced knowledge, NOT a way to reward for service. A Master Rosarian is a person ready, willing, able and available to continue to serve as a Consulting Rosarian. All CRs with 10 years or more service can be considered for this designation. Before you nominate a Consulting Rosarian for Master Rosarian, be certain they are willing and able to assume the responsibilities of this designation. And, yes, you can nominate yourself! The nomination forms are on ARS and district websites, or you can contact me for a copy.

Two important reports are required of Consulting Rosarians each year. The first one is the annual CR report. Look for it in the mail near the end of June or on the district website. Complete and return this form to me by August 1. These completed reports are used as part of the selection process for the Outstanding Consulting Rosarian for the year. To be considered for this award, you must submit your CR report by the due date.

The second required report is the Roses in Review. This form should be included in the July/August issue of the *American Rose* magazine. The report can also be completed on-line by going to the American Rose Society website at www.ars.org. Even if you don't grow any of the roses evaluated this year, complete your personal information and mail it in so you can get credit for participating in the review process.

The question in January's article was one several people have asked me. "What kind of rose should I plant?" My response to them always starts with "What do YOU expect from your rose: flower form, fragrance, cut flower use, garden color, plant size, or something else?" After they determine those options, then I can begin to recommend several rose varieties that might meet their requirements.

ROSES IN REVIEW

by David & Terry Cottrell
District RIR Co-Chairs

The *American Rose*, July/August 2009 issue will be mailed this June, containing the 2009 RIR survey insert: the forms, instructions, and list of roses to be reported. ARS members receive this magazine, but anyone can use the proper forms (Xeroxed accepted) to send in a report - non ARS members, non local society members, any interested rose gardeners! The directions will also include on-line reporting for anyone.

If you will not use the RIR survey material, give it to someone who will; a friend, maybe someone at your next local meeting. Also, Consulting Rosarians are required to make annual RIR reports, for which we provide a list of reporting CRs each year to Diana Klassy, District CR Chair.

For the vast contribution RIR makes to a national base of rose statistics per variety, the ARS awards prizes of Rose Gift Certificates to districts with a 10% (or more, in increments of 10) ratio of RIR reports to ARS memberships. A win-win competition!

We will cover tips and pointers for RIR reporting in the July *Colonial Courier*.

David & Terry

Combined Rose List 2009

The 2009 edition is now out, 272 pages documenting 14,560 different roses and 316 nurseries that sell them. In addition to listing all of the new rose introductions that have not been registered, it reflects all of the recent classification and name shifts instigated by the ARS, all in one easy-to-use, fully cross-referenced, alphabetical listing.

Cost: \$24 postpaid in the USA from Peter Schneider, Box 677, Mantua, OH 44255. Add \$3 per copy if Priority Mail is required (recommended for West Coast deliveries). Ohio residents add 7.25% sales tax (=1.74 for 1 copy). Canadian residents add \$4 for postage. Overseas delivery is via Priority Mail International + \$9/copy. (please note this is not optional). You may use a credit or debit card or electronic check www.combinedroselist.com and follow the links to secure ordering sites found there. Please note no credit card orders by mail or phone.

At the pre-spring meeting, I was asked if there might be a CR school at the September district meeting in Richmond. My question is: Do you know anyone who is interested in becoming a Consulting Rosarian and meets the requirements? Also, if there is enough interest to have a school, will you be willing to be one of the instructors? Contact me by mailing your replies to me at 21693 Saratoga Dr., Lexington Park, MD 20653, or e-mail me at diana_n_roses@netzero.com.

... Diana

MAKING YOUR OWN FISH EMULSION

By Charles Shaner

Master Rosarian, Shenandoah Rose Society

It doesn't take a PhD in soil conservation to realize the benefits of fish as a soil conditioner and fertilizer. If you remember your elementary school history, the Indians taught the settlers in Jamestown to catch fish and bury them in the ground to use as fertilizer. I once went to a feed store and ask for a bag of fish meal. The man wanted to know what I was going to use it for and I replied, "I am going to feed my roses". He got to laughing and said, "that is the way the Indians did it".

Fish emulsion is mainly used for its quick high organic nitrogen and available soluble P and K benefits as a foliar feed. Fish emulsion is also used as a drench for root feeding. Most fish emulsions have N-P-K value of 4-1-1 with some having an N value of 5 or 6. **Fish meal** is mainly a great soil conditioner and great bacterial food to help feed the soil microorganisms. Most commercially-made fish emulsions come from trash products of the menhaden fish. This group of fish includes herring, sardine, and anchovy fishes. Commercially-produced fish emulsion also contains 5% sulfuric acid in order to preserve the fertilizer on the shelf, but also it supplies needed sulfur to the plant and soil. Most commercially-produced fish products do not contain fish oil which supplies beneficial soil fungi, or fish bone which provides needed calcium.

The benefits of homemade fish emulsion are many. For one, it is cheaper to make in large quantities. There are nutrients in homemade varieties which are not available in commercially-produced products. Commercially-produced emulsions are made from trash fish which have less protein, less bone and less oil than fresh fish or canned fish in a home brew. Aerobic bacteria and fungi are essential to hot composting, disease control, and soil health. In commercial fish emulsions there are little to no aerobic bacteria in the containers. If the bottled product had living organisms, the container would expand and blow apart on the shelf. The homemade versions will always contain more bacterial microorganisms than the commercially-produced products.

Making your own is easy and requires a few items you can pick up at the local store or around the garden. The items you will need are:

- * A closable, 5-gallon bucket
- * Fresh fish
- * Extra browns like sawdust, leaves or straw
- * Molasses (Note: use unsulfured molasses or dry molasses for faster microbial growth)
- * Water
- * Epsom salts

If you are using fresh fish, you need to compost it separately in a 5-gallon closeable bucket. Fill bucket 1/2 full with extra browns like sawdust, leaves, or straw. You can add molasses to the fishy

The Name of the Rose

Don't look to *The Name of The Rose* by Umberto Eco as an encyclopedia of rose etymology or a history of rose culture. This is what it is not. It is a fascinating story of life and work in a 14th century Benedictine monastery in northern Italy and a series of murders that are committed in mysterious ways. The Sherlock Holmes of the mystery is William of Baskerville, who uses logic and persistence in identifying the murderer and his motivation.

Few references are made to the rose; however, one, at the very end of the book has puzzled readers and critics alike. Adso of Melk, the narrator of the tale—many years later as he reflects on the happenings at the abbey and his presence there—concludes with the Latin phrase: "*stat rosa pristina nomine, nomina nuda tenemus.*"

Even when translated, its meaning and significance baffles. Readers of the book have been curious and bothered by Latin and German quotations throughout the book thinking that until translated their understanding of the novel is incomplete. The above quotation is especially provocative because it seems to contain the meaning of the title, *The Name of the Rose*.

Umberto Eco visited Johns Hopkins University in 1985, in conjunction with a lecture series, and was questioned about the phrase, "*stat rosa...*". According to the *Baltimore Sun* of October 27, 1985, he is reported as responding, "*the rose is still there in its name (but what it was all about we've lost.)*"

This year, Ampersand Associates, Inc., Harrison Park, NJ, published *The Key to The Name of The Rose* in response to the many inquiries for assistance in translating the Latin statements and comments. The Key translates "*stat rosa pristina nomine, nomina tenemus*" as "yesterday's rose endures in its name; we hold empty names."

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mixture in order to build up microbes to speed up decomposition. A couple tablespoons of Epsom salts will add needed magnesium and sulfur. The sugars will also help control odors. Open the bucket and stir the fishy paste daily or every other day in order to get air in the mix for better decomposition and better aerobic microbial growth in the emulsion. Let this paste rot for at least 1-2 weeks. The browns help control offensive odors and absorb organic nitrogen from the fish so that it is not leached out or evaporated.

After the paste has rotted, it can be added to compost piles or to your special compost tea recipes. Molasses or brown sugar can be added to increase the microbial growth. The sugars are also an excellent natural deodorizer.

You may want to make a simple tea or an aerobic tea. For a simple tea, let your mixture brew for one week stirring every day. For an aerobically-brewed tea, you will use an air pump with your mixture brewing for 3 days or until it has a yeasty smell or has a foam layer on top of the tea. Five gallons of this brew will make 25 gallons of tea mixed with water. If you want to use the tea as a spray, you may add liquid molasses, fish oil or yucca extract to act as a spreader sticker.

... Charles

Call for Nominations for “Miniature and Mini-Flora Rose Hall of Fame”

Dr. Jim Hering, Chairman

ARS Miniature/Mini-Flora Rose Committee

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

1. The variety must have been introduced at least 20 years prior to the year the award is given. Introduction date will verified by the latest edition of *Modern Roses*.
2. There can be multiple winners in any year.
3. Varieties for consideration are solicited from the general membership through an announcement in the *American Rose* magazine, on the ARS web-site, in the Miniature Rose Bulletin and in district and local bulletins. Nominations are to be sent by May 1, 2009, to:

Dr. Jim Hering
1050 Kingwood Drive
Marion, OH 43302

rosehering@roadrunner.com

4. The Chairman of the Miniature/Mini-Flora Rose Committee will prepare the tabulations for selection by the full Committee by ballot.
5. Formal announcement of the winner(s) will take place at the ARS National Miniature Rose Conference.

PREVIOUS WINNERS

ELECTED IN 1999

Starina, 1964, Meiland
Beauty Secret, 1972, Moore
Magic Carrousel, 1972, Moore
Rise'n'Shine, 1977, Moore
Party Girl, 1979, Saville

ELECTED IN 2000

Cinderella, 1953, de Vink
Mary Marshall, 1970, Moore

ELECTED IN 2001

Green Ice, 1971, Moore
Jeanne Lajoie, 1976, Sima

ELECTED IN 2002

Cupcake, 1981, Spies

ELECTED IN 2003

Snow Bride, 1982, Jolly
Little Jackie, 1982, Saville

ELECTED IN 2004

Minnie Pearl, 1982, Saville
Red Cascade, 1976, Moore

ELECTED IN 2005

Jean Kenneally, 1986, Bennett
Rainbow's End, 1986, Saville

ELECTED IN 2006

Giggles, 1987, King
Black Jade, 1985, Benardella

ELECTED IN 2007

Pierrine, 1988, M. Williams

ELECTED IN 2008

Irresistible, 1989, Bennett
Fairhope, 1989, Pete & Kay Taylor

A BRIEF LIST OF ELIGIBLE MINIATURE & MINI-FLORA ROSES

Acey Deucy	Baby Katie	Fancy Pants	Gourmet Popcorn
Herbie	Holy Toledo	Jennifer	Linville
Loving Touch	Luis Desamero	Millie Walters	Mothers Love
My Sunshine	Old Glory	Olympic Gold	Over the Rainbow
Pacesetter	Peaches'n'Cream	Peggy "T"	Popcorn
Pucker Up	Ruby Pendant	Si	Simplex
Stars'n'Stripes	Teddy Bear	Tennessee	Tiffany Lynn
Toy Clown	Winsome	Yantai	

SOME ROSES ELIGIBLE FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS YEAR

After Midnight	Ain't Misbehavin'	Apricot Doll	Barbara Mandrell
Dee Bennett	Dreamer	Fingerpaint	Founder's Pride
Jim Dandy	Lady Be Good	Love Note	Melinda Claire
Nighthawk	Peach Fuzz	Peppermint Patty	Poetry
Red Alert	Regine	Scarlet Lady	Scarlet Ruffles
Single Charm	Spring Time	Stolen Moment	Texas Sunrise
Tipper	Top Gun		

The 2009 ARS National Miniature Rose Show and Conference will be held in Camp Hill (Harrisburg), Pennsylvania, from July 17-19, 2009. Contact Glen Smith, 717-938-9991 or cowboysdal@aol.com for information.

... *Jim Hering*

Why Is a String of Prayer Beads Called a Rosary?

By Chelsie Vandaveer

Early Christians adopted a practice dating to early Hinduism and Buddhism of using beads as an aid in prayers and meditations. A string of 150 beads helped monks deep track of their daily recitation of the Psalms.

During the Middle Ages, monasteries were the seats of education and the practice of herbal medicine.

Monasteries were also the location of most rose gardens – the monks had the time to tend the rose bushes and the garden provided a place of meditation and prayer. The strings of beads were made of anything that would serve the purpose – stones, rose hips, rosebuds, seeds, and wood.

Somewhere, someone discovered that rose petals could be used to make beads. It may have been a medicinal recipe gone awry or they may have had

their origins in ancient Rome when many foods included rose petals. But rose beads often retain their fragrance and the crafting of rose beads may have been an uplifting experience.



Roses, rosariums, and memory stimulated by fragrance, rose beads became one of the methods that helped people remember their prayers and the simple string of beads became the rosary.

If you wish to make a rosary or simply a unique necklace of rose beads, you can find recipes for beads at:

http://www.nfobase.com/html/rose_beads.html.

The web is in abundance as to how to make a rosary from flower petals, principally rose petals. Try "How to make a rosary from rose petals." Also, there are sites which will make a rosary for you from your own rose petals. One such is Keepsake Rosaries at:

www.keepsakerosaries.com.

Contact with such an organization will provide information as to how to send petals, how many, cost and delivery time.

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DISTRICT DIRECTOR; [From page 1] presidency in attendance. We used them to their fullest with each serving as one of the evening guest speakers, as speakers in either the CR seminar or the Judges' seminar, and as interviewees and information givers at my talk about the ARS. I know they were both tired with their rigorous schedules in trying to attend almost all of the ARS District meetings. I believe it was a first to have all current candidates at our meeting, and I hope you were able to find positive attributes in one or the other as you consider your vote. We were also fortunate to have full CR and Judges' seminars for those needing recertification. My thanks go out to all the great speakers at the meeting.

The ARS Vice-Presidential ballots will be coming out soon in the May-June *American Rose* magazine. There will also be biographies and interviews of the candidates. This is an extremely important election. We probably have the two most eligible candidates in the ARS, but the winner will be faced with many challenges. ARS headquarters has weathered the storm for another year with the help of gracious donations by many of the members along with cost-cutting measures that have not hindered service. The loss of members continues although it seems to have finally lessened during the early part of this year. Many directors nationwide have jumped on one or the other bandwagons in support of the candidates. Frankly, I am still undecided and thus have chosen not to side with either one. I was impressed with some of the ideas that each presented during the weekend. You may visit their websites for more information. (www.jolene4vp.com and www.bobmartinarsvp.com) Please be sure to vote.

Some elections have already been held for the next term. Since these positions were unopposed, you may be unaware of the results. I decided to run for another term and will be your District Director for the 2010-2012 term. Richard Donovan, current Carolina District Director, ran unopposed for Regional Director and will succeed Nita Bowen in that position. I hope some of you got to meet Richard at our Pre-spring Meeting. Finally, Gary Rankin and Monica Valentovic were elected without opposition at the Pre-spring Meeting as the District Representatives to the National Nominating Committee. They will succeed Katherine Craig.

That only leaves the positions of District vice-director, secretary, and treasurer to be elected at our fall meeting in Richmond. So far I have only heard from one person interested in one of those positions. Please let me know if you would like to be considered for any of them so I won't have to start calling this summer. Selection of the district committee chairs has been going much better this year than in my first term. My thanks to those who have agreed to serve. I will keep you in suspense about who they are until the next newsletter when I should have all chairs filled.

I would like to, again, let you know that *Modern Roses 12* is now available for \$49.95 plus shipping. The book along with the website listing all the roses in sortable venues plus a list of all the

newly-registered roses makes an excellent guide for judges at rose shows. Every society that hosts a rose show should have one available, whether a society copy or a member copy. It helps to print out all the new roses for a handy reference.

You should also be aware that all four ARS bulletins are now available on the ARS website, www.ars.org, free of charge to members. These are the Rose Exhibitors Forum, the Miniature/Miniflora Bulletin, the Old Garden Roses & Shrub Journal, and the Rose Arranger's Bulletin.

In addition, ARS has just released the *Official Registry and Checklist-Rosa* published by the International Cultivar Registration Authority. The ARS has been the Authority since 1955. This book lists 33,000 cultivars, not only existing ones but those out of cultivation, extinct, and non-registered. It is much more comprehensive than *Modern Roses 12* in that regard. It also gives the Code names for all cultivars along with the various names given to a variety worldwide. While *MR 12* addresses mostly current roses and is helpful for everyday rosarians, this latest publication will be more useful to rosarians around the world. The cost is \$49.99 plus shipping and you can read more about it on the ARS website. The book will be published as needed based on orders so there will be no inventory to cause worry.

While membership funds are dwindling, Jeff Ware and the ARS headquarters are working hard to pursue other money-making areas and the latest Executive Committee minutes state that a small profit was realized for 2008.

It appears that Shreveport will hold next year's spring ARS Convention and Rose Show. More details will be revealed as they take shape.

A lot of things are happening at the ARC in Shreveport, all leading to a more pleasing atmosphere. The premiere venture is the Watkins reflecting pool which is nearing the end of the design phase. Money for the pool has been donated privately. A fence has been erected around the rose gardens and this seems to be effective in keeping out the deer. The gardens themselves are undergoing some renovations, and Mr. Ware promises that the beauty of the gardens will be vastly improved this year. This might be the year to visit Shreveport and the ARS gardens. I think each of us as ARS members owe it to ourselves to visit our national garden at least once.

In closing, I hope to see a great turnout at Richmond for our Fall Rose Show and Meeting. We got some wonderful publicity about the Lewis Ginter gardens in the last *American Rose* magazine and I think this will be an enjoyable event to attend. I believe we may be turning the corner to a brighter future for ARS, but we need your help as evangelists to spread the word about roses to others and help bring back our membership. I would again remind local presidents of the trial membership program ARS has instituted. All new members in your society who are not ARS members can get a four month trial membership if you will just send their names in to Laura Pfender at ARS headquarters.

... John

A Kaleidoscope of Roses

by Don Penzler

The Colonial District Fall Meeting and Show will be hosted by the Richmond Rose Society on September 25-27, 2009. The show will be held at Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens and accommodations and the meetings will be held at the Holiday Inn Central on Staples Mill Road in Richmond. The Holiday Inn was completely renovated in 2008 and is a short drive to Lewis Ginter.

No doubt you have admired the cover photograph of the March/April 2009 ARS American Rose Magazine. The article on the expanded rose garden at the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden starts on page 32. Walking through the gardens during the Holiday Season of 2007, visitors could not help but notice the large construction project covering the hillside from the gardens in front of the Arboretum past the old Belvedere rose garden to the lake at the bottom of the hill. The area was fenced off, enclosing bare ground, construction equipment, piles of dirt, some ditches, and workers constructing a retaining wall in front of the lake. In the middle, in all its glory still stood the old Belvedere with a few rose canes hanging here and there, but all other resemblance to the old rose garden was gone.

The new beds were dug out about 18 inches deep and the soil replaced and amended. An underground irrigation system was installed throughout the beds. New pathways and additional structures in keeping with the Belvedere were also constructed. In April 2008 a contractor started planting approximately 1800 rose bushes in the quarter-acre garden and, by September, the roses were showing their exquisite form, color, beauty and fragrance to the visitors at the gardens.

Late September is a beautiful time of the year in Richmond. The summer heat and humidity have subsided, the light breezes are delightful, the flowers throughout the gardens are beautiful and a tour or a stroll though Lewis Ginter is exotic. When you look down the hill toward the Belvedere and rose garden, you will be able to imagine how beautiful the setting is for a wedding, celebrations and musical presentations.

Plan to attend the Colonial District Fall Meeting and Show this September. There is much to see and enjoy at Lewis Ginter in addition to the rose garden: many other gardens, a conservatory, library, children's area, Tea House restaurant, and gift shop.

We are delighted that Susan Clingenpeel will be our speaker on Friday night and Frank Robinson, executive director of Lewis Ginter, will be our keynote speaker at the Saturday night banquet. Interesting programs are planned for Saturday afternoon. Additional information will be posted on the Colonial District website: colonialdistrictroses.org as it becomes available.

... *Don Penzler*
Co-chair

THE ROSE PATCH

by Terry Cottrell

RESURRECTION

Aside from religious context, resurrection simply means, "the state or act of rising from the dead"; a miracle, to be sure! At this time of Easter, springtime, and revival, I have been witness to the resurrection of a 'dead' garden. Now, I have always thought of all living things (not just us) as spiritual entities, each having its own magical spark within to survive. A garden has innumerable groups of life forms, all driven to live, from the infinitesimal mite to the very gardener himself, and all manner of critters in between.

Looney Tunes, you say, in view of novice gardeners in particular who have had much disappointment and little success with roses, and avow them to be hard to grow, delicate, finicky plants. Conversely then, how do we explain the deserted, forgotten, overgrown gardens of longtime empty houses; the corridor of forsaken estates on the Hudson in upstate New York; unattended cemeteries reverted to wilderness - where roses have been discovered still growing in thickets and underbrush?

Organizations such as the Heritage Rose Foundation continue to record roses found in hidden, neglected locations around the world; not regional wild roses, but planted cultivars of bygone eras, sometimes even rare treasures believed to have been extinct!

This then is the miracle resurrection of our 'dead' garden that I have watched evolve for some two weeks now, after almost three years of neglect with only minimal watering and sustenance. Our rose garden looked like a tangled jungle on a rural dead end street.

This all happened while being struck over time with health problems and family crises, during which we persevered with the priority to take care of each other first!

Today we're fine again, a neighbor friend is helping us with the massive removal of tall weeds, Ailanthus (that "Brooklyn" tree) saplings, poison ivy, you name it. But, guess what? Entwined in all that rampant overgrowth, were our dear roses, happy with open space again, proper pruning (of hefty canes, I might add), and good helpings of food and nutrients. Of some 106 assorted roses, we've only lost four - that is hardy, not wimpy, and complete resurrection is close at hand.

So, rosarians old and new, keep steadfast in your dedication to the wonders and joy of growing roses. They are alive, and both patient and responsive to all your care and attention. Annette Critelli of the Richmond Rose Society closes her every commentary on roses with, "Just love your roses!" Bob Little of the Virginia Peninsula Rose Society put it another way recently, "People grow roses behind the house, far to the back like vegetables in a row. Show your roses in nice beds, incorporate them in your landscape; yes, even in front of the house."

... *Terry Cottrell*

COLONIAL DISTRICT PRE-SPRING MEETING

The Tidewater Rose Society and the Virginia Peninsula Rose Society put on a very successful "Pre-Spring Meeting" and showed a profit as well. This was a major undertaking since the event was held over three hours away in Staunton, Virginia.

We started collecting donations in December for the Auction and Raffle. Several members from each society donated items. (My grandchildren are very happy to have all the items removed from their bedrooms.) We had 95 baskets and items and I had a blast grouping items and designing baskets for the Auction.

Mike and Eve Price designed the cover for our program and it looked first class. Lydia Simpson did a wonderful job with the name tags and she and Virginia Kostyal had the responsibility of registering the attendees. David and Terry Cottrell made up all the welcome bags (David and Terry donated the bags and all the items in them).

George Wilson gathered all the raffle items and made all the hotel arrangements and allowed me to pester him constantly without yelling.

Elizabeth Mangino (her brother owns Ashdown Roses) and Sunni Burns drove to South Carolina to get the roses donated to the auction and delivered them to Staunton.

When we arrived in Stanton, everyone pitched in to help set up the Auction. Cathy Daley was a great asset filling out sheets, taping up rose numbers and moving items around. The Arlington Rose Foundation donated roses, as well as Almost heaven Roses and Ashdown Roses for our live Auction.

Joy Long provided guest speakers for the educational seminars; and for Friday and Saturday nights, Jolene Adams and Bob Martin (both seeking the position of ARS Vice President), gave excellent presentations.

A "Big Thank You" to everyone who made our event successful. It is always nice when people step up to help you succeed.

... *Peggy Scott*

New District Arrangement Award

At the Pre-Spring Business Meeting, a motion was made and passed unanimously to create the *Stanley Kosidlak Colonial District Oriental Arrangement Award*.

The award will be for an arrangement done in the oriental manner as defined by the ARS Guidelines.

The trophy will be in the form of a plaque so that the names of the winners can be added each year; in addition, there will be a keeper trophy. The award will be financed by Janet Kosidlak.

2009 Mac Award Honorees

The Wheeler McFadden Service Award was created by past Director Wheeler McFadden, a passionate rose grower, exhibitor, and show judge, who was always ready and willing to help promote the rose.

He wished to honor rosarians who worked diligently and consistently to support the District by promoting programs that would help make each of us more knowledgeable about the many characteristics of selecting and growing roses. The plaque is presented in his memory annually to an outstanding rosarian in the Colonial District.

This year's Mac Award honors

David and Terry Cottrell

The Cottrells have been members of the ARS for over fifteen years and have been active in several local societies as well as the District. Terry has served as secretary of her local society. They both have been consulting rosarians since 1996 and were named outstanding CRs in 2004.

Faithful attendees of the District meetings, they also have been Colonial District Patriots for many years. Terry has a column published each quarter in the *Colonial Courier* called "The Rose Patch" and they have co-chaired the District Roses in Review program for the past six years. Congratulations, David and Terry!

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Filling the air with the scent of roses!

A recent study suggests that spritzing a floral spray in your bedroom just before slipping between the sheets practically guarantees pleasant dreams -- and the nicer your dreams, the more likely you are to enjoy deep, uninterrupted slumber! *[Woman's World, Feb. 9, 2009]*

Fight Joint Pain with roses!

A rose is a rose is ... medicine? When steeped in hot water, a rose's small round seedpods, called rose hips, release powerful chemicals that ease pain and inflammation. In fact, a Danish study found that rose hips can reduce arthritis symptoms by an amazing 37%! They're also packed with essential fatty acids and immunity-boosting nutrients--and, ounce for ounce, they have 20 times more vitamin C than an orange. *[Woman's World, Feb. 9, 2009]*

Our National Floral Emblem!

On November 20, 1986, President Ronald Reagan signed a proclamation naming the rose as the National Floral Emblem of the United States. His action was preceded by similar action in Czechoslovakia, Iran, Poland Romania and the United Kingdom. *[The Rose, Sept. 1986. p.117]*

Sub Rosa!

Sub rosa means covertly, privately or confidentially. Literally it means "under the rose." The word rose anciently was a symbol of secrecy and a rose would be hung from the ceiling of secret meetings as a notice to all that what was discussed "under the rose" was confidential to those present and should not be passed on.



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- ARS Consulting Rosarians – a national network of local rosarians ready and willing to give expert and free advice.
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