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District Director's Message

As I write this, we are preparing for the coldest couple of days in a number of years. Temperatures will soon be as low as one degree for two consecutive nights and highs will not be above freezing through the weekend. Based on Al Gore's predictions, I have not winter protected as much the past few years and this may be the year that the roses take a major hit.

We have already been hit by some local thieves who absconded with two potted roses from our driveway. One was the Earthkind *Belinda's Dream* which I was hoping to plant in a bed this year and evaluate over the next few years; it looks like it is back to the drawing board with that plan. The other was *Autumn Splendor*. I have already lost two or three of that variety to winterkill over the past ten years so maybe this latest loss is a message that the rose doesn't belong in our garden. Not only that, we had never been able to get that specimen to a rose show. I don't know how others had so much success with it. But that's the interesting thing about exhibiting; it seems that each of us have certain varieties that row and show well in our gardens while others have less success with growing them. *[Continued on page 7]*

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2009 PRE-SPRING MEETING WELCOME

As Co-chair of the 2009 Pre-Spring Meeting, I want to invite everyone in and around our District to attend a great educational, informational and fun-filled District Meeting.

We are trying something different this year. The Tidewater Rose Society and the Virginia Peninsula Rose Society are co-hosting the event in another society's area. Staunton is centrally located and will provide the shortest drive times for most of our members.

We have Bob Martin and Jolene Adams as our Friday and Saturday night speakers. They are both running for Vice-President in the ARS Triennial Elections this year. Richard Donovan, who is running for Regional Director (previously held by Nita Bowen), has been asked to attend but hasn't committed yet.

We are gathering items for the Raffle and Silent Auction and hope that all Societies will donate items. We will have vendors selling roses and rose-related items, so be sure to bring your check-books and take advantage of all the great bargains.

Bring a friend and come to Staunton

... Peggy Scott
 President, Tidewater Rose Society

2008 COLONIAL DISTRICT ROSES IN REVIEW

by David & Terry Cottrell
District RIR Co-Chairs

Looking at the national "RIR 2008 Results" published in the *Jan/Feb 2009 American Rose* magazine, e.g. in the "Top Ten Garden Ratings" and "Top Ten Exhibition Ratings" reported in the RIR survey reports, the two lists of 10 roses for "Big" and "Mini" roses are quite different. Apparently we love all the roses we grow, tho they serve different purposes. The hardy, abundantly floriferous roses fill our garden with lush growth and blooms, while our pampered pets obediently await their ultimate adoration and victory at a rose show! We even call the latter group Queens, Kings, and the like.

Regardless of the promise of high ratings, which roses actually win the trophies? Here they are for our district.

2008 COLONIAL DISTRICT TOP TEN EXHIBITION ROSES

Of our 17 local rose societies, 10 held rose shows with the results published in the July and November *Colonial Couriers*. Each score below includes 4 points for a Queen, 3 for a King, 2 for a Princess, one for a Prince. The number of Queens per variety is in parentheses.

HYBRID TEA	score	MIN/MINFL	score
Moonstone (1)	13	Soroptimist Intl. (1)	14
Randy Scott (1)	9	Foolish Pleasure (1)	9
Veteran's Honor (1)	7	Pina Colada (2)	8
Die Velt (1)	4	Autumn Splendor (1)	7
Gemini	4	Bee's Knees	7
Hot Princess (1)	4	Whirlaway (1)	7
Let Freedom Ring (1)	4	Conundrum (1)	6
Louise Estes (1)	4	Dr John Dickman (1)	6
Mu Lan (1)	4	Louisville Lady (1)	6
Pop Warner (1)	4	Memphis King	6
Snuffy	4	Tiffany Lynn	6
Stainless Steel (1)	4	Best of '04 (1)	5

The following varieties are scored one point per win (single hits omitted) for a bloom, spray, or collection.

BEST FLORIBUNDA: Europeana, Johnny Becnel, Kanegem, Lavaglut, Marmalade Skies -2 each.

BEST CLIMBER: Altissimo -3, Fourth of July -2.

BEST DOWAGER QUEEN: Baronne Prevost -3, Yolanda d'Aragon -2.

BEST VICTORIAN AWARD: Rose de Rescht -3, Paul Neyron -2.

BEST FRAGRANT ROSE: Mister Lincoln -3.

2009 PRE-SPRING MEETING AGENDA

FRIDAY AGENDA

- 3:00 p.m. Registration Opens
- 6:00 p.m. Social Hour with Heavy Hors d'ouvres (Cash bar)
- 7:00 p.m. Speaker: Bob Martin

SATURDAY ACTIVITIES

- 7:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast (included in Registration fee)
- 7:30 a.m. Registration Table Opens
- 8:00 a.m. Welcoming Announcements in the Ballroom
- 8:30 a.m. Speaker: Dr. John Dunn
- 9:45 a.m. Speaker: Susan Waites
- 11:00 a.m. Speaker: Barry Boyd
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch Break
- 1:30 p.m. Speaker: John Fleek & Cliff Jeter
- 2:30 p.m. Short Break
- 2:45 p.m. District Business Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Social Hour (Cash bar)
- 6:30 p.m. Silent Auction Closes
- 7:00 pm. Banquet
- 8:00 p.m. Banquet Speaker: Jolene Adams



This completes all we know from RIR ratings and results, and rose show winners in 2008! Together with the *ARS 2009 Handbook for Selecting Roses*, and a plethora of beautiful rose catalogs, you're ready to choose wisely a few new roses - Happy New Rose Year!

... David & Terry

Candidates for American Rose Society Vice-president

Jolene Adams

Jolene Adams has been growing roses since her teen years when she helped her mother and grandmother in the garden of her childhood home. She and her husband Jacob Oberlies presently tend 150 roses of all types on a small city lot in Hayward, CA.

Jolene has served two terms as the Northern California-Nevada-Hawaii District Director of the American Rose Society and is a member of the ARS Executive Committee. Currently she is a member of the ARS Horticultural Judges Committee, the Strategic Planning Committee, the Bylaws Committee, the Program Services Committee, and has been the chair of the E.Rose Committee (for 15 years). She has also served on numerous other ARS Committees, including the Local Society Relations Committee, the Year of the Rose Committee, the Newsletter/Bulletin Committee, and was active in the production of *Modern Roses XI*. She is also the webmistress for the ARS web site at www.ars.org.

She is a leader in her District, in her local rose societies, in the world of roses in her area. She is on the Board of the California Garden Club Inc. as the Rose Chair, she edits the Alameda Co. Master Gardener web site with horticulture articles for 'Over The Fence'. She is a proactive District Director and since she was elected the District has won several honors that ARS can give - Best District Web Site, Best District Bulletin, a continual high percentage of responses for Roses in Review. She was the original web master for the award-winning District web site: www.ncnhdistrict.org.

Jolene is also active in the international world of roses. She was the first webmaster for the WFRS web page and has attended several World Federation of Rose Societies Conventions - twice as the ARS Delegate to various standing committees. She has judged at the Tokyo Rose Show, Hampton Court Rose Show, and at several international rose trials.

She writes articles for local and District society newsletters, the CGCI Roses newsletter, local newspapers, the American Rose magazine and the Annual, as well as for web sites around the country. She is a versatile speaker with programs for Judging Schools, CR Schools, society meetings, District Meetings and American Rose Society Conventions. Her emphasis is on education and open communication on all subjects.

Jolene is an ARS Master Rosarian, an ARS Horticultural Judge and an ARS Consulting Rosarian, as well as a Master Gardener. She has been honored by three local rose societies who awarded her the ARS Bronze Medal for service to the local society. Jolene has received Presidential Citations from Pete Haring, Jim Hering, Tommy Cairns, Marilyn Wellan and Steve Jones. She was named Outstanding District Consulting Rosarian in 2000.

More information on Jolene's candidacy for ARS Vice-President is available at www.jolene4vp.com

Robert B. ("Bob") Martin, Jr.

Robert B. ("Bob") Martin, Jr. has been growing roses for over 35 years. He and his wife Dona recently moved from Gilbert, Arizona to Escondido, California, where they are planning a new rose garden. In Gilbert they maintained a rose garden of 400 roses of all types from modern hybrid teas to an extensive collection of shrubs, polyanthas and OGRs.

Bob has served as the Pacific Southwest District Director of the American Rose Society and a member of the ARS Executive Committee. Currently he is a member of the ARS Horticultural Judges Committee, the Library Board and the Funds and Grants Committee. He has in the past served on numerous ARS Committees, including six years as Chairman of the Horticultural Exhibitors' Committee, the National Prizes & Awards Committee, the American Rose Editorial Advisory Committee, the On-Line Committee, and the Local Society Affairs Committee.

Bob and Dona were the guest editors of the 2006 *American Rose Annual*. Bob has served as editor of the ARS quarterly *Rose Exhibitors' Forum* for eleven years and is the national editor of *Horizon Roses*. He is also the author of the book "Showing Good Roses" and over 500 published articles on roses, including nine articles for the *American Rose Annual*. Bob maintains a website of rose show results at www.roseshow.com.

Bob is well known as an effective speaker and rose evangelist, having spoken at 15 national conventions, at district conventions in 11 different districts and at rose societies throughout the U.S. Bob's message is straightforward - "Yes, you can grow roses."

Bob is an ARS Master Rosarian, an Accredited Horticultural Judge and an Accredited Arrangements Judge.

Bob was the recipient of the 2007 ARS Guy Blake Hedrick Jr. Award. He has also been awarded the ARS Silver Honor Medal from the Pacific Southwest District, as well as the Bronze Medal from two local rose societies.

Bob is an active rose exhibitor at the National, District and local levels. He is also a hybridizer with eight registered varieties, including the show roses 'Pasadena Star', 'Butter Cream' and 'Peter Cottontail'.

More information on Bob's candidacy for ARS Vice-President is available at www.bobmartinarsvp.com



Classification changes of Commonly Exhibited Roses

There have been several disqualification of roses at recent rose shows because of the numerous classification changes that have occurred to roses in the past few years, particularly in the miniflora class.

It is imperative that either the show chairman or the judges have as many up-to-date manuals as possible to check roses as to their proper names and classifications. This would include MR 12, the current Handbook, the ARS manual of Registration, and the current Combined Rose List. Ideally, if a society hosting a rose show has a laptop available, they could plug in their MR 12 password and have the entire registry of roses available on-line at the rose show. It would be easy for a judge to access the variety name and get the up-to-date information quickly. I believe that the password is only good for one computer, so that issue would have to be worked out by the society. I think this is the way rose shows will need to be operated in the near future as we continue to improve our computer literacy.

To clarify some of the changes, I have gone back to February 2006 and listed classification changes that exhibitors and judges need to be aware of. Local Societies should make their exhibitors aware of these changes.

<u>Variety</u>	<u>Old classification</u>	<u>New Classification</u>	<u>Change listing</u>
<i>Ashton</i>	Miniature	Miniflora	May 2006 American Rose
<i>Ty</i>	Miniflora	Miniature	June 2006 American Rose
<i>Sombreuil</i>	Climbing Tea (OGR)	Climber (L.CI)	Sept. 2006 American Rose
<i>Fragrant Plum</i>	Hybrid Tea	Grandiflora	June 2007 American Rose
<i>Johnny Becnel</i>	Hybrid Tea	Floribunda	Oct 2007 American Rose
<i>Olympic Gold</i>	Miniature	Miniflora	March 2008 American Rose

(Note that *Olympic Gold* could not be changed because the hybridizer and his wife had passed away so according to what I have been told, *Olympic Gold* could not be changed and is still a miniature. I have not seen a retraction by ARS to date)

<i>Angie Heatwole</i>	Floribunda	Miniflora	May 2008 American Rose
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In addition, *rosa rugosa rubra* was changed to *rosa rugosa* in [Modern Roses 12](#) and must be exhibited under the latter name.

Finally, I saw *Rhapsody in Blue* exhibited in one show as a floribunda, but this rose was introduced in 1999 as a Shrub. Both [Modern Roses 11](#) and [Modern Roses 12](#) list it as a Shrub.

If judges would pass on information to Clif Jeter, Chairman of Judges, or to me on roses that have been disqualified at shows because of misclassification or misnaming, we could build up a bank of names to advise judges and exhibitors throughout the District.

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- ARS Consulting Rosarians – a national network of local rosarians ready and willing to give expert and free advice.
- Nursery Guide – published in January/February, this concise listing of nurseries can help you find everything you need when shopping for roses.
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In Memoriam

Captain William "Bill" Milner, U.S. Navy (Ret.)

Bill was born May 28, 1922 in Chatham, Ontario, Canada, and passed away December 7, 2008 at the age of 86.

In the late 20s, he traveled with his family to make Oak Park, Michigan his home. In 1930, he became a U.S. citizen. Bill was predeceased by his loving wife of 54 years, Doris Edna Pounds; his parents, William and Lillian Milner; and siblings, Catherine Jane Dell and Donald Carl Milner. He is survived by his children, Kristine E. (Milner) Thompson and Stephen K. Milner; five grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren.

While attending Lawrence Institute of Technology in the early 40s, working towards a degree in aeronautical engineering, he joined the U.S. Navy air service. While stationed in Pensacola, FL as a flying cadet, he met Doris Pounds, who became his wife. After graduation, he stayed on as a flying instructor. He received his Bachelor of Science degree at the University of Michigan in 1948. Eventually, he advanced to the rank of Captain stretching his career out to nearly 31 years.

Following retirement, Bill became active in many other endeavors such as the Republican Party, Society, for the Preservation and Restoration of Historical Buildings and was a highly-skilled photographer.

Bill and Doris discovered they had a love for rose cultivation and had a particularly keen eye for rose judging and creating garden displays. Joining the Tidewater Rose Society, his skill and sense of beauty was much appreciated by all and he quickly became a distinguished Master Consulting Rosarian and Accredited Judge. He judged many East Coast rose shows. His fairness and unique flair in searching for "that perfect rose" were legendary among his fellow rose growers.

James O. Stewart

James O. Stewart, 81 of Pennsville, New Jersey, passed away December 19, 2008. He was born in Ladoga, Indiana and was the son of the late Oscar G. And Josephine Haffley Stewart.

James was a longtime Penns Grove and Pennsville, New Jersey resident. He was employed as a chemist at the DuPont Carney's Point Works Plant I until it exploded in 1970, he was then transferred to Indiana until 1978. He ended his career with DuPont at the Potomac River Works in 1988 following 33 years' service with the company.

He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII, and was a Master Gardener, Silver Honor Medal winner and Horticulture Judge for the roses he loved.

James is survived by his wife of 59 years, Mae J. Matus Stewart; daughters Donna Richman (Pennsville), Diana Latendresse (Boone, NC), and Judith Stewart-Hayes (Ft. Wayne, IN); son Timothy Stewart (Tacoma, WA); nine grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and his faithful seeing-eye dog MacBeth.

Consulting Rosarian Report

by Diana Klassy, Chairperson

For Consulting Rosarians, winter is a great time to do research and prepare programs and articles to share with other rosarians. When you add to that the tasks of inventorying your rose-growing supplies, maintaining your tools and of course, ordering new roses, spring can sneak up on you. Don't forget to include our district's pre-spring meeting on your winter to-do list.

This year's Colonial District Pre-Spring Meeting will be held in Staunton, VA, on March 13-14, 2009. The event will be jointly hosted by the Tidewater and Virginia Peninsula societies. For the Consulting Rosarian who is due to recertify, a recertification seminar is planned for Saturday, March 14, to help meet this requirement. In order to qualify for recertification, a CR must attend an ARS approved seminar, which includes an hour presentation on chemical safety. A sign up sheet will be provided to insure that each CR receives credit for their attendance.

Even if your CR credentials are current, there will be something to catch everybody's interest. At this time, scheduled seminar speakers include Barry Boyd (old garden roses and shrubs), John Smith (hybridizing hybrid teas), and Don Myers (IPM & chemical safety). I also plan to have a speaker instruct us on the making and the uses of "black gold", compost. Although there is no charge for attending these programs, you must be registered to attend the District Meeting. If you have questions about your recertification deadline or status, please contact me or go to www.ars.org.

Last issue's question was: Mid-summer my neighbor sprayed an herbicide which, I later discovered, drifted on to my rose bush, 'Betty Boop'. What advice would you give in this situation? Here's what I did. First, I did not scream at my neighbor. (Screaming is not a good way to promote the rose.) I did ask if they would let me know when they plan to spray herbicide again, so I could take the necessary steps to protect my roses from any drift. Then, after observing the light yellow, distorted foliage and pale yellow blooms, I reasoned that this plant was starving for nutrients, specifically iron. So after adjusting the pH with an application of lime, I fed the bush with water-soluble fertilizer and chelated iron (per directions), weekly, for several weeks. After this treatment, the foliage and blooms returned to their normal, healthy colors.

Lately, I have had several people ask me "What kind of rose should I plant?" So that's the question for this issue. Carefully think this one through before giving me your answer. You may mail your replies to me at 21693 Saratoga Dr., Lexington Park, MD 20653, or e-mail me at diana_n_roses@netzero.com.

You can also discuss your answer with me at the Pre-Spring meeting in Staunton, VA, March 13-14. See you there!

be a very cold winter as predicted by the weather guru I can't wait for the Pre-Spring Meeting in Staunton. I really hope you will plan to attend this important occasion in the history of the Colonial District. It will be the first time a society(s) outside of the site of the meeting has(have) been the host. The Tidewater and Virginia Peninsula Societies have graciously agreed to host the show in faraway Staunton.

We are having a Consulting Rosarian re-certification program and a Horticultural Judges re-certification, as well as other speakers for those who do not have an interest in those areas. Jolene Adams and Bob Martin, the two candidates for the next ARS vice-presidency, will be in attendance and will be speaking. I will be talking about the state of the ARS and what interesting things are going on within that organization.

We will have all the other bells and whistles of the usual fun weekend. The cost of gasoline will hopefully stay down, the meeting is centrally located, and the prices are reasonable. **Your** attendance will make this meeting a success and perhaps we will be able to continue with this new idea.

It has been another sad year for the Colonial District as several more members have passed away since we last talked. Janet Hanson, long-time member from Charleston, passed away on September 8 after a short illness. Janet was very active in the Charleston Rose Society, especially with arrangements. She and her husband Dick attended many District meetings. She held several positions in the Charleston Rose Society and her passing was a great loss.

Bill Milner of the Tidewater Rose Society passed away on December 7. I had spoken with Bill only a few weeks before his passing about the 2008 Tidewater Rose Show of which he was Chairman of Judge. We discussed the changes in classifications of many roses and how this information could be disseminated to the exhibitors and whether or not they should be disqualified if they misclassified their entries. Bill was always more concerned about the beauty of the show and the happiness of the exhibitor than the correctness of the entry tag.

Finally, Jim Stewart, a member of the defunct Cumberland Valley Rose Society, departed us on December 19. Jim and his wife Mae had settled in New Jersey after the untimely loss of Jim's eyesight a number of years ago required them to find a home nearer to their family. Jim was a wonderful rosarian, a great fan of the Indiana Hoosiers, and he will be missed.

Obituaries of the latter two rosarians are to be found in this issue and are currently on the District Website; and donations for the latter may be made to the American Rose Society. We can be assured that the rose gardens in heaven have three new caretakers who will make them a pace well worth our own visit some day.

Exciting things are happening with ARS lately. If you read your latest *American Rose*, you already are aware that the cost of *Modern Roses 12* has been sliced in half. Sales did not

go as well as anticipated, and so this decrease was necessary to move the books. The book and the access to the spreadsheet program that cross references the roses by a number of different categories is a must for all serious rosarians. Remember that you must pay a small annual fee to access the computer program after the initial year of your purchase of the book.

You may now access the four quarterly bulletins: *Rose Exhibitor's Forum*, *Miniature Ross*, *Old Garden Roses*, and *Arrangements*, at no cost by logging onto the ARS website Members Only section. This will save you up to \$60 annually. To get to these bulletins, go to www.ars.org and click on the "Members Only" icon. The screen will ask for a password which can be found on page 10 of the January/February *American Rose*. That will take you to the page where the bulletins can be accessed.

Our new Executive Director, Jeff Ware, has been a ball of fire and has many new ideas to make the ARS more vibrant and less dependent on membership fees. Jeff has been traveling to many Districts to give updates on the ARS and I believe we should consider bringing him to one of our meetings in the near future.

Richard Donovan of North Carolina has announced he will run for Director of our region. Richard became a District Director this past term and has decided to move to a higher position. He has been very vocal in his concerns for the ARS and will make a good Regional Director. I believe he has been invited to attend our Pre-Spring Meeting in Staunton; and if he attends, please try to make his acquaintance. Richard, a retired high school principal, lives in Ocean Isle, NC.

I would like to congratulate the seven new local presidents of our District and wish them success with their respective societies. I also welcome back the other ten presidents who are serving multiple year terms. It's a tough job in these days of declining membership, but I hope that 2009 will be a better year. I would also like to thank the twenty-eight members and seven societies of the Colonial District who became Patrons of the ARS through their donations. The ARS Patron program was extremely successful this past year and those funds were very helpful to the workings of the society.

We will be holding an Election for the District Member of the National Nominating Committee at the Pre-Spring Business Meeting. Katherine Craig is currently in this position. If you're interested in running, please let Katherine know. Also, if you are interested in the District Director position, both Katherine and I have nomination forms. Nominations must be made by February 28.

Again, I urge you to attend the Pre-Spring Meeting in Staunton and help bet the District moving again. It's really a great jump start to get us into the rose-growing mode for the spring. Stay warm!

... *John Fleck*

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