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Dates to Remember

October 20, 2009 Huntington Rose Society Meeting The regular monthly meeting of the Huntington Rose Society will be held on Tuesday, **October 20th** starting at 7:30 pm at the Central Christian Church, 1202 Fifth Avenue. We will have a review of the rose show. The program for the evening will be ***Products for Growing Good Roses*** given by Gary and Monica. Cheryl Johnson and Monica Valentovic will provide hospitality for the meeting. Cheryl may provide Romeo's Pizza and I will complete the hospitality with dessert and veggies.

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President's Message Beverly Delidow

Greetings to you all on a quiet fall day – so quickly we have come to a turning

season. The sun has turned to clouds, the leaves have turned to reds and yellows and soon the garden will turn to sleep. For now, the last bits of pink and yellow from the minis are competing with the burning bush and the maple trees for attention. One last welcome flash of color before it's time to haul out the mulch and the cones. We will at least have the memory of a spectacular rose show to help pass the winter months – our Fall Rose Show on September 20th was gorgeous. Kudos go to Gary and Monica and to all the members who helped for putting on a wonderful show: Archie and Linda Snedegar, mall liaisons; Truman Watts, Paul Benford and the amazing Boy Scouts, properties; Cheryl Johnson, hospitality; John and Diana Fleek, Chairs of Judges; Beth White, Chief of Clerks; Lynda Grass, publications; Bob and Nancy Garvin, tally; and all those who aided in set-up and breakdown. We are also so appreciative that the Huntington Mall provided us with space in their facilities and that Carrie Cline joined us to announce the show results. We are fortunate to be part of a strong, supportive community. Heartfelt congratulations to the winners, and our thanks to exhibitors who traveled to share their roses with us.

With the summer behind us and a few frosty nights sneaking up, it is time to start getting the garden ready for winter. Then again – it's never too early to start

thinking about making sure your roses get a good start for the next growing season. At our meeting this month, October 20, Monica Valentovic and Gary Rankin will help everyone do that, as they will be sharing their expertise in a program entitled, Products for Growing Good Roses. I'm looking forward to learning some great new ways to keep my plants healthy and blooming. Hope to see everyone there.

Wishing you warm garden memories to ward off the chill of frosty nights
– Beverly

ROSE SHOW REPORT

The 55th Show of the Huntington Rose Society was a success. Thanks to all the exhibitors who brought quite a collection of beautiful roses. We had 347 entries that ranged from a single bloom to 10-15 roses in 1 bouquet. The show had a pretty equal mixture of large and small roses as there were 173 large rose entries (HT, OGR, F, Climbers, etc.) and 174 miniature/miniflora rose entries. There were 13 exhibitors who entries into the show. The exhibitors came from Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia. This was one of the larger shows we have had in several years!

A Thank you Note from the Rose Show Chairs

Gary Rankin and Monica Valentovic

The 55th Annual Huntington Rose Society Rose Show is now complete!! As Rose Show Chairs, we want to thank everyone who helped in all phases of the show – from set up on Saturday night through breaking down on Sunday afternoon. We want to express our gratitude to Joe Johnson and the staff of

the Huntington Mall for their support of our show.

Many of our members started working long before September 20th to help make this show the success that it was. We would like to thank Lynda Grass for all her efforts in getting printed copies of the show schedule to the exhibitors and judges. A very special thank you goes to Lynda for preparing a short description of the show that was very well received by our visitors to the show. Thank you also to Lynda for preparing the cards for the trophy winners. Lynda prepared the winners' list and reporting the winners to ARS, the District and us. Finally we appreciate the generosity of Steve and Lynda to allow our society to "borrow" the picture frames Steve made for the large rose category. Thanks so much!

Truman Watts was in charge of properties. He met the boy scouts early Saturday afternoon to start packing all the rose show supplies. Truman also helped with setting up the trophy table, rose show supplies and with entries. As usual, Truman did a yeoman's job.

We also want to thank Paul Benford and Boy Scout Troop 21 for doing such a great job with set up and tear down of the show. Without their help we would never have been as quick and efficient. We are especially grateful for all the help from the Boy Scouts since the show layout had to be adjusted late Saturday evening in order to accommodate some new kiosks and an ATM machine!!

Archie and Linda Snedegar did their usual wonderful job coordinating with the Huntington Mall. Linda ordered the certificates and did a fantastic job

completing the trophy labels and certificates. Linda was also helped by Anna Faye Ray working on the certificates and placing the winners on the trophy table. Anna Faye always makes a special effort to display the winning roses in as appealing staging as possible and it really makes the show more beautiful. Thanks so much!

We want to thank the judges who came to Huntington to judge our show. Many came long distances and all of them donated a considerable amount of time to judge our show. John and Diana Fleek did a great job of getting judges and overseeing the judging of the show. Both of them were responsible for updating the show schedule, coordinating the judges, the judges luncheon and providing goodie bags for the judges, thank you!!

Beverly Delidow was our photographer. She took over 700 photos of the show!. We all are anxious to see the results. Beverly, Truman and Linda assembled a beautiful trophy table on Sunday morning, it was a pleasant sight to behold.

Cheryl Johnson, provided the judges breakfast (and yes, even the leftovers were good!). Cheryl's daughter and Michael Jr. helped with serving and were very gracious hosts and hostesses to all who came to the community room.

Bob and Nancy Garvin again did a great job keeping us all straight with their tallies that determined the winners of the sweepstakes trophies and the number of entries.

We want to thank Beth White as she was successful in her first term as Chief of Clerks. Beth kept everyone straight

Sunday morning. We also want to thank all of our Clerks who were critical in completing the judging process. Thank you to our clerks: Bill, Earl, Truman, Steve, Rudy, Dick, Beth and Cheryl.

We also were able to get Carrie Cline from WSAZ TV to announce the winners at the end of the show. Carrie Cline is so enthusiastic and it is a real special treat to have her present our rose trophies. She did a spectacular job pronouncing even the most difficult rose names.

There are many more individuals who helped and we want to thank everyone. Thank you for bringing roses, helping set up or break down the show. This is our society's biggest event that shows the public about roses. Without all of you, the show couldn't go on!

It is Time to Renew Your Membership in the Huntington Rose Society!!!

It is time to renew your membership for 2010. It is \$8 for a single and \$12 for a family membership. Please send your dues to: Monica Valentovic, Treasurer, 109 Cedar Court, Lavalette, WV 25535.

The annual membership fee provides a discount on the Society's Spring orders of Mills Magic Mix and 9 newsletters. The newsletter is filled with seasonal information to get the maximum enjoyment out of your roses. Articles published in the past 5 year have won 14 American Rose Society Award of Merit certificates in the national competition. So your membership includes a newsletter with articles that are award winning!!

The discount on Mills Magic Mix is almost 50% off the list price. Just as a reminder, Mills Magic Mix is an organic based fertilizer that is group ordered by the Society in the spring. A 20# bag feeds 30 large roses or 60 miniatures one time. If you independently purchased a 20# bag of Mills Magic Mix, it would cost over \$26. In 20098 society members were able to order Mills Mix at a cost under \$16 which was a savings of almost \$12. This means you save the cost of a family membership with the purchase of just one bag. **So please consider renewing your membership today!!**

The Society is also seeking additional donors that are signified as Queen, King, Princess and Prince levels. Donations at the Prince (\$10-25); Princess (\$26-50), King (\$51-99) and Queen (\$100 or more) levels help to defray the yearly costs incurred by the Society. A membership application is included at the end of this newsletter.

October Rose Care

Monica Valentovic & Gary O. Rankin

There are several things you should do for your roses to continue the winterizing process. Beginning in midSeptember all nitrogen fertilizers should be stopped. This will slow the growth of new leaves. If you have not yet done a soil sample, the fall months are the best time. Take a soil sample of about 1 cup from the drip line. Collect soil 3-4 inches below the surface. You can send your soil to the County Extension agency for soil analysis. Remember that roses grow in an ideal pH of 6.5

All pruning and deadheading should stop October 1. When rose blooms have

become fully open or spent, do not cut to the first 5 leaflet as is done during the summer months. Instead, only remove the petals from the bloom. Pruning roses sends a signal to the plant to initiate new growth. By only removing the petals you help get the plant ready for winter. Some roses will develop hips and these provide new color to our garden.

Temperatures dipping into the 50's are times to monitor for downy mildew. Downy mildew spores can grow in temperatures in the 50's, which are very common in the Fall. Downy mildew may appear as purple violet spots on the leaves and red spots on the canes. Downy mildew can kill a rose bush when it infests the canes. A serious symptom of downy is that all the leaves suddenly fall off your bush. Spraying with Manzate and a dilute fertilizer solution containing zinc can prevent downy mildew. Downy can also be controlled using PACE or Alliette. Downy mildew can kill a rosebush and treatment must be initiated at the first symptoms to prevent the loss of your rose bushes.

Many gardens are having problems with powdery mildew. Powdery mildew is a fungal infection that is caused by *Sphaerotheca pannosa* and appears primarily on the newer growth. In severe infections, powdery mildew can also appear on established leaves. The powdery white appearance of the mass of mycelium and spores looks like flour or powder sugar and gives this fungal infection its name. The earliest signs of a powdery mildew problem can be a purplish coloration on the underside of the leaf and a curling or puckering of leaf edges. Powdery mildew grows optimally with cool damp nights are

followed by warm sunny days. Although humidity at night helps with fungal growth, dry leaf surfaces are required for optimal growth of powdery mildew spores. The best control of powdery mildew is prevention, using fungicides such as Immunox, Rubigan or Systhane when conditions are right for fungal growth. Another product to prevent powdery mildew is E-RASE, which contains jojoba oil.

Additional alternative approaches include the use of baking soda (sodium bicarbonate) or potassium bicarbonate (Remedy) alone or combined with insecticidal soaps or Sunspray ultrafine oil. These alternative agents provide protection by altering the pH of the leaf surface (bicarbonates, too high a pH for fungal growth) and by forming a barrier to fungal penetration and being a spreader-sticker for the bicarbonate (ultrafine oil).

We have included two easy recipes for quick powdery mildew remedies.

RECIPE ONE

The first recipe uses 1 Tablespoon of baking soda and 2 Tablespoons of ultrafine oil per gallon of water. Higher concentrations can burn foliage and should be avoided.

RECIPE TWO

Combine 1 Tablespoon each of baking soda, cooking oil and dish detergent. Do not add more than 2 Tablespoons of baking soda as it will burn the foliage. Spray the tops and bottoms of the infected leaves as soon as you see the appearance of powdery mildew. I have had best luck using Dawn dish detergent as it possesses an excellent

surfactant that lifts the fungal spores from the leaves.

October is a time when many gardens have large blooms with brilliant colors. Stop and enjoy the last blooms during the Fall. It will be a few months before our roses start to bloom again.

A Note About our Members

Diana Fleek's sister suffered a stroke last week. She unfortunately did not recover. Diana's sister passed away in Cleveland on Tuesday, October 13th. Please keep Diana and John in your thoughts and prayers as they go through this difficult period.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The nominating committee is chaired this year by Bill Dolen. Bill is working on getting a slate of officers for 2010. The names of the candidates will be read at the November meeting and voted upon at the banquet. The officers will then be installed at the Banquet.

Trial Membership in the ARS

The American Rose Society is offering a 4 month trial membership which will include 2 issues of the ARS magazine and online access to quarterly bulletins on rose exhibiting and arrangements. Anyone can get this trial membership for \$10. If you are a member of the Huntington Rose Society it will only cost \$5. If interested, send your name, address and phone number to the ARS. *Please mail to: American Rose Society, P.O. Box 30,000, Shreveport, LA 71130. Questions? Contact Laura Pfender, 1-800-637-6534, laura@ars-hq.org.*

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Sunday, September 20, 2009
AWARD WINNERS

Class	Rose(s)	Winner(s)
Queen	Natasha Monet	David & Lois Ackers
King	St. Patrick	David & Lois Ackers
Princess	Moonstone	David & Lois Ackers
Prince	Veterans' Honor	David & Lois Ackers
White or White-Blend	Helen Naudé	David & Lois Ackers
Yellow or Yellow-Blend	Jema	Hattie Slone
Pink or Pink-Blend	Hot Princess	David & Lois Ackers
Red or Red-Blend	Black Magic	Hattie Slone
Orange or Orange-Blend	Touch of Class	Archie & Linda Snedegar
Mauve or Mauve-Blend	Stainless Steel	Lynda & Steven Grass
Hybrid Tea Spray	Moonstone	Gary & Monica Rankin
Single	Snow Cream	Gary & Monica Rankin
Floribunda Spray	Lady of the Dawn	David & Lois Ackers
Floribunda	Kanegem	David & Lois Ackers
Fully-Open Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora	Legends	Gary & Monica Rankin
Polyantha Spray	Snow White	Gary & Monica Rankin
Large-Flowered Climber	Altissimo	Gary & Monica Rankin
"Genesis Award" OGR	R. Rugosa Rubra	Dick Hanlon
"Victorian" OGR	Rose de Rescht	Gary & Monica Rankin
Shrub	Sally Holmes	Gary & Monica Rankin
Cycle of Bloom	Tineke	Archie & Linda Snedegar
1 each Hybrid Tea, Grandiflora & Floribunda; NO ENTRY—1 st Runnerup	R. Rugosa	Dick Hanlon
Three Different Hybrid Teas	Dream Come True, Desperado, & Denali	Lynda & Steven Grass
Three Same Hybrid Teas	Moonstone	David & Lois Ackers
Two Floribunda Sprays	Lavaglut	Bill & Oleta Dolen
English-Style Box	Moonstone	David & Lois Ackers
Rose in a Frame	Veterans' Honor	John & Diana Fleek
Floribunda Floating Collection	Lavaglut	Gary & Monica Rankin
Floating Rose	Touch of Class	Archie & Linda Snedegar
Floating Collection	Moonstone, Suffolk, Signature, & Pink Promise	Gary & Monica Rankin
Hi-Lo Collection of One Hybrid Tea and One Miniature	Signature & Tiffany Lynn	Gary & Monica Rankin
Large Club Rose	Gemini	David & Lois Ackers
Large Bouquet		Lynda & Steven Grass
Fragrant	Papa Meilland	Gary & Monica Rankin
Hi-Lo Roses in a Frame	Leading Lady & Moonstone	Lynda & Steven Grass
Small Gardener, NO ENTRY—3 rd Runnerup	Louise Estes	David & Lois Ackers
Judges' Challenge	Double Take	Donna Smoot
Large Rose Novice, NO ENTRY—4 th Runnerup	Tineke	Archie & Linda Snedegar

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Miniature Rose Novice, NO ENTRY— 2 nd Runnerup	Breath of Spring	John & Diana Fleek
Large Rose Sweepstakes		Gary & Monica Rankin
Miniature Queen	Nancy Jean	Lynda & Steven Grass
Miniature King	Linville	Gary & Monica Rankin
Miniature Princess	Ty	Gary & Monica Rankin
Miniature Prince	Bee's Knees	Hattie Slone
Miniature Duchess	Voyager	John & Diana Fleek
Mini-Flora Queen	Show Stopper	Gary & Monica Rankin
Mini-Flora King	Foolish Pleasure	Gary & Monica Rankin
Mini-Flora Princess	Dr. Troy Garrett	Gary & Monica Rankin
Mini-Flora Prince	Butter Cream	Bill & Oleta Dolen
Mini-Flora Duchess	Whirlaway	Hattie Slone
Miniature Single Rose	Grace Seward	Gary & Monica Rankin
Miniature Spray	Soroptimist International	Hattie Slone
Fully-Open Miniature	Shameless	Gary & Monica Rankin
Mini-Flora English-Style Box (Same Variety)	Butter Cream	Richard Anthony & Kristine Vance
Miniature English-Style Box (Different Varieties)	Leading Lady (2), Show Stopper (2), Butter Cream, and Peter Cottontail	Lynda & Steven Grass
Miniature Painter's Palette	Hot Tamale, Grace Amazing, Marie Jeanette, Pierrine, and Ruby Baby	Gary & Monica Rankin
Miniature/Mini-Flora Floating	Abby's Angel	Lynda & Steven Grass
Miniature Floating Collection	Sweet Melody & Pierrine	Gary & Monica Rankin
Three Different Miniatures	Nancy Jean, Caledonia, & Ricky Hendrick	John & Diana Fleek
Three Same Miniatures	Irresistible	John & Diana Fleek
Two Miniature Sprays	Green Ice & Marriotta	John & Diana Fleek
Miniature/Mini-Flora Bouquet		John & Diana Fleek
Miniature Club Rose	Fairhope	Richard Anthony & Kristine Vance
Miniature/Mini-Flora Rose Sweepstakes		Gary & Monica Rankin

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