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Dates to Remember

September 15, 2009 Huntington Rose Society Meeting The regular monthly meeting of the Huntington Rose Society will be held on Tuesday, September 15, 2009 starting at 7:30 pm at the Central Christian Church, 1202 Fifth Avenue. The program for the evening will be **Roses for the Garden and Show** presented by a panel of experts: Bill Dolen, Steven Grass and Archie and Linda Snedegar. Cheryl Johnson will provide hospitality for the meeting. Perhaps we will have the world famous Romeo's pizza! Rose show schedules will be available at the meeting and we will briefly discuss the rose show set up.

September 20, 2009 The Huntington Rose Society Rose Show will be held on Sunday, September 20, 2009 at the Huntington Mall, Barboursville, WV. Set up will be held on Saturday evening starting at 9:00 pm. For more information contact Rose Show Co-Chairs, Gary Rankin & Monica Valentovic TEL: 304-697-0321: e-mail Gary at rankin@marshall.edu or Monica at valentov@marshall.edu.

September 25-27, 2009 Colonial District Fall Meeting and Show will be hosted by Richmond Rose Society in Richmond, VA. September 25-27, 2009. The theme of the show is "Kaleidoscope of Roses". For more information contact: Carol Fox CarolFox@scc.virginia.gov, Don Penzler dpenzler@verizon.net, or Willie Mills willie1091@comcast.net.

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President's Message Beverly Delidow

A damp September day – the rain outside is a counterpoint to the lovely sunny days of the past week. Raindrops shimmer over glossy foliage and all my little roses turn up their faces for a blessing. At least they are no longer cursing me for neglect! I got out there a couple weeks ago and weeded all my beds. Some of my poor mini's were nearly choked into oblivion; but with a clean space, fresh mulch and some fertilizer, they are looking much happier. There are even a few new buds swelling among the new leaves. One of my favorite things about roses is how unbelievably forgiving they are, and how much they will give back for a little TLC.

To see just how much roses can give – come to our fall show next weekend (September 20th, Huntington Mall). This is the 55th Annual Show of the Huntington Rose Society and with all the beautiful roses of our exhibitors, it's sure to be spectacular. Gary Rankin and Monica Valentovic, our show chairs, have done a great job setting things in motion. We'd welcome any and all volunteers to help with show set-up Saturday evening, the show itself on Sunday, or the break down Sunday evening. Contact Gary and Monica, or any of your officers, for information.

For now, with the rain outside, I'm curled on the couch with the cats and a pile of catalogs – the late summer plant sales are ON! This is a great time of year to take stock in the garden, see what grew well, what fared poorly, and make some choices for the coming year. Because we are blessed with a long growing season, you still have just enough time in most of our area to plant a new rose and get it established before the frost. To help with those decisions, we have a special program this month. Gary has put together an expert panel to discuss the summer's new roses, what worked and what didn't this year. I hope you will all join us, September 15, 7:30 pm for this interesting presentation. Come, hear the panel, and be inspired to grow more roses!

Wishing you the best of fall – especially in the garden,

ROSE SHOW SETUP WE NEED YOU!!

We will start to set up for the rose show beginning at 9 PM on Saturday, September 19th. Enter the Mall at the Dick's Sporting Goods Store. WE REALLY NEED EVERYONE'S HELP for the rose show. The Rose Show is our Society's biggest community activity. We hope to complete the rose show

setup in 1 hour. The boy scouts will move and set up the tables for the show. The Boy Scouts will help with moving all the rose show supplies. BUT, WE NEED EVERYONE TO COME TO THE MALL AND HELP OUT. We have all types of jobs from arranging the sheets on the tables, placement of the rose categories and green dividers, setting up the English boxes, miniature rose palettes and miniature rose goblets.

If you cannot make it on Saturday evening then come out on Sunday afternoon and attend the show. Spend some time and visit with people who come by to enjoy the show and answer their questions. You do not need to be an expert. But we all have a common interest in appreciating the beauty of the rose and can share our love with the Huntington community.

We also need our members to take down the show on Sunday afternoon beginning at 5 PM. IF everyone pitches in, we can be done in 1-2 hours. The Boy Scouts will help but need guidance for packing our rose supplies.

We would like to thank many of our members who already have stepped up and are in charge of various duties during the show. These include:

Chair of Judges: John and Diana Fleek
Chief of Clerks: Beth White
Hospitality for Judges: Cheryl Johnson
Mall Liaisons: Archie and Linda Snedegar
Photography: Beverly Delidow
Properties: Truman Watts
Rose Show Schedule: Lynda Grass (THANKS Lynda!)
Tally: Bob and Nancy Garvin
Trophy Table Set up: Beverly Delidow and Truman Watts
Trophy Lettering: Lynda Snedegar
Trophy Placement: Anna Faye Ray
Winners List: Lynda Grass

Clerks: Bill Dolen, Steven Grass, Cheryl Johnson, Earl Massie, Satwant Singh, Truman Watts, Rudy Wang and Beth White

We are especially fortunate to again have Carrie Cline from WSAZ TV present the trophies to all the winners!!!

**ROSES IN REVIEW
Monica Valentovic**

It is time again for Roses in Review (RIR), the American Rose Society program where the rosarians who grow the new roses, get to rate the new roses. This year marks the 84th time that RIR has been conducted. Once again the ARS is asking that "garden" rosarians as well as exhibitors rate the roses listed for review this year. You need not be a member of the ARS to participate in RIR, as there is an effort being made again this year to get as much input on the new roses as possible. The complete results of the survey will be included in the January 2010 issue of *American Rose* magazine and will help determine the ratings for the next issue of the ARS Handbook for Selecting Roses. While participating in RIR is a voluntary activity for many rosarians, **Consulting Rosarians remember that you are required to participate in RIR as one of your Consulting Rosarian activities.**

There are two ways to complete the rating process. One way is to fill out rating forms on each cultivar from this year's list that you grow. If you are a member of the ARS, then you can use the forms provided in the **July/August 2009 issue of the American Rose magazine**. The list of roses to be rated is also listed in this issue. If you currently are growing or previously have grown a listed cultivar, then you can and should rate it. You will be asked to indicate the name of the cultivar (e.g.

Chattooga) and class (miniature), assign a garden and exhibitor rating (0 - 10), and comment (check one answer) on winter hardiness, height, disease susceptibility, and fragrance. You also have the opportunity to write a short statement about what you particularly like or dislike about each rose. It usually takes about one to two minutes to rate each rose. Each page of rating forms allows you to rate four to five roses. You can make photocopies of the rating forms if you need more forms than provided in the magazine. Once the forms are complete, they should be mailed to the Colonial District RIR Coordinators, David and Terry Cottrell, 5116 Mill Race Circle, Richmond, VA 23234-3835. We will bring copies of the RIR forms to the next meeting. So, if you are not a member of the ARS and would like to participate, you can use this material.

The second way that you can complete the RIR process is on-line. The ARS web site (www.ars.org) will have a link for Roses in Review on the home page that will direct you to electronic forms and other information that you can use to complete the rating process. Once you submit your ratings to the ARS, they will automatically be forwarded to the District RIR Coordinators. However, regardless of whether you use the paper forms or the electronic rating forms, the deadline for submission of your evaluations is **September 26, 2009**.

Again this year, prizes being awarded to participants from the winning Districts. So, let's help the Colonial District be a winner by everyone participating in the Roses in Review program.

Quote of the Month from Rambling Rosarian Howard Walters: The trouble with good advice is that it usually interferes with our plans. From *American Rose*, February, 1999.

**2010 AWARD OF EXCELLENCE
WINNERS**

The American Rose Society announces four new miniature and Mini-Flora rose varieties have won the 2010 Award of Excellence, a designation of merit given for superior quality and marked distinction. The winners are **'Magic Show'**, **'First and Foremost'**, **'Daddy Frank'** and **'Spirit Dance'**.

Each year, commercial and amateur hybridizers submit their roses for evaluation. Roses are evaluated for two years in ten public test gardens across the country and are rated on eleven criteria multiple times during the growing season. Upon availability, consumers will be able to purchase all of the winners from Rosemania, www.rosemaina.com.

Magic Show- This miniature rose was hybridized by Frank Benardella. The bright color and excellent form will catch the eye of a home gardener who wants a rose that is quick to repeat and provide lots of flowers a display.

First and Foremost- This Mini-Flora was also hybridized by Frank Benardella. This rose has a deep pink with a lighter reverse and white center and makes an excellent choice for display and arrangements.

Daddy Frank- This Mini-Flora was also hybridized by Robbie Tucker. This deep red rose is disease resistant and can survive the winter well. It was named in honor of his grandfather.

Spirit Dance- This Mini-Flora was also hybridized by Christian Bedard. This rose has yellow bud that opens to a warm butterscotch opening.

Award of Excellence History The American Rose Society established the designation in 1974. Since that time, there have been 110 winners. For more information, high resolution photos and

a complete list of recipients, please visit the media section at www.ars.org.

Consulting Rosarian Reports Due

It is time again for Consulting Rosarians to complete their CR reports if they haven't been completed to date. Enclosed with this article is a copy of the CR Report form. Please send the completed form to:

Diana Klassy
21693 Saratoga Drive
Lexington Park, MD 20653

ARS Triennial Election Results

The results of the American Rose Society Triennial Election are shown below. As you can see, the race for Vice President was very tight, with Jolene Adams winning by only three votes! Results of interest to our members are shown below.

PRESIDENT

Jeff Wyckoff *Duly elected per Bylaws*

VICE PRESIDENT

Jolene Adams 878
Robert 'Bob' Martin, Jr. 875

REGIONAL DIRECTORS

**Region 2 Richard Donovan
Unopposed**

**Region 4
Kent Campbell 49
Jim Hering 183**

DISTRICT DIRECTORS

**Buckeye District
Richard Anthony 40
Elton Smith 87**

**Colonial District John Fleek
Unopposed**

Got a Rose Question?

If you have a question about roses, why not call on a Consulting Rosarian for help? The Huntington Rose Society has several Consulting Rosarians and Master Consulting Rosarians who can answer questions about your roses or help you with general rose questions as well. And its free.....! So call one of these folks in our area today if you need help with your roses. They will be glad to help you find a solution to a problem or just answer questions for you.

Master Consulting Rosarians

John & Diana Fleek 304-776-4048
Lynda & Steven Grass 304-345-3634
Gary Rankin &
Monica Valentovic 304-697-0321

Master Consulting Rosarians
(continued)

Donna Smoot 304-744-8150
Archie & Linda Snedegar 304-755-9486
Truman Watts..... 304-824-7661

Consulting Rosarians

Molly Clingenpeel 304-343-3684
Beverly Delidow.....304-429-4211
Bill Dolen 740-886-6457
Dick Hanlon 304-744-8074
Phyllis McFadden 304-727-4881

You can also catch Truman by stopping by the beautiful Ritter Park Rose Garden. He'll be glad to help answer your questions as will all the Consulting Rosarians and Master Consulting Rosarians.

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CONSULTING ROSARIAN REPORT FORM

Name _____ Report Date _____
Address _____ City _____
State _____ Zip code _____ E-mail address _____
Phone _____ Local Rose Society _____

Current Year Activities

#ARS Members recruited _____ #Programs presented _____
#Articles published _____ #Rose consultations _____
Meetings attended National _____ District _____ Local _____
Offices held _____ Other activities _____
Number of Roses Grown HT _____ GR _____ FL _____ Min _____ MiniFlora _____
Shrubs _____ OGR _____ Climbers/Ramblers _____ TOTAL _____

ROSE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR GARDEN VARIETY

	1	2	3
HT/GR	_____	_____	_____
FL	_____	_____	_____
OGR	_____	_____	_____
SHRUBS	_____	_____	_____
CLIMBERS	_____	_____	_____
Mini/MiniFloras	_____	_____	_____

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PEST CONTROL

Spider Mites _____ Insects _____
Blackspot _____ Powdery mildew _____
Downy mildew _____ Botrytis _____

Suggestions on how to improve the CR Program:

Signature _____ Date _____