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District Director's Message

Greetings from the North Pole or Charleston, WV. It really doesn't matter since there can't be much difference in the temperature. Whatever happened to Zone 6?

I was not able to get a host for the Pre-Spring Meeting and, along with the long nights and cold weather I managed to get into a blue funk. After New Year's something clicked and I decided that maybe this was the time to try a no-frills, low-cost meeting at a central location. Since that time I have been frantically working with vice-director Charles Shaner and others on such a program. The basic foundation has been laid and now I have to get some help to fill in all the blanks in the next two months. The site will again be Staunton, Virginia.

How will this meeting differ from past meetings? I believe our meeting will be more like the original pre-springs that were held in Bedford, Virginia. Only a few of our members may recall those days, but what we will not have is a banquet. This will reduce the cost remarkably and give attendees the option of dining wherever they please. *[Continued pg.6]*

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New District Challenge Class

Last fall in Richmond, the Colonial District initiated the Stanley Kosidlak Colonial District Oriental Arrangement Award as a new District Challenge Class. It was the first time we had done this for an arrangement and the very first winner of the award was Janice Sellers of the Patrick Henry Rose Society.

A perpetual trophy, along with an annual keeper trophy, was given in Stan's memory by his wife, Janet. The Colonial District is extremely pleased to have this new award.

For those new to the District, Stan Kosidlak was our previous District Director and became interested in the ARS Arrangement Division during that time. He became an arrangement's judge and encouraged classes to be included in local and district shows. Entering and winning many ribbons, he became particularly fond of the Oriental Manner designs. Sadly, Stan passed away a few years ago, just at the time when his interest in arrangements was peaking.

... John Fleek

STIMULUS IN ROSE GROWING

By: Ted Mills, ARS Master Rosarian and Judge

America has just witnessed the introduction of the word: stimulus. It is a bold attempt to resurrect a failing economy. Time will tell whether this novel experiment will enliven our sick economic situation. At least, an attempt to do something positive has been advanced. Of course, this method of relief is debatable between the political factions. For the sake of the nation let us hope that the application of stimulus money will bring healing.

Parallel to the economy's misfortune, many rosarians find that their rose growing success during the last half of 2009 has also experienced unfavorable results due to an unrelenting downpour of rain. Ordinarily, rose growers covet the arrival of rain to drought-stricken rose plants. However, when the "liquid sunshine" falls unabated, day after day, the plea is "enough is enough."

During a stretch of weeks the rains came. The plants were drenched with moisture from the sky, negating the spray operation. Every rosarian knows that failure to spray causes havoc on rose bushes. With no let-up in the storms, the foliage was forced to endure long "no-spray" periods of reliable chemicals. As a result, even the gardens of expert growers witnessed the wrath of dreaded blackspot. Rose shows were curtailed since the blooms and foliage did not measure up to exhibition quality.

Just as the American people must rise to the battle that threatens economic health, so must the rosarian prove that he or she is equal to the task of preserving our cherished hobby. It is hoped that the over-abundance of rain will not return in the coming year.

Specifically, many bushes were weakened by the onslaught of blackspot and botrytis. Just as with a sick person, remedial action should be administered to strengthen the bush. After dormancy is passed, begin a timely spray program to the new foliage. Couple this with a reliable feeding program that includes hydration when needed.

During the winter months, remove all signs of fungus attack by disposing of diseased leaves or debris that may harbor disease spores. Pay particular attention to the rose bed and see that it is kept hospital clean. After two hard freezes (28 degrees), remove the leaves since their work has been completed for the past season. Prune away the unproductive, twiggy growth that shows no signs of developing a bloom. Especially with hybrid teas and grandifloras, keep the center of the bush open so that air can circulate readily. This helps promote good coverage of spray materials. Keep a close watch on struggling plants. If these show no signs of improvement, shovel prune and replace with new plants. Always use new planting mix in the old hole.

Just as the economy is lagging in improvement, our parent organization's membership is declining. In fact, it has reached an alarming decrease from years past. All dedicated rosarians are urged to stem the tide of dropouts by encouraging continued dedication to our cherished hobby. Consulting Rosarians and local Society officers must take the lead in stemming this tide. Our hobby is too rewarding to disregard membership. The presence of beautiful roses guarantees a continuing floral atmosphere that provides tremendous joy to the masses.

Yes, stimulus might work wonders if given a chance. Our Congressional leaders have invested much public money to stem the tide of job loss and financial distress among the populace. Some criticize the program, but doing nothing reaps backward movement.

And so it is with rose growing. We need to install excitement in people, especially youngsters, to enlist in this hobby and swell its ranks. New programs are being advanced by our parent organization. This dedicated staff has a strong desire to help any aspiring novice who wants to grow roses well. The benefits of ARS membership are numerous and well worth public investment.

One look at American Rose Society's current method of attracting members is promising. One new program just introduced involves stimulative action. It provides a trial membership of four months at a reduced cost. It is hoped that once the new recruit experiences membership benefits, he or she will remain on the rolls. They are hopefully hooked on growing roses and will enjoy belonging to such a body of helpful people. Bravo to ARS for this trial offer program. Stimulate and the hesitant prospect will gravitate toward belonging.

We are now in 2010 - the tenth year of the 21st century. Time speeds by with the swiftness of an antelope. The New Year is an ideal time to improve the membership growth of the American Rose Society. If there is a local Society member who truly loves roses and has not joined ARS, now is the perfect time to do so. The parent organization's health is improved if growth in their ranks is escalated. Join and be a member of the only floral organization that promotes growing the Lord's most beautiful flower. It is then that one can say the stimulus program really works.

... Ted Mills



Call for Nominations for "Miniature and Miniflora Rose Hall of Fame"

Dr. Jim Hering, Chairman

ARS Miniature/Miniflora Rose Committee

The ARS Miniature and Miniflora 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 & miniflora 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 be 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, 2010, to: Dr. Jim Hering

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4. The Chairman of the Miniature/Miniflora 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 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

ELECTED IN 2003

Snow Bride, 1982, Jolly

Little Jackie, 1982, Saville

ELECTED IN 2009

Gourmet Popcorn, 1986, Desamero

Luis Desamero, 1988, Bennett

Tiffany Lynn, 1985, N. Jolly

A BRIEF LIST OF ELIGIBLE MINIATURE & MINI-FLORA ROSES

Acey Deucy - Ain't Misbehavin' - Apricot Charm - Baby Katie
Barbara Mandrell - Brass Ring - Center Gold - Crazy Dottie
Cuddles - Dee Bennett - Dreamer - Dreamglo - Elfinglo
Fancy Pants - Founder's Pride - Herbie - Holy Toledo - Jennifer
Judy Fischer - June Laver - Lady Be Good - Linville - Love Note
LovingTouch - Maurine Neuberger - Millie Walters - Mothers Love
My Sunshine - Nighthawk - Old Glory - Olympic Gold
Over the Rainbow - Pa cesetter - Peaches'n'Cream - Peggy "T"
Peppermint Patty - Poker Chip - Popcorn - Pucker Up -Regine
Rose Gilardi - Rose Window - Ruby Pendant - Sequoia Gold -Si
Simplex - Stars'n'Stripes - Stolen Moment - Sweet Chariot
Teddy Bear - Teeny Bopper - Tennessee - Texas Sunrise
Top Gun - Toy Clown - Winsome -Yantai

SOME ROSES ELIGIBLE FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS YEAR

Amber Ribbon - American Rose Centennial - Brenda Lee
Cal Poly - Candy Sunblaze - Captivation - Chelsea Belle - Connie
Cuddle Up - Debidue - Elizabeth Abler - Figurine - Gabriel's Fire
Golden Halo - Good Morning America - Grace Seward
Ice Queen - Just For You - Kev - Naughty But Nice
Orange Marmalade - Plum Dandy - Pride'n'Joy - Purple Dawn
Red Minimo - San Jose Sunshine - Sincerely Yours - Suzy
Suzy Q - Tidewater - White Mite - Whoopi

The 2010 ARS National Miniature Rose Show and Conference will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, from August 20-22, 2010. Contact Diane Sommers, 262-781-7989, dsrosenut@wi.rr.com for information.



SAVE THE DATE!

Planet Roses!

2010 ARS SPRING NATIONAL
CONFERENCE AND ROSE SHOW

APRIL 29—MAY 2, 2010
SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

THE ROSE PATCH

By Terry Cottrell

It's 2010, and another "Did I ever think" event in my life. I was born in 1930, and as a science fiction buff was specially intrigued with tales like "1984", by George Orwell (1949), and "2001: A Space Odyssey", by Arthur C. Clarke (1968) - so far in the future from my young adulthood! Did I ever think of really seeing 1984 or 2001? Today I postulate upon reaching 100 in the year 2030 - a truly significant "Did I ever think" event.

What brought this continuum of time to mind was scanning the *2009 Old Farmer's Almanac*, which has an excellent article, "Is Global Warming on the Wane?", addressing our influence on current warming, versus global natural factors from our Sun and Earth's oceans. Scientific data from NASA, GISS, and Climatology records, from the 1880s forward, reflect constant warming and cooling trends in approximately 30+year intervals. Is it this trend we are currently experiencing, rather than total Ice or Tropical Ages covering our beautiful planet as in the far, far past? Garden of Eden, if you will?

Well, our Garden of Roses has behaved peculiarly of late. I sit here at the window on a mild second day of rain in January 2010, thinking of how the sequential order of things in our garden in Richmond has been a bit discombobulated recently.

Our roses bloomed lavishly thru late last summer; July, August, September and October had average precipitation and mild temperatures. Halloween came with still balmy temps and plentiful huge roses to cut and share with friends. We stopped feeding; Thanksgiving arrived with more mild days, intermittent rain and sunshine, cooler nights, but no frost. And despite no deadheading and profuse rose hips, our roses bloomed abundantly! In December we had some cold temps with rain. Even the row of six large tubs of Knock Out roses along a short walk from driveway to front door, though somewhat frost bitten, continues with new sprouts galore between hips and dead leaves! A heavy snow fell some two days before Christmas Eve, but was cleared in 3 days. We've had days too cold to work in the garden, ditto too soggy from snow or rain; and no usual killing frost to finally trim excess growth for protection from ice and wind, or do dormant spraying. David says we'll simply begin to work in the rose beds the last week in February with our usual pruning procedures, and dormant spray before new growth appears, no matter what the weather, which has certainly deluded us at every turn this last season. "Welcome sweet springtime, we greet thee in song . . ."

Remember the book review I wrote in November 2005: "*The Blue Rose: An English Garden Mystery*", by Anthony Eglin? Mr. Eglin has written 3 more novels; the last in 2009 is, "*The Trail of the Wild Rose: An English Garden Mystery*" which I'll review next time. In future I will also review a mystery written by one of our own district rosarians - keep a watch for it.

... Terry Cottrell

Report on Consulting Rosarian School

By Diana Klassy

The Consulting Rosarian school held on September 27th in Richmond was a great success! There were ten CR students who came prepared, listened to great speakers, and then passed the test! Also, there were several CRs who re-certified for another four years. Congratulations go to the following new Consulting Rosarians.

Marion Brown, John Donelson,
Betsy Mead, Peter Mollica,
Lynn Pappas, and Pat Taylor
from Richmond Rose Society

Cathy Daley and Michael Price
from Tidewater Rose Society

David Maxwell
from Arlington Rose Foundation

Beulah Bonneville
from Bay County Rose Society

I would like to give a big thank you to the knowledgeable speakers for the school: *Annette Critelli, John Fleek, Howard Jones, John Simonton, and George Wilson*. In addition, I would like to thank *Annette Critelli, Carol Fox, and Willie Mills* for their assistance with the behind the scenes matters.

It was a great way to wrap-up my three year term as the district's Chairman of Consulting Rosarians!

... Diana

DISTRICT AWARD WINNERS

At the Fall Convention in Richmond, the following people received District Awards:

Silver Honor Medal:
Charles Shaner, Shenandoah Rose Society

Outstanding Consulting Rosarian
Don Penzler, Richmond Rose Society

Outstanding Horticultural Judge
John & Diana Fleek, Charleston Rose Society



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One Year

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- \$46 Senior (65+)
- \$59 Senior Joint*
- \$54 Canadian
- \$67 Canadian Joint*
- \$10 Youth
- \$59 International
- \$500 Corporate

Two Year

- \$95 Individual
- \$117 Joint*
- \$89 Senior (65+)
- \$111 Senior Joint*
- \$105 Canadian
- \$127 Can. Joint*
- \$20 Youth
- \$115 International

Three Year

- \$140 Individual
- \$170 Joint*
- \$132 Senior (65+)
- \$162 Senior Joint*
- \$155 Canadian
- \$185 Can. Joint*
- \$30 Youth
- \$170 International

Life

- \$1350 Individual
- \$2700 Joint*
- \$675 Senior (65+)
- \$1350 Senior Joint*
- \$1325 Canadian
- \$2,650 Can. Joint*
- N/A Youth
- \$1340 International

Here are just a few of the benefits of membership:

- Free admission to the American Rose Center, year round and automatic membership in the American Horticultural Society's Reciprocal Garden Admission Program allowing you free/discounted admission to more than 200 select gardens throughout America.
- The bi-monthly, colorful, award-winning *American Rose* magazine with authoritative feature articles by rosarians recognized for their knowledge and success.
- *American Rose Annual* – up-to-date, scientific information on roses and rose culture, plus articles of general interest to rose lovers, published in December.
- 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.
- Garden Guide – published in May/June, this listing of gardens across America will help you plan your summer vacations, along with the ARS travel site, www.ytbtravel.com/arstravel.
- 10% discount on all ARS merchandise and books and special member's only offers too.

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Thank you for your new membership/renewal. Please allow up to 4 weeks for your new member kit/renewal packet to arrive. If joining or renewing for 2- or 3-years, please allow up to 6 weeks for delivery of the Ortho book.

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE [Continued from page 1]

We will have our conference at the Quality Inn which is across the road from the Holiday Inn where previous meetings were held. The Quality Inn has been very helpful, and we have essentially no costs to pay them except for our rooms.

There is a large room where we can host not only the meeting but divide the room and hold a judging recertification seminar on the other side.

We currently have only a couple of ideas for speakers, and I would appreciate your help in giving me some ideas on what you want to hear and from whom you want to hear it. I will be calling some of you for assistance. Vern Rickard will be there with his roses for sale and possibly there will be other vendors.

We will try to have a small scale raffle with primarily rose products. We will also try to have a small silent auction, mostly with the type of items you have enjoyed purchasing in past meetings.

The District is well off financially and we don't need to reap great financial benefits from this meeting. I would also like to have some roundtable discussion groups where members can bring their questions and problems and possibly go home with new insights on how to grow better roses. After all, that is main purpose of our Pre-Spring Meeting.

Please understand that there is no restaurant at the hotel although they do have a very inclusive continental breakfast. You will be on your own for Saturday dinner which will give you a chance to dine where you please rather than to eat a set dinner. If things work out, the after-dinner portion of the evening will consist of a round table discussion throughout the remainder of the meeting.

Those people who do not choose to spend a second night can leave after the afternoon session if they like. I hope you will embrace this idea. I don't know how well this will work or if we will do it again, but I hope that enough of you will attend to make it a success. Check the District website periodically for updates www.colonialdistrictroses.com

As for next fall's convention, I am pleased to announce that the Tidewater Rose Society will be our host society. It will tentatively be held in Norfolk on September 24-25. There will be more details in upcoming newsletters.

From the American Rose Society, I would like to pass on a few tid-bits of information:

The ARS website is still being rebuilt. Trying to build a better, safer website has been a slow process. Keep checking it out and hopefully you will find it rebuilt soon. If you have constructive comments or encouraging words, please let Maria Scott (maria@ars-hq.org) know about it. She is the new web mistress for ARS. Give her a chance to show us how good this can be!

Many web subscriptions to the *Modern Roses 12* website expired at the end of last year. The cost of renewal is the same

as last year—\$15.00 for current subscribers and/or owners of the book. Buy the book now for \$49.95 **and** get a one-year web subscription as well. The MR12 website is enhanced daily with additions and new photos. Contact Laura Pfender, Director of Membership, at laura@ars-hq.org for either a new or renewal of a web subscription.

As the International Cultivar Registration Authority (ICAR) for roses, the ARS publishes the *Official Registry and Checklist* periodically. The book is organized by registered cultivar denomination and includes information on all non-registered roses known to ICAR as well. The current version dates from late 2008. Copies may be obtained by contacting Carol Spiers (carol@ars-hq.org) for information and pricing.

The ARS has created a new Local Relations Committee and Charles Shaner has been appointed by the Committee Chair, Louise Coleman, as a member of the committee. The committee was formed:

- to work with ARS leaders in finding and implementing programs which strengthen local societies, sharing the best ideas of successful societies and providing recognition for outstanding contributions to the network of the local societies, communities and the ARS.

- to coordinate with the National Membership Committee, Programs Services Committee, etc., to relate, update and disperse the latest information and services which benefit local societies and their members.

- to use the ARS & YOU and other ARS publications to promote and publicize the benefits of ARS and its services to members.

- to employ the ARS website as a tool for local societies to comment, ask questions and make suggestions, and obtain information from the ARS and/or LSR committee.

- to act as an intermediary and/or arbitration committee for resolving problems relevant to local societies affiliated with the ARS.

The National Chair for this Committee is Louise Coleman and Charles Shaner is a member of the Committee.

Many of you may still not be aware that the quarterly bulletins devoted to Miniatures, Arrangements, and Exhibiting are now available on the ARS website. This is one of the new benefits of membership in ARS.

Finally, I urge local societies to give non-ARS members of their societies a three-month trial membership to the American Rose Society. The cost to your society is only \$5 per member and it will introduce them to the great things ARS has to offer. If you have questions about how this program works, contact me at fleek@suddenlink.net or 304-776-4048.

Stay warm and meet me in Staunton.

... John

2009 Colonial District Top Exhibition Roses

Of our sixteen local rose societies, eleven held rose shows with the results published in the July and November Colonial Couriers. Each score below includes 4 points for queen, 3 for king, etc. The number of queens per variety is in parentheses.

| <u>Hybrid Teas</u> | | <u>Miniatures</u> | | <u>Minifloras</u> | |
|--------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--|-------------------------|--|
| 1 | Let Freedom Ring (2) 14 | Nancy Jean ((2) 13 | | Butter Cream (2) 15 | |
| 2 | Veteran's Honor (2) 12 | Fairhope (2) 10 | | Whirlaway (1) 13 | |
| 3 | Dublin (1) 11 | Soroptomist I. (1) 10 | | Conundrum (1) 10 | |
| 4 | Moonstone (1) 10 | Breath of Spring (1) 7 | | Foolish Pleasure (1) 10 | |
| 5 | Hot Princess (1) 8 | Bee's Knees 7 | | Showstopper (1) 9 | |
| 6 | St. Patrick 6 | Irresistible (1) 7 | | Leading Lady (1) 6 | |
| 7 | Louise Estes (1) 5 | Best of 04 (1) 4 | | Power Point (1) 5 | |
| 8 | Natasha Monet (1) 4 | Doris Morgan (1) 4 | | Shameless 5 | |
| 9 | Randy Scott (1) 4 | Hilde (1) 4 | | Autumn Splendor 5 | |
| 10 | Raphaella (1) 4 | | | | |
| 10 | Gemini 4 | | | | |

The following classes are scored one point per win for a bloom, spray, or collection.

Top Floribunda

Playgirl, Sexy Remy, Johnny Becnel (3); Kanegem, Night Out, Hot Cocoa, Lady of the Dawn (2)

Dowager Queen

Marchesa Boccella (4), Henri Martin (2)

Victorian

Rose de Rescht (5)

Climber

Altissimo (4), Fourth of July (3)

Most Fragrant

Mr. Lincoln (2)

Shrub

Sally Holmes, Abraham Darby, Outta the Blue, Cherry Meidiland (2)

JUDGES' CORNER

As you may be aware John Fleek has managed to pull together a spring meeting in Staunton on March 19-20. We will be having a Judging Seminar at that time which will give judges the full 4 hours of credit that they need to recertify. Since I will not be having a judging school this year, here is your opportunity to renew your judging certificate. It sounds like the weekend should be pretty inexpensive with a lot of information for both the exhibitor and judge.

Also, it is time for your Annual Judge's Report for 2009. It is on the Colonial District website (www.colonialdistrictroses.org). On the Home page, click the Announcements/CR & Judges Forms tab on the left side of the page. At the bottom of the page is a link to the 2009 judges report form. It is a fillable pdf form that you can complete, save, and e-mail back to me. When I receive your report, I will e-mail you a confirmation.

I would like your report returned as soon as possible (I've already forgotten what I did last year!), but if I don't hear from you by March 1, I will mail you a report to send back to me.

Please remember that we have two apprentice judges this year from Virginia, John Simonton, Jr. of Fairfax and Rick Brown of Locust Grove. Be sure to invite them to your shows.

Please let me know of any suggestions or concerns you may have regarding the judging of our shows in the Colonial District, and try your best to attend the seminar in March.

... Donna Smoot



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PRE-SPRING MEETING

Hosted by the Colonial District

“Back to the Basics”

Quality Inn, Staunton, Virginia

March 19-20, 2010

Come and enjoy a fun-filled weekend sharing information on rose culture. Activities include a Horticultural Judges recertification session.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Home Society: _____

| | <u>Cost</u> | <u>#</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|---|-------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| <u>Two-Day Registration (includes all activities & meals)</u> | \$30 | _____ | \$_____ |
| <u>Two-Day Registration and 1 Meal (indicate choice below)</u> | \$20 | _____ | \$_____ |
| Friday evening (heavy hors d'oeuvres) | | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Saturday lunch | | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| <u>Two-Day Registration but No Meals</u> | \$10 | _____ | \$_____ |

Meals will be catered by Barbara Shaner

Lunch on Saturday will include sandwiches (roast beef, corned beef, turkey, or ham); salads (tossed, potato, or macaroni); chips; cakes and pies

Saturday Dinner is on your own

TOTAL ENCLOSED WITH THIS REGISTRATION FORM \$_____

Judges' Seminar on Saturday

No cost; to register, please contact Donna Smoot at dsmoot@msn.com or at 304.744.8150.

Additional Information Contacts

John Fleek at 304.776.4048 or fleek@suddenlink.net

Charles Shaner at 540.294.2875 or clshaner@mindspring.com

Registration checks should be made payable to the *Colonial District Pre-Spring Meeting* and mailed to George Wilson at 2433 Hemlock Street, Norfolk, VA 23513 **NO LATER THAN MARCH 8, 2010.**

Motel Information

Contact the Quality Inn (I-81 exit 255) at 540.248.5111; specify the Colonial District of the American Rose Society. Room rate is \$60.00 per night (includes a continental breakfast).

2010 Pre-Spring Meeting Agenda

BACK TO THE BASICS

(This is a tentative schedule. Check the Colonial District Website www.colonialdistrictroses.org for more concise details as the meeting gets nearer)

Friday Agenda

- 3:30 pm - Registration opens
- 6:00 pm - Social Hour with hors-d'oeuvres
- 7:00 pm - Speaker and other activities

Saturday Agenda

Continental Breakfast (until 10:00 am) (included in room fee)

- 8:00 am – Registration table opens
- 8:30 am – Welcoming announcements in the ballroom
- 9:00 – 12:00- Speakers
- 12:00 pm – Lunch catered by The Big Dipper Ice Cream Shop (Raffle winners will be drawn)
- 1:30-4:00pm- Speakers
- 4:00 pm – Business meeting
- 5:00 pm - Silent Auction Winners announced
- 5:15- 7:00 pm –Dinner on your own.

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Informal group discussions on various topics (Bring your questions and problems and our knowledgeable members will try to solve them.)

9:00 pm – Social hour in ball room. Snacks provided by District Director.

Horticultural Judges Seminar

For those needing to renew their judging credits, Donna Smoot will hold a seminar. The class will take place from 10:00 to 12:00 and 1:30 to 3:30.

Vendors

Vern Rickard of Almost Heaven Roses will be selling plants at the meeting and Wendy Tilley of Harlane *may* be selling gloves and pruners.

As stated elsewhere in the Newsletter, this will be an informal gathering and we hope by keeping the cost down, we will attract some new District people. Y'all come!