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The Charleston Rose Society, a member of the American Rose Society and part of the Colonial District, was founded in 1923. Its membership is dedicated to the growth of roses, the education of the public in rose culture, and fellowship with rose growers locally and across the country.

Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month from March to June and September to November at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Charleston and begin at 7:30 p.m. If you are interested in learning more about roses and their culture, we would like to invite you to join us at any of our meetings. If you are interested in joining the Charleston Rose Society, please contact:

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Membership dues for the Charleston Rose Society are \$8 for an individual and \$12 for a family. This includes the newsletter.

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Petrovic Roses, Serbia



ROSE OF THE MONTH

AMERICAN PILLAR

In the three years I have been giving you a Rose of the Month, this will be the first time that I do not grow the rose I am recommending. I have seen *American Pillar* many times at rose shows and every time I am amazed by its beauty. Dick Hanlon won CRS trophy this year with his and I knew when I saw it what my Rose of the Month would be.

American Pillar is classed as a HWich, but I've always referred to it as a Rambler. It is a cross between *R. wichurana* and *R. setigera* (the native American *Prairie Rose*) and a red Hybrid Perpetual. A fast-growing climber with long stems, it produces large clusters of cupped, five-petaled, carmine-pink blooms with a white eye and golden stamens. It will reach 15 to 20 feet in height and spreads like all ramblers. The bloom size can range from ½ inch to 2 inches and will have 10-20 blooms per cluster. Dr. Van Fleet introduced her in 1902. I wonder if he had any idea how long this beauty would be winning trophies? She will tolerate some shade, will grow in difficult locations, and is winter hardy.

American Pillar is non-recurrent with glossy green foliage and if trained on a fence or arbor, it will give you a glorious display in late spring or early summer.

You will find *American Pillar* in some of the oldest and finest rose gardens in the world, including the Royal National Rose Society's Garden of the Rose in England. She has a garden rating of 7.9 and can be purchased from Rogue Valley Roses (\$13.50) or from Antique Rose Emporium (\$18.95). I love this rose and if you have the room, I recommend it for your garden.

Donna Smoot



THINGS I DO NOT UNDERSTAND



By Dick Hanlon

What do we rosarians do now that our rose show is finished? First, we say thanks to Lynda & Steve Grass for being the chair-people for the show. Second, we say thanks to Donna Smoot for her work as chairman of judges for the show. Thirdly, we thank everyone who helped make the show a success. Everyone who helped needs to applaud themselves for job well done.



Angel Face
courtesy www.rose-roses.com

Strange things happen to roses when they cross the border into West Virginia. My recently purchased *Angel Face* turned into the climber *America*. A miracle that would make Oral Roberts take notice. Well maybe not a miracle, just mixed up plant identification markers. I think it is amazing that more roses which we purchase are not sent with an incorrect identification tag. I took pictures of the newly-blooming *America* to send to the source of the rose; I hope to obtain a replacement this fall or next spring.



America climber
courtesy www.rose-roses.com

My crop of roses this year has been well above average. *Rosa Rugosa*, my favorite rose, started blooming in late April and has been blooming continuously since that time. During early May it was producing about 50 individual blooms per day. I have had at least a thousand blooms on this bush this spring. *American Pillar* and *The Gift* have also produced a significant number of blooms this spring. A few roses have done poorly: *Nancy Jean* has had one bloom so far, *Playboy* and *Fourth of July* have struggled to produce about three blooms up to today.

Last year, Bill Dolen gave me a *Black Ice* rose. I have managed to kill about five previously. I think my green thumb is changing because this Bill Dolen-born rose is doing extremely well. It was late blooming but now has about ten blooms and looks really good.



Black Ice
courtesy www.rose-roses.com



courtesy www.deerfence.com

Bill Dolen's eight-foot deer fence has two Charleston copiers. Both Donna Smoot and I are using this type of fence. I have my fence around some roses, my tomato & pepper crop, and ten dahlias. This fence is inside an electric fence, so I am giving my tomatoes double protection. I know it seems silly to spend \$200 for a fence to protect a 50¢ tomato plant but it is the principle of getting even with those damn deer.



GOOD QUALITY, LOW MAINTENANCE ROSES

John Fleek

Here is a list of roses that have done well over the years in the Fleek garden and that we would recommend to area rosarians.

| <u>Hybrid Teas</u> | <u>Miniatures/ Minifloras</u> | <u>Floribundas</u> | <u>Climbers</u> | <u>Grandiflora</u> |
|---------------------------|--|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Double Delight | Chattooga | Betty Boop | Altissimo | Gold Medal |
| Elina | Chelsea Belle | Europeana | America | |
| Elizabeth Taylor | Child's Play | Eyepaint | Fourth of July | |
| Fragrant Cloud | Conundrum | Iceberg | Soaring Spirits | |
| Gemini | Dorothy Rose | Nicole | | |
| Jane Pauley | Gail | Playgirl | | |
| Kardinal | Giggles | Remarkable | | |
| Louise Estes | Green Ice | Sexy Rexy | | |
| Lynn Anderson | Irresistible | | | |
| Marijke Koopman | Jean Kenneally | | | |
| Marilyn Monroe | Magic Carrousel | | | |
| Milestone | Marriotta | | | |
| Mister Lincoln | Millie Walters | | | |
| Moonstone | Minnie Pearl | | | |
| Olympiad | Pierrine | | | |
| Pascali | Rainbow's End | | | |
| Snuffy | Rise 'n' Shine | | | |
| Touch of Class | Sweet Melody | | | |
| Veterans' Honor | This Is The Day | | | |
| | Tiffany Lynn | | | |
| | X-Rated | | | |

FRAGRANT ROSES

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| Double Delight | Papa Meilland | Barbra Streisand |
| Deidre Hall | Dolly Parton | Truly Yours |
| Keepsake | Garden Party | New Zealand |
| Marilyn Monroe | Elle | Stainless Steel |
| Mister Lincoln | Ain't She Sweet | Gold Medal |
| Snuffy | Tiffany | |
| Color Magic | Falling In Love | |

Most Old Garden Roses and Shrubs are fragrant. Rugosas are usually fragrant, low-maintenance roses that bloom more than once per year. They are also a magnet for Japanese beetles. Most miniatures have no fragrance; *Hot Tamale* and *Scentsational* are exceptions, but you must get very close to the bloom.

ROSES IN REVIEW

John Fleek

The annual Roses in Review (RIR) forms will be in the July/August *American Rose* magazine. This program created by ARS many years ago allows rose gardeners to rate new roses on the market. The RIR coordinator tabulates the results and they are printed in the ARS *Handbook for Selecting Roses*. This handbook is free to ARS members and non-ARS members may go on line at www.ars.org and purchase it for \$5.00 plus shipping.

Armed with the Handbook, you can go to your nearest garden center, pick out a rose you think you would like, and then consult the Handbook to see what the ARS membership thinks about the variety. You can also use it when ordering roses from catalogs. It's common knowledge that catalogs tend to be overly imaginative when describing their roses, so the Handbook can help sort out fact from fiction.

Getting back to RIR, the ratings are due by September 26. The coordinator for the Colonial District is Diana Klassy, and her name and address can be found in the RIR insert in the *American Rose*. You may also rate your roses on-line at www.ars.org (this is not currently on the website, but will be soon.)

Consulting Rosarians are required to submit a report, so even if you don't grow any of the roses on the list, you should let the District Coordinator know that you have, at least, looked at the list and determined you have none of those roses.

THIS AND THAT

Lynda Grass

Our show is over for another year. I've still got tubes and picks and carriers to clean out and put away until the Huntington show in September, but for some reason I'm not very motivated just yet. We were so fortunate with all of our wins. Our roses began opening in earnest on Wednesday and Thursday, and by Friday and Saturday I think I was cutting blooms in my sleep! Our yard is full of bloom right now (Thursday, June 10); it's a beautiful sight.

The show was small (John Fleek counted 212 entries). This seems to be the trend now that we have so few exhibitors in the Society. Unless we have folks come from out of state, I look for this to continue. You see results like this at other shows around the District and country. I'm at a loss as to how to make it change, since you have to want to exhibit. So many of us just want to grow roses and not bother with showing them in a public forum. It's a real dilemma for rose societies, though, because one of the ways we educate the public about roses is through our show.

June begins a time of diligence in the garden. The weather is getting warmer and sticky. It's the perfect environment for spider mites. These little creatures will defoliate your roses at an amazing rate. Miniatures are particularly susceptible because their leaves are so close to the ground. If you notice the leaves on your plants getting pale and dropping off the stems with little or no effort, you most likely have spider mites. Pick up one of the leaves and turn it over. Do you see and/or feel "dirt" or "grit" on the surface? It's a good bet that it's the mites, and they're sucking all of the moisture from the rose leaves. If they've just started, you can blast the undersides of the leaves with water from your hose wand. Do this three or four days in a row. It will break down the breeding cycle of the mites. There are also insecticidal soaps and miticides that you can use, but use the water first--cheaper and safer.



Take time to set up a line defense for your bushes to ward off not only the mites but also diseases (blackspot, mildew, etc.). Look at the bush and make hard decisions about how thick the center growth is. You've got to have good air movement, which probably will mean taking out some canes. Strip leaves from the bottom of the canes even if they don't have any disease. Those lower leaves are "bridges" for fungus (and if you've had blackspot in the past, those spores are still in the ground) to move from the beds to the bush. Yes, it's tedious. No one wants to be out in the garden on their hands and knees sticking their hands into a thorn-infested plant that's eager and happy to leave you bleeding! Go out early in the morning or late in the evening with those long gloves on and get busy. You and your roses will be happier for it.



Water. Your roses need water to stay healthy, and it's especially true during the hot summer months. If your roses are stressed because they haven't had enough rain (or water from you), they are going to be at risk for disease. The rule is 1" per week; if it's been a particularly hot week and your beds drain well, up it to 2". If it's been dry and dusty, I shower the entire bush to rid it of dirt on the tops and undersides of the leaves. Do this type of watering early in the day so that the sun will dry everything. You can promote disease if the bushes are wet going into night.

Feeding. This is an area that you can lighten up on in the summer. The bushes are going to slow down, just like you do when the days get hot and humid. If you continue with a spring feeding schedule, you're wasting your time and money. Put out a time-release or organic fertilizer now, and then don't worry about feeding again until late summer for those fall blooms.

Spraying. Remain diligent. Remember that some of your sprays shouldn't be used in temperatures above 80° because they can cause leaf burn. Use a general, all-purpose product (a systemic that contains both a disease



and insect formula is easiest), unless you have a specific problem. In that case, choose carefully and first use a product with the lowest toxicity level as determined by the EPA, which begins at IV (none required), then III (Caution), then II (Warning), and then I (Danger). Follow the directions and always protect yourself with the proper spray equipment. Don't forget to water your roses the day before you spray to protect them from spray burn.



courtesy
Wikipedia website

Japanese beetles. Yes, they will be here. Yes, you will see advertisements for beetle traps. **DON'T BUY THEM!** Not unless you can put it in your neighbor's yard far away from your garden. I guess you can say that the traps work, but they work because they entice the beetles with a pheromone. If you put one in your yard, the beetles are going to fly in searching for that scent, and when they notice the roses, the attack will begin. This might be a good time to look into treating your beds and yard with Milky Spore powder if you haven't done so recently. Milky Spore is a naturally-occurring, host-specific bacterium. When you treat your beds and yard with the powder, the spores become food for the grubs that are now in the ground. Once ingested, the demise of the grubs begins. It could take as long as next spring before that occurs if the temperatures are cool; much sooner if it's hot. And when the grub dies, it releases a huge amount of spores into the ground for other grubs to ingest. The powder is environmentally safe and doesn't infiltrate water sources. While Milky Spore isn't the cheapest thing around, it does work and one application will work for a number of years (some tests have shown up to 15 years).



Beetle larvae (grub worm)
courtesy Wikipedia website

I don't think Milky Spore will deter beetles from flying into your garden from other places, but if you have problems with moles and voles you will get a side benefit: these creatures eat grubs and will leave your yard when they don't have a food source. Voles are harmful to roses--they eat the roots, which kills the bush. Phyllis McFadden can tell you some stories about voles! Don't leave dead beetle bodies on the ground. The eggs can transfer into the soil as the beetle decays. Don't smash the beetles. Remember those pheromones? Squashing releases them, and you'll invite more guests to the party. Keep a jar of soapy water handy and knock them into it; they will eventually drown. I remember that my grandfather kept a ½ gallon Mason jar in the rose bed with about 3" of kerosene in it just for the beetles. He'd leave it in the bed, full of dead beetles that he'd dropped in the jar. I think I'd steer clear of the roses, too, if I saw my friends drowned in kerosene!

This is our last newsletter until September. Please remember that the Huntington Rose Society's show will be on Sunday, September 5. That's Labor Day weekend and I'm certain that the Huntington Mall will have lots of stores with sales going on. Take the time to cut some roses for their show and support their efforts. Their Society is smaller than ours, so I'm sure they'd appreciate your participation.

SHOW RESULTS

The winners' list from the June 6 Charleston Rose Society show appears below. Congratulations to all of our winners!

| "Roses Here Under the Rainbow" | | |
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| Sunday, June 6, 2010 | | |
| HORTICULTURE DIVISION | | |
| <u>Category</u> | <u>Rose(s)</u> | <u>Winner(s)</u> |
| Queen of Show | Parole | Lynda & Steven Grass |
| King of Show | Desperado | Lynda & Steven Grass |
| Princess of Show | Dublin | Lynda & Steven Grass |
| Prince of Show | Randy Scott | Phyllis McFadden |
| White Rose | Moonstone | Lynda & Steven Grass |
| Yellow Rose | Marilyn Monroe | John & Diana Fleek |
| Pink Rose | Gemini | Lynda & Steven Grass |
| Red Rose--NO ENTRY; 2nd Runnerup | Hot Princess | Phyllis McFadden |
| Orange, Orange-Red, or Orange-Pink Rose | Snuffy | Phyllis McFadden |
| Single Rose | Snow Cream | Gary & Monica Rankin |
| Floribunda | Sunsilk | Lynda & Steven Grass |
| Fully-Open Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora | Helen Naudé | Phyllis McFadden |
| Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora Spray | Reba McEntire | Phyllis McFadden |
| Floribunda Spray | Eyepaint | John & Diana Fleek |
| Polyantha Spray | The Fairy | Gary & Monica Rankin |
| Old Garden--Dowager Queen | Rosa Rugosa | Dick Hanlon |
| Old Garden Rose--Victorian | Nastarana | John & Diana Fleek |
| Climbing Rose | American Pillar | Dick Hanlon |
| Classic Shrub; NO ENTRY; 4th Runnerup | Green Ice | John & Diana Fleek |
| Modern Shrub Rose | Golden Wings | Gary & Monica Rankin |
| Three Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora Roses | Desperado, Falling in Love, & Moonstone | Lynda & Steven Grass |
| Two Red or Red-Blend Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora Roses | Special Merit | Phyllis McFadden |
| Cycle of Bloom | Cajun Sunrise | Lynda & Steven Grass |
| English-Style Box | Signature (3), Lynn Anderson, Secret, & Keepsake | Phyllis McFadden |
| Floating Rose | Keepsake | Phyllis McFadden |
| Rose in a Frame | Ida | Phyllis McFadden |
| Floating Old Garden Rose | Rosa Rugosa | Dick Hanlon |
| Artist's Palette | Stryker, Lynn Anderson, Gemini, Marilyn Monroe, & St. Patrick | Phyllis McFadden |
| Hi-Lo Combination | Dublin & Dr. Troy Garret | Lynda & Steven Grass |
| Judges' Class | Sexy Remy | Tom Wood |
| Club Rose | Veterans' Honor | Phyllis McFadden |
| Large Rose Novice; NO ENTRY; 5th Runnerup | St. Patrick | Phyllis McFadden |
| Small Gardener--NO ENTRY--3rd Runnerup | Miss Elvis | Phyllis McFadden |
| Fragrant Rose | Rose de Rescht | Gary & Monica Rankin |
| Large Rose Sweepstakes | | Phyllis McFadden |



"Roses Here Under the Rainbow"

Sunday, June 6, 2010

HORTICULTURE DIVISION

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| Miniature Queen of Show | Dancing Flame | Lynda & Steven Grass |
| Miniature King of Show | Nancy Jean | Lynda & Steven Grass |
| Miniature Princess of Show | Ty | Lynda & Steven Grass |
| Miniature Prince of Show | Glowing Amber | Lynda & Steven Grass |
| Miniature Duchess of Show | Irresistible | John & Diana Fleek |
| Miniflora Queen of Show | Equinox | Lynda & Steven Grass |
| Miniflora King of Show | Solar Flair | Lynda & Steven Grass |
| Miniflora Princess of Show | Double Take | Lynda & Steven Grass |
| Miniflora Prince of Show | Dr. John Dickman | Lynda & Steven Grass |
| Miniflora Duchess of Show | First Choice | Lynda & Steven Grass |
| Mini/Miniflora Single Rose | Grace Seward | Gary & Monica Rankin |
| Mini/Miniflora Fully-Open Rose | Black Jade | Lynda & Steven Grass |
| Mini/Miniflora Spray | Caledonia | Lynda & Steven Grass |
| Three Mini/Miniflora Roses (same variety) | Dancing Flame | Lynda & Steven Grass |
| Three Mini/Miniflora Roses (different varieties) | Arcanum, Miss Flippins, & X-Rated | John & Diana Fleek |
| Two Mini/Miniflora Sprays | My Valentine | Dick Hanlon |
| Miniature English Box | Baby Love | Dick Hanlon |
| Miniflora English Box | Regina Lee (4) and Cachet (2) | Lynda & Steven Grass |
| Mini/Miniflora Rose in a Frame | Arcanum | John & Diana Fleek |
| Mini/Miniflora Artist's Palette | Irresistible, Bee's Knees, Glowing Amber, Tabasco Cat, & Black Jade | Lynda & Steven Grass |
| Miniflora Floating Rose | Equinox | Lynda & Steven Grass |
| Miniature Floating Collection | Hot Tamale & Ruby Baby | Gary & Monica Rankin |
| Mini/Miniflora Cycle of Bloom | Baby Secret | Donna Smoot |
| Mini/Miniflora Bouquet | | Lynda & Steven Grass |
| Miniature Club Rose | Irresistible | Lynda & Steven Grass |
| Mini Novice--NO ENTRY--1st Runnerup | Floating Collection of Sweet Caroline (4) and Irresistible (1) | Lynda & Steven Grass |
| Mini/Miniflora Sweepstakes | | Lynda & Steven Grass |



DESIGN DIVISION

| <u>Category</u> | <u>Winner</u> |
|---|------------------|
| Class 1--Roses Here Under the Rainbow | Barbara Lantz |
| Class 2--Dreams That You Dare to Dream | Mary Lou Rader |
| Class 3--Someday I'll Wish Upon a Star | Mary Lou Hammock |
| Class 4--Troubles Melt Like Lemon Drops | Linda Boggess |
| Class 5--Rose Photography | Danny Craft |

