

Ramblin' Rose "Outtakes"



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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.



ROSE OF THE MONTH

Parole

Our Queen of the Show this year was Steven and Lynda Grass' beautiful rose *Parole*. It is a Kordes hybrid tea introduced in 2006. Kordes is a German breeder, and the German meaning for "parole" is "password". But since this is not a great name for marketing roses, all over England you can purchase this rose under the name of *Buxom Beauty*, and in South Africa it is sold as *Garden Queen*. However, to show and buy this rose in the US it is known as *Parole*. One of the reasons you will find this rose all over the world is because it has so much going for it. The very large, exhibition-form blooms are deep pink with a blush of purple. They grow solitary, one bloom per stem, and the fragrance on a scale of one to ten is an eleven.

I think you will be seeing *Parole* all over trophy tables everywhere. Its height is about 3 to 4 feet and the bloom has up to 50 petals, which means you can work with it and it will hold. But even if you don't show roses, get this rose to cut and bring in your house, it's better than Febreze®! I love and recommend this rose. You can purchase it from Palatine Roses for \$18.95, or ask Steve and Lynda what they think of *Parole*.



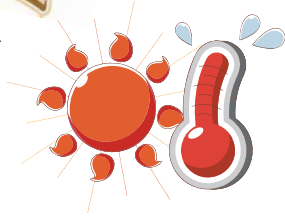
Donna Smoot



THINGS I DO NOT UNDERSTAND



September has arrived with no rain and high temperatures. The ground is very dry and the trees are beginning to turn colors. We probably have at least a few weeks before frost.



The year, I have to admit, has not been a good year for my roses. I did not spray after the Charleston rose show and did very little fertilizing or watering. The results of this “rose care” program were evident at the Huntington rose show. I did not have any roses to take to the show. Not a single bloom was worth cutting. This showed me that I need to do a better job in my roses next year.

I have decided to replace some of my long-time roses with new plants of the same variety. About 6-to-8 of my older roses are beginning to show signs of old age. The plants are not as healthy or blooming as well as in previous years. I have found replacements from various nurseries throughout the country. The replacements should revitalize the garden.

My new deer fence has worked to perfection. I may expand it next spring. The deer problem still exists in other parts of my yard. The deer herd seems to have grown to unmanageable size. Driving the road is hazardous to your car’s fenders. Deer apparently do not eat peony or marigold plants. Maybe a yard full of these plants would be better than roses!



Dick Hanlon



Ritter Park Rose Garden Voted One of the Top 10 AARS Gardens in America

(Monica Valentovic, from the “Thorny Bush”, the Huntington Rose Society’s newsletter)

This spring, the All-American Rose Selection (AARS) ran a contest for best rose gardens of America. The winners have been released and the Huntington Ritter Park Rose Garden was one of the top 10 finalists in America! This is a tremendous award and a tribute to Truman Watts, Ritter Park Garden Gardener, and the Huntington Parks and Recreation. Click on the following link to the list of winners: <http://www.rose.org/winners/>. Ritter Park beat some really big name gardens including Norfolk Botanical and the ARS Garden in Shreveport and some big gardens in Portland, Oregon. Just wanted everyone to know about Ritter Park being recognized as the gem it is in our community and the country. Thanks to everyone who voted!

SPIDER MITES

John Fleek



Spider mites occur during hot, dry spells such as we have had the first part of September. Above are recent pictures of one of the leaves of our *Harold's Pride* that was attacked by spider mites. They feed by sucking sap from leaves and can eventually defoliate the plant. The first sign will be a bronze coloration of the lowest foliage as the mites suck the sap (see left photo).

Small dots, usually white, can be seen on the underside of the leaves (see right photo). During severe infestations, you can see small webs on the underside of the leaves. It's probably a good idea to remove and destroy leaves that have already turned bronzy.



If you are having a problem with spider mites, the first line of defense is a water wand that emits a strong, fine spray of water to the underside of the leaves. This knocks the mites and the eggs off the leaves and since mites like hot, dry weather, the water will discourage them from coming back. This must be done three to four times a week to disrupt their quick reproductive cycle. Eggs will hatch in two to three days at 75°.

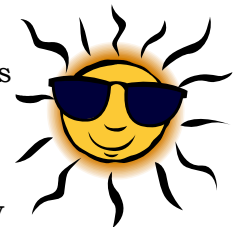
If this fails, you might try **Bayer "3-in-One"** that has an insecticide, fungicide, and miticide (don't confuse this with "All-in-One", also from Bayer). This product is only \$16-\$20 a bottle, but on closer examination, the bottle only makes about 6 gallons of spray, so it is extremely costly for large gardens. Green's Feed & Seed carries this product. Spectracide has a product called **Immunox Plus Insect and Disease Control**. It lists spider mite control on the label, but the label only lists active ingredients for a fungicide and insecticide. Spider mites are generally not controlled by insecticides, and, in fact, use of insecticides on a weekly basis will kill insects that feed on spider mites and make things worse from a mite-damage point of view.

Some miticides do not kill the eggs and must be sprayed at frequent intervals for a period of time to eliminate the mature and hatching mites. **Rosemania** carries a number of miticides to control both stages, but they all cost over \$100. If you could keep them from going bad they would last a lifetime, so they are only useful for those with large gardens.

THIS AND THAT

Lynda Grass

What a hot, humid, miserable summer we've had! When you go outside at 5:00 in the morning to get the newspaper and the humidity absolutely smacks you in the face, you know that the rest of the day is one that you want to stay inside for! Unfortunately for many, that's not a choice. Steve works outside all day (his office is the survey truck), so it's a matter of taking breaks to try to cool down, tank up with water or Gatorade, and in general try to make it through. Then he comes home and goes back out into the yard for some rose communication.



Watering the roses has been intermittent despite the heat. We've had rain in enough volume that there have been weeks that we haven't had to water. I think we had over

6" of rain in the month of August, and that came (strangely enough) on Wednesdays in the form of downpours or steady rains throughout the evening. It seemed that I was canning salsa every Wednesday during a rain storm. (Steve asked if I could continue that all summer so he wouldn't have to water the garden and roses!)

We had a good turnout for our August pot-luck at the church. It was fun to get together with everyone and talk about roses. Thanks to Phyllis for her hard work in organizing a great evening.

Nancy Jean



Huntington had its rose show on September 5 at the Mall in Barboursville. A small show, it was made brighter by the attendance of David and Susie Ackers of Ohio. They swept the top four Court positions, and took home many other awards. Steven felt lucky that his *Mohana*, a beautiful yellow hybrid tea new to our garden, was awarded the Best Yellow! We also were fortunate to bring home two more Queens of show with *Nancy Jean* and *Peter Cottontail*, mini and miniflora respectively. A complete winners' list is in this edition of *Outtakes*. Congratulations to Gary and Monica Rankin, John & Diana Fleek, and Archie & Linda Snedegar on their wins!



Mohana

The Colonial District fall show and meeting is the weekend of September 24, right after this newsletter is being published. We'll have news of the event at our meeting on the 28th; John & Diana, Donna Smoot, and Steven and I are going. We'll try to get the winners' list for the October newsletter, and it will also be on District website, so be on the lookout for it.

We're also going to go to Atlanta for the national rose show and convention the weekend of October 8. It has a catchy theme, "Great Roses in the South", or GRITS. (Sounds about right for Georgia, doesn't it?) The last national that we attended was the one in Washington, DC, in 2003 when the Colonial District hosted the event. Susan Clingenpeel is the Atlanta convention chairman, and we promised her long ago that we'd be sure to come. Donna is going with us, and John & Diana Fleek and Dick Hanlon are also going. I believe they will all be judging; Steve wants to exhibit minis. We'll see what we have and whether it's worth taking all the way to Atlanta.



We've done our last heavy pruning for the fall shows. After we come back from Atlanta, the roses will be allowed to grow and we'll start pulling petals instead of deadheading to signal them it's time to slow down and prepare for winter. This is also the time that we take a good look at the roses and decide which ones will stay or go. Steve always wants to add new bushes, and to do so, others have to be removed.

Two of our roses were infected with *rose rosette disease* in August. *Mavrik*, a pink hybrid tea, and *Miss Charleston*, a mauve miniature, both living in the back yard in different beds, sprouted a number of grotesque canes and were removed. You can cut out the infected areas, but the disease will eventually spread throughout the plant. It's just easier to go ahead and take it out of the bed and dispose of it (make sure you don't put it in a compost heap). We'll leave the two holes open for the winter and add

new dirt come spring. I don't think there's any information that says the disease transmits to the soil, but we've just always done this as a precaution.

Roses in Review is due to the ARS on September 26. Go to the ARS website and follow the directions in order to complete the report online. **If you are a Consulting Rosarian, this is a requirement.** If you don't have any of the roses that are on the list, just indicate that and you're done. And you don't have to be an ARS member in order to participate. They encourage anyone who grows the roses being reviewed to provide comments.

Remember--your roses need water. Until yesterday (September 16), we hadn't had any rain for about two weeks. We had 8/10" of rain in our rain gauges yesterday when I got home, and that was good, but it's still dry. Donna Smoot planted roses in her beds this week and said that it was a dry as could be 18-24" down into the soil. Don't forget to water your roses if we don't have any appreciable rain over the next weeks!

The Ugliest Rose Contest is part of our meeting this month. Cut the worst-looking specimen you can find and bring it to the meeting to be judged by your peers. You may have the honor of being presented the gorgeous trophy plate for the next year if you win!

Dick Hanlon will be talking to us about roses and weather, a project he's been working on all this rose season. And Mary Lou Hammock will be bringing some great food for us to snack on.

Bring a friend, and come out to the meeting on Tuesday!

HUNTINGTON SOCIETY SHOW RESULTS

The winners' list from the September 5 Huntington Rose Society show appears below. Congratulations to all of the winners!

LARGE ROSE CLASSES		
Class	Rose Name(s)	Name of Winner(s)
Queen	Moonstone	David & Lois Ackers
King	Uncle Joe	David & Lois Ackers
Princess	Stainless Steel	David & Lois Ackers
Prince	Touch of Class	David & Lois Ackers
White/White Blend	Randy Scott	David & Lois Ackers
Yellow/Yellow Blend	Mohana	Lynda & Steven Grass
Pink/Pink Blend	Louise Estes	David & Lois Ackers
Red/Red Blend	Veterans' Honor	Archie & Linda Snedegar
Orange/Orange Blend--NO ENTRY--1st Runnerup	Dublin	Archie & Linda Snedegar
Mauve/Mauve Blend--NO ENTRY--2nd Runnerup	Cajun Sunrise	David & Lois Ackers
Hybrid Tea/Grandiflora Spray--NO WINNER--6th Runnerup	Miniature Bouquet	Lynda & Steven Grass
Single Rose	Playboy	Lynda & Steven Grass

LARGE ROSE CLASSES (continued)		
Class	Rose Name(s)	Name of Winner(s)
Floribunda Spray	Lady of the Dawn	David & Lois Ackers
Floribunda	Pasadena Star	John & Diana Fleek
Fully-Open Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora	Hot Princess	David & Lois Ackers
Polyantha Spray	Lullaby	Gary & Monica Rankin
Large-Flowered Climber	Altissimo	Gary & Monica Rankin
Old Garden Rose--Dowager Queen	Souvenir de la Malmaison	Gary & Monica Rankin
Old Garden Rose--Victorian Award	Rose de Rescht	Gary & Monica Rankin
Shrub	Heritage	Cheryl Johnson
Cycle of Bloom	Stainless Steel	David & Lois Ackers
Collection of 1 Hybrid Tea, Grandiflora, & Floribunda	St. Patrick, Rejoice, & Kanagem	David & Lois Ackers
Collection of 3 Hybrid Teas (Different)	Dr. Bob Harvey, Moonstone, & Cajun Moon	David & Lois Ackers
Collection of 3 Hybrid Teas (Same)	Moonstone	David & Lois Ackers
English-style Box	Moonstone	David & Lois Ackers
Rose in a Frame	Dublin	Archie & Linda Snedegar
Floating Floribunda Collection	Harold's Pride	Gary & Monica Rankin
Floating Rose	Crystalline	David & Lois Ackers
Floating Collection--NO ENTRY--7th Runnerup	2nd Place Hi-Lo Entry of Pope John Paul II & Cachet	David & Lois Ackers
Hi-Lo Collection of 1 Hybrid Tea and 1 Miniature	Lynn Anderson & Foolish Pleasure	Gary & Monica Rankin
Club Rose	Gemini	David & Lois Ackers
Large Rose Bouquet	NA	David & Lois Ackers
Fragrant Rose	Double Delight	Archie & Linda Snedegar
Hi-Lo Roses in a Frame	Mohana & Top Contender	Lynda & Steven Grass
Small Gardener--NO ENTRY--3rd Runnerup	Pop Warner	David & Lois Ackers
Judges' Challenge	Moonstone	Dr. Jim & Mrs. Anne Hering
Large Rose Novice--NO WINNER--8th Runnerup	Foolish Pleasure	Gary & Monica Rankin
Miniature Rose Novice--NO ENTRY--5th Runnerup	Dr. Troy Garret	John & Diana Fleek
Large Rose Sweepstakes	NA	David & Lois Ackers
MINI/MINIFLORA CLASSES		
Class	Rose Name(s)	Name of Winner(s)
Mini Queen	Nancy Jean	Lynda & Steven Grass
Mini King	Eternal Flame	Lynda & Steven Grass
Mini Princess	Bee's Knees	John & Diana Fleek
Mini Prince	Peter Alonso	Richard Anthony & Kristine Vance
Mini Duchess	Renegade	Richard Anthony & Kristine Vance
Miniflora Queen	Peter Cottontail	Lynda & Steven Grass
Miniflora King	Whirlaway	Gary & Monica Rankin
Miniflora Princess	Butter Cream	Richard Anthony & Kristine Vance
Miniflora Prince	Daddy Frank	Gary & Monica Rankin
Miniflora Duchess	Dr. Troy Garret	John & Diana Fleek

MINI/MINIFLORA CLASSES (continued)		
Class	Rose Name(s)	Name of Winner(s)
Single Mini/Miniflora	Simple Pleasures	Gary & Monica Rankin
Mini/Miniflora Spray	Joy	Richard Anthony & Kristine Vance
Fully-Open Mini/Miniflora	Gail	John & Diana Fleek
Mini/Miniflora English-style Box (same variety)	Bee's Knees	Richard Anthony & Kristine Vance
Mini/Miniflora English-style Box (different varieties)	Erin Alonso, Joy, & Bee's Knees	Richard Anthony & Kristine Vance
Mini/Miniflora Painter's Palette	Bee's Knees, Soroptimist International, Eternal Flame, Edisto, & Ricky Hendrick	Lynda & Steven Grass
Mini/Miniflora Floating Rose	Abby's Angel	Richard Anthony & Kristine Vance
Mini/Miniflora Floating Collection	Bee's Knees	Richard Anthony & Kristine Vance
Collection of 3 Mini/Miniflora Roses (different varieties)	Sweet Caroline, Irresistible, & Dixieland	Lynda & Steven Grass
Collection of 3 Mini/Miniflora Roses (same variety)	Joy	Richard Anthony & Kristine Vance
Mini/Miniflora Bouquet	NA	John & Diana Fleek
Mini Club Rose--NO ENTRY--4th Runnerup	Cooper	Gary & Monica Rankin
Mini Sweepstakes	NA	Richard Anthony & Kristine Vance