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## **Dates to Remember**

**July 20, 2010** Monthly meeting will take place between 7-8:30 PM at the **RITTER PARK ROSE GARDEN**. The program entitled **Rose Photography Workshop** will be given by Dr. Beverly Delidow. Beverly will provide a short instruction and then the evening will be a "camera" experience in the **Ritter Park Rose Garden**. Bring your camera and have some fun. Tell your friends as this will be something different. The society will provide light refreshments.

**August 20-22, 2010** The National All Miniature Rose Show and Conference will take place in Milwaukee, WI. Diane Sommers can be contacted for more information at 262-781-7989. Registration information is on the ARS.ORG website. Her Email address is [dianesommers@wi.rr.com](mailto:dianesommers@wi.rr.com).

**September 5, 2010** The Huntington Rose Society Rose Show will be held on Sunday, September 5, 2010 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 24-26, 2010** The Colonial District Fall Meeting and Rose Show will be held at the Airport Hilton in Norfolk, Virginia. The registration form and hotel information are included in this newsletter.

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## **⇔REMINDER⇔**

This issue of the **Thorny Bush** will be for the months of July and August. There will be **no newsletter in August**. Save this newsletter for directions to the August picnic.

**President's Message**  
**Beverly Delidow**

Hello to all on a warm summer night. We are in a wonderful time of year. The heat seems to bring out the color in the roses. The long days mean that you can enjoy being out until well into the evening. It's a perfect time of year to enjoy the view, to take a stroll, to get out into the garden. And to get out with the camera. Evening and morning light are softer than the direct sun of midday. Roses can catch that light, reflecting and amplifying it in their perfect ways.

It is one of my favorite things to be out with my camera in the garden, along the road, or in the woods. I photograph flowers and insects and foliage using several kinds of equipment and always enjoy the experience. It is a happy night for me if I can come back from walking my dogs with a few new images that capture moments of unselfconscious beauty emblematic of a rose, or a feeding butterfly.

Our meeting this month follows that theme. We will meet in the Room with a View at the lovely Ritter Park Rose Garden at 7 pm, on Tuesday, July 20 for a workshop on photography in the garden. After a brief presentation, we will head out to the garden to catch some of that sweet evening light in images. Roses are such beautiful subjects – bring your camera and be ready to get up close and personal with our favorite flower!

Looking forward to sharing one of my favorite pastimes with everyone—

Beverly

**OFFICERS FOR 2010**

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**ROSE SHOW SETUP**  
**WE NEED YOU!!**

We will start to set up for the rose show beginning at 9 PM on Saturday, September 4th. 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:** Bill Dolen

**Judges Hospitality:** Cheryl Johnson

**Mall Liaisons:** Archie and Linda Snedegar

**Photography:** Beverly Delidow

**Properties:** Truman Watts

**Rose Show Schedule:** Lynda Grass

**Tally:** Bob and Nancy Garvin

**Trophy Table Set up:** Beverly Delidow and Truman Watts

**Trophy Lettering:** Linda Snedegar

**Trophy Placement:** Anna Faye Ray

**Winners List:** Lynda Grass

**Clerks:** Bill Dolen, Earl Massie, Dick Hanlon, Cheryl Johnson, Rudy Wang and ??

**We are especially fortunate to again have John Marra from WSAZ TV present the trophies to all the winners!!!**

## **COLONIAL DISTRICT FALL SHOW AND MEETING**

The Colonial District will hold its Fall Show and District meeting September 24-26<sup>th</sup> in Norfolk, VA. The Tidewater Rose Society is hosting the meeting. **A Registration form is included in our newsletter.** The deadline for registration has not yet been announced. However, the hotel registration needs be completed by August 24<sup>th</sup>.

## **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 85<sup>th</sup> 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 do not need be a member of the ARS to participate in RIR**, as there is an effort being made 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/February 2011 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 should remember that you are required to participate in RIR as one of your CR 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. We will have copies of the RIR forms at the July meeting. 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. Pink Promise or Tabasco Cat) and class (HT, Miniature, resp), 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 handwritten forms are complete, they should be mailed to the Colonial District RIR Coordinator: **Diana Klassy 21693 Saratoga Drive Lexington Park, MD 20653. All RIR forms must be submitted by September 26, 2010.**

The second way that you can complete the RIR process is on-line. The ARS web site ([www.ars.org](http://www.ars.org)) has 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. **All RIR forms must be submitted online by September 26, 2010.** Once you submit your ratings to the ARS, they

will automatically be forwarded to the District RIR Coordinators. 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. As of today, the Pacific Northwest District has the most responses.

📌 **THANK YOU TO OUR 2010 ROSE PATRONS!!** 📌

The Society would like to express a deep and sincere **thank you** to our members who have become Rose Patrons of our Society. These individuals have donated at the following levels in order to help defray the costs of the rose show and education materials. If your name is missing or the level is in error please contact me (Monica).

**Queen Level**

**Gary Rankin and Monica Valentovic  
Truman Watts**

**Princess Level**

**John and Diana Fleek  
Bob Hogsett  
Phyllis McFadden**

**Prince Level**

**George and Arlene Andrick  
Ron and Kathryn Davidson  
Kitty Hage  
Dick Hanlon  
Charles and Kathryn Moore  
Bill and Linda Owens  
John David Powell  
Mrs. Tomkies  
Richard Anthony & Kristine Vance**

**THANK YOU TO OUR 2010  
YEARBOOK SPONSORS!!**

The society would like to thank all of the local businesses who advertise in our Yearbook and help support our Society. Although this has been a tough economic year for some of our sponsors, we have been fortunate to have their support! Please support these businesses who advertise with us. We would like to thank the following sponsors for their ads in the 2010 Yearbook:

- B & E Menswear**
- Blatt's Greenhouse**
- Designs by DJ**
- Hatcher's Nursery**
- Hearth & Patio**
- Lavalette Nursery**
- Little Victories Rescue Group**
- Romeo's Pizza**
- Spurlock's Flowers**
- Star USA Federal Credit Union**
- Tenampa Restaurants**
- Tri-State Eyecare**
- Union Missionary Baptist Church**

**Annual Huntington Rose Society  
Picnic**

The annual potluck picnic for the Huntington Rose Society will be held at the home of Archie and Linda Snedegar on **Tuesday, August 17th** beginning at **6:30 PM**. Directions to the Snedegar home are given at the end of this article. The Society will provide meat, pop, plates, napkins and eating utensils. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish (vegetable, salad or dessert) to add to the meal.

Everyone in the Society is invited to attend the picnic and to bring guests. The picnic is always an enjoyable

evening filled with good food, lots of friendly folks and a little conversation about roses. Archie and Linda have a beautiful rose garden that has been the site of many weddings and has been featured in a number of newspaper and magazine articles. So please come out and enjoy the evening.

PLEASE NOTE: Gary and I can provide a ride to Archie and Linda for anyone that does not want to drive. Just call us (304-697-0321).

- Directions to August Picnic**
- Take I-64 East or West to the Nitro Exit (Exit 45)**
  - Turn right, go about 3 miles to Poca, WV**  
You will pass Rock Branch Community Bank, A Car Wash,  
You will have 2 stop lights. Continue straight  
You will come into the town of Poca and will see the Fire Department  
Gino's Pizza will be on the Right  
When you pass Gino's the second street on the Right is Silver Street. It is directly across from the Poca Baptist Church
  - Turn onto Silver Street, go pass the Methodist Church and several houses. The street curves to the right.**
  - Go 300 yards to a subdivision (right side of road) called Silver Valley Estates.**
  - Turn into subdivision and turn right onto the first street which is Corey Drive.**
  - Archie and Linda are the 11<sup>TH</sup> House on the right.**

**Address: 12 COREY DRIVE.**

**Home Phone: 304-755-9486**

**Parking: We can Park 4 cars in our driveway. You can only park on one side of the street. Try the front of the house first.**

**ALTERNATE PARKING: as you come down Silver Street you will pass the Methodist Church and two houses, you will see Cruthers Lane, turn there go to Muggings Lane this will put you behind the rose garden you can park along the fence or the yard directly across from the rose garden.**



**The Thorny Bush  
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# Colonial District Fall Meeting/Rose Show “The Seduction of the Rose”

Hosted by the  
Tidewater Rose Society  
September 24-26, 2010

## Registration Form

Full Registration includes Friday night event with heavy Hors d'oeuvres, Saturday seminars, Saturday Night Banquet and Sunday business meeting.

Full Registration Fee \$95.00

Partial Registration includes Saturday seminars, Saturday Night Banquet and Sunday business meeting.

Partial Registration \$65.00

Hotel reservations are made directly thru the Norfolk Airport Hilton  
1500 North Military Highway Norfolk, Va. 23502 Phone 757-466-8000  
Mention the Rose Show to receive a reduced rate of \$98.00 per night. Please make reservations  
30 days in advance for the guaranteed rates.

Names of Attendees \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

## Dinner Choices

Pan Seared Salmon \_\_\_\_\_ Roast Sirloin of Beef \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate your choice by marking the appropriate line and number of people per selection.

Send all registration forms to Eveline Price Treasurer of Tidewater Rose Society at 1972 Edgewood Ave. Norfolk, Va. 23503. Please make checks payable to TRS.

Our silent auction will feature many items that will make great Christmas Gifts and we welcome any and all donations from our fellow Rosey Friends.

Please come out and enjoy a great weekend of fun and fellowship with your fellow rose enthusiast.