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Dates to Remember

DUE TO OUR WINTRY WEATHER AND ICY NIGHT ROADS THERE WILL BE NO FEBRUARY MEETING!

February 20, 2011 Consulting Rosarian School and Recertification Franklin, TN contact Dave Brickman 43-344-1545, djbrickman@comcast.net for information.

March 15, 2011 The first meeting of the Huntington Rose Society will be held on **Tuesday, March 15, 2011 starting at 7:30 pm** at the Central Christian Church, 1202 Fifth Avenue. Archie and Linda Snedegar will present a program on "Friends and Roses". They have been working very hard on this program and I hope we have a great turnout.

March 25-26, 2011 The Pre-spring meeting of the Colonial District will be held at the Christ Lutheran Church in Staunton, VA. A block of rooms have been held at the Best Western. **A Consulting Rosarian Recertification will occur at this meeting.** Details can be found in this issue as well as a registration form.

June 2-6, 2011 The Spring National ARS Conference will be held in Winston-Salem, NC. For more details contact Steve Lawson at 318-965-4153 or via e-mail at slawson001@triad.rr.com.

June 11, 2011 Huntington Rose Society Rose Show will be held on

Saturday, June 11, 2011 at the Central Christian Church, Huntington, WV. Set up will be held on Friday evening. 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.

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President's Message

Bill Dolen

Well 2011 is here. The weather has been much colder this winter than the last several years. I went up in the garden about two weeks ago and found Cal Poly a mini rose in a pot I had somehow missed and had left out without winter protection

I brought it in the garage thinking it was probably dead. What a surprise! It is trying to bud out and seems to be fine. Past years I have lost this same plant a couple years in a row.

As we start this new year I would like to thank Beverly Delidow for her hard work as president last year and Gary and Monica who have given so much of their time and energy over the years. We are blessed to have people like these people as members and leaders.

Since the weather has been so bad we will have our first meeting in March. I hope to see everyone there.

Bill Dolen.

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Colonial District Pre-Spring Meeting

The Colonial District Pre-Spring meeting will be held on Friday and Saturday, March 25-26, 2011 at Christ Lutheran Church in Staunton, VA. Rooms have been blocked off at the Best Western in Staunton, VA for a rate of \$59.95. The details of the speakers and topics are still being finalized, but Friday evening there will be heavy hors d'oeuvres and a program. The Saturday meeting will include a **Consulting Rosarian Recertification**. Many CRs in our

Colonial District need to be recertified and this is a great opportunity to get recertified. The CR recertification program will be part of the Saturday talks so it will be easy to recertify. After Saturday's talks, the District will have its business meeting and the evening conclude with a dinner. Friday night appetizers, Saturday lunch and dinner along with the meeting is covered by the \$50 registration fee. Charles Shaner's wife Barbara is an amazing person and she is preparing all the meals to reduce the District costs. We sure hope you can make it to the District meeting. The registration form is included in our newsletter.

Registration using the enclosed form should be sent by **March 15, 2011** and mailed to **George Wilson**, 2433 Hemlock Street, Norfolk, VA 23513. For more information, you can contact District Director John Fleek (304-776-4048; fleek@suddenlink.net) or Charles Shaner (540-294-2875; clshaner@mindspring.com).

Renew Your Membership in the Huntington Rose Society!!!

It is time to renew your 2011 membership. It is \$8 for a single and \$12 for a family membership. Please send your dues to: Gary Rankin, Treasurer, 109 Cedar Court, Lavalette, WV 25535.

The annual membership fee provides a discount on orders of Mills Magic Mix and 9 newsletters. The newsletter is filled with seasonal information to get the maximum enjoyment out of your roses. The discount on Mills Magic Mix is almost 50% off the list price. This means you almost save the cost of a family membership with the purchase of just one bag. **So please consider renewing your membership today!!**

The Society is also seeking additional donors that are signified as Queen, King, Princess and Prince levels. Donations at the Prince (\leq \$25); Princess (\$26-50), King (\$51-99) and Queen (\$100 or more) levels help to defray the yearly costs incurred by the Society. A membership application is included at the end of this newsletter. Remember that our rose society is a 501 C-3 non-profit organization and any donations are tax deductible.

NEW MEMBERS

One of the goals of our society this year is to increase our membership. If you have a friend or relative or neighbor who has shown some interest in roses, then consider bringing them to one of our meetings. Better yet, give them a membership to our society. Anyone who joins will get a 4 month trial ARS membership free. This is a fun society and is the only society that promotes roses in the Huntington Tri-State area.

Also if you are not a member of the American Rose Society, now is the time to join. A full membership is \$49 (\$46 if 65+) and includes the bimonthly meeting and discounts to many gardens. A new full membership will include a free rose from Witherspoon Roses in NC. You can contact the American Rose Society at their website ww.ars.org or by calling 318-938-5402.

Orders for Mills Magic Mix

Orders for Mills Magic Mix and Mills Easy Feed will be taken until **March 1** by phone and email. Please call Gary or Monica (697-0321) if you are interested in ordering **Mills Magic Mix by March 1**. You can send your order to Valentov@marshall.edu or Rankin@marshall.edu.

If you are not familiar with this product, it is an excellent organic fertilizer. The components of Mills Magic Mix include alfalfa meal, bone meal, fish meal, sewer sludge and cottonseed meal. One 20-pound bag will feed 30 large roses or 60 miniatures. It is best to feed your roses Mills Magic Mix in the Spring and feeding a half-dose in mid-July. Feeding two times adds organic matter to the soil and provides a slow, non-burning feeding of your roses. Mills Magic Mix when applied in the Spring helps increase microbial activity in the soil. Each bag will cost **\$16.35** if we can get an order of 50 bags. We will once again combine our order with the Charleston Rose Society in order to get 50 bags. This is a **big** savings from the normal retail price of over **\$26** for one 20# bag. You are almost getting it at half-price by ordering through the society!!

We also will take orders for Mills Easy Feed liquid. This is a complete formula that can be used to fertilize your roses and contains magnesium and fish emulsion components. The cost of Mills Easy Feed is \$12.60 for 1/2 gallon (feeds 128 roses at a level of 1 TBSP/gallon water) and for a gallon \$23.00. **These are the same prices for the EASY FEED LIQUID as last year!**

Other products that are also available include: fish emulsion (1 gal, \$11.85); Fish and seaweed (1 gal, \$21.75); liquid seaweed (1 gal \$21.45); alfalfa meal, 50#, \$25.20; blood meal 50# \$44.00 worm castings 20# bag \$10.45, 40# 19.40. Beatty Fertilizer Company is once again selling Bloomkote. Bloomkote is a 16-18-14 time release fertilizer formulated to specifically feed roses for four (4) months. A 20# tub is \$38.50 (1 cup/rose, feeds 35 roses).

**The 2011 Roses In Review
Competition!**

by Diana Klassy

District RIR Coordinator

Thank you to everyone who took part in Roses in Review in 2010. I found last years statistics very interesting. Even though there were less reporters than 2009 (52, down by 17), they reviewed more varieties (135, up by 25) for a total of far more reports (373, up by 52)! Of the varieties reported on, 34 were hybrid teas, 34 minifloras, and only 15 miniature varieties. The remaining varieties were floribundas, shrubs, climbers, etc.

Even though 2010's reporters did such a great job, I would like to see a large increase in the number participants in 2011's Roses in Review. In order to accomplish this goal, everyone needs to get started NOW! Since the RIR list consists of those roses that are in their second, third, and fourth years in commerce, the first step is acquire a few of the newer varieties. Check out Edmund's Roses, Rosemania, and other rose retailers to see what's new this year. If you lack space in your garden, some varieties will grow well in containers.

The next step is to observe these roses as they grow. Are they disease resistance, are they generous with blooms, fragrant, or have any other note worthy characteristics?

The final step is to share your experiences with these new varieties through Roses in Review reporting. The reporting can be completed online at ars.org or with the paper form in the July/August American Rose magazine. The deadline for the reporting is always September 26th of each year.

This year, I would like to have some friendly RIR competition between

societies. In the district we currently have 16 local societies. At the pre-spring meeting, I plan to pair off societies for the challenge of which society can have the greatest percentage of members send RIR reports. (You don't have to be an ARS member to participate in RIR.) The winning society, in addition to bragging rights, will have an ice cream party financed by the losing society, not to exceed \$25. To assist in winning this award, I recommend that societies set aside part of the August meeting as time to instruct and encourage members in completing these reports. If your society wants to pick a certain society to challenge, let me know your preference. (diana_n_roses@netzero.com)

Keep in mind that the purpose of Roses in Review is to help rose growers, especially new growers, to pick roses that are likely to do well for them. The averaged garden ratings from these reviews are published annually in the ARS Handbook for Selecting Roses. So buy a new rose variety this year and participate in 2011 Roses in Review!

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2011 Rose Patrons

Our Society would like to acknowledge our members who have donated for 2011 along with renewing their membership! If your name is missing please contact Monica.

Queen Level

**Gary Rankin and Monica Valentovic
Truman Watts (Super Queen)**

Princess Level

**Mollie Clingenpeel
Phyllis McFadden**

Prince Level
 Ron and Kathryn Davidson
 John and Diana Fleek
 Earl Massie
 John David Powell
THANK YOU!!!!
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 Design's by DJ
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 Lavalette Nursery
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**THANK YOU TO OUR 2010
 YEARBOOK SPONSORS!!**

The society would like to thank all of the local businesses who advertise in our Yearbook last year and hopefully will continue in 2011! Please support these businesses who advertise with us. **We would like to thank the following sponsors who paid for their ads in the 2010 Yearbook:**

2011 MEMBERSHIP IN THE HUNTINGTON ROSE SOCIETY

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| <p>Make checks payable to Huntington Rose Society and mail to: CHECK ONE</p> | |
| <p>_____ SINGLE \$8</p> | <p>Gary Rankin, Treasurer 109 Cedar Court, Lavalette, WV 25535.</p> |
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| <p>Additional Contribution: \$ _____</p> | |
| <p>Levels - Prince (\$10-25); Princess (\$26-50); King (\$51-99); Queen (\$100 or more)</p> | |
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Colonial District Pre-Spring Meeting

“Rosy Inspirations”

Christ Lutheran Church, Staunton, VA

March 25 – 26, 2011

Come and enjoy a fun-filled weekend sharing information on rose culture. Activities include a Consulting Rosarian recertification seminar.

Name(s): _____
Address: _____
Home Society: _____

| | <u>Cost</u> | <u>#</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--|-------------|----------|--------------|
| <u>Two-day Registration (includes all activities & Meals)</u> | \$50 | — | \$ _____ |
| <u>Two-day Registration & 2 meals (includes choice below)</u> | \$37 | — | \$ _____ |
| Friday night heavy hors d'oeuvres & Saturday lunch or Saturday lunch and Saturday banquet | | — | — |
| <u>Saturday only with lunch only</u> | \$15 | — | \$ _____ |
| <u>Saturday only with lunch and banquet</u> | \$30 | — | \$ _____ |

All meals will be prepared by Barbara Shaner and served at the church. Friday evening will include an organ concert and heavy hors d'oeuvres. Saturday will be breakfast on your own, lunch will be catered (baked potato and salad). Saturday night banquet will be a buffet meal catered by Barbara at the church.

TOTAL ENCLOSED WITH THIS REGISTRATION FORM \$ _____

CR Seminar on Saturday

To register please contact Ray Shipley at navybng@atlanticbb.net or at 301-729-8271

Additional information contacts

John Fleek at 304-776-4048 or fleek@suddenlink.net

Charles Shaner at 450-294-2875 or clshaner@yahoo.com (if no answer please leave message for return call)

Registration checks should be made payable to the *Colonial District Pre-Spring Meeting* and mailed to George Wilson at 2433 Hemlock Street, Norfolk, VA 23515 **NO LATER THAN March 15, 2011.**

Motel Information

Contact the Staunton Inn Best Western (I-81 exit 222) at 540-885-1112. Rooms have been blocked off and are \$59.95 (includes continental breakfast). Restaurants close by include Mrs. Rowe's, Texas Steak House, Cracker Barrel and Shoney's.

If you wish other accommodations I would suggest Hampton Inn 540-886-7000 or Holiday Inn 540-248-6020.

2011 PRE-SPRING MEETING AGENDA

ROSY INSPIRATIONS

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

All events are at the Christ Lutheran Church unless otherwise noted.

Friday Agenda

- 3:30 pm Registration opens
- 6:00 pm Social Time with hors-d'oeuvres
- 7:00 pm Speaker/entertainment

Saturday Agenda

Continental breakfast at motel (included in room fee)

- 8:00 am Registration table opens
- 8:30 am Welcoming announcements in community room
- 9:00-12:00 Speakers
- 12:00 pm Lunch catered by Barbara Shaner
- 1:30-4:00 pm Speakers
- 4:00 pm Business meeting
- 5:00 pm Silent Auction winners announced
- 7:00 pm Dinner, awards, raffle
- 9:30 pm Social time at District Director's hospitality room at the Best Western

Consulting Rosarians Seminar

For those needing to renew their CR credits, Ray Shipley will hold a seminar. The classes will take place from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm and from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm.

Directions from Best Western to Christ Lutheran Church

Take I-81N 2.8 miles to Exit 225. Exit the interstate and turn left on SR275W (Woodrow Wilson Parkway) and go 1.6 miles. Turn left on US11/Commerce road for 0.5 miles. Keep right on US11 Business (North Augusta St) for 0.9 miles. Arrive at Church.

Notes

Some of the time allotted to speakers may be group discussion sessions. Please refresh yourself on your spring rose gardening in case you are asked to discuss it. Also, if you have new gardening items, sprays, fertilizers, tools, etc. bring them for show-and-tell.

Postcard from the Garden

by Beverly Delidow

This is Souvenir de la Malmaison (1843, Béluzé); the blooms in the photo won the Dowager Queen trophy several years ago (Gary Rankin and Monica Valentovic), or Queen of Old Garden Roses. Old Garden Roses are those introduced before 1867, many of which have a fascinating history. Souvenir de la Malmaison is a Bourbon rose, so named for the island where the first Bourbons originated. Ile Bourbon is an island in the Indian Ocean off of Madagascar, now called Reunion Island. The French colonial landowners in the early 1800s set off their properties with large hedges of roses, alternating the native China roses with a Damask Perpetual. A hybrid arose that caught the fancy of the landowner and avid gardeners in France. Both seeds and cuttings of this original plant were brought to France and bred. The descendants of these roses are the Bourbons. Souvenir de la Malmaison is a beautiful pale pink rose with a lovely scent. The name means remembrance of Malmaison, named for the gardens of the Empress Josephine (Bonaparte) at Chateau de Malmaison. Josephine was a devoted gardener and grew more than two hundred varieties of roses, among thousands of other plants. Souvenir de la Malmaison was named for her dedication and, though it was bred some years after her death, it is grown at the Chateau today.



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