



# SKYSCRAPERS & ROSES

Newsletter of the Manhattan Rose Society  
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'Knock Out' by Maria Cecelia Freeman

## The Manhattan Rose Society Proudly Presents:

**Gaye Hammond**

**"Companion Planting with Roses"**

**Saturday, April 28th, 2018, 9:30am to 12:00 p.m.**

**@ The Queens Botanical Garden**

**43-50 Main Street, Flushing, Queens, NY, 11355**

**(Bagels and Coffee Served)**



'Golden Showers' companion planted against a backdrop of blue New England Asters.  
*Photo Courtesy of the Editor*

Be they large or small, when it comes to gardens, knowing what types of plants can live in harmony with roses can sometimes be a challenge. A lot of things get considered when we mix plant material in the landscape such as water and sunlight needs, plant height, bloom season, manageability, susceptibility to disease/pests, etc. are all factors that can make or break a landscape's curb appeal. Gaye Hammond, Past President of the Houston Rose Society, will present our April program that focuses on companion plants that co-exist well with roses and share tips on staging those plants in the landscape.

**Our meetings are open to the public, so invite those who you think might be interested.**

**Qualifies for 1 CR Credit!**

## About Our Presenter



Gaye Hammond, Past President of the Houston Rose Society, has served on the Board of Directors of that organization since 1999. She is a life member and patron of American Rose Society, a Consulting Rosarian, and has been awarded the ARS Bronze Honor Medal for Outstanding Service.

Since 2002, Gaye has been the study liaison between the Houston Rose Society and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension in connection with the Earth-Kind Rose Research Program, which is perhaps the largest scientific environmental research study on roses ever conducted. In addition, Gaye serves as a Director with the American Rose Trials for Sustainability - a regional testing program for modern roses.

Young or old, teaching others about growing roses is Gaye's passion. Not only has she lectured throughout the United States and Europe, she is also an avid writer and her articles have been published in local, state, national and international magazines and newspapers.



A bouquet of Gaye Hammond Shrub Roses, named after the presenter.

## **Directions to the Queens Botanical Garden**

**By Public Transportation** – *It is highly recommended that you take mass transit as parking in Flushing is scarce.*

- Take the No. 7 Train to the Main Street Station (Last Stop in Queens). Then, walk South down Main Street towards the Botanical Gardens. It is an approximately 8 -block walk to the Gardens; if you find this difficult, you can take the Q20A/Q20B bus towards Jamaica and ask the driver to let you off at the Gardens. Please check MTA.info for any Planned Weekend Service Changes.

**By Car** – *Limited parking is available at the entrance on Crommelin Street accessible only from Blossom Avenue, off Main Street.*

- *From Manhattan and Brooklyn* – Take the I495/Long Island Expressway East to Main Street. Make a left onto Main Street and proceed up Main Street to the gardens.
- *From Eastern Queens and Long Island* – Take the I495/Long Island Expressway West to Main Street. Make a right onto Main Street and proceed up Main Street to the gardens.
- *From Upstate and the Bronx* – Take the Whitestone Bridge to the Van Wyck Expressway and exit at NY 25A/Northern Blvd. Proceed eastbound on Northern Blvd. to Main Street and make a right. Proceed up Main Street to the gardens.



*All Meetings of the MRS at The Queens Botanical Garden are held in the Meeting Room of the Visitor and Administration Building.*

## **2018 Schedule of Events – SAVE THE DATES!!**

<b>Manhattan Rose Society Events</b>		
<p><b>Saturday, June 30, 2018 – NOTICE – DATE CHANGE FROM LAST PUBLICATION</b>  <b>9:30am-12:30pm</b>            Ann &amp; Joe Gibson,            How to Grow Great Roses,            Queens Botanical Garden,            43-50 Main St., Flushing, NY,            11355. Bagels and Coffee Will Be Served.</p>	<p><b>August 2018</b> – Date and Program TBA</p>	<p><b>October 2018</b> – Annual Dinner Meeting – Date and Program TBA</p>
<p><b>Saturday, December 8, 2018</b> – 7pm–10pm Manhattan Rose Society Holiday Open House at Stone Cottage, Home of Pat Shanley and John Del Vecchio, with Hor'doevres, Wine &amp; Champagne</p>		
<b>Other “Rosy” Events in Our Region</b>		
<p><b>Fri, May 11, 2018 – 7pm-9pm</b>            Mini Hands-On Arrangement Workshop Presented by the Long Island Rose Society at the Plainview–Old Bethpage Central Public Library, 999 Old Country Rd., Plainview, NY, 11803            Worth 1 CR Credit</p> <p>This workshop will include both visual demonstrations and actual building of arrangements. If you wish to participate, please bring with you a pair of pruners/sharp scissors, a decorative container, Oasis floral foam, and floral greens. Also, please email Marion Romero at <a href="mailto:marionfromero@aol.com">marionfromero@aol.com</a>, or call her at (516) 785-7851, to notify her of your intent to participate. Please indicate if you wish to do a full sized arrangement or a miniature arrangement. Participation is \$5; viewing of the demonstration is free of charge.</p>	<p><b>Sat – Sun, June 9-10, 2018</b> – Rose Weekend at the Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden at the New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, NY, 10458</p> <p>For more information, please see <a href="https://www.nybg.org/event/rose-garden-weekend/">https://www.nybg.org/event/rose-garden-weekend/</a></p>	
<p><b>Sunday, June 10, 2018 – “A Fair Rose”</b>            Long Island Rose Society Rose Show at Planting Fields Arboretum, Oyster Bay, NY, 11771</p> <p>Contact LIRS for more information.</p>	<p><b>Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – “A Basic Rose Show”</b>            Connecticut Rose Society Rose Show at the Pond House in historic Elizabeth Park, Hartford, CT.</p> <p>Contact CRS for more information.</p>	<p><b>Fri – Sun, Sept. 21-25 2018 – NYS District Rose Show, Convention, and Consulting Rosarian School</b>            The Lafayette Hotel,            391 Washington Street, Buffalo, NY, 14203</p> <p>Participants flying into the Buffalo airport will be picked up and taken to the hotel by a Western New York Rose Society Member. Awards Banquet Guest Speaker, Joe Corkern, ARS Membership Director – How to Grow Your Local Society (More information including, show schedule and fees TBA)</p>

**The ARS National  
Miniature Conference  
and Rose Show**

**&  
Deep South District  
Convention and Rose Show**

**May 4 - 6, 2018**

***A Run for the Roses***

**Jacksonville, Florida**



**Friday – Sunday, May 4 – 6, 2018  
At The Lexington Hotel & Conference Center,  
1515 Prudential Drive, Jacksonville, FL, 32207**

Come one and come all to the ARS National Miniature Conference and Rose Show in sunny Jacksonville, Florida, just a short drive away from the historic city of St. Augustine, America's oldest permanent settlement. Come on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> for an Arrangement Seminar and a Country Western themed buffet, and stay the weekend to hear great lectures from renowned miniature rose hybridizer David Clemons, rose photographer Andrew Hearne, and a special address from ARS Vice President Bob Martin. Come for the Mini National Rose Show on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> and show the country spring's first flush, and stay the evening for the ARS Banquet with a Kentucky Derby Celebration, and relax on the pool side deck in the hospitality room. On Sunday join us for breakfast and take a tour to the famous sites of historic St. Augustine.

*For a complete schedule of events and registration forms, please go to:*

<http://www.jacksonvillerosesociety.org/national%20miniature%20conference%20and%20rose%20show%202018.html>

## **Editor's Message –**



April showers bring May flowers, or they would if it wasn't so cold outside. After a March filled with below freezing temperatures and snow after most of us had many of our roses break dormancy during the warm spell of February, and with the month of April being ridiculously cold for being this far into Spring, most of our roses are significantly damaged and are now having a difficult time waking up. Now is the time to not only nurse your roses back to health, but to also evaluate which roses came through the winter the best. Maybe it is time to try some new roses to replace those, that despite your best efforts, did not make it through this long and brutal winter. Maybe it is time to try some of the newer, more disease resistant varieties? Maybe it is time to try an odd ball colored rose to create some contrast and variation in the garden? Maybe it is time to add some companion plantings? Or maybe, it is time to test your gardening mettle and try your hand at attempting to grow a rose that is notoriously difficult to grow in our area?

Whatever the case, despite the cold weather we have been having, it is planting season. Just dig a deep hole, place organic fertilizer in the bottom, preferably one high in phosphate, and plant your rose. Then wait for the blooms to come approximately 6 to 8 weeks later. It is that easy. So if you haven't already done so, it is time to open up the garden and prepare for the blooms ahead that will surely be a much welcome sight.

I would also like to take this time to officially endorse Ann Gibson, our NY District Director, to be our new ARS Region 1 Director. After many years of service to both the NY District as well as to us in the Manhattan Rose Society, Ann is now seeking your vote in this next election so she can continue to provide us with the exceptional service, knowledge, and mentoring that she has provided us with as our District Director. I can honestly say that from my personal experiences witnessing Ann give lectures on rose care and the history of roses and rosarians, and from my experiences with her mentoring me on exhibition tips when I first met her, that she not only earned this prestigious position but is also the best person in my mind to help the ARS move forward and meet its mission of educating the public in the care, history, and culture of the rose. So to Ann, I wish you the best of luck!

*Jason Capote*

## Message from ARS President, Pat Shanley

This year, the ARS will hold its Triennial Election, and we will be voting for a new Board of Directors and for a new ARS Vice President. The new ARS Vice President will serve for 3 years and automatically become our next President. **Only full ARS members can vote in this election.** E-members and Trial members may not vote. In addition, Local Society membership is separate from ARS membership. So, if you are an ARS member, please keep your membership current, and, if you are not, please join so you can enjoy all the benefits of membership including the right to vote in this election! Voting will begin on June 1<sup>st</sup>, so now is the time to join, and you can join online at [www.rose.org](http://www.rose.org).

The past two years have brought prosperity to ARS. We have grown our membership, and we are financially sound and operating in the black. This growth is because of our wonderful ARS Members and Volunteers and our dedicated Staff. We have ensured that there is a place at the table for every interest in the Rose at the ARS. We have created opportunities to partner with the Rose Industry and Botanical Gardens. We have celebrated milestones such as the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Rose as our National Floral Emblem, publishing our 100<sup>th</sup> Annual, and the ARS's 125<sup>th</sup> Birthday – and we are looking forward to the next 125 years!

Our future depends on our leaders continuing the progress we've made. Chris VanCleave is the one carry us forward. Please vote Chris VanCleave for ARS Vice President. He's got my vote!  
<http://www.igrowroses.org>

*Pat Shanley*



### Chris VanCleave

*January 30 at 1:07am*

*Everywhere I go people ask me what I hope to accomplish once I take office as VP and then President of the American Rose Society. Here's an outline of just a few of the things I hope to do:*

*<http://www.igrowroses.org/platform.html>*

# *Call to Action* – for AMERICA’S ROSE GARDEN

Special Status Report for the Manhattan Rose Society

Last year, in *American Rose*, we introduced the Great Garden Restoration Project for the American Rose Center at ARS national headquarters at Shreveport, La. We told of the Master Plan 2017-2022, which recalls the history of the gardens; and which calls for consolidation of many of the individual gardens, demands deer control, tree removal, efficient irrigation, soil restoration; and outlines the goals that will insure our success in these gardens well into the future.

Recently, Paul Zimmerman revealed his vision for the gardens’ design –the ‘History of the Rose in America.’ Visitors to the garden will learn of the milestones of the 126-year-old Society and the roses that helped to shape that history. The design is being funded by a ‘partnership’ with Jackson & Perkins, a long-time supplier of roses for the ARC. This tremendous gift is testimony to our long friendship with this great rose company and our members, long after the work of restoring the gardens is finished.

## NEW WALKS

As this is being written, new walkways are being installed in the Core garden. It is the second such major installation, the outcome of a grant from the Louisiana Tourism Bureau Recreational Trails Grant Program.

## McFARLAND PLAZA

The first stop in the new garden will be the *J. Horace McFarland Plaza*, an impressive tribute to the man recently named “Father of the American Rose Society.” We hope to see a new rose introduced in his honor and growing in this garden. Several earlier roses named for this great man do not appear to be in commerce.

## LIONS CLUB HANDICAP RAMP & SENSORY GARDEN

The Lions Club is moving forward with their plans to install a sensory garden and much-needed handicap ramp off the side of Wellan Terrace. The national organization of Lions Clubs has provided a match for all monies raised in the Louisiana Lions Clubs’ Centennial fund-raising drive to build this *Lions Legacy Garden*. Their plan is to complete the project by June.

## LAWN TERRACE & STAIRCASE

Also off the Wellan Terrace, we will soon dedicate the new Lawn Terrace & Staircase, an impressive transition down the “hill” from Klima Rose Hall, which also serves as event seating and provides a beautiful entrance for the many brides who hold their wedding events at the gardens.

## A TREASURED GIFT

Pat Shanley and John DeVecchio are donating an important structure that will serve as the ‘rose garden gate’, to be positioned along the walk between the Watkins Reflection Pool and McFarland Plaza. The ‘gate’ will be an elegant and useful pavilion, a focal point which will add beauty and distinction to the area.

**TOWERS OF RAMBLER ROSES** The front entrance to the garden got a giant and soon-to-be beautiful boost – six 12-foot-tall *Towers of Rambler Roses* will welcome visitors to the garden. This exciting installation was donated by Chambersville Tree Farms, which provided the towers, the roses, delivery and installation. Two more towers will be placed elsewhere in the gardens and will showcase ‘Peggy Martin’ roses.

### CONTINUING PROGRESS

We will soon reveal the new garden design, a design that will take the garden visitor “back in time” as they explore the ‘History of the Rose in America.’ However, there is already a lot to see at the gardens, now that spring has arrived in Louisiana. A large group of Master Gardeners and Rosarians turned out on a recent ‘Volunteer Day’ to accomplish the planting of the new *Cleo Barnwell Garden of Pollinators and Rose Companions*; planting of the new *Garden of Louisiana Trees and Shrubs*, and the installation of the *Towers of Rambler Roses*. A new *Herb Garden* is being established by a local herb society. Labeling of roses, trees, shrubs and other plants has begun; the Registry of Plants has been established. A new planting of ‘Peace’ roses was installed outside the large windows of the Hering Gift Shop in time to celebrate the US Postal Service’s presentation of the new ‘Peace’ Rose Stamp, which national “first-day issue” will take place in the garden. The gift shop, which for the past few years has been at the Administration Building, is being returned to the Hering Gift Shop at Klima Rose Hall, a wonderful sign of progress to come.

### SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION

One of the most important elements of the Master Plan is the promise to *elevate the quality of garden maintenance*. It will be accomplished by increased oversight and participation by Master Rosarians of the ARC Committee. This major change should be reassuring to ARS members and generous donors who expect to see our garden maintained with a higher standard of excellence.

### CHALLENGE ISSUED

The Collin County Rose Society is to be commended, not only for its recent, very generous gift which allowed us to purchase the over 4200 linear feet of deer fence, but also for the challenge it issued to all of America’s rose societies, to join them in supporting the Great Garden Restoration Project.

### THANK YOU, SINCERELY

And finally, we want to express the sincere appreciation of the ARS and ARC staff and garden volunteers for the recent generous contribution to the gardens by Manhattan Rose Society. Your gift will be put to good use as we continue to develop the gardens.



We invite you to follow our progress in accomplishing this historic milestone for the ARS and the ARC – *the total restoration of the Gardens of the American Rose Center*.

*Marilyn Wellan*

ARC Coordinator  
Great American Rose Garden Restoration Project

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# Odd Ball of the Month

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**Trade Name:** *'Ketchup & Mustard'*

**Exhibition Name:** *'Ketchup & Mustard'*

**Classification:** *Floribunda*

**Official Color:** *Red Blend*

**Hybridizer:** *Christian Bédard*

**Year Introduced:** *2012*

**Zones:** *6 – 9*

**Disease Resistance:** *None*

**Why it's Unusual:** *Unusual Color*

'Ketchup & Mustard' has one of the most unusual pairings of colors found on roses, a brilliant red on the upper petals with a dark yellow coloring on the undersides, all in perfect contrast with its bright green foliage, blooming in magnificent sprays from early May until freeze. The main fault with this rose however is that it lacks any kind of disease resistance to almost all the diseases that are commonly found in our area. According to a

chat I had with the hybridizer, this rose prefers hot and dry climates with little to no humidity, and as such, it is not recommended for our climate. So while the plant looks amazing in its first flush, the bush looks like trash once the humidity starts to spike in early summer. Blackspot in the summer; Downy Mildew, Powdery Mildew, and Botrytis Blight in the autumn, this bush gets it all. However, despite this, 'Ketchup & Mustard' is a bloom machine, still producing huge sprays of anywhere from 5 to 16 flowers per stem even with barren canes. It is also ridiculously cold hardy, as mine came through this horrendous winter weather almost completely undamaged. This rose is a fighter in the garden, and one to try out if one is willing to put up with its problems.

*Photo and Description provided by the Editor*

*Do you have a favorite odd ball rose in your garden, or one you like to frequent in the garden of a neighbor, friend, or in a public garden? If so, submit your own, original, non-color adjusted photographs via email to [JCapoteDesign@aol.com](mailto:JCapoteDesign@aol.com) with the subject title Odd Ball of the Month. In the body of the email, please include your name, the name of the rose that you are submitting, indicate if you are the grower of the rose and, if not, credit who is, and give a brief description of why you love it! Roses eligible for entry include all those listed in the ARS Handbook for Selecting Roses as Mauve, Apricot, and Russet as well as those blended varieties that exhibit colors that do not exactly match their Handbook color description, such as those which have tones of yellow-orange, green, gray, brown, those Pinks and Pink Blends that appear to be magenta, and those that are so deeply colored that they seem to approach "black". Also considered are any blends that are a combination of three or more colors, those that are an unusual and striking pairing of two colors, and roses of any color that exhibit an unusual fragrance, growth pattern, bloom size or form. The best photos will be selected by the editor to appear in our monthly newsletter under this column as a digital rose show. Enter your favorites today!*

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# Past Events

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## *Dr. Mark Windham Speaks to the MRS*



After braving the risk of winter storms and surviving a torturous twelve hour trip as a result of engine difficulties for his flight from Tennessee, Dr. Mark Windham arrived at the Queens Botanical Garden to discuss with us both the challenges and fruits of his research on the pathology of and potential control of the spread of Rose Rosette Disease. Below are some quick takeaways from his talk:

- Left untreated, Rose Rosette Disease (RRD) is always fatal in roses.
- RRD cannot be spread to other bushes via spores or though routine maintenance, but it is highly contagious as the disease vector (the eriophyid mite) can be blown on the wind.
- RRD does not live in soil, a new rose can be planted where one died of RRD in as little as 5 days later.
- The most common symptoms of RRD are “witch’s broom” like growth, strapped leaves, thickened fleshy canes, and a change in the appearance of thorns.
- Infected plants must be “rouged” (removed) as soon as physically possible.
- New research suggests that if roses cannot be immediately rouged, they can be bagged and cut down to prevent the spread of virus carrying mites until you are able to remove the entire bush.
- Research shows that Knock Out Roses are not more susceptible to RRD then other types of roses; there are more of them planted, especially as a consequence of mass planting in commercial developments and along highway medians, so it appears that they are more susceptible to infection even though they are not.
- Modern research shows that miticides containing the chemical Bifirn can be used to control mite populations during an outbreak of RRD, but this should not be done preventatively as pesticide resistant mites can develop in the future. Other miticides may be effective, but have not yet been tested.
- The rose ‘Top Gun’ does not appear to be resistant to RRD as was hoped by the grower. Research shows that there are a limited number of rose species that are resistant for RRD, but the level of resistance varieties with the individual bush.
- Technology has advanced to the point where mite populations can be detected with great accuracy by researchers, but we are not at the point where there can be mass alerts to notify rose growers when mite populations are ballooning in our area. At-home kits to detect mites on plants suspected to be infected with RRD can be made, just message Dr. Windham on Facebook for instructions on how to construct and use your own kit.
- Lastly, send any plant material that you believe may be infected with RRD to your local Cooperative Extension for proper testing so that the spread of RRD can be tracked.

*Jason Capote*

**For more photos of Dr. Windham’s Lecture, check out the MRS’s new Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/manhattanrosesociety/>**

## *Special Report: Yankee District Rose Convention*



This year's Yankee District Rose Convention, held in Andover, MA, was better than ever. First, the convention had a huge kickoff with an all-day, hands-on floral arrangement workshop featuring both traditional and modern designs led by the Penn-Jersey District Director Nancy Redington, as well as an Asian influence/Ikebana design workshop led by Yankee District Director Craig Dorschel. It was a packed house and we all learned how to make beautiful arrangements. It was a lot of fun. On the second day of the convention, we heard the platforms of the candidates running for ARS Vice-President, and then we heard lectures from our very own NY District Director Ann Gibson and her husband Joe on who E.M. Mills was as a person and about the history of the garden up in Syracuse that bears his name. Then, Nancy Redington gave another visual demonstration with volunteers from the audience to teach everyone at the convention the basics of floral arrangement design. Later in the day, we heard from Jacqui Nye on the principles of Rose Photography, and then from ARS Vice-President Bob Martin on having fun in the rose garden, and from David Pike of Witherspoon Roses on their five basic principles of growing good roses. The rose photography show featured more photos than ever and the rose auction at the end of the event featured some new roses that are being previewed by both Star Roses and Weeks Roses. All and all it was a great event that was filled with fun times, great conversations, and the best stocked hospitality room in all of New England!

*Jason Capote*

*Photo at top:* Craig Dorschel giving a brief history of Ikebana while dressed in his infamous Kimono.

*Photo at right:* An arrangement made by the editor during the arrangement seminar.



## *WELCOME NEW MEMBERS*

In addition to our usual Patrons List, The Manhattan Rose Society would like to give a big welcoming greeting to our newest members who have joined us in the past few months.

Let us all give a big hello to:

Jerry & Jessica GrandJean

## An Important Announcement from the NY District

Hello my fellow MRS members! As I mentioned in our last newsletter, at our last annual NY District Meeting at the ARS National Rose Show and Convention in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, the NY District has decided to form a database of roses that grow well in our region to serve as a local guide to selection. While we acknowledge that the ARS Guide to Selecting Roses is an invaluable tool to rating and buying roses, we at the NY District also acknowledge that the roses that grow great in California and Florida may not necessarily grow great here in the state of New York as the ARS rating scale reflects the nation wide average gathered from all ARS districts across the United States. We also acknowledge that the NY District is a geographically large district with a diverse array of climatic conditions with portions of our state being rated for winter hardiness as low as USDA Zone 4 and others as high as Zone 7 with some seasonably warmer winters. As a result we have decided, as a district, to form a three person committee to collect data on growing roses in our region to distribute on our local, district, and the ARS websites as to which roses grow best, and with what level of care they need to do well within the NY District. Furthermore, we have decided to break up the district into two sub-regions divided by USDA hardiness Zones – one region for Downstate NY including New York City, Long Island and the Lower Hudson Valley corresponding to Zones 6 and 7, and another region for Upstate NY, roughly corresponding to Zones 4 and 5. As a committee we have decided upon the following rating sale:

**Novice:** These are the best roses to grow in our region. They are “set it and forget it” varieties. They require no real winter protection to survive an average winter and are highly disease resistant. They are “no-spray” varieties.

**Advanced:** These roses require a little more care than the Novice Class. They don’t require winter protection to survive, but light winter protection is advised for their best performance. These roses are “low-spray” varieties with moderate levels of disease resistance. In the absence of spraying, they will contract disease, but the plant will not completely defoliate and will continue to set flowers, but for exhibition purposes, a light spraying program is advised.

**Expert:** These roses require heavy care to perform well, but will thrive in our climate if given the proper care. These roses often require heavy winter protection to survive and to guarantee top performance in the next growing season. Most have a low level of disease resistance and require a moderate level of spraying to look their best with a more regular spraying program for exhibition purposes. In the absence of fungicide application, these roses will defoliate, but will survive, recover and bloom when weather conditions allow provided that the ARS Integrated Pest Management Procedures are followed.

**Grow at Your Own Risk:** These roses, even with the best care, may not survive the growing season. Most are not reliably winter hardy in our region, even when given the utmost winter protection. Many are not disease resistant, only responding to the harshest of spraying programs. Many are also not rain tolerant, and some are not heat tolerant with new growth and flowers frying in the sun during an extended heat wave. These varieties are not advised for our region. If the grower chooses to plant them, they do so because they love them and understand the risks.

As a committee, we have decided that the best way to gather such information is by contacting renowned rosarians who work in test gardens, and also by contacting each of you, our valued local society members across the state, whose personal observations are invaluable to the compilation of this databank. This will be an ongoing project with many decisions ahead that the committee will still have to make. As a result, we will be reaching out to the local societies across the state from time to time to collect feedback. As of now, what we ask of each of you to do is to evaluate the roses that you currently grow, think about how difficult they are to care for, and to reflect upon those that may have failed or where shovel pruned in the past few years, and to consider why they either died or were removed. We then ask that you can email me, the committee chair with your evaluations at [JCapoteDesign@aol.com](mailto:JCapoteDesign@aol.com) so we can use your feedback to help us to generate a preliminary list by early next fall, to be ready just in time for next year's rose selections. Thank you in advance for your time and cooperation with this great and challenging undertaking.

*Jason Capote*

### **An Important Announcement from the ARS**

The ARS needs you! The ARS is looking for photos and growing tips on growing roses in containers for an upcoming article for the *American Rose* magazine. If you have any photos (at least 300 DPI) and tips you would like to share please send them to Pat Shanley at [pshanley@aol.com](mailto:pshanley@aol.com). Photos of roses growing in containers in your garden, on your terrace, balcony, or rooftop are welcome.

Your contributions will be acknowledged in the article.

*Pat Shanley*

President, American Rose Society  
Chairman, AGRS™

## A Special Message from NY District Director Ann Gibson



I am running for American Rose Society Region 1 Director and I am asking for your vote. I have served 2 terms as ARS New York District Director, (2012-2015) (2015—2018) and over those 6 years have traveled extensively in the New York and PennJersey Districts. I have attended

District meetings, Local Society meetings and judged district and local society rose shows in both districts. I am familiar with the problems both districts face and believe I would be able to serve them well as their

Region 1 Director. During my term as ARS New York District Director, I have attended all ARS Board of Directors meetings ensuring that the New York District has had a voice and a vote at every meeting and will do the same as Region 1 Director.

My affiliation with the American Rose Society began in 2005. Our home rose garden of 12 rose bushes in 2005 has not only expanded to a garden of 400+ in 2017, but has also become a test garden for the Mini/Miniflorarose garden trials. It has also become a popular visitation site for local groups and was a garden tour site for the 2011 ARS National Convention. Throughout this expansion, I have both become an ARS Accredited Consulting Rosarian (2008) and ARS Accredited Horticulture Judge (2011), judging minimum of six shows per year in the Northeast (New York, PennJersey and Yankee Districts) and at national conventions.

In the capacity of Consulting Rosarian, my professional background in education has prepared me to present rose information to rose enthusiasts purchasing roses at rose centers, including Chuck Hafner's Garden Center, garden clubs, and visitors to the Rose Booth at the New York State Fair. Participation in Consulting Rosarian credit approved instruction in the Northeast and across the country, as well as being presenters at NY District Consulting Rosarian Schools since 2012 has kept me current with the latest information in the rose world.

I have served in the National, District and Local Societies in the following capacities:

American Rose Society, ARS NY District Director, (2012—2015) (2015—2018)  
Chairman, ARS Marketing and Membership Committee (2015-2018)  
Co-Chair, ARS National Convention and Rose Show, Syracuse, New York (2015)  
Co-Chair, ARS Convention Committee (2016—2018)  
Trustee, Educational Endowment Trust (2012~2015) (2015-2018)  
Finance Committee (2012-2015) (2015—2018)  
Audit Committee (2012—2015) (2015-2018)  
Newsletter/Bulletin Awards Committee (2012-2015) (2015—2018)

Co-Chair, Garden Tours, EM Mills Garden Reception, and volunteer assignments ARS National Mini Convention and Rose Show (2011)

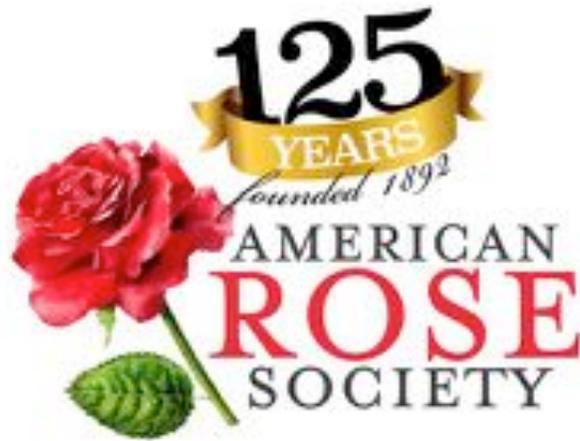
*Anne Gibson*

*“The Sustainable Rose Garden”*  
*Winner of The 2012 World Federation of  
Rose Societies Literary Award*

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Zones 5-10



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Zones 5-9

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