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Steve Hutton

Steve Hutton serves as the President and CEO of Star Roses and Plants/Conard-Pyle in West Grove, Pennsylvania. A third generation nurseryman, he is a member of the American Horticultural Association and the Pennsylvania Landscape & Nursery Association. He is a past president of All America Rose Selections, President of the National Association of Plant Patent Owners, member of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's Gold Medal Award Committee, member of the board of The Wholesale Nursery Growers of America and a member of the International Plant Propagators' Society. He also serves on the Board of Trustees, Longwood Gardens; the Board of Trustees, American Garden Rose Selections™, the Board of Directors, Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry; Board of Advisors, Jennersville YMCA; and the Board of Advisors Jenners Pond Retirement Community. He lives, works and gardens in the beautiful countryside of Chester County, PA.

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Saturday, December 10-

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

**MRS Holiday Open House at Stone Cottage
with hor'doevres, wine, and champagne.**

Volunteer Needed to be the Editor of Skyscrapers & Roses!! We are looking for a new Editor for this publication. Do you have computer skills and experience in publishing a newsletter? If yes, then please consider taking over as Editor for Skyscrapers & Roses. Although recent newsletters have been many pages, it could be as few as 8 pages long. The newsletter is published monthly in conjunction with the meetings and bi monthly when there are no meetings. We have typically had an issue for February, March, April, May, June, September/October and November/December.

If you are interested please contact Pat Shanley, pshanley@aol.com

In Memorium

Lew Shupe – 1931-2016 – Friend, Fellow Rosarian and Arranger Extraordinaire. Lew served as ARS National Chairman of Arrangements under three ARS presidents. He was a kind and gentle man and a great teacher. His area of expertise was Japanese Ikebana and he was considered an authority in ARS and throughout the U.S. He will be greatly missed.

Condolences can be sent to: Gary Barlow, gary.barlow@wright.edu

A Presidential Citation was posthumously presented at the ARS Miniature National Conference in Harrisburg.

“In recognition and grateful appreciation for countless years of service to the American Rose Society and all the many Arrangers that you inspired and mentored. Your contribution lives on through them.”

Joe Redington – 1943-2016 – Joe was a friend to Manhattan Rose Society and the ARS and we met him when he accompanied his wife, Nancy, ARS National Chairmen of Arrangements, to New York to present a program to us. Condolences can be sent to Nancy at rosered1@comcast.net

A Presidential Citation was posthumously presented at the ARS Miniature National Conference in Harrisburg.

“In grateful recognition and appreciation of his steadfast support of the American Rose Society, its mission and its goals. And for the support he gave to his wife, Nancy, as she worked towards those goals for so many years.”



Sam & Nancy Jones

Rev. Dr. Sam Jones. d. August 2, 2016

As Chaplain for the American Rose Society Board of Directors, Rev. Dr. George Sam Jones had just delivered a beautiful prayer to open the meeting of the board when he was stricken with a massive heart attack. After a brief hospital confinement, he joined his many rose friends in heaven on August 2, 2016.

Rev. Jones was a Methodist minister, and after his retirement, he was able to direct his attention to the other good things in his life – his wife Nancy, their children and grandchildren, extended family and friends, travel . . . and Roses. He was an active member of the Nashville Rose Society where he served as President and Editor of an award-winning newsletter. He went on to serve at the national level as Director on the ARS Board of Director. He served in many capacities, including exhibiting, judging, as Consulting Rosarian, on the national membership and marketing committees, and in many other ways. His greatest offer of service was when he was a candidate for American Rose Society President in 2015. Just a few months ago, Sam and Nancy traveled to China as part of a delegation representing the Society, for special tours and

to represent ARS at the World Federation of Rose Societies meeting at Beijing. It was their second such trip in the past four years.

During his campaign for ARS President, Sam and Nancy Jones were guests at the Gulf District Mid-Winter Meeting at Baton Rouge in February 2015; and immediately following, to our delight locally, they attended a meeting of the Central Louisiana Rose Society in Alexandria. Our members enjoyed several meals and social activities with them during their visit.

We will remember Sam Jones for his dedication to roses and to the Society, his generosity, and his willingness to help and to share his expertise and his experiences with the Society and its members. He was a dear friend, and we will miss him greatly.



ARS Past President

Putting Your Rose Garden to Bed for the Winter

by Pat Shanley

Although our roses are still blooming, the time to put your rose garden to bed is fast approaching. A frequently asked question is “What do you prune at this time of the year?” The answer is: “Nothing!” Nothing, including your roses, should be pruned until they are dormant or until we have had more than one hard frost.

If you have not had a soil test performed this year, there is still time. If the test shows you need to correct the pH with lime, now is a great time to add it. The winter months will provide adequate time and precipitation for the lime to break down before spring arrives.

With regard to winterizing your roses – remember there is no right or wrong way. There is only what works well for you. If you have not done any winter protection in the past few years and have not lost a single rose, then you can consider doing the same this year. If you have lost roses as a result of the winter weather, you may wish to consider providing them some protection.

Here are a few additional tips:

- **After the frost sets in** and you are able to do your winter pruning – remember not to prune the once blooming roses or you will cut off the blooms for next season. In anticipation of Winter Die Back, I prune very little at this time of the year.
- **The winter temperatures** should cause most of the leaves on your rose bushes to fall off. Some Rosarians remove all the leaves now - just in case. Depending on how many rose bushes you have and the amount of time you will be able to spend, you may want to remove them **AFTER THEY ARE DORMANT**. The idea behind removing the old leaves is that the bush should start with fresh new leaves in the spring. Old leaves left on may carry spores of blackspot, etc. and re-infect the newly emerging leaves and canes.
- **Remember** to send your garden into the winter with clean beds – free of any diseased leaves that may have fallen.
- **Do not use the existing soil** around your roses to “Hill Up” for winter protection. Bring the soil in from another location. Disturbing the soil around the rose will upset and damage its root system. Adding compost to “hill up” your roses or even a thick layer of pine bark mulch is a great way to tuck your roses in for the winter. You can

also use shredded oak leaves which will add texture and nutrients to the soil as they break down over the winter.

- **Remember to keep watering your roses** until the ground freezes. A dehydrated rose bush will not have a good shot at surviving the winter.
- **Consider applying an antidesiccant**, such as WiltPruf, to protect against wind damage.
- **Thoroughly clean and inspect** all container plants, that were growing out doors this summer, before bringing them inside for the winter.
- **If you are growing in containers** and don't have a place to store them over the winter, such as a garage or unheated basement, try grouping them together in a spot on your terrace or in your garden that will offer some protection from the wind. They can be covered with leaves, or straw (available at Home Depot or local nursery) or even branches cut from a discarded Christmas tree. If you use an unheated indoor space to store your roses over the winter, remember to water them periodically so the root system does not dry out.
- **Now is a great time** to evaluate your rose garden. Make a note of which roses thrived and which did not. This will help you plan for adding new varieties for next year. Also note what fertilizers and additives you used, the frequency of application and their effectiveness.
- **Keep an eye out** for the January/ February issue of *American Rose* magazine. **The Annual ARS Guide to US Nurseries** will be in that issue. The Guide provides the Nursery name, contact information and a brief description of what the nursery offers. Everything you need to order your roses for next season, in one convenient location. We hope that when you are planning which roses to buy, you will look to this listing. Another benefit of ARS membership!

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Potomac Rose Society's First Annual Rose Symposium on Disease Resistance

by Carol Edwards, Inez Jackson, and Lisa Mundy, Potomac Rose Society members. Reprinted with permission from the Capitol Rose Newsletter



On a rainy day in May, rosarian Peter Kukielski addressed a crowd of rose lovers eager to

learn practices for successfully growing roses without the use of synthetic chemicals. Mr. Kukielski, former curator of the Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden at the New York Botanical Garden for seven years, gained his experience by altering the traditional course of spraying chemicals and using synthetic fertilizers to keep the garden's 2,000 roses in tiptop display condition.

He maintained the original Beatrix Farrand design of triangular rose beds surrounding a central gazebo, while almost doubling the number of rose varieties and increasing the size of the collection from 2,000 to 3,300. The display includes a heritage rose border, illustrating the history of rose cultivation from the earliest breeding with species roses through the early development of the modern hybrid tea.

During his tenure, Mr. Kukielski made it his mission to educate the visiting public to the diversity of roses by planting many new cultivars from around the world introduced in the new millennium that were easy to grow and highly disease resistant. The Peggy Rockefeller Garden became a trial site for EarthKind™ roses, which were grown without intervention except for occasional watering. Mr. Kukielski also added cultivars by Buck and Radler from the U.S., Austin from Britain, Meilland from France, and Kordes from Germany that were developed with increased disease resistance as a goal.

Mr. Kukielski emphasized general practices that are good for any garden plants and essential for growing roses without chemicals.

- Most important is to improve the quality of the soil. Familiarize yourself with the soil food web (consult the Internet) and take steps to make your garden soil the best it can be. Add high quality compost. Make sure the soil drains well.
- Water roses at ground level. Consider drip irrigation. Water early in the day so that wet leaves can dry quickly. To know whether roses are receiving enough water add a rain gauge nearby. During their first year in your garden, regularly water new rose bushes slowly and deeply. After roses are established, water them when the weather is hot and dry.
- If possible, give roses bushes good air circulation.
- Give roses a minimum of six hours of full sun.
- Mulch your roses deeply with 3 inches of hardwood bark or pine mulch. Do not work mulch into the soil. Let it decompose slowly on the surface.
- Do not prune roses in the first year. Consider disbudding roses so that the growth is concentrated on bush development.
- After the first year, prune roses annually. For proper pruning techniques, consult members of the Potomac Rose Society or other knowledgeable sources.
- Use only organic fertilizers. Espoma and other companies have a full line of products.
- Encourage beneficial insects when choosing companion plants, for example fennel, dill, alliums, and cosmos.
- As you stroll through the garden or cut roses for a vase, leave predatory insects such as lacewings and ladybugs on your rose bushes.
- Pests such as aphids and spider mites can often be removed by hosing the surface and underside of the bush with a stream of water.

One of the most important factors for success in establishing and maintaining roses without the use of chemicals is to **select the right rose for the right place** and remove or “shovel prune” roses that do not perform well. While researching roses before purchase will help, there are no guarantees that any particular rose will perform well in every garden. If a rose does not thrive for you, consider gifting it to a plant exchange or garden club fundraiser.

Mr. Kukielski explained that species roses, the original historic roses, had small flowers of five petals and mostly varied in color from white to shades of pink. As humans began to hybridize roses, they bred for specific traits. For example, some rose breeders were interested in scent and the quantity of essential oils that could be used commercially to make perfume. Other breeders wanted to increase the number of petals on the rose. As hybridizers work on optimizing a trait they consider to be most important, they may sacrifice other less prized traits. Over the centuries, many different characteristics have been “the holy grail,” depending on fashion, serendipity, technology, rarity, or accident. Notably, flower color, the ability to rebloom, size, flower or bush form, and hardiness have all been “the holy grail” at different times in rose history.

Mr. Kukielski offered an example of how hybridizing works. A breeder who is most interested in disease resistance may develop a rose with low susceptibility to blackspot and mildew, but with no fragrance. If continuous blooming capacity is valued, the resulting cross may not have blooms with high centers on long stems. If these hybrids perform true to claims and have large public appeal, they are usually considered successful even though they may be missing some popular characteristics of the genus.

Once there are many disease-resistant cultivars, breeders may work on adding fragrance to the goal, to achieve an advantage. Mr. Kukielski also explained that there seems to be a limit to trait manipulation. For example, if the genes that control disease resistance come from the same source as genes associated with a particular color, the disease resistance of any rose in that color may be greater than that of a rose in another color. For instance, a lavender rose rated disease-resistant may only have been considered moderately disease-resistant had its flower color been pink. There are compromises in breeding that are the result of priorities and the inherent capacities of the genetic material used in the hybridizing effort.

With this background, Mr. Kukielski recommended 45 roses that are among his favorites, as described in his book: *150 disease-free varieties that will change the way you grow roses, Roses without chemicals*. The ratings consist of three criteria. The most heavily weighted is disease resistance, up to 60 points, which goes to roses that retain their leaves all season without sign of disease. Up to 30 points are awarded for the number of blooms, and up to 10 points are awarded for fragrance.

Among the highly rated hybrid tea roses are **Wedding Bells** (94 of 100 points) with large pink flowers. **Dark Desire** (93) is a very fragrant red-violet rose. **Fiji** (90) a cherry pink hybrid tea, has a bushy dense growth habit. **La Perla** (80) has creamy white flowers with a touch of pale yellow and outstanding disease resistance (photo, 1st column). **Heart Song** (81) with slightly frilly red flowers has a bushy habit and dark glossy foliage. Two yellow hybrid teas are recommended, **Sunny Sky** (80) and the compact **Winter Sun** (78), which can work in small gardens.

A fragrant floribunda, **First Crush**, (85) has dark pink buds that open to pale pink blooms. Red-flowered **Black Forest** (83) has exceptional disease resistance. **Brothers Grimm** is a vibrant orange-red blend and award-winning rose. Poseidon (aka **Novalis**) (92) is a lavender floribunda with a pleasant fragrance (photo, right). **KOSMOS** (90) has creamy white

flowers on a relatively short bush, suitable for small gardens.

If you are searching for a disease resistant large flowering climber, Mr. Kukielski recommends **Golden Gate** (86), with yellow flowers and a citrus fragrance. **Florentina** (74) has large cupped red flowers and yellow stamens. **Laguna** (83) is a deep pink climber which will grow to 15 feet. Salmon pink **Rosanna** (90) will grow to a similar height, making a showy display. Although not large flowering, **Darlow's Enigma** (90) is a tall hybrid musk stunningly covered with small white flowers with yellow stamens and possessing exceptional disease resistance.

If you are a fan of old garden roses, **Alister Stella Gray** (92) and **Blush Noisette** (89) may be of interest. They have charming small flowers on tall arching branches but may need protection from harsh winter winds.

Many of the 45 recommended roses are classified as shrub roses. The three authors of this article have each listed a personal favorite from among the shrub roses on Mr. Kukielski's list that we would like to try in our own gardens. Inez Jackson believes that **Lemon Fizz** (86) is great for a small garden that needs a pop of color in the front of the border. Carol Edwards loves Flamenco Rosita (aka **Ivor's Rose**) (86) for its winning combination of disease resistance, vibrant color, and continuous blooms. According to Lisa Mundy, **Cinderella** (89) combines superior disease resistance and vigor with generous displays of fragrant, old-fashioned blooms, fit for a fairytale princess.

If you are looking for roses that you can grow without chemicals, you will surely find some varieties among Mr. Kukielski's recommendations that work for you. Be sure to stay tuned for the Potomac Rose Society's second annual symposium on disease resistant roses, which will take place in 2017.

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Peter Kukielski – ‘Mother of Pearl’ Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden



GREAT ROSARIANS OF THE WORLD – EAST - honoring outstanding achievements in the World of Roses

DR. WANG GOULIANG HONORED IN NEW YORK AS THE 2016 GREAT ROSARIAN OF THE WORLD!



Photo by June Stoyer

On Saturday, June 18, 2016 we honored Dr. Guoliang Wang. The event took place at Queens Botanical Garden and the award was presented by Viru and Girija Viraraghavan, 2006 Great Rosarians of the World Honorees. Dr. Wang, rose researcher and hybridizer, has been investigating, collecting, identifying, breeding and utilizing rose species and heritage roses in China for more than 30 years. He has conducted field investigations through out China, including the remote mountain areas of Yunnan and Sichuan province, considered the birth place of the genus *Rosa*, where the Chinese repeat blooming roses were born 1,000 years ago.

Based on his long-term research results, he was the first to present the viewpoint of *Six Distinct Stages of Evolution of Chinese Ancient Roses*, from the initial stage of the remote leaflet fossil excavated in Shandong, 20 million years ago, to the final stage of introduction to the West.

His breeding program concentrates on using old roses to create disease-resistant, easy-care roses. He recently published his first book, titled *Old Roses in China*, a 460 page volume that documents the birth of repeat blooming roses and their incredible journey to the West.

GREAT ROSARIANS OF THE WORLD™ INTERNATIONAL FRIEND OF THE ROSE AWARD 2016 presented on June 17, 2016!

JEFFREY WARE - Director of Development, The Nature Conservancy, Immediate Past Executive Director, American Rose Society



Also honored was Jeffrey Ware. The award was presented by Former US Ambassador to Switzerland, Faith Whittlesey. The event took place at The Union League Club, NY, NY.

Jeff became the Executive Director of the American Rose Society on July 23, 2007.

When Jeff resigned to pursue new career opportunities in 2014, he left ARS a strong and vibrant organization. Jeff's business philosophy was simple and successful: "Maximize revenue, minimize expense and provide a quality product or service that is relevant."

Jeff Ware and Faith Whittlesey *Photo by Andy Ware*

The ARS Board of Directors voted to award Jeff a Lifetime Membership in the organization in recognition of his service. Currently, Jeff serves as Director of Philanthropy for The Nature Conservancy in Alabama and is a member of the Advisory Board of American Garden Rose Selections™.

GREAT ROSARIANS OF THE WORLD - Rose Garden Hall of Fame Awards 2016 presented on June 18, 2016 at Queens Botanical Garden! Rose Garden at Beijing Botanical Garden, Beijing, China



Marilyn Wellan presenting the Award to Dr. Ling Guo *Photo by June Stoyer*

The award was presented to Dr. Ling Guo, Vice President of Living Collections at Beijing Botanical Garden by ARS Past President, Marilyn Wellan. Built in May 1993, the Rose Garden at the Beijing Botanical Garden covers an area of 7 hectares. It has become a hub for rose collection display, research and education.

The rose garden was awarded the Prize of Landscape Design of Beijing in 1993. It contains a sunken- fountain trim rose garden, a heritage rose garden and a species roses collection. It has a collection of more than 53,000 rose plants and more than 1,500 cultivars.

The Rose Cultural Festival is held here each May and attracts more than 200,000 visitors from all over China and overseas. This beautiful garden is a must-see for visitors when the roses are in bloom.

The Gardens of Chambersville, Chambersville, Texas

The award was presented to Dean Oswald and Claude Graves by Antique Rose Emporium owner, G. Michael Shoup. The 20-acre Gardens at Chambersville are situated in the midst of the 266 acre Chambersville Tree Farms, 40 miles north of Dallas, TX, in scenic rural Collin County.



Owners Dean and Carol Oswald established the original rose garden, The Chambersville Heritage Rose Garden, in 2006 in consultation with Claude Graves — a friend in The Collin County Rose Society.

The initial garden was home to large collections of roses found in Texas, the Bermuda mystery roses, China roses, tea roses, hybrid musk roses and noisettes.

Mike Shoup presenting the award to Dean & Carol Oswald, Claude & Pam Graves *Photo by June Stoyer*

The gardens include the Legacy of Legends Garden, which features roses hybridized by notable American Hybridizers including an almost complete collection of roses hybridized by Griffith Buck and the Pioneer Rose, which features roses hybridized by Mike Shoup of The Antique Rose Emporium. The newest addition is The Anne Belovich Rambler Garden. This garden replicates the amazing historical rambling rose collection of Anne Belovich in Washington State.

The Belovich garden was dedicated in May of 2014 at the annual Chambersville rose festival, Rose Dango, with 150 of Anne's ramblers growing on 12-foot-high, custom built steel towers. An additional 70 towers with ramblers will be in place for Rose Dango 2016 with an estimated build out to 320 towers by Rose Dango 2017. More information on Rose Dango and photos of these amazing roses may be seen at RoseDango.com.

Il Roseto Botanico ‘Carla Fineschi’ Cavriglia, Italy



The award was presented to Damiano Fineschi by 2013 Great Rosarian of the World™, Dr. Malcolm Manners. The Fineschi Rose Garden, located in Cavriglia, Italy, in the province of Arezzo, is just 50 kilometers from Florence.

The garden was created in 1967 by Professor Gianfranco Fineschi, a professor of Orthopedics. The professor organized the garden by dividing the roses based on their classification.

Dr. Malcolm Manners presenting the award to Damiano Fineschi *Photo by June Stoyer*

Today this garden, a living museum, is one of the world’s largest private collections of roses — more than 6500 varieties, each represented by a single plant. Species, sub-species and later hybrids are systematically presented, while climbers and ramblers form ‘walls’ between the scientific divisions. His work continues today through his daughters and sister.

In 1996 the garden received the World Federation of Rose Societies Award of Garden Excellence. The Rose Garden is open weekdays and holidays from the first Sunday of May to the last Sunday of June, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

THE GREAT ROSARIANS OF THE WORLD™ Lecture series was originally conceived in 2001 by Clair G. Martin, III, Shannon Curator Emeritus of the Rose & Perennial Gardens, The Huntington Botanical Garden, San Marino, CA. It was intended to be an annual lecture series to honor notable rosarians from around the world and provide them with a forum to present their work to a broader American audience.

The goal of this event is to invite major figures in the world of roses, authors, hybridizers, nurserymen and scholars and ask them to present a program that would offer gardeners the opportunity to acknowledge their accomplishments and to honor their work creating and promoting our chief love, the rose. The event has become famous worldwide.

Past honorees have included notable figures in the world of roses such as Peter Beales, Ralph Moore, Miriam Wilkins, Roger Phillips and Martyn Rix, Peter Harkness, Viru and Girija Viraraghavan, Wilhelm Kordes, III, William J. Radler, Marilyn Wellan and Stephen Scanniello, David Austin, Ruth Knopf, Alain Meilland, Dr. Walter Lewis and Dr. Malcolm Manners and Danielle Hahn.

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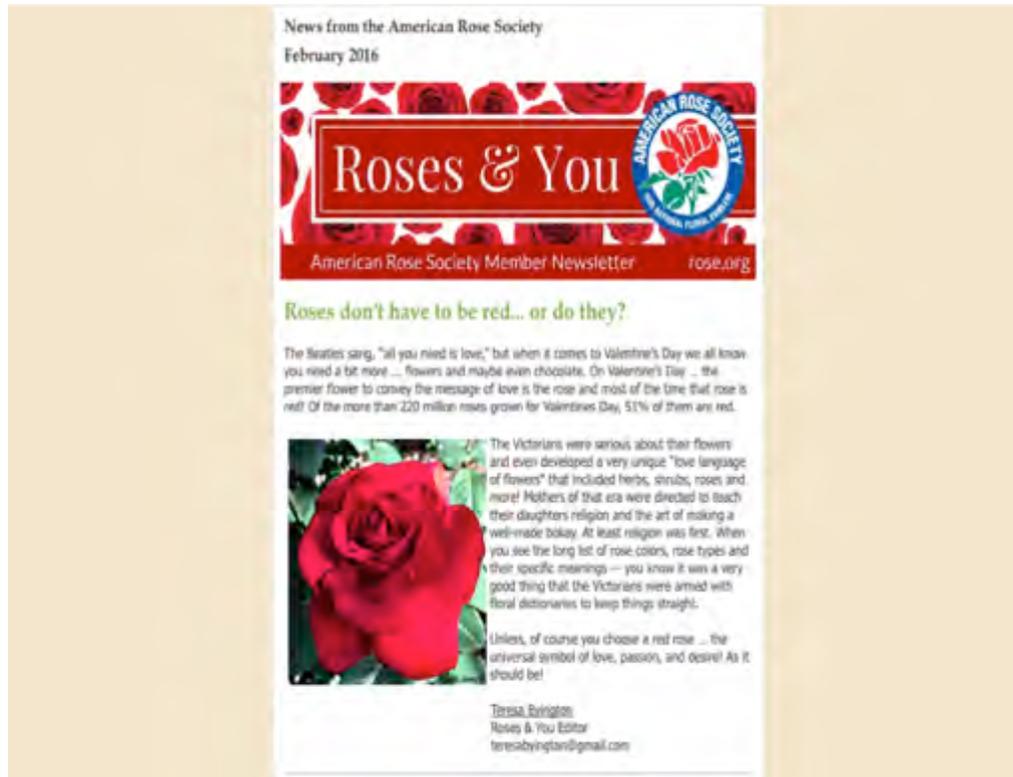


QBG Executive Director – Susan Lacerte
and
Dr. Wang Gouliang

Photo by Andy Ware

Roses & You!! E-newsletter for ARS Members -

Roses & You is now an ARS Member Benefit and is electronically published monthly, so ARS members will hear from us every month!! If you are an ARS Member and are not receiving *Roses & You*, please contact Jon Corkern, ARS Membership Director to have your email address added to the distribution list. jon@rose.org



Dear Members,

Recent Congressional action resulted in the passage and the signing into law by the President of H.R. 2029 also known as the PATH Act. A key component of this bill reauthorized the direct transfer from IRAs to qualified charities. If you have not yet taken your IRA's 2016 required minimum distribution (RMD) and are considering making a charitable transfer to meet your RMD, a transfer to American Rose Society Endowment Trust (ARSET) can help satisfy this requirement, either partially or in its entirety.

If you are age 70½ or older on the date of the gift, you may transfer funds from a standard or Roth IRA (not other qualified plans such as a 401k) to the American Rose Society Endowment Trust. The transfer excludes that amount from your 2016 income for tax purposes. Note - the transfer amount cannot

also be listed as a charitable deduction on your Federal 1040 Schedule A, and the maximum allowed is \$100,000.

Why donate to the American Rose Society Endowment Trust? ARSET was set up to provide a consistent source of funding to protect the future of the American Rose Society and to fulfill its mission of promoting the culture and appreciation of the rose, through education and research, to members, to local rose societies and their members, and to the public. Your charitable transfer to this vital trust will guarantee your passion for roses is shared with future generations and ensure another 125 years of the American Rose Society.

If you wish to make a donation from your IRA, it will be necessary for you to contact your IRA administrator. They must transfer the funds directly to the American Rose Society Endowment Trust; distributions made to you will not qualify. The two methods of transfer are:

- A check from your IRA administrator, payable to "ARSET" and sent to Joseph Pascoe: 818 Town & Country Blvd, Suite 300, Houston, TX. 77024. Our Federal tax identification number is 31-4397740
- A wire transfer: please email Teresa Castello, Accounting Director, teresa@rose.org for wire transfer information.

Note that the effective date of the distribution, but not necessarily its receipt by the American Rose Society Endowment Trust, must be 31 December, 2016 or earlier to count towards your RMD for this year. If you made a direct charitable transfer prior to this bill's passage, the law's retroactivity means your 2016 gift is excluded from your taxable income. In order for us to track your gift intention for proper crediting to your record, please inform us of the amount and origination of the transfer.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me. We are grateful for your consideration in supporting the mission of the American Rose Society!

Sincerely,



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Bringing you roses suited for the region you live in!

American Garden Rose Selections™ (AGRS™) - the new National Testing Program for new varieties and varieties that have been introduced and/or registered since January 1, 2005. The purpose of the organization is to recognize and recommend the best garden worthy rose varieties for the various **regions** of the US through testing and to provide objective and reliable information to the general public. The awards will be granted regionally to underscore the fact that a given variety can be successfully grown in a given part of the country, but not necessarily nationwide. Varieties will be eligible for the following awards:

- American Garden Rose Selections™ Regional Choice Award
- American Garden Rose Selections™ Fragrance Award
- This program was formed in the wake of the demise of All American Rose Selections to provide a nationwide testing service comparable to the AARS, but with improvements to fit the needs and desires of 21st century rose growers.

AGRS™ Award Winning Roses!

www.americangardenroseselections.org

2017 Winners:

- **'Munstead Wood'** 2017 Fragrance Award (Austin)
- **'Lady of Shallot'** 2017 Regional Choice Award (NE, SE, NW, SW)
& 2017 Fragrance Award (Austin)
- **'Faith Whittlesey'** 2017 Regional Choice Heirloom Hybrid Award Award (SE, SC, Warm- climate) (Viraraghavan) (Roses Unlimited)
- **'Icecap'** 2017 Regional Choice Award (NE, NC, SC, NW, SW) (Meilland/Radler) (Star Roses)
- **'Tahitian Treasure'** 2017 Regional Choice Award (NE, SE, SC) (Radler) (Star Roses)
- **'Peachy Keen Rose'** 2017 Regional Choice Award (NE, SE, NC, SC, NW, SW)

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