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'Knock Out' by Maria Cecelia Freeman

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The Manhattan Rose Society Cordially Invites You To:

Our Annual Holiday Open House!

***Saturday, December 9th, 2017, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.
@ Stone Cottage, The Home of Pat Shanley and John Del Vecchio
in Glen Cove, New York!***

**\$35 per person, Members and Guests
with Hors d'oeuvres, Wine and Champagne.
RSVP to PShanley@aol.com or (516) – 458 – 9148 by December, 1st!**



You may pay at the door, but please RSVP ASAP. This is a fund raising event for Manhattan Rose Society. All proceeds go to the MRS Programming Fund. If you cannot attend, please consider contributing to the Fund. Your name will be listed as a MRS Patron in all issues of *Skyscrapers & Roses* for 2018. Checks should be made payable to **MANHATTAN ROSE SOCIETY** and mailed to Pat Shanley, PO Box 442, Locust Valley, NY 11560. Online registration can be found at www.manhattanrosesociety.org. ***There will be a Holiday Raffle at the party.*** Please consider donating an item for the raffle. *It does not have to be rose related.*

Directions: Available upon reservation.

2018 Schedule of Events – SAVE THE DATES!!

Manhattan Rose Society Events		
<p>Saturday, March 31, 2018 – 9:30am-1230pm Dr. Mark Windham, An Update on Rose Rosette Disease – What You Need to Know and Why the Outlook is Getting Better Queens Botanical Garden 43-50 Main St., Flushing, NY, 11355. Bagels and Coffee Will Be Served.</p>	<p>Saturday, April 21, 2018 – Gaye Hammond, Companion Planting with Roses Queens Botanical Garden 43-50 Main St., Flushing, NY, 11355. Bagels and Coffee Will Be Served.</p>	<p>Saturday, May 12, 2018 – 9:30am-1230pm – Program TBA</p>
<p>July 2018 – Date and Program TBA</p>	<p>October 2018 – Annual Dinner Meeting – Date and Program TBA</p>	<p>Saturday, December 8, 2018 – 7pm–10pm Manhattan Rose Society Holiday Open House at Stone Cottage, Home of Pat Shanley and John Del Vecchio, with Hor'doevres, Wine & Champagne</p>
Other “Rosy” Events in Our Region		
<p>Fri – Sun, March 23-25, 2018 – Yankee District Spring Convention Double Tree by Hilton Hotel, 123 Old River Road, Andover MA, 01810</p> <p>For more information, please see arsyankee.org/index.htm</p>	<p>Sunday, June 10, 2018 – Long Island Rose Society Rose Show at Planting Fields Arboretum, Oyster Bay, NY, 11771</p> <p>Contact LIRS for more information.</p>	<p>Sunday, June 17th, 2018 – Connecticut Rose Society Rose Show at the Pond House in historic Elizabeth Park, Hartford, CT.</p> <p>Contact CRS for more information.</p>
<p>June 2018 – Rose Weekend at the Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden at the New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, NY, 10458</p> <p>(More information TBA)</p>	<p>August 2018 – NYS District Rose Show and Convention</p> <p>(More information TBA)</p>	



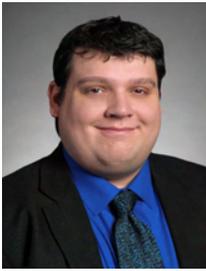
Friday – Sunday, May 4 – 6, 2018
At The Lexington Hotel & Conference Center,
1515 Prudential Drive, Jacksonville, FL, 32207

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 4th 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 5th 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>

Discounted Rates for Early Registration Made Prior to February 1st, 2018!



Editor's Message –

As one famous author once said, “Winter is coming!” Are your roses prepared? As of this writing, mine certainly are not. With the warm weather we have been having prior to the unexpected early deep freeze, most of my roses were sending out basal breaks, still were full of green leaves, and set buds for what would have been a Thanksgiving flush if not for the cold.

Despite this, we must always keep in mind that our roses are much stronger than we think. They are highly evolved plants that can withstand a variety of extreme weather conditions including hurricane force winds, extended deep winter freezes, early and late freezes, droughts, extended periods of heat waves and even a minimal amount of saline in their soil from seaside floods or road side salt spreaders. Trust me, despite looking awful in March, those Knock Outs and Rugosas along the streets of the city do look great by mid-Summer. A light dusting of organic fertilizer and a nice thick layer of compost or mulch with a nice heavy last deep soaking of the garden hose and our roses will be ready for the hopefully not too long Winter ahead.

Overall, this was not a great growing season by far. With a false early start to Spring in February followed by a late freeze and blizzard in the end of March, the spring deluge of rains with more days of heavy rain than sunshine, the heat waves of the summer followed by a hot and dry autumn with last week's early and unexpected freeze did not help us out as gardeners. But yet the roses that did come were beautiful, and ultimately the roses pulled through. Now is the time to evaluate your roses. Are there any that underperformed this year or have a pattern of underperforming despite your best efforts? Are there any that struggled to get through the wild rollercoaster of temperatures and periods of droughts and floods of the past year? Are there any that year after year, perform well no matter what happens? Well, we want to know. Back in Gettysburg at the ARS National Rose Show and Convention, we as the NY District, held our annual district meeting in which a three person committee, with myself as the chair, volunteered to create a data bank of roses that grow well in our region to assist both novices and experts as a local guide to the best roses. For more information, and to find out how to participate, please see the Special Message from the NY District down below.

I would also like to take this time to thank Angelika Swantek for being the first member to submit an entry to the Odd Ball of the Month column, to thank all of you for electing me to your board of directors for the 2017-2019 term, and to thank all of you for the warm welcome and greetings that I have felt for the past year being a member of the MRS. Lastly I would love to wish you a happy, healthy, and safe holiday season, and I hope to see all of you at the annual Open House and Holiday Party!

(At right are pictures of the final blooms from my garden, kissed by frost, harvested before the freeze. Aren't they just lovely!)

Jason Capote



Knock Out, At Last, Blue Girl



Medallion & Blue Girl

Scientists Seek Public Assistance in Tackling Rose Rosette Disease

By: Kathleen Phillips – originally posted on AgriLife Today

COLLEGE STATION — Halfway through a five-year, \$4.6 million grant to combat rose rosette disease in the U.S., the national research team studying it is encouraged by the amount of information learned but admits having a way to go before finding how to overcome the deadly problem.

Rose rosette was observed on wild roses as early as the 1940s, but it was not until 2011 that scientists definitively identified the cause as being from a new virus in the novel genus Emaravirus transmitted by the microscopic eriophyid mite, according to Dr. David Byrne. Now the virus is killing commercial rose varieties.

Symptoms, which can show up as early as 17 days from exposure to infected mites or as many as 279 days after, include “witches’ brooms, excessive thorniness, enlarged canes, malformed leaves and flowers.” Ultimately, the rose plant dies.

The team is pursuing three issues: the virus, the mite and rose plant resistance to the disease, according to Byrne, professor of Rosa and Prunus Breeding and Genetics for Texas A&M AgriLife Research, College Station, and Rose Rosette Disease Project director. And now they are soliciting help from people who like to grow roses as well.

Dr. David Byrne, left, Texas A&M AgriLife Research rose breeder, teaches a graduate student how to examine rose varieties in field tests. (Texas A&M AgriLife Research photo by Kathleen Phillips)

“It is a citizen scientist approach,” said Dr. Kevin Ong, team member and director of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service’s Texas Plant Disease Diagnostic Lab in College Station. “We are trying to engage the people who have an interest in roses in general and give them the opportunity to participate in a national research project.”

Because of the many components to the problem, the research team represents not only many states but a variety of expertise from entomology to pathology to plant breeding.

“We’re still learning about the mite and the virus,” Byrne said. “And now we are seeing rose rosette not only on multiflora (wild) roses, which are considered invasive, but also on commercially cultivated roses.”

Because of that, researchers now consider all roses susceptible to the disease until proven otherwise. That calls for a massive monitoring effort, he said.

“The main purpose of monitoring is to try to gather information to identify sources of resistance or tolerance,” Byrne said. “It’s been somewhat frustrating from a breeding point of view because it takes two or three years to determine if something is resistant.”

He said as the national research project begins its fourth year, the field trials planted the first year are just now providing data that could lead to developing resistant varieties.

“We’re up to about 500 different roses planted for evaluation, and I also have collected data on probably close to 700 already. The vast majority are susceptible,” Byrne said. “We’re in the verification mode now, because some varieties that had been thought to be resistant are turning out to be susceptible.”

The researchers are turning to molecular techniques to develop markers to use in the analysis for marker-assisted selection for breeding, which theoretically can decrease the breeding cycle by half, he said.

“What’s more important is we can decrease by 80 percent the number of plants we have to put out in the field,” he said. “That is a huge saving and potentially will allow us to look at more seedlings, which will accelerate the breeding process as well.”

Meanwhile, other team members on the national project, which was funded by a U.S. Department of Agriculture Specialty Crop Research Initiative grant, are turning to rose enthusiasts to help monitor and validate reports of the disease across the U.S.

“There is a need for development of new detection methods, so as our research collaborators develop new detection methods, we test them on real samples to make sure they work in the real world,” Ong said. The methods are also validated at an Oklahoma State University lab.

Ong said his role on the project is also to educate the public about the disease, which will help monitor its location, so his team created a website, <http://roserosette.org>, as a clearinghouse for information.

“The website also is a portal so that people can take pictures and submit them into the database. A verifier on the team looks at the photo to determine whether the plant depicted has rose rosette,” Ong said.

The site is designed for mobile phones or tablets so a person can easily take a picture while looking at the plant, he said.

“When a picture is submitted, the site captures the location and a verifier is notified to make a decision about the image,” Ong explained. “Yes, it is rose rosette; no, it is not rose rosette; or we are not sure or we would like to get more information or a sample. Those are the three possible answers.”

Verifiers can ask for a physical sample for confirmation, if necessary, he said. All images are maintained in the online database for future reference by variety to help researchers and the public document which have been proven susceptible.

To help people learn what to look for, Ong published a series of factsheets available at <http://bit.ly/roserosettefacts>. Several other affected states also have information linked on the rose rosette website.

The team also is trying to develop better tools to detect the virus and presence of the mite.

To track the mite, all the reports of rose rosette have been put on a map to get a sense of the mite's distribution and movement, Byrne said. Researchers know that the microscopic mite travels in the wind and has been known to move 300 feet a year. There appears to be a northern and a southern range, which in Texas is roughly at Interstate 20, below which cases of rose rosette are rare.

“In the last two or three years, we have confirmed it in some Texas counties south of I-20, but it might've just been brought in from somewhere,” Ong said.

The researchers said people can look at rose plants now as new growth and flowering often occurs in early fall, but late-spring examinations are ideal for finding signs of rose rosette.

“It's been exciting to see this national effort come together,” Byrne said. “We are trying to understand the epidemiology and environmental factors of the disease development and spread. Hopefully, we will have even more information by the end of this year.”



Top Left: A bush infected with Rose Rosette Disease. Notice the “witch’s broom formation of the new top growth and their excessive thorniness.

Top Right: Notice the strapped leaves, almost thread like in appearance. This bush is also most likely infected with Rose Rosette Disease.

More on Rose Rosette Disease – Dr. Mark Windham Speaks to the Connecticut Rose Society

By: Jason Capote

On Sunday, October 8th, Dr. Mark Windham, one of the nation's preeminent researchers of Rose Rosette Disease (RRD), spoke to the members of the Connecticut Rose Society to discuss the fruits of his studies. In short, from his talk, there were a few key takeaway points:

- 1.) Rose Rosette Disease, while present in our region, is rare. It is more likely that the abnormalities in the growth pattern of a suspect plant is caused by something other than RRD, such as herbicide damage, damage from the improper application of pesticides, soil deficiencies, or an insect pest.
- 2.) The main symptoms of RRD are strapped leaves (leaves appearing like ribbons or threads of fabric), a change in the level of thorniness appearing on new canes (this usually presents itself as increased thorniness with soft rubbery thorns, but can also be seen as canes that are completely thornless on usually thorny plants), and a rapid increase in the growth pattern creating a “witch’s broom” appearance. An affected rose usually has at least two of these symptoms.
- 3.) The disease is spread by an eriophyid mite, which starts to eat new growth at tips of new shoots. As a result, the disease starts at the tips and spreads slowly down the canes until the whole plant is affected and dies. As a result, cutting out the abnormal growth by removing the affected cane at the bud union resolves RRD in 30% of the cases, however, by the time most symptoms are present, the disease has usually already affected the whole plant. Since the mites can potentially spread RRD to all roses in a garden, it is best that the affected plant is wrapped, removed from the garden and destroyed. Trying to “cut out the virus” should only be reserved for those bushes that are either too large to easily remove, or those bushes that have sentimental value to the owner with the understanding that leaving the affected bush in the ground can cause RRD to spread to other bushes.
- 4.) After the bush is removed, the bushes immediately surrounding it should be sprayed to control the spread of the mite. Currently there is only one miticide, Bifrin, that is rated to control the spread of the virus-carrying mite. It is not advised to use Bifrin as a preventive as it can create mites that have pesticide resistance. Other commercially available miticides may be effective, but they have not yet been tested as they are not rated for the control of eriophyid mites.
- 5.) Once removed, a new rose can be planted in the same hole as early as 5 days later as long as all the roots of the infected bush has been removed or has died.
- 6.) It is also important to report cases of RRD to the national data bank as outlined in the article above and to send suspect samples into your local Cooperative Extension for testing so that the spread of RRD and the eriophyid mite can be tracked.

To learn more about RRD, to hear where Dr. Windham's research is heading, and to learn about further updates on RRD research, come to the MRS March Meeting to see Dr. Windham on Saturday, March 31st at the Queens Botanical Garden.

Odd Ball of the Month



Trade Name: *'Black Jade'*

Exhibition Name: *'Black Jade'*

Classification: *Miniature*

Official Color: *Dark Red*

Hybridizer: *Frank A. Benardella*

Year Introduced: *1985*

Zones: *4 – 10*

Disease Resistance: *Very Resistant*

Why it's Unusual: *Unusual Color*

When I first joined the LIRS, a very nice older member, Fred Lorenzen befriended me. It's always hard to join a new organization when you don't know anyone and you are new to the subject matter, but Fred was so kind and welcoming. A year or so later, he told us that he is planning to move and invited us to come to his home and dig out the roses of our choice. By the time I got to his house, many of the roses were gone and those that

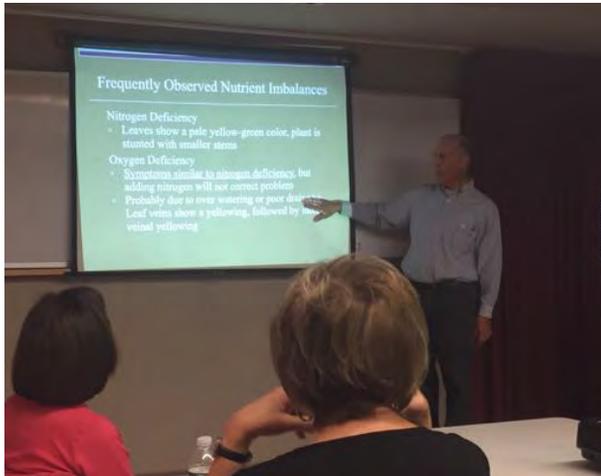
were left were huge! But I did find a few hidden ones that were labeled as 'mini', so I dug out 2 of them one of which was 'Black Jade'. I planted them both in a flower bed with other perennials. A year later, 'Black Jade' was alive but just barely, so I potted it up and placed it on my back steps so that I could keep an eye on it. Several years later, it's doing fine in its pot; it's still small but healthy. The dark red flowers last quite a long time on the bush and it keeps on producing new growth and a couple new flowers all summer long whose color is actually quite dark and then lightens up as it ages.. I still have Fred's metal rose sign in the pot and I think of him whenever I deadhead the little Black Jade rose.

Angelika Swantek

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 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 paring 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!

Past Events

Consulting Rosarian School in Glen Cove, NY!



On Saturday, September 30th, rosarians from across the tri-state area and beyond descended upon the Glen Cove Public Library to qualify as a Consulting Rosarian or to gain enough points to renew their certification. On this cold and rainy day we learned about soil quality, Integrated Pest Management, and updates on Rose Rosette Disease from our very own Pat Shanley and Louis Arce, NY District Director, Ann Gibson, and NY District Treasurer, Joe Gibson. At the conclusion of the event, three new Consulting Rosarian Certifications were awarded to our own MRS members, Angelika Swantek, Shauna Moore, and Toni Simomonetti. Congratulations to all those who participated and were newly certified!

Jason Capote

MRS Annual October Dinner Meeting



The MRS Annual October Dinner Meeting was held on October, 10th at Montebello Ristorante in Midtown Manhattan. In addition to exquisite food, the Dinner Meeting opened with honoring Marjorie Marcallino with the ARS Bronze Honor Medal for outstanding service to the MRS. The meeting then proceeded with the installation of the MRS 2017 – 2019 Executive Board of Directors and then segwayed to a presentation by ARS Vice Presidential Candidate, Chris Van Cleave, on his vision for the ARS, and how local societies can expand their outreach by maximizing their PR potential through publicity. It was overall a killer event and one to definitely remember.

To learn more about Chris and his candidacy, please visit iGrowRoses.org.

Jason Capote

(Photos by Elizabeth Beck)



Special Report: 2017 Gettysburg National Rose Show and Convention

From Wednesday, September 6th through Sunday, September 10th the ARS held its annual national rose show and convention in historic Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. There was history, there were roses, there were fantastic lectures, raffles, prizes, awards, and a photo contest all on display for the attendees to enjoy. Thursday night featured the Ghosts of Gettysburg Tour which took us around historic Gettysburg to hear the tales of all those who met their end during and right after the battle. Friday featured individual and group trips to the Gettysburg battle grounds and national historic park and museum with a fancy evening banquet. On Saturday there were raffles with fantastic prizes, the national rose show (in which yours truly won the Best Novice Award), the national rose photography show, a rose auction and the ARS awards dinner and show. Sunday featured a close of the event with rosarians. At the awards dinner, the following awards were presented:

- The **2017 ARS Gold Honor Medal** to Marilyn Wellan - the highest honor one can receive from ARS.
- The **2017 ARS New York District Silver Honor Medal** to Ann & Joe Gibson - the highest honor one can receive from the District.
- The **2017 New York District Outstanding Consulting Rosarian Award** to our very own MRS member Nancy Marr.
- The **2017 James Alexander Gamble Award** for best fragrance in a newly hybridized rose presented for 'Firefighter,' hybridized by Pierre Orard.
- The **2017 Fuerstenberg Prize** to Tom Carruth & Christian Bedard for 'Dick Clark' which is awarded "to the originator of any new rose, of American origin, suitable to the American climate, which may deserve honor."
- The **2017 Rising Star Award**. The 2017 Rising Star award is new this year. It is intended to be given to up to five individuals per year, age 45 or younger for outstanding achievement by an individual in promoting the culture and appreciation of the rose – our National Floral Emblem. It was presented to: Christian Bedard, Lucy Contreras, Jace Hiers, Jim Redington, David Slezak.

Congratulations to all Award Winners!



Jason Capote

(Award details provided by Pat Shanley)



Previous page: Christian Bedard presenting on new hybridizing procedures at Weeks Roses.

Above Left: A guide greeting us for the Ghosts of Gettysburg Tour.

Above Center: Mirjana Toyn after giving a lecture on the history of roses.

Above Right: Julia Child, winner of the Best Novice Award by the editor.

Bottom Left: Attendees view the Court of Honor at the National Rose Show.

Bottom Right: Nancy Marr being presented with the NY District Outstanding Consulting Rosarian Award.

An Important Announcement from the NY District

Hello my fellow MRS members! At our 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. This is a great winter project and as a committee, we hope to reach out to you sometime in the early Spring to hear your feedback with us having a preliminary list generated early next fall, to be ready just in time for next year's rose selections. Thank you 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 *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. 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

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Happy Birthday American Rose Society!

Just like any birthday celebration, a fabulous array of gifts awaits you in our 125th Birthday Grand Celebration! Our sponsors have put together a tremendous collection of gifts and gift packages currently valued in excess of \$8,000!!!

How can you get in on the fun?

In 2017 when you donate \$125 or more to the American Rose Society's Annual Fund your name will be placed into this drawing to win one of our incredible prizes! Every additional \$125 donation to Annual Fund gets your name in again!

Donations must be made to the ARS Annual Fund between Jan. 1, 2017 and Dec. 31, 2017. Your name will automatically be entered once for every \$125 you donate. The drawing will be held on Jan. 15, 2018.

Want to participate but need to do so in smaller installment amounts? No problem. Our Perpetual Blooming plan offers a payment program to make the giving process easier. As long as the total installments paid in by year-end 2017 equal at least \$125.00 your name will be included in the drawing. Call the office at (318) 938-5402 to learn more.

For a full list of prizes and sponsors, please go to: <http://www.rose.org/125th-birthday/>.



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Zones 5-10



Promises

Promises is a very brightly colored rose, seemingly always in bloom. Its clean foliage and vibrant pink/magenta blooms contrast to make an outstanding landscape plant. Its compact growth habit is ideally suited for container planting or for hedging. This rose also produces rose hips as added interest.

Zones 5-9

PATRON LIST – 2017

The Manhattan Rose Society wishes to take this opportunity to thank all of our Patrons for their support and ask that you consider contributing whatever you can for 2018, to help us finance the programs and events we are planning for you for the coming year. Many corporations offer matching contributions to not-for-profit organizations. If your corporation has such a program please notify them of your contribution so that we may benefit from their generosity as well. All contributions are tax deductible as provided by law. All contributions for 2018 will be acknowledged in each issue of *Skyscrapers & Roses*. All attendees of the 2017 Holiday Cocktail Party are Patrons for 2018.

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Anonymous

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Platinum - \$100+

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Submissions welcome

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:

Toni Simonetti
Shauna Moore

MANHATTAN ROSE SOCIETY SLATE OF OFFICERS & DIRECTORS - 2017-2019

The Manhattan Rose Society would also like to congratulate the following members on their installment to the MRS Executive Board of Directors; may we all wish them a productive 2017-2019 term.

President – Carole Kennedy

Vice President – Marjorie Marcallino

Secretary – Mary Hahn

Treasurer – Louis Arce

Immediate Past President – Pat Shanley

Directors - Henry Manifold, Dan Simas, Gene Waering, Jason Capote



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MANHATTAN ROSE SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Mr. Mrs. Ms. Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Are you a member of the American Rose Society? Yes No
Are you a member of any other Rose Society? If so, which one(s)?

Membership: 1 Year 2 Year
Single \$30 , \$55
Additional Household Member - \$10 , \$20

Contributions are gratefully accepted.
I wish to contribute _____ to the Manhattan Rose Society
The Manhattan Rose Society is exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501 (c) of the Internal Revenue Code and contributions to the society are tax deductible to the donor as provided by law. Please make check payable to *Manhattan Rose Society* and mail to:

Pat Shanley
PO Box 442
Locust Valley, NY 11560

AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

First Name _____ Last Name _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ E-mail _____

Membership Classifications:

CATEGORY	1-Year	2-Year	3-Year	Life
Regular Member	\$49	\$95	\$140	\$1000
Regular Joint	\$62	\$117	\$170	\$2000
Senior Member	\$46	\$89	\$132	\$500
Senior Joint	\$59	\$114	\$169	\$1000
Youth (each)	\$10	\$20	\$30	N/A
Corporate	\$250	\$500	\$750	N/A

(Joint membership is one individual and one associate residing in the same household.) Please allow 6 - 8 weeks for your first magazine to arrive.

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