



# SKYSCRAPERS & ROSES

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'Knock Out' by Maria Cecelia Freeman

*A not-for-profit organization affiliated with The American Rose Society*

## **The Manhattan Rose Society Proudly Presents:**

### ***Dinner With Chris VanCleave! America's Favorite Rose Gardner!***

***Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 6:00 p.m.  
@ Montebello Ristorante, 120 East 56th Street,  
Between Lexington and Park Aves, New York, NY, 10022***

**\$60 per person, Members and Guests  
Cash Bar**

**3 Course Dinner and Program Presentation with the Installation of the  
2017- 2019 MRS Officers and Directors  
RSVP to [PShanley@aol.com](mailto:PShanley@aol.com) by October, 2<sup>nd</sup>!  
Reserve Early – Space is Limited**

**Directions:** Take the N/R/W or 4/5/6 subway lines to Lexington – 59<sup>th</sup> Street or  
the E/M lines to Lexington Ave. – 53<sup>rd</sup> Street.

## About Our Presenter



As America's Favorite Rose Gardener, nicknamed "The Redneck Rosarian", Chris VanCleave is passionate about gardening and growing roses. He'll be here to talk with us about his vision for the ARS and how local rose societies can expand their reach by maximizing their PR potential through publicity.

Chris has recently announced his intention to run for the office of Vice President of the American Rose Society. As a member of the ARS, Chris has served in multiple roles on a local, district and national level and is a sought-after speaker at district events. A member of the ARS Marketing & Membership committee for six years, he worked with the ARS leadership to restart the fledging "The Fragrant Rose" e-newsletter. "It was a great newsletter but didn't feature a fragrant rose. We fixed that", says Chris. This publication was re-tooled as a FREE e-membership benefit and is used to entice expired members to renew and to encourage potential members to join. He launched an online campaign encouraging people to sign up. It worked!

Chris joined ARS in 2010. In 2012, frustrated by negative publicity about roses, he started the Rose Chat Podcast, an online radio broadcast, geared towards helping people grow great roses. Episodes include a commercial encouraging people to join the ARS. Now with over 180 episodes, this broadcast has reached over 750,000 downloads. Listen anytime FREE at [RoseChatPodcast.com](http://RoseChatPodcast.com).

Locally, as civic leader, he serves as Chairman of the Helena Alabama Beautification Board where he has spearheaded efforts to create a sustainable landscape using Earth Kind roses in one of the top one hundred places to live in the United States. Nationally, he was a contributor to the 2015 Southern Living Gardening Book, has appeared on P. Allen Smith's Garden Home television show, and was featured in the June 2015 issue of Southern Living Magazine. His writing is seen at [About.com](http://About.com), [HomeDepot.com](http://HomeDepot.com) as well as various magazines and on his popular website; [RedneckRosarian.com](http://RedneckRosarian.com), where he chronicles his gardening adventures and explores an intrinsic mix of life, faith, and gardening. In 2016, he partnered with DeWit Garden Tools in Holland and launched a line of heirloom quality gardening tools.

An agent of change with over 20 years' experience in process innovation at one of the nation's top financial institutions, Chris VanCleave is breaking new ground and opening new doors for roses. *"On every level of the organization, there is room for improvement and I'll use my years of experience, in process innovation, to find ways to expand our reach and improve outdated processes. Someone told me once "Old keys won't open new doors". What worked for the organization 10, 20, 30 years ago, won't necessarily work today. We must be forward thinking if we are going to reach the millennial generation and beyond. We must continue to position ourselves in that direction if we are going to remain relevant in the social media age."*

Learn more about Chris and his candidacy at [iGrowRoses.org](http://iGrowRoses.org)

## **UPCOMING Consulting Rosarian School**

On Saturday, September 30, 2017, the New York District will hold a Consulting Rosarian School at the Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave, Glen Cove, NY 11542 | (516) 676-2130

For application to the school, please contact Louis Arce via email at ([louisarce101@msn.com](mailto:louisarce101@msn.com)),

OR

By postal mail to:

Louis Arce,  
58-35 185 Street,  
Fresh Meadows, NY 11365

The fee is \$10.00 per person. Make checks payable to ARS New York District and either them mail to Louis Arce, or pay at the door, but please RSVP so that we can plan accordingly.

The school will run from 9AM to 4:30PM. There will be a breakfast snack from 8:30-9:30AM. Lunch will be provided. There will be 6 speakers on the following topics: CR Mission & Ethics, Soil, Chemicals and Safety, Rose Diseases and Pests, Basic Rules for cultivation and maintenance, and Nutritional Requirements.

For those who are currently Consulting Rosarians each of these topics is worth one point toward the renewal of a CR certificate. You need not attend all six presentations—only 4 for renewal, providing that one of the four is on Chemicals and Chemical Safety.

For those who are interested in becoming a CR, you must attend the school and take an open book test at the end of all 6 lessons. The exam will be from 3:30 to 4:30PM. The Consulting Rosarian Manual can be obtained from the American Rose Society at [www.Rose.org](http://www.Rose.org).

If you grow roses and want to enhance your knowledge of roses you are also welcome. However, to consider becoming a consulting rosarian, you must be a member of a local rose society and a member of the American Rose Society for at least 3 years.

*Louis Arce*

**New York District CR Chairman**



**Thursday – Sunday September 7– 10, 2017  
At the Wyndham Gettysburg Hotel,  
95 Presidential Cir, Gettysburg, PA, 17325**

Come one and come all to the ARS National Convention and Rose Show in historic Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, just steps away from the historic Civil War battlefield. Come on Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> for the Gettysburg Ghost Tour and stay the weekend to hear great lectures from rose historian Mirjana Toyn, hybridizers Paul Zimmerman and Christian Bedard, and ARS Membership Director Jon Corkern. Come for the National Rose Show on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> and show the country the bounteously beautiful blooms that you and your roses have worked so hard to produce and stay the evening for the ARS Awards Banquet to see the National Awards and National Rose Show trophies. On Sunday join us for breakfast and take a bus tour to the region's historic gardens.

*For a complete schedule of events and registration forms, please go to:*  
[www.pennjerseydistrict.org/events.html](http://www.pennjerseydistrict.org/events.html)

## **2017 – 2018 Schedule of Events – SAVE THE DATES!!**

<b>Manhattan Rose Society Events</b>		
<p><b><i>Saturday, December 9, 2017 –</i></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>	<p><b><i>Saturday, March 31, 2018 –</i></b> 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><b><i>Saturday, April 21, 2018 –</i></b> Gaye Hammond, Companion Planting with Roses Queens Botanical Garden 43-50 Main St., Flushing, NY, 11355. Bagels and Coffee Will Be Served.</p>
<p><b><i>Saturday, May 12, 2018 –</i></b> 9:30am-1230pm – Program TBA</p>	<p><b><i>July 2018 –</i></b> Date and Program TBA</p>	<p><b><i>October 2018 –</i></b> Annual Dinner Meeting – Date and Program TBA</p>
<p><b><i>Saturday, December 8, 2018 –</i></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><i>Fri – Sun, March 23-25, 2018 –</i></b> Yankee District Spring Convention Double Tree by Hilton Hotel, 123 Old River Road, Andover MA, 01810 For more information, please see <a href="http://arsyankee.org/index.htm">arsyankee.org/index.htm</a></p>	<p><b><i>Sunday, June 10, 2018 –</i></b> Long Island Rose Society Rose Show at Planting Fields Arboretum, Oyster Bay, NY, 11771 Contact LIRS for more information.</p>	<p><b><i>June 2018 –</i></b> Rose Weekend at the Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden at the New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, NY, 10458  (More information TBA)</p>

## Editor's Message -



Hello one and all, the autumn is finally upon us. With less than 3 weeks of summer left to go, we will soon be in the season of sipping cider, stepping on crunchy leaves, colder nights, brisk autumn winds and puffy sweaters. My, oh my, where did the time go! While I expect at least one more flush from my roses, maybe two if the weather holds up, as the wet and cold of the last few days should remind us, it will soon be time to put our roses to sleep for the long winter ahead.

But while many people consider the autumn the beginning of the end as plants begin their dormancy cycle, I consider the autumn a season of change and new possibilities for the garden ahead. Is there a rose that was an underperformer this past season? Dig it up, gift it to a friend or donate it as you prepare your hole for a new spring planting. Or why even wait for spring, roses, especially grafted varieties, are perfect to plant in the fall and many nurseries, especially big box stores, mark down their inventories to bargain basement prices to clear their stock. Many fantastic roses can be found in your local Home Depot or Lowes; last year I picked up a Mother of Pearl rose for only \$3.95 a week prior to Thanksgiving that not only survived the winter, but is now a strong bush. Additionally, many mail order companies are beginning to release their catalogs including many new varieties from Weeks. Star and Certified Roses, leaving today's gardener more than ample time to plan for their "spring lineup." Is there any garden projects that you were wanting to do, but were unable to do because of the summer heat such as building or replacing arbors, weeding flower beds, planting or moving flower beds, or repainting garden structures, well now is the time to do so, so that in the spring, you can sit back and enjoy the beautiful show.

With that being said, I want to still encourage you to submit your rose photos to the Odd Ball of the Month column. My vision of this column was to increase member participation in our society by allowing them to display their prized roses as a digital rose show and to do the one thing rosarians do best ... talk about their roses! Please submit your photos to the column. With at least one more flush ahead of us, there should be ample opportunities for each of you to go out into your gardens with your smartphones and snap yourselves a photo of your favorite rose worthy of a prize.

Lastly, I also want to give a big, heart felt thank you, to you, the members of the MRS, for electing me to the Board of Directors for the 2017-2019 term. I can't wait to see you all in October at the Annual Dinner Meeting/ Installation Party.

*Jason Capote*

## Weeds: Garden Nightmares or a Gift from the Gods?

### *Part Two*

By: Jason Capote

*Based on Personal Observations and Material Found Online From Various Sources*

As being the second part of this two part series, let me reiterate by stating that I am no weed identification expert, but that I feel compelled to write this article for this newsletter as I feel that it is an area of our hobby that is an often ignored but very important topic of discussion. Since garden weeds can either be a Gift from the Gods or a Garden Nightmare, the second part of this article will feature those noxious weeds that are both frequently encountered here in the city and the surrounding metropolitan area that when encountered must be promptly destroyed as they pose a risk to either the health of the garden or that of the gardener him/herself. Some on this list are toxic to humans and pets, others grow so fast that they can suffocate and smother other garden plants, and others, when gone to seed, can quickly take over one's garden. Many of those pictured below have multiple negative characteristics. While there are many weeds that appear with a high rate of frequency in our area, those that are presented below are true garden nightmares that must be destroyed at any cost. Like I mentioned in the previous installment, the pictures below are not my own, but were selected because they are a good representation of the plants for both their flowers and their leaves. All of these at one time or another popped up in my garden or in the gardens of my immediate neighbors sometimes with life threatening consequences as a bad case of exposure to poison ivy led one former neighbor of mine to the hospital and a neighbor's dog's bout with black nightshade proved to be near fatal. If, after reading this article, you are unsure if a weed you have growing in your garden is one of those listed below, it is best to err on the side of caution, and safely remove the offending plant. Be sure to wear gloves and other protective gear and be sure to keep small children and pets away when removing some of those weeds listed below that are adverse to human health.

For more information on common garden weeds in our area, please go to <http://www.bhg.com/gardening/pests/insects-diseases-weeds/types-of-weeds/>



**Common Name:** Poison Ivy

**Scientific Name:** *Toxicodendron radicans*

**Description and Dangers:** Contrary to popular opinion, Poison Ivy is a native plant and appears quite frequently in our area often disguising itself among another native ivy, Virginia Creeper, which is similar in appearance, but has 5 leaflets instead of 3. Exposure to this plant can not only produce the usual itching reaction, but can also cause acute respiratory distress. If you are unsure if you have poison ivy in your garden, just remember this saying “Shiny leaves of three, leave it be.”



**Common Name:** Stink Weed/ “Brooklyn Tree”

**Scientific Name:** *Ailanthus altissima*

**Description and Dangers:** A plant prized for its survival capabilities in its native China granting it the moniker “Tree of Heaven,” most city gardeners see this plant as the bane of their existence. This weed tree sprouts in the most inopportune places and releases a foul odor when plucked; it disguises itself well among other plants; it grows in poor soil quality and in environments with a total lack of water; and even mature trees seem undying as they quickly sucker clones. A common sight in abandoned industrial lots, the survival capabilities allowed it to be used as a metaphor and inspiration for the novel “A Tree Grows in Brooklyn.”



**Common Name:** Black Nightshade

**Scientific Name:** *Solanum nigrum*

**Description and Dangers:** A common sight in city gardens, this noxious weed produces tiny purple or white flowers on a thick stalk with thick heart shaped leaves, that when left to seed, produce little berries ranging from black to red. A close relative to Deadly Nightshade, this plant must be promptly destroyed as most parts of it are toxic to both people and animals if ingested. Keep pets and children away while you are safely disposing of this plant.



**Common Name:** Stinging Nettle

**Scientific Name:** *Urtica dioica*

**Description and Dangers:** Usually disguised among quick weed and also being similar in appearance to many members of the mint family, stinging nettle is a little terror in the garden. Covered in tiny hair like spines, accidentally plucking this weed without wearing properly covering gloves will give the unsuspecting gardener a stinging and itching feeling reminiscent to being struck by fiber glass. A common sight in city gardens, I never fail in finding at least one in my weeding routine.



**Common Name:** Bindweed

**Scientific Name:** *Convolvulus arvensis*

**Description and Dangers:** A close relative to Morning Glory, these plants produce long vines that entwine themselves around any vertical structure (including rose canes). Despite their beautiful flowers, and their quick growing habit, the prudent gardener would quickly destroy this invasive pest before they set their flowers and set seed as their seeds can spread long distances and survive the harshest winters. Unfortunately, I have made this mistake, and years later I am still pulling out seedlings and pulling vines off rose canes that seem to sprout and grow overnight despite denying them a chance to flower.



**Common Name:** Oxalis

**Scientific Name:** *Oxalis sp.*

**Description and Dangers:** Perhaps the most benign of the noxious weeds presented in this article, Oxalis presents itself as cute little clover like plants with bright golden flowers. But don't let those cute little leaves fool you. It is no Luck O' the Irish when they appear in your garden as they quickly go to seed as well as reproduce by sending out runners. If left to their own devices, they will quickly take over your lawn.

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# Odd Ball of the Month

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**Trade Name:** *'Pretty Lady Rose'*

**Exhibition Name:** *'Pretty Lady Rose'*

**Classification:** *Hybrid Tea*

**Official Color:** *Deep Pink*

**Hybridizer:** *Christian Bédard*

**Year Introduced:** *2015*

**Zones:** *6 – 9*

**Disease Resistance:** *Very Resistant*

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

Part of the Downton Abby Collection, Weeks's Pretty Lady Rose is a true showstopper and another one of my new favorites that I don't think my garden can be without. Although officially classified by the ARS Handbook as deep pink, Pretty Lady Rose has mauve undertones giving it an appearance ranging from magenta to fuchsia. Also, in ideal weather conditions, as shown in the photograph, each petal is outlined in lavender, giving a halo effect to both the individual petals and the flower as a whole. Combined with very high disease resistance and a fragrance reminiscent of old garden roses despite being a modern Hybrid Tea, this rose is an all around odd ball and a pleaser for any garden. The only real fault with this rose is that it does not grow like a traditional Hybrid Tea, but rather prefers a bushy as opposed to an erect form, and prefers to produce sprays as opposed to single blooms per stem.

*(Photos and description courtesy of 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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### Roses and Wine at Stone Cottage



Hey all! It was wonderful to see so many familiar and new faces at Pat's house for the wine tasting party. Many laughs and good discussions over the varying tastes, pallets and wines were had. And may I say what wine! The samplings from the Thirsty Owl Winery were truly exquisite. It's amazing to know that we have some truly great wineries in New York State and getting to know my fellow rose enthusiasts even more was a great way to top it all off! It was lovely to be invited back into Pat's beautiful home for the experience. I am so looking forward to seeing you all at the next meeting!

*Elizabeth Beck*

### 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](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.

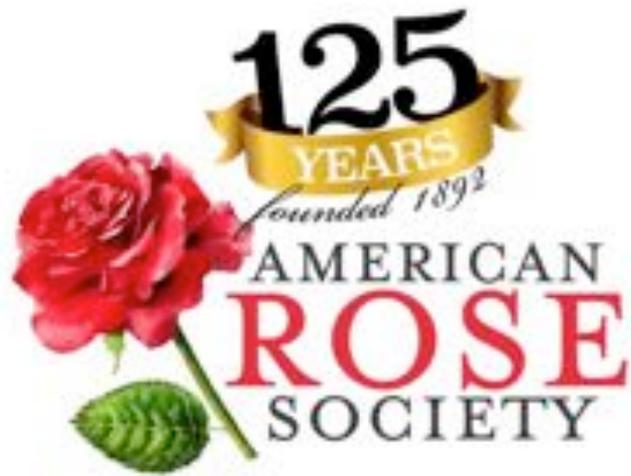
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***<http://www.rose.org/>***



***From the Roses & You Facebook page:***

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## **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 2017, 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 2017 will be acknowledged in each issue of *Skyscrapers & Roses*. All attendees of the 2016 Holiday Cocktail Party are Patrons for 2017.

### **PATRONS 2017**

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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:

Hillary Read  
Matt Stipovich  
Linda Wachinski  
Tony Wachinski

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

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

**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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Youth (each)	\$10	\$20	\$30	N/A
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