



# SKYSCRAPERS & ROSES

Newsletter of the Manhattan Rose Society

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## NEXT EVENT!

### **Manhattan Rose Society proudly celebrates its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!!** ***ROSES IN NEW YORK CITY!***

**Friday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> - CELEBRATION DINNER AT:  
THE MARRIOTT NY LAGUARDIA AIRPORT HOTEL**

***Key note speaker - Stephen Scanniello!!***  
***Horticultural Judging Credit received for this program***

**Saturday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> - at Queens Botanical Garden**  
**A CELEBRATION OF ROSES EXHIBITION**

**Rose Seminar - Growing Great Roses from the Ground Up!**

*4 Consulting Rosarian Credits received for this program*

### **Tour of the Rose Garden**

Friday - Marriott New York LaGuardia Airport Hotel  
102-05 Ditmars Boulevard  
East Elmhurst, NY 11369  
718-565-8900

Saturday - Queens Botanical Garden  
43-50 Main St., Flushing, NY 11355  
718-886-3800

[www.queensbotanical.org](http://www.queensbotanical.org)

**Registration fee - \$99- all inclusive**

**(Friday - Dinner; Saturday - Continental Breakfast, Luncheon, Rose Seminar, Celebration of Roses Exhibition)**

***Registration and prepayment required. Please register by Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>.***

The 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Manhattan Rose Society will take place at the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual ARS New York District Convention/Conference which will be held on September 24-25, 2010. This is a special 2-day event which will consist of a Celebration Dinner on Friday evening held at the newly renovated Marriott New York LaGuardia Hotel and a full day of Roses at the Queens Botanical Garden on Saturday.

Our speaker for Friday evening will be Stephen Scanniello, President of the Heritage Rose Foundation and ARS NY District Chairman, Old Garden Roses. Stephen is a dynamic personality, speaker and Rosarian Extraordinaire!!!, so don't miss this opportunity to gain from his knowledge and experience. There will be a special table of fabulous gift baskets and items

that will be raffled off at the dinner. Special tribute will be made to honor the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Manhattan Rose Society and noted rosarians. Following the dinner you are invited to join us in the "Hospitality Room" for Wine, Cheese, and Sweets, hosted by the District Director.

Saturday at QBG will consist of A Celebration of Roses Exhibition (*described on page \_\_\_*), Growing Roses from the Ground Up! Seminar and a Tour of the Rose Garden. Continental Breakfast and Lunch will be served. All of the above, including the Friday Dinner and parking at the hotel and the garden, are included in the registration fee of \$99.00. **The Registration form is on page 4 of this newsletter.**

Please join us for this very special event honoring the Rose and Manhattan Rose Society!!

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 24<sup>TH</sup> OPENING DINNER**  
**Marriott New York LaGuardia Airport Hotel**

**6:00 - 7:00PM- Meet & Greet Reception, Cash Bar**

**7:00 - 10:00PM - Dinner:**

- **Presentation- ARS NYD Outstanding Consulting Rosarian Award**
- **Presentation - ARS NYD Outstanding Judge Award**
- **Presentation- ARS NYD Silver Honor Medal**
- **Key Note Speaker - Stephen Scanniello - President, Heritage Rose Foundation; ARS NYD Chairman, Old Garden Roses**
- **Special Presentation**

**10:00PM - 12:00PM - Hospitality Room Open**

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 25<sup>TH</sup>**  
**A Celebration of Roses at Queens Botanical Garden**

**10:00AM - 3:00PM - Celebration of Roses Exhibition (Non-competitive) - open to the public**

**Growing Great Roses Seminar-Consulting Rosarian School/Audit**

- **9:00am - Continental Breakfast**
- **9:00am - 11:30am - Growing Roses from the Ground Up! Seminar**
- **11:30am - 12:30pm - District Council Meeting/Luncheon**
- **12:30pm - 1:30pm - Visit the Rose Garden/Celebration of Roses Exhibition**
- **1:45pm - 3:30pm - Seminar resumes**
- **3:30pm -4:30pm - Test for Candidates for Consulting Rosarian designation**

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**CELEBRATION OF ROSES AT QUEENS BOTANICAL GARDEN!**

The New York District's "Celebration of Roses" exhibition, offers an opportunity not only to educate the public about roses but to display a wide selection of roses that grow well here in the New York area

Even though the weather this gardening season has not been the best, hopefully you have one or more roses worthy of showcasing. Please keep in mind that this will not be an ARS-judged event but the beauty of your roses will be appreciated by the Queens Botanical Garden's visitors.

**The display tables will be labeled for the following classes of roses:**

*Hybrid Tea*

*Floribunda*  
*Grandiflora*  
*Miniature/Miniflora*  
*Shrubs*  
*Polyanthas/Old Garden Roses*

**Tables will also be set aside for:**

*Disease Resistant Roses*  
*Fragrant Roses*  
*Collections*  
*Arrangements*

A place on the tables will be found for classes not included above.

The event will take place in the Meeting Room at the Visitors Center from 9 AM to 3 PM. Roses should be displayed in disposable containers unless you intend on staying in the garden until 3PM. To help setup go smoothly, please bring your roses to the area by 8:30AM. Committee members will be present to assist in placement on the tables. Make sure that you have completed a 3X5 index card with the name of the roses and its class. Your name on the reverse side would be appreciated since the public will be voting on "Best in Show" and "Fragrance".

New York in the Fall is a wonderful experience; add roses to the mix, and what could be better!!

Cathy Guzzardo, Chairman "2010 Celebration of Roses"

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**What is a Consulting Rosarian?** - "In the early days of the transition of the American Rose Society from an organization of nurserymen to a society serving the general public, Dr. Robert Huey conceived the idea of providing a bureau of information for rose growers. In 1920, this group was formalized as 32 past presidents of ARS, hybridizers, nurserymen, scholars and other noteworthy rosarians were designated "Consulting Rosarians," and the CR program was born. In 1949, the ARS Board of Directors greatly broadened the scope of the service by deciding that Consulting Rosarians would be appointed by each district, following guidelines promulgated by the board. This made the expertise of CRs available nationwide. To ensure further that Consulting Rosarians were well qualified, in 1996 a system of CR schools and exams, run by the districts, was established.

The American Rose Society is primarily an educational institution, and the Consulting Rosarian program is an important element in helping the Society carry out its educational function." *Reprinted from the ARS Consulting Rosarian Manual.* The Consulting Rosarian Manual is available from the American Rose Society, [www.ars.org](http://www.ars.org) and is a great guide to have even if you don't plan to be a Consulting Rosarian. The seminar planned for the ARS NY District Convention/Conference on Saturday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> is for everyone interested in growing roses; however it also will qualify for Consulting Rosarian credit to either maintain your current accreditation or to become a Consulting Rosarian. There are a number of requirements necessary to become a CR and these requirements are listed in the CR Manual. However the requirements listed below must be met before you can continue.

**To become a Consulting Rosarian a member of the American Rose Society:**

- Must be either a regular, joint or associate member of the American Rose Society for 3 consecutive years.
- Must be a member of a Local Rose Society

If you are interested, please contact Pat Shanley, 516-759-1435 or [pshanley@aol.com](mailto:pshanley@aol.com)

**55<sup>th</sup> Annual ARS New York District Convention/Conference**  
**In Celebration of Manhattan Rose Society's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
**Hosted by the Manhattan Rose Society**  
***Roses in New York City!!!***

Marriott New York LaGuardia Airport Hotel  
102-05 Ditmars Boulevard, East Elmhurst, NY 11369  
718-565-8900  
Friday, September 24 & Saturday, September 25, 2010  
**REGISTRATION FORM**

Please complete the convention registration form and return as soon as possible and by September 20, 2010.

Print name(s) as you wish them to appear on the name tag.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Rose Society \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fee –** # \_\_\_\_\_ @99.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday**

**Friday Night Dinner:**

with Guest Speaker: Stephen Scanniello, President Heritage Rose Foundation  
Presentation of the NYD Silver Honor Medal, Outstanding Judges Award and  
Outstanding Consulting Rosarian Award, special tribute to Manhattan Rose Society

Dinner Choices: Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ or Salmon \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday**

**Celebration of Roses, Continental Breakfast, Growing Roses From the  
Ground Up Seminar, District Council Luncheon/Meeting - Boxed Lunch –  
included**

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to NYD Convention 2010 and mail completed form and check  
to Pat Shanley, P.O. Box 442, Locust Valley, NY 11560.

For further information: Contact Pat Shanley – Tel. 516-759-1435/ email

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## **President's Message**

**The Manhattan Rose Society will celebrate its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> as we host the 2010 ARS New York District Convention/Conference.**

Included in this event will be a seminar on growing great roses, which will also qualify for Consulting Rosarian Credit. Those MRS members who have also been ARS members for at least 3 years will be eligible to become ARS Consulting Rosarians. Details and a registration form for this event can be found on pages 1-4. Stephen Scanniello will be our key note speaker at the dinner on Friday evening. The Rose Seminar and Non Competitive Rose Exhibition "A Celebration of Roses" will take place at the Queens Botanical Garden on Saturday. There is one very reasonable registration fee that covers all events. I hope you will plan to join us for this very special event honoring our past and our future.

**Our October meeting** will be a different format this year. In view of the fact that we have had many meetings and events for which you were asked to pay, the Board of Directors felt that the October meeting should not be an extra charge as it would if we held it at a restaurant for dinner. However sharing food and drink is still a wonderful way to come together and so on Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> we will hold our annual dinner meeting at The Horticultural Society of New York instead. Our program for the evening will still be a round table discussion of "What Worked and What Didn't in Our Gardens this Past Season". However, we are asking you to bring a dish to share and MRS will supply the Wine/Non Alcoholic Beverages. Please let me know what you will be bringing. Details of this event can be found on page 6 of this issue. This promises to be a very enjoyable evening and I hope you will plan to be there.

**The Great Rosarians of the World™ Lecture Series - East Coast** will be held on June 10, 11, 12, 2011. We will hold our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual New York Metropolitan Rose Council Dinner on Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at Opia and the Lecture/Award Series will be a full day event at Queens Botanical Garden. There will be a morning panel discussion centered around our 300 page, hard cover edition of "The Sustainable Rose Garden...A Reader in Rose Culture". We will also once again welcome the Harlem Jazz Group - *Parlor Entertainment* to play in The Rose Garden for our Wine & Cheese Reception. The Honoree for 2011 will announced shortly, but I can tell you that we will have an ALL Star Rose Cast present for this event, so please SAVE THE DATE!!

All American Rose Society members will be receiving the *American Rose Annual*, in November. This is the 94<sup>th</sup> edition of the *American Rose Annual*. "First published in 1916, the *Annual* has been delivered to ARS members through wars and depressions, through good and lean years." This highly collectable volume of rose information is the most eagerly awaited ARS publication.

American Rose Society members receive the 128 page *Annual* as a benefit of membership. It features the latest in rose research, growing techniques and tips, rose care products and many excellent articles on every aspect of the rose-growing hobby. So if you are not an ARS

member, you may want to consider joining so that you can receive this wonderful publication as well as all the rest of the membership benefits, which include an ARS membership card; the Reciprocal Garden Guide (**Your ARS membership card is your ticket to free or reduced admission to over 200 Botanical gardens nationwide through the Reciprocal Garden Program!**) and discounts with ARS Partners, which offer you a savings on merchandise from these vendors of up to 30% (see the ARS website for a listing [www.ars.org](http://www.ars.org)). A membership application can be found on page 15 of this newsletter or you can join online.

We are coming to the close of the season and that always leaves me a bit nostalgic. This coming year, I hope to be in a new home and designing my new garden, with the help of Karl McKoy, Curator of the Rose Garden at Queens Botanical Garden. I am looking forward to new beginnings and to having you visit me in my new home. Our Annual Holiday Fund Raising Cocktail Party, on Saturday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> will be held at my new home. So please plan to come and celebrate the Holiday Season, our friendships and the Rose.

See you on September 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>!

## ***Pat Shanley***

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### **OCTOBER EVENT:**

**ANNUAL DINNER MEETING - WEDNESDAY, OCT. 27, 2010**  
**THE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY OF NEW YORK**  
**148 WEST 37<sup>TH</sup> ST, NEW YORK, NY**  
**6:00PM - 8:30PM**

**BRING A DISH SUPPER WITH WINE/NON ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**  
**SUPPLIED BY MANHATTAN ROSE SOCIETY**

We are asking members to please bring a dish to the supper - appetizer, main course or, dessert. Our program for the evening will be a round table discussion of "What Worked & What Didn't - in our gardens this season"

RSVP to Pat Shanley ASAP, [pshanley@aol.com](mailto:pshanley@aol.com) , 516-759-1435

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**SAVE THE DATE! 2011 GREAT ROSARIANS OF THE WORLD™**  
**LECTURE SERIES - EAST COAST**  
**When - FRIDAY, JUNE 10 - SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2011**  
**Where - New York City, Queens Botanical Garden**

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**SAVE THE DATE! - ARS MINI-MINIFLORA NATIONAL CONVENTION**  
**When - Friday, June 24 - Sunday, June 26, 2011**  
**Where - Syracuse, New York**

**Many thanks to our Sponsors. Their generosity made the 2010 Great Rosarians of the World™ Lecture Series - East Coast event possible:**

**The Conard-Pyle Company, Star® Roses, – Primary sponsor of the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual New York Metropolitan Rose Council Dinner [www.conard-pyle.com](http://www.conard-pyle.com)**



**The New York Botanical Garden – Principal Host 2010 GROW Lecture Series and Award Presentation [www.nybg.org](http://www.nybg.org)**

**The Queens Botanical Garden – Tea Roses – Lecture and Tour of the Rose Garden [www.queensbotanical.org](http://www.queensbotanical.org)**

**The Horticultural Society of New York – Art Exhibition/Book Party/Wine & Cheese Reception [www.hsnyc.org](http://www.hsnyc.org)**

**Mills Magic Rose Mix - Beaty Fertilizer Co. [www.millsmix.com](http://www.millsmix.com)**

**Roses Unlimited Nurseries [www.rosesunlimiteddownroot.com](http://www.rosesunlimiteddownroot.com)**

**Rogue Valley Roses [www.roguevalleyroses.com](http://www.roguevalleyroses.com)**

**Southampton Rose Society [www.southampton-rose-society.org](http://www.southampton-rose-society.org)**

**US Limousine Service, LTD [www.uslimoservice.com](http://www.uslimoservice.com)**

**Many thanks also to Maria Cecilia Freeman for offering her beautiful paintings for the Art Exhibition at The Horticultural Society of New York**

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## **MANHATTAN ROSE SOCIETY 2010 EVENTS**

**Friday, September 24 & Saturday, September 25, 2010 - 2010 ARS New York District 55<sup>th</sup> Convention/Conference - details on page -**

**Wednesday, October 27, 2010 – Annual Dinner Meeting held at The Horticultural Society of NY, 6:00 - 8:30pm. Bring a dish, Wine Supplied by MRS - Program: “What Worked & What Didn’t in Our Gardens this Season”**

**Saturday, December 4, 2010 – Annual Holiday Cocktail Party – held at the home of Pat Shanley**

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## **Roses & More!!** – a series of small fund raising dinners /events,

hosted by Manhattan Rose Society members – with proceeds going to:

The Great Rosarians of the World™ Lecture Series-East Coast! We will be having a series of small private dinners/events, including wine, to be hosted by members of the society in their homes. The evening will be limited to 10 people and will be \$60 per person. The proceeds from the dinner will go to **The Great Rosarians of the World Lecture Series™**. We thought that it would be a very enjoyable way to come together and enjoy each other's company, share our love of roses and good food, with the reward of knowing we are helping to promote this great event.

**Our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> events were a fabulous, sold out success!!** Our second event was hosted by Ellen Spector Platt and Ben Platt in their gorgeous roof top garden on East 80<sup>th</sup> Street on July 13th. "Herbal Delights -A Five Course Dinner with Local Herbs" featured organically grown fresh herbs from Ellen's roof garden, a selection of wines, and Dr. Ben's homemade bread. A tour of the garden and her recommendations for best container plants Completed a wonderful evening.

Our third event was "Sunset with Wine & Roses!" on July 23<sup>rd</sup> - Hosted by Ann Kugel in her fabulous terrace garden on the 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor!! A selection of wines was served with appetizers including cheese and caviar with Royal fig jam and was followed by grilled sirloin with all the fixings and a fabulous dessert served by candlelight and overlooking the New York City skyline.

Both events were balmy, summer evenings filled with laughter, good food and good friends. These 2 dinners collectively raised over \$1000 for The Great Rosarians of the World Lecture Series - East Coast Event - 2010. Many, many thanks to Ellen and Ben and Ann for all of the support and generosity.

If you are interested in hosting a dinner/event, please contact Pat Shanley, [pshanley@aol.com](mailto:pshanley@aol.com), 516-749-1435. We would be most grateful.

*Photo by Ann Kugel - 'Strike It Rich' featured in Ann's Terrace Garden*





*Photo by Ellen Spector Platt - Rosa 'Crown Princess Margareta' by David Austin featured in Ellen's Roof Top Garden*

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## **Roses at the Great New York State Fair!**

*By Rosemarie Murphy*

I lived in New York State for over 40 years and never attended the Great New York State Fair, until August of 2010. I was invited, by the Syracuse Rose Society, to attend the Fair and the thoughts of the food, midway, attractions, food, entertainment, exhibitions, and food were very appealing. Did I mention food? After arriving and sampling some of the local fare, we headed to the Horticultural Building and the Syracuse Rose Society booth.

The reason for attending the fair was to man the Syracuse Rose Society booth on Friday and Saturday afternoons. As we approached the booth a few things caught my eye. The display of roses in every shape, color and variety for the public to see was amazing - the Rose - our National Floral Emblem!

The large Syracuse Rose Society banner was prominently displayed in the booth with their founding year of 1911. Next year will mark their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and what better way to celebrate than to host the ARS Miniature National Convention in June 2011. Also displayed at the booth was a real point of pride for the local society - a picture of the Dr. E.M. Mills Rose Garden in Syracuse which just won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the National AARS Gardens competition. The members volunteer at this garden every Wednesday and the garden is just beautiful! Dr. Mills founded the Syracuse Rose Society in 1911.

We were met at the booth by Syracuse Rose Society member, Joe Gibson. Now it was time to go to work. As fairgoers walked by the booth to "stop and smell the roses" we would ask a very simple question. "Do you grow roses?" In most cases, the answer was yes. It was our time to see if they had any questions. We also asked if they lived in the area, and if so inquired if they would like to join the Syracuse Rose Society. The Syracuse Rose Society membership is only \$12.00 for the year, but we had more to offer. By joining the Syracuse Rose Society they were also entitled to the 4-Month Trial membership to the American Rose Society, FREE. If they did not live in the area, they were given the opportunity to try a 4-Month Trial Membership for only \$5.00.

The trial membership is a great way to introduce the public to the American Rose Society with all of the benefits of membership. For your 4-Month Trial Membership you receive 2 issues of the award winning ARS magazine, *American Rose*, discounts on purchases from partnered vendors, discounts to gardens across the country and much more. This was the opportunity to show the public what the American Rose Society is all about. The American Rose Society is the oldest single plant horticultural society in the country established in 1892. Sometimes you need to tell people, one person at a time, about an organization and this was our chance.

I was on this trip with Pat Shanley, who was invited to judge the NY State Fair Rose Show that was held on Saturday. I manned the booth while she judged. I watched as the judges did their thing, but more importantly as the public walked around looking at all the entrees. The court of honor was adjacent to our booth so we had a great opportunity to speak to all those who walked by and let them know that they, too, could grow great roses.

I was so pleased to be invited to participate at the fair. I left the New York State fair, well fed, with some treasures I purchased from the vendors but most importantly able to spread the word about the American Rose Society and offering our trial memberships. What a great weekend and experience.

## **ROSE MUSINGS - 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 2 years and have not lost a single rose, then by all means continue to do nothing. 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 reinfect 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 antidessicant, 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!



## **American Rose Society Fall 2010 National Rose Show and Convention GRITS: Great Roses In The South**

**Held in Atlanta, Georgia! October 7 - 10, 2010 - To register contact Cindy Dale at [rosepro@bellsouth.net](mailto:rosepro@bellsouth.net) . All convention information can also be accessed through the ARS website, [www.ars.org](http://www.ars.org)**

## ARS offering a 4- Month Trial Membership for Just \$5.00!!

- All existing NON-ARS members of a Local Society, such as the Manhattan Rose Society, will be offered a **4-month Trial Membership to the American Rose Society for just \$5.00!** This \$86 dollar value includes 2 issues of *American Rose* magazine, the award winning full color publication full of cutting edge information on every aspect of roses; an ARS membership card; the Reciprocal Garden Guide (**Your ARS membership card is your ticket to free or reduced admission to over 200 Botanical gardens nationwide through the Reciprocal Garden Program!**); and discounts with ARS Partners, which offer you a savings on merchandise from these vendors (see the ARS website for a listing [www.ars.org](http://www.ars.org)).

This is a fabulous offer and we invite you to try out a membership in the American Rose Society at this bargain price. To join, simply fill out the form below, include your check payable to ARS and mail to: **American Rose Society, PO Box 30,000, Shreveport, LA 71130-0030**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE # \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ LOCAL SOCIETY (required) \_\_\_\_\_

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### **POESY -** (Excerpts from: "The Writings of Patricia Duthiers")

*"Rose's cheeks are deep and dark red in complexion, like a rare, fine aged French wine, her intoxicating perfume lingers on, long after you've walked away.*

*She is a seductress with round, plump, voluptuous buds of exotic petals. With the wink of an eye, she'll charm and hypnotize the most stubborn of sinners. Her sultry and sensual look freezes you on the spot!*

*The fascinating and intricate patterns of her petals can dazzle your imagination and carry your thoughts to far away horizons! She is a mirage in the midst of a lonely and boring suburban site!*

*She is a soft whisper, almost like the humming of a far away melody. Like the haunting murmur of a distant away violin, the morning breeze brushes on the tip of her buds, as her looks captivate you and force you to stare back!*

*I could spend hours looking at her; this "beauty of all beauties", "queen of all flowers", majestic and elegant lady -with her complicated structure of delicate and elaborate geometry. I feel as if I'm being drawn into her complicated and ornate design of loveliness!*

*The longer I stare at her the more I find myself lulled into a subtle reverie: sweet day dream -interrupted only by the buzzing of the early bees and the gentle hush of the warm summer wind sweeping over the leaves of the weeping willow.*

*In a minute instant, I am not me."*

## FROM OUR FUNDRAISING CHAIRPERSON:

Dear Manhattan Rose Society members:

The holidays are fast approaching and we have a number of great fund raisers that will benefit our members as well as the society.

**Holiday wreaths-** 24" wreaths created from balsam fir made in Maine. Each wreath is shipped to anyone in the US that you want. This is included in the price. What a great holiday gift for friends and love ones across the US. If you would like an order sheet, in color, please email me [Rmurph11549@gmail.com](mailto:Rmurph11549@gmail.com). The society will earn at least \$5.00 on each wreath purchased.

**Biscotti** There are 16 different varieties of biscotti and 5 different package sizes available to choose from: ½, ¾, and 1 pound packages or 2 or 3 pound trays all in holiday packaging and perfect for holiday gifts. For an order form contact me by e-mail and I will send the form to you. [Rmurph11549@gmail.com](mailto:Rmurph11549@gmail.com). A portion of each sale will go to the society depending on the size of the order.

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Please feel free to contact me with any questions about the above fund raisers. We are always trying to find unique ways to benefit our members.

Thank you for your time.

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# Propagating Roses

By Irene Roth *reprinted from "Rose Magazine"*

At some point in your rose growing experiences you may wish to try your hand at experimenting with propagation to expand your rose collection. For the amateur gardener; propagation by division, cuttings, seeds or layering will produce some very satisfactory results. From these four methods taking cuttings is a particularly easy and fun way to increase your rose stock. It does involve some patience however, because it usually takes about 3 years for your new plant to become established.

Most roses that are purchased commercially have been bud grafted onto selected pre-prepared rootstocks. The plants that are created from cuttings are called own root roses because they grow on their own roots and are not grafted onto a rootstock. The roses that seem to root most easily are miniatures, ramblers and roses that are closely related to their species. Hybrid Teas and Floribundas are a bit more challenging to root but nonetheless you may be quite surprised at your success! The lengthy time period that it takes a Hybrid Tea to root is one reason they are not often found commercially on their own roots.

The method for rooting cuttings is quite simple and has a good success rate. In late summer or early autumn, select a healthy cane of approximately one to two feet in length and cut it off just above an outward facing bud. Remove all leaves and twigs. You can also carefully remove all the thorns to make handling easier. Cut the remaining cane into lengths of 6 to 9 pieces with the bottom of each piece being as close to a leaf node as possible. For miniature roses you will only need 2" to 4" inch cuttings.

At this point, you may wish to use a rooting hormone. You can either use one commercially available or you can make your own by chopping up willow twigs and soaking them in a bucket of water overnight. If you use willow water, then dip the ends of the cutting in the water and let sit overnight

Plant each cutting in a separate little pot filled with good quality potting soil, adding a bit of sand in the bottom of the hole for drainage. Make sure that at least 2/3 of the cutting is under the soil. Mist the cutting and the soil and place a plastic bag over the pot and secure. Keep your cutting outside, in a brightly lit but sheltered spot. Make sure that you protect your young plant from the direct heat of the sun. Check the pot periodically to make sure that your cutting is moist but not wet. Usually within a month your cutting will have taken root.

Alternatively, you may plant the cuttings directly outside in the garden in a well prepared spot that is shielded from the midday sun. If flower buds should appear the following summer remove them so that the young plant can concentrate all its energies to producing strong vegetative growth. If you are fortunate, they should be well rooted by the following autumn at which time you can carefully lift and replant them in its permanent location.

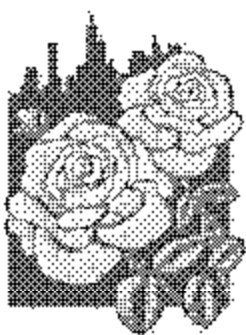
For those that live in areas of severe winter weather, you may wish to experiment with softwood cuttings rather than hardwood cuttings. Using the same method as outlined above, simply choose a mature side shoot that is still green. Trim off all soft growth and cut into 4 pieces rather than 9 pieces. Softwood cuttings should be planted in plastic covered pots and kept in a frost-free environment until the following spring, when you can plant them outside.

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