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'Knock Out' by Maria Cecelia Freeman

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The Manhattan Rose Society Proudly Presents 2017 Schedule of Events – SAVE THE DATES!!

Tuesday, March 14, 2017 -

Gaye Hammond, ARS Master Rosarian,
“Creating a Beautiful Garden with Easy
Care Roses”
Wine & Cheese Reception included
6:30 – 8:30PM
SLC Conference Center, 15 West 39th St.,
(between 5th & 6th Ave.)
New York, NY 10018 212-244-8888

Saturday, May 20, 2017 – ARS Master
Rosarian, Bill Kozemchak,
“Growing Miniature and Miniflora Roses:
9:30am – 12:00pm - Bagels and Coffee
served.
Queens Botanical Garden , 43-50 Main St.,
Flushing, NY

Saturday, April 15, 2017 – MRS Annual
Pruning Demonstration
Roosevelt Island Rose Garden

Sunday, June 11, 2017 –

Road Trip to the Long Island
Rose Society Rose Show,
Tour of the Gardens & Lunch
Planting Fields Arboretum,
Oyster Bay, NY.
Details TBA

Saturday, July 29, 2017 –

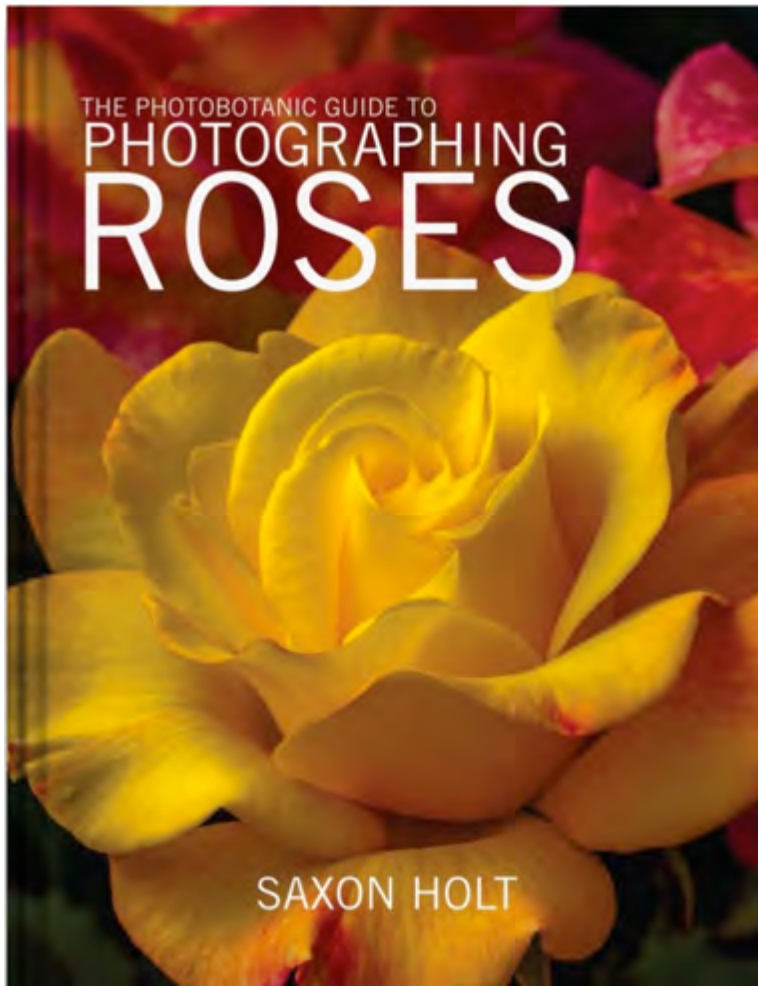
Road Trip planned
Details – TBA

October –

Manhattan Rose Society
Annual Dinner Meeting
Date & Location – TBA

Saturday, December 9, 2017,

7pm–10pm Manhattan Rose
Society Holiday Open House at
Stone Cottage
with Hor'doevres, Wine &
Champagne.



This wonderful new book, by renowned photographer, Saxon Holt, is a must have for all those interested in photographing roses.

Here is a link to the book:

[The PhotoBotanic Guide to Photographing Roses](#)

About the Book

This 92-page soft cover book on how to photograph roses showcases the queen of flowers. Roses are grown for their singular beauty of their flowers, as shrubs intermixed in gardens, and for bouquets. They inspire photographers no matter where they are found, but how does the photographer know which techniques work best in each situation?

Award winning garden photographer Saxon Holt has photographed eight rose books over the past 35 years and has chosen many of his favorites to illustrate techniques of rose flower photography, in gardens or studio.

Author website

www.photobotanic.com

Editor's Message –

We have a wonderful lineup of events planned for you for 2017. We will begin our year of programs on Tuesday evening, March 14th with a must see program by Gaye Hammond. Come and learn how easy it is to have a beautiful garden with the latest disease tolerant varieties of roses. The evening will include a wine and cheese reception. This meeting will be held at the SLC Conference Center in Manhattan.

In April we will once again host a pruning demonstration at the beautiful Roosevelt Island Rose Garden and on Saturday morning, May 20th, we will bring you Bill Kozemchak, ARS Master Rosarian. Bill is an expert in growing, showing and photographing roses of all types. He will focus on Miniature and Miniflora Roses and will share his secrets of growing these beauties. This meeting will take place at Queens Botanical Garden and will include bagels and coffee.

In June we will be going to Planting Fields Arboretum in Oyster Bay, Long Island to view the Long Island Rose Society Annual Rose Show. This is a beautiful and education event at which the members show their roses in completion. Consulting Rosarians and ARS Judges will be on hand to answer any questions. The show includes Horticulture specimens and Arrangements. If you have never been to a rose show, you are in for a real treat. We will also tour the magnificent gardens and have lunch together.

We are planning a road trip in July and will have the details for you by the next newsletter. October will be our Annual Dinner Meeting. We are looking for a new location and if you have suggestions, please let us know. And finally, in December we will hold our 17th Annual Holiday Open House at Stone Cottage in Glen Cove, Long Island.

So I hope we have given you reason to renew your membership to Manhattan Rose Society and recommend us to your family and friends.

See you in March!! *Pat Shanley*



Gaye Hammond, Past President of the Houston Rose Society, has served on the Board of Directors of that organization since 1999. She is a Life Member and Patron of American Rose Society, a Master Rosarian and has been awarded the ARS Bronze Honor Medal for Outstanding Service. Gaye is also a member of the Southhampton Rose Society, the Texas Rose Rustlers and the Heritage Rose Foundation. She currently serves as Chair of the ARS Development Committee and is a member of the American Rose Center Strategic Task Force.



A New Year's Message - from ARS President, Pat Shanley

Charting the Course for the Next 100 Years

In 1916, the President of the American Rose Society was Mr. S. S. Pennock and in his President's message for the first Annual, he talked of goals for the future of ARS and the Rose. Among those goals was the hybridization of roses that would be black spot resistant and of rose trials in which varieties would be tested regionally.

In 2000, the rose 'Knock Out', bred by William J. Radler, was introduced by Star Roses and Plants and it literally saved the rose industry and our hobby. This disease tolerant rose gave people a rose that they could grow successfully without pesticides. Today it is used in breeding programs worldwide.

In 2012, the American Garden Rose Selections trials were organized and became the first nationwide, independent rose trials in the US, with a focus on disease resistance and regional testing. We have made great progress towards the goals of Mr. Pennock.

My vision for ARS is to provide a place for everyone who has an interest in the rose – from the experienced gardener to the casual gardener – from the Exhibitor to those who merely want beautiful roses in their gardens.

In addition, we must work to make ARS relevant to the Rose Industry once again – as it was when the first Annual was printed. ARS must be the premier source of rose education in the world. We must help the general public to identify easy care roses, and have successful experiences, so that they will plant more roses. This translates into increased sales for the rose industry - which translates to the need for more information on how to grow their roses – which translates into increased membership for ARS and our affiliated local societies. It is a symbiotic relationship.

We must also continue to support the ongoing research to breed disease tolerant, easy care roses and to combat the diseases and pests that threaten the future of the rose such as Rose Rosette Disease.

We must continue our efforts of preservation of the rose by encouraging the development of collections to preserve the gene pool, in both private and public gardens.

We must grow our endowments and in particular the American Rose Society Endowment Trust, which will provide the funding to allow ARS to always be able to fulfill our educational mission.

These are the goals that I will continue to pursue over the next two years. I am honored to be your president, I remain committed to this vision and I look forward to working with you to accomplish it.

Winterizing Roses

By Sarah Owens, Former Curator of The Cranford Rose Garden, Brooklyn Botanic Garden

Each November I know it's time to start winterizing roses when I start digging out my long johns and craving hot chocolate and campfires. Although I sometimes chuckle and hint to our visitors that it is 'survival of the fittest' in the Cranford Rose Garden, there are some roses that I know will need special care. To make it through the schizophrenic late fall weather, harsh winter winds, and the erratic thawing of spring, there are a few methods I employ to encourage the protection of our collection.

Every year volunteers rake up fallen rose leaves during the late summer and early fall. This is one of the most mundane tasks in the garden (next to weeding) but very important to disease prevention. In November, several months after the roses stopped receiving any fertilizing amendments, we shorten the canes of some of our most vigorous shrubs, particularly those that are exposed and have no natural protection from desiccating winds. This helps prevent the canes from rubbing, allowing insects and disease to easily enter through wounds. Stuffing pine boughs into the canes, overlapping them, and securing with twine if necessary protects vulnerable pillar roses and swags.

Some gardeners take pride in the amount of care they give their roses and do not mind having to spend a lot of time winterizing. I would rather be tying and pruning our many climbers as opposed to mounding grafted roses. For this reason, I try and choose vigorous and cold hardy roses on their own roots that will come back true if they do indeed suffer a cold winter. Winterizing efforts are saved for the more tender and historic roses such as the Chinas, Teas, Noisettes, and true Musks that need more elaborate care in our climate.



Mme. Lombard' is a Tea rose that suffers from erratic late spring freezing and thawing. For these varieties, I begin by tying the branches together loosely with twine. Then to protect them from our overpopulation of hungry rabbits, I put a wire cage around the bottom, no taller than 18". Next comes the insulation of chopped leaves to fill the cage and pine boughs stuffed in between and around the top growth. In some areas where I have grouped several tender types or planted roses late in the year, larger structures are constructed out of chicken wire, wrapped in burlap, and then filled with chopped leaves. In spring the soil benefits from working in the leaf mold so that little clean up is necessary other than removing the wire and pine boughs.



Constructing winter protection for the Teas begins with rabbit-proof wire that is filled with chopped leaves and pine boughs.

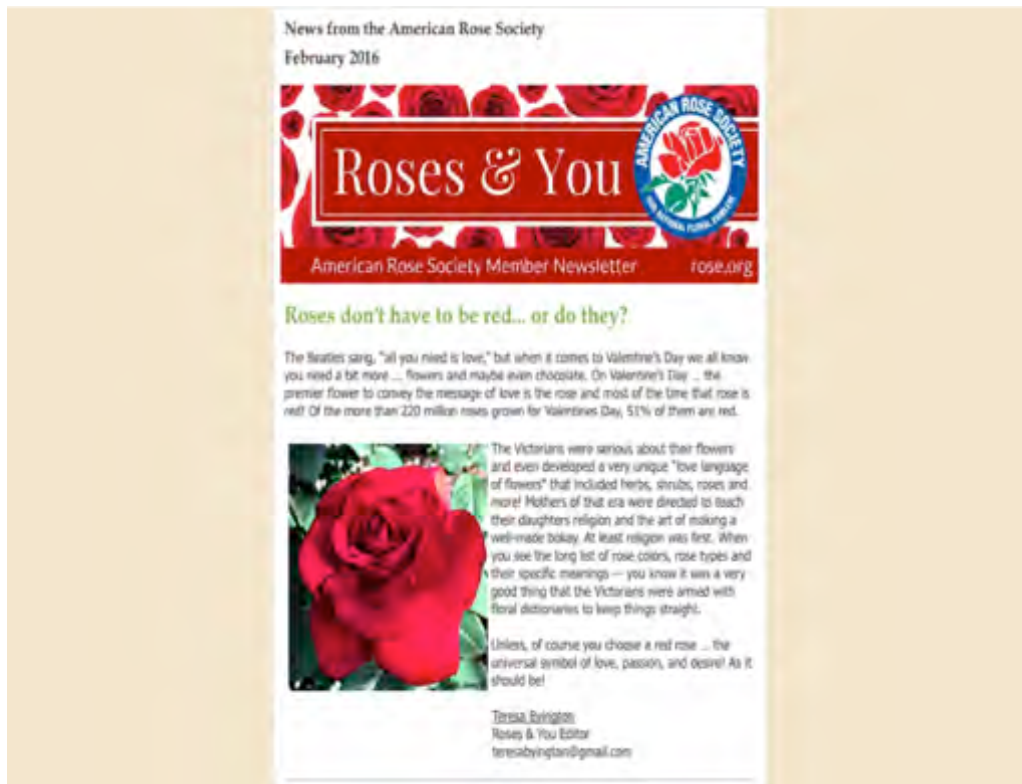
As winter wears on and temperatures do not drop below 28F, I will continue to prune and tie in our climbers, particularly the hardy ones such as ‘Dr. Van Fleet’, ‘Awakening’, ‘City of York’, ‘Silver Moon’, and ‘’. Sometimes these have to be tipped again in spring but often the damage is negligible. On the coldest days, I head to our natural hill area facing south where I can even work up a sweat clearing brush and pruning deadwood with only the sound of the birds pecking away at fallen rose hips and seeds. I relish these days of solitude being able to enjoy the naked structure of the roses, seeing their true form separate from the noise of leaves and flowers.

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

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

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

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



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2017 Winners:

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

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2016 winner 'Lady of Shalott'



2015 winner 'Phloxy Baby'



2016 winner
'Munstead Wood'



2016 winner 'Tahitian Treasure'



2016 winner 'The Peachy Keen Rose'

2016
winner 'Icecap'

Sustainability

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2015 winner 'Dee-Lish'



2015 winner 'Thomas Affleck'



2016 winner 'Faith Whittlesey'

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