

# THE FRAGRANT ROSE

rose growing tips from the American Rose Society



## A Busy Month for Roses

It's been a whirlwind month. So much happening in the world of roses. I was glad to have attended the ARS Fall Nationals in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. If you've never attended a district or national rose convention, I can tell you they are a lot of fun. You'll see some of the prettiest roses you've ever seen in your life and you meet lots of people who love roses as much as you! Don't miss the next event, [click here!](#)



Last weekend, I had the privilege to be a part of the International Jury at the 2017 Biltmore International Rose Trials. Can I just say that this is quite an occasion. Reminds me of a British sporting event such as the Ascot races or even such a floral event like the Chelsea Flower Show. It was refreshing to see men in jackets and ladies in hats judging roses to help determine the next set of roses for home

gardeners. Did you know? Everyone who donates \$125 or more to the ARS 2017 Annual Fund will have their name submitted in a drawing to be a Judge at the 2018 Biltmore Rose Trials? It's a chance to judge roses alongside the nation's top rose gardeners in the famed walled garden of the magnificent Biltmore Estate. You'll mingle with rose enthusiasts from around the United States and be a part of

the process that helps to select the next generation of roses. [Click here to learn more.](#)

A little closer to home, we are preparing to kick off the first municipal Earth-Kind® Rose Trial in the U.S. right here in my own home town of Helena, Alabama. This partnership with Texas A & M will help determine the next set of roses to be designated Earth-Kind®. Learn more about the Earth-Kind® Trials [here.](#)

Hope your autumn days are filled with cool breezes and beautiful fragrant blooms,  
Chris VanCleave, Editor

TOP: Chris VanCleave and ARS Vice President Bob Martin at the ARS Fall National Conv.  
BOTTOM: L to R - Brian Puckett, Helena Earth-Kind Trial Curator, ARS President Pat Shanley, Fragrant Rose editor Chris VanCleave and ARS Past President Marilyn Wellan



## This Month's Fragrant Roses

'Dee-Lish' & 'Mister Lincoln'

This month, we are featuring two fragrant roses

TOP RIGHT: 'Dee-Lish' photo courtesy of Star Roses and Plants  
Cornelia Vanderbilt Cecil Award for Most Fragrant Rose. 2017 Biltmore International Rose Trials. Hybrid Tea – from Meilland of France. Introduced in the United States by Star Roses and Plants.



Fragrant Rose reader Ruth Ann Moore of Shreveport, Louisiana sent in this photo of 'Mister Lincoln', her favorite fragrant rose. Introduced in 1964, this rose has been enchanting rose lovers around the world love with its vivid red color, lovely form and strong damask fragrance. It's been said, one bloom can fill a room with fragrance.

**Do you have a favorite fragrant rose?**  
Send it to me (along with a photo) and you we'll feature it in an upcoming issue.  
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Photo by Ruth Anne Moore





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## Roses in Review DEADLINE Extended

Due to issues with the Roses in Review website, the deadline for submitting your reviews of these roses has been extended. You now have until October 17 to log on and rate the roses.

To review your roses, [click here](#).



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## October in the Rose garden

by Bill Kozemchak



October is approaching fast and ARS member Bill Kozemchak has some great tips for October in the rose garden.

You should continue watering if there is not sufficient rainfall. Hopefully we will get more rainfall this fall than we did this very dry summer. Watering is the most important thing you can do for your roses. Having healthy well hydrated roses



in the fall will help them through the winter. The fall is also a good time to

mulch. This will also give some limited winter protection to the roses. Dick Nipe has applied mushroom compost in the fall as winter protection and a very good soil amendment the following spring. This would be very good for a tired bed, which does not have many organics left in it. I dug a new bed a few falls back and added a large amount of mushroom compost. The roses responded beautifully the next year. It is still probably the best producing bed in my yard.

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For me, growing roses has become a passion. My membership in the American Rose Society has helped me create the rose garden of my dreams in my own back yard.

I also enjoy the camaraderie and support of a network of rose growers who are eager to share, learn and grow together. Learn more about membership in the ARS [here](#).

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