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Of the Deep South District

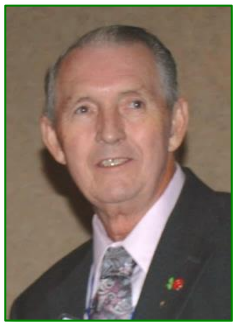
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District Director's Report



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Fall is almost upon us. In fact, by the time you get this issue of the *DSD Bulletin* we will only be a few short days from the first day of fall. Where has the year gone? Seems like just yesterday we were preparing for the spring rose shows.

Speaking of rose shows, your late summer cutting back of the rose canes for fall shows should have been done by now. I usually target my completion of this by the 10th of September at the latest, with a few varieties a week earlier. These are the ones having 40 or more petals, which can and will take longer to open. There is still time, if you hurry, to cut roses that open fast and repeat quickly or to cut for shows that are later in October. The cutting back can still be on time as long as it is done by the 15th of September, but not much later. This will still give you an opportunity to get in a show or two if that is one of your things this year. Good luck with your attempts. We still need as many exhibitors as we can get, and the fall blooms are the best in my opinion.

As your District Director, I get to see a lot of American Rose Society reports on how the ARS is doing with all the Districts' (total of 18) participation in support of the ARS, events, and projects. One area the DSD can be proud of is the ARS annual drive for donations. As of this message, the Deep South District is in fourth place in donations for this annual drive, representing approximately 9% of the total given so far this year. I am sure we can get this figure way on up there if we stop and ask where I can get more deductions for my taxes. These donations help keep our ARS working well. Congratulations to all who take the work of ARS seriously.

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While I am on donations, I would like to clarify a statement I made in my last *Bulletin* message. I made reference to the DSD having to make an annual ARS affiliate dues payable each year of \$1,000. The correct wording should have been an annual *donation* of \$1,000 which the District Director agrees to make available to the ARS each year. This is done either through his or her personal donation or District fund-raising events. Each of the DSD societies pays the annual affiliate donation; this, along with any District event profits shared and my personal donations, make up the commitment. We are at the point where this is paying the committed amount expected from our District. Hopefully this clears up the issue of the DSD \$1,000 donation. If this amount were dues, they would be taxable, but donations are exempt from taxation.

I do hope you are planning to attend the Fall Convention and Rose Show being sponsored by the Tallahassee and Thomasville Rose Societies. These folks have been hard at work making all the preparations for our welcome. Please mark your calendar for October 27-29, and make your plans for a fun time and good education on growing our roses. Don't forget to bring a few rose blooms to help make the show a success. More information and registration forms can be found on pages 16-19.

The 2018 MidWinter Meeting plans are well under way. The Pensacola and Wiregrass Rose Societies are co-hosting this event and already have most of the plans nailed down. The venue is at the Gainesville Best Western hotel. Also I am being kept in the loop by the hosting rose society of Jacksonville, FL, as to the progress of the 2018 Spring combined Mini National and DSD Annual Convention (note: our Convention is usually held in the fall each year). This being a National event it is suggested that our District Convention be held in conjunction with the Mini National. Works for me. More on this to be presented in the next Winter *Bulletin* arriving in December 2017 and at the Fall Convention in Tallahassee.

In my last summer message I presented the idea of having an all-District directory, a who's who style information folder. Not mandatory of course. Only those wishing to make their info available for anyone seeking info on who they can contact for CRs, judging, and programs, or just to chat with new rose growers or new transplants from other parts of the country. This folder could be downloaded from its source and be printed off if needed. Trying to get this info into the DSD website may not be possible since it may open a can of worms we are not looking for. Our DSD board will be looking for alternatives to make this info available for DSD members only. Once we have a possible plan we will be presenting it to the membership at the next MWM business meeting in January 2018. Any suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

This sure has been a hot summer, but is passing all too quickly, I sure am looking for the cool fall weather. Take care and keep your roses healthy – the work it takes helps keep you healthy as well.

Ralph



From the Editor

By **Bobbie Reed**, *Master Rosarian*
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I apologize for the lateness of this issue. As I was wrapping up the editing in August, I was faced with some emergency eye surgery and a prolonged recovery that have made it difficult to do computer work. Slowly, things are coming back into focus.

And then there was Hurricane Irma. I hope that all of us came through with little damage, ready for renewed growth and bloom.

Please note the information and registration form for the 2017 DSD Fall Convention and Rose Show on *pages 16-19*. I hope to see many of you, and many beautiful roses, at our fall get-together.

Enjoy the newsletter!

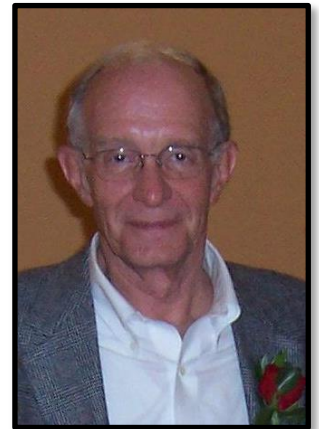
Remembering Jim Kelley

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One day some 40 years ago I met a young man studying the roses in the garden at the Atlanta Botanical Garden. His name was **Jim Kelley**. He came often, and also visited several growers in the Greater Atlanta Rose Society whose gardens he had admired, including George Johnston, Burl Brown, and Anita Smith. He studied with them and took their answers to his rose questions to heart. His own garden grew, as did his knowledge of roses. Jim joined the Greater Atlanta Rose Society and quickly became a very active member. He participated in their activities – pruning demonstrations, spraying, consulting, the rose shows, lectures, and exhibitions. He served as President of GARS in 1982, and for a time was editor of *The Phoenix*. He helped to maintain the roses at the Atlanta Botanical Garden, and helped other members with their gardens as well.

Jim also became involved with the Deep South District. He attended their meetings and rose shows, became a Consulting Rosarian (and in due course a Master Rosarian) and a rose horticulture judge, giving freely of his time and knowledge to share these activities with others. He served on District committees and encouraged members to participate in all activities and to share their love of roses with others. Jim's participation at all levels of the rose hobby was recognized in 2016 when the Deep South District awarded him the ARS Silver Honor Medal. After a 12-year battle with Parkinson's disease, he passed away on July 3, 2017.

He has left for us a legacy of dedication, wit, and love for his family and friends. For us, the remembrance is for our very special "rose man". Thank you,



Jim.

EXCERPTED FROM THE FAMILY OBITUARY:

Dr. James Edward Kelley of Atlanta, Georgia, died on July 3, 2017, surrounded by his family after a 12 year battle with Parkinson's Disease. Jim was born and grew up in Hogansville, Georgia. He graduated from Emory University in 1966, and received his Doctorate of Dental Surgery from Emory University School of Dentistry, where he also completed his residency in Pediatric Dentistry. While in dental school, Jim met and married the love of his life, Nancy Hicks of Raleigh, NC. Upon the completion of his residency, he and Nancy moved to the Azores, Portugal, where he served as a Major in the United States Air Force for two years. He and Nancy moved back to Atlanta in 1974 where, for the next 31 years, he practiced pediatric dentistry. Jim pursued many passions, including rose gardening, rowing, woodworking, and playing bluegrass music. He was an active member of Dunwoody Baptist Church.

Jim was a loving husband and father, a true gentleman, a respected dentist, an expert gardener, a musician, a listener, a teller of jokes, and, most notably, a collector of friends.

Remembering Anna Price

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Anna Price (1932-2017) was a valued member of the Tallahassee Area and Thomasville Rose Societies. She grew up in Miami, Florida, and moved to Tallahassee in 1969. She attended Florida State University and received her Master of Fine Arts degree from Oklahoma City University.

Her creative talents were many and varied. She opened and operated a Culinary House store in 1976. She grew roses in Oklahoma City and had rose gardens in Tallahassee. She and her husband grew exhibition roses of all types and varieties, winning queens of show, challenge classes, and sweepstakes. She was a Life ARS Horticulture Judge, an ARS Arrangement Judge and an ARS Master Rosarian, helping others grow better roses. She was a founding member of the Tallahassee Area Rose Society, a past president, a show chair, and hosted events. She was also a Tallahassee Garden Club member. She touched many lives through her love of roses.

Survivors include her husband of 63 years, Dr. William E. Price, and three children: Bonnie Cook, Cathy Williams (husband Stephen), and Marshall Price (wife Drema). Surviving grandchildren are Dean Williams and Jenny Williams. She was preceded in death by a grandson, Christopher Cook.



Remembering Sandy Lundberg

By Cindy Dale, *Master Rosarian*
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A good friend of South Metro Rose Society and an icon in the ARS has left us. **Sandy Lundberg** died on June 18th after a long battle with lung cancer. Sandy and her husband, Bob, live in Bluffton, SC, and have a son who resides in Newnan, GA, so we were able to coax them to exhibit in our rose show on several occasions. This was quite an honor for us since they were a nationally recognized exhibiting team and always brought the most gorgeous roses, especially minis and minifloras, to our show. In fact, I was present at the 2010 Shreveport National Rose Show and Conference when Sandy and Bob were given the ARS Blake Hedrick Award for rose exhibiting (and mentoring) excellence! [photo right with husband Bob]



The Lundbergs were two of my rose mentors as well as good friends; David and I had just had dinner with them and toured their 400-bush garden in April. This is a deeply personal loss for me.

Here is a condensed version of Sandy's obituary.

"Sandra Johns Lundberg, 78, died on June 18, 2017, in Bluffton, SC. She was born July 20, 1938, in Norfolk, VA, to the late Nicholas C. Johns and Ann Lentile Johns. She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Robert B. Lundberg; sons, Christopher Johns Lundberg (Dena) of Clinton, MS, and Neil Robert Lundberg (Bertine), of Newnan, GA. She was blessed with two grandchildren, Owen Reilly Lundberg and Nolan Alexander Lundberg of Clinton, MS.

She was a graduate of Longwood College, Farmville, VA, and received her master's degree from Auburn University of Montgomery (AUM), Montgomery, AL. Her studies allowed her to fulfill her dream to teach elementary education. She volunteered with the Cub Scout Program of the Boy Scouts of America as well as the school Parent Teachers Associations as her sons were growing up.

She grew roses for over forty years and enjoyed competing in American Rose Society rose shows on local, district, and national levels. Her successes included over 25 National Challenge Class wins. She and Bob won the Guy Blake Hedrick Award for Rose Exhibiting Excellence, the Silver Honor Medal and the Outstanding Judge's Award from the Carolina District, and the Bronze Honor Medal from three local rose societies. She served on the National Exhibitors Committee, and the National Miniature Committee. She was Chair of the Carolina Judging Committee for eight years and served as the Carolina District Newsletter Editor for 11 years. She has served as President of the Savannah Rose Society, the Charleston Lowcountry Rose Society, and the South Carolina Rose Society."

Rest in Peace, dear friend

Adapted from the August 2017 issue of **The South Metro Rose Gardener**, Cindy Dale, Editor.



Horticulture Judges Review



By Jim Small, *Master Rosarian*
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I just returned from a 17-day vacation to Europe, am badly jet-lagged, and now find I have to write something for the *DSD Bulletin* ASAP. I suppose it is now time to think about roses again. Of course, my rose garden was not happy about its lack of care over the past three weeks. I returned to find chilli thrips, flower thrips, and blackspot fungus all having a grand old time. I wonder how long it is going to take me to deal with these issues? I had a wonderful time in Europe, so I can't complain too much about the efforts I now need to make to clean up the rose garden.

I need to mention again to those judges lapsed in their audit requirement that I am available to do an electronic, one year recertification to get them to the upcoming seminar/school in 2018. Those lapsed judges need to contact me to set up the recertification. Whether we do a seminar or school in 2018 will depend on whether we have any apprentice judge candidates. Our ranks continue to thin so we need to identify suitable candidates from our local societies.

Sara Coleman, who recently completed her apprenticeship and has become an accredited judge, informs me that she cannot obtain the medallion for her judge's ribbon. Apparently, ARS has run out of this item and, so far, has been unsuccessful in finding a new supplier. Like Sara, I am upset about this issue and have said so to the national chair of judges. It does not send a good message to our badly-needed new judges. Hopefully this matter will be resolved soon.

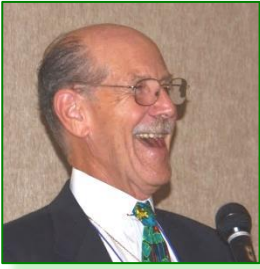
During the doldrums of summer it is always hard to think about the fact that the DSD fall rose show season is coming up quickly. The 2017 District Show and Convention, hosted by the Tallahassee and Thomasville Rose Societies, will get things started on October 27-29. I hope to see many of you there. Right now, I need to get over the jet lag and find judges to evaluate the horticulture section of that show. Then, I need to think about getting my own roses ready for this show as well as the local one in Orlando the following week. Hopefully, those of you who are not judging somewhere will exhibit in Tallahassee and some of the upcoming local shows. For those shows, please remember to invite our apprentice judges.

I hope everyone has a good end of summer. I am sure we are all looking forward to cooler weather and better looking fall roses. I also look forward to seeing you in Tallahassee and at local rose shows.

'Fourth of July'



Arrangements Judges Chair



By Jim Harrell, *Consulting Rosarian*
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Well, it's been another hot (and wet) southern summer. The heat and humidity can certainly try our patience and horticultural ambition, but before you know it, the weather will moderate where it's bearable to go out and get to work on our roses for the fall shows. Let's hope it moderates soon so we will have some big beautiful blooms for the October convention!

While you are waiting, now is a good time to get your creative juices flowing. Come up with some interesting new containers, experiment with different backgrounds, or just practice making designs that fill the space assigned to them appropriately. Look around the garden (and your neighbors') for line material and filler from those plants that produce interesting dryable blooms and seed heads like allium, agapanthus, and hydrangeas (remember that you can paint or dye dried plant material to suit your needs, and use it in many classes). It's also a good time to test some fresh plant materials to see how they hold up after cutting. You should also assess if they work well in arrangements with roses and are good candidates for use in your arrangements. Look for materials that will give you rhythm, contrast in texture, add height to your design or just fill space attractively. Remember, however, that the rose should always be the dominant floral interest in your arrangement.

I hope all of you are making plans to attend the DSD Convention in Tallahassee, October 27-29 at the DoubleTree Hotel, and to exhibit in the Rose Show on October 28. There will be an interesting lineup of classes and a good panel of judges, so all YOU need to do is to show up and exhibit! We all need to support the district show. The arrangement schedule should be available soon on the DSD website.

If you are hosting a fall show and haven't sent in your class schedule for review, please get it to me and I will get it back to you as soon as possible.

There will be no arrangement seminar at this year's Fall Convention or the January MidWinter Meeting, but *Sandy Dixon* is working on a major Arrangement Workshop for the ARS National Miniature Conference and Rose Show which will be held in Jacksonville on May 4-6 in conjunction with our 2018 District Convention and Rose Show. We hope we will see you all there.

See you at the fall shows.

Jim



A modern arrangement by Elton Smith, shown in Syracuse at the 2015 ARS Fall National.

Consulting Rosarian Report



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Consulting Rosarian School

Thanks and congratulations to **Taura Bryant** of Pensacola and **Seymour Rosen** of Tallahassee who became new Consulting Rosarians by attending and “graduating” from the Consulting Rosarian school hosted by the Tallahassee Area Rose Society on June 17.

Trudy Strawn of Atlanta also joins the DSD CR ranks this month. She attended the Birmingham Mid-Winter Meeting school last January, but had to wait until she had been an ARS member for three years to be officially credentialed. We welcome these new members to our CR family.

Special thanks to **Mary Maud Sharpe** of the Tallahassee Area and Thomasville Rose Societies and **Glenn Schulman** of the Pensacola Rose Society for setting up and hosting a Consulting Rosarian School June 17 in Tallahassee. Twelve CRs extended their currency to 2021, two new CRs joined our family, and 11 other rosarians attended to broaden their knowledge of rose growing.

Thanks to **John Sullivan**, **Mary Maud Sharpe**, **Karen Barnes**, and **Glenn Schulman** who taught the four courses. We welcome Karen back to the DSD from up North where she worked and served the rose for several years after having been a very active rosarian in Florida.

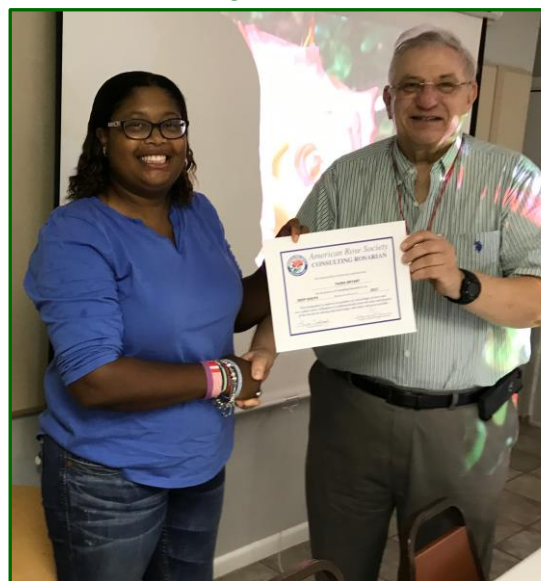
The next planned Consulting Rosarian school will be in January 2018 at the MidWinter Meeting.

CR Currency Credit Seminars

Eight CRs who attended the July 18 Greater Atlanta Rose Society meeting earned CR refresher credit for **Ryan Tilley**'s presentation on Pesticides and Chemical Safety. Three DSD CRs extended their renewal dates to 2021, with the other five either already current until 2021, or needing more credits.

Pages 2-3 of the **ARS Consulting Rosarian Manual** describes how any society can help its CRs renew their currency by pre-arranging to have a local program authorized for CR seminar credit. The **CR Manual** is available as a free pdf download from the DSD and ARS websites.

A New Consulting Rosarian in Pensacola!



Taura Bryant is presented with her Consulting Rosarian Certificate by **Bob Pisz**, President of the Pensacola Rose Society, at their meeting August 14. Taura took the Consulting Rosarian class in June in Tallahassee. Following the presentation in the true spirit of a CR, she presented two programs: one on photography and one on container gardening! She is off to an excellent start!



The official ARS CR Seminar Request Form is now available on the DSD web site under the Resources Tab. Simply fill out the form and send it to me three weeks before your meeting so that I can arrange approval and send you an official attendance form.

I will be leading a Pesticides and Chemical Safety CR-credit seminar at the upcoming DSD Fall Convention in Tallahassee at 10:30am Saturday morning, for those who need this mandatory credit to update their CR currency without attending a normal school.

There will also be two presentations Saturday afternoon that will receive CR credit. To renew without attending a school, you must earn four seminar credits (to include pesticides/chemical safety) during the four years since your last school.

Emeritus CRs

Four of our CRs who have served the ARS as CRs for more than 10 years have elected Emeritus status. Emeritus CRs are not required to maintain currency but still have official ARS status as Emeritus Consulting Rosarians in recognition of their wide knowledge and many years of outstanding service to the rose.

The ARS and DSD are extremely grateful for the selfless service of *Susan Gebelein* of Suwanee, GA, 18 years as a CR, who recently moved to Georgia from the Penn-Jersey District; *Evelyn Rose* of the Greater Palm Beach Rose Society, 33 years; *George Williamson*, a founding member of the Orlando Area Historical Rose Society, 23 years; and *Karen Radde* of the Greater Atlanta Rose Society, 14 years. Think of that, almost nine decades of CR service!

Roses in Review

Rating the roses every year is a key part of a CR's job. Please submit the annual report even if it's a negative. This year it's easy because on the sign-in page (http://www.stsrv.com/rir/rir_regis.asp) there's a box to select indicating you grow NONE of the listed varieties.

I have recently started growing more newly-introduced roses to test their disease-resistance reputations because I no longer spray fungicides. I was surprised that none of my "new" varieties were on the list. The National RIR chairman, **Don Swanson**, explained that the list includes only the varieties that have been introduced in the last two years. Once every five years RIR includes older varieties in a huge list to re-evaluate many of the older varieties in the ARS's *Handbook for Selecting Roses*.

Rose Research Convention

The VII International Symposium on Rose Research and Cultivation sponsored by the International Society of Horticultural Sciences took place in Angers, France, July 2-7. *Lyndy* and I were among the 33 Americans that joined 100 others from around the world.



The research presented ranged from mind-numbingly complex genetic mysteries to fascinating new findings in salt and heat tolerance, fragrance, disease resistance, and water requirements. University of California at Davis research has shown that a well-mulched rose bed needs significantly less water than the same area of turf grass.

Wayne presented a scientific poster, “A Thrips Management Plan for Ornamental Plants,” that had been prepared by Dr. Vivik Kumar, a research entomologist working jointly for the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) and the US Department of Agriculture’s Agricultural Research Service.

Before the conference, Dr. Lance Osborne of UF/IFAS told me that he now believes that there appears to be a natural reaction in our Florida environment that is limiting chilli thrips from spreading as widely and doing as much damage as entomologists expected—but they haven’t figured out what it is yet. They expect to release soon a new UF/IFAS publication that includes their recent research into insecticides that are most effective against chilli thrips.

Stay cool and I’ll see you at the Fall Convention.

Roses in Review

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The *American Rose* magazine just arrived with the “Roses in Review” instructions and list of roses to be reviewed this year. We will all be looking for our copy of the *ARS Handbook for Selecting Roses* in our mailboxes next January or February so we can take it with us to the nurseries when we purchase our new plants. The ratings in the *Handbook* will be more reliable if all of you give us your rose reviews through the RIR program. Please start submitting your reviews now and do not wait until the **September 26th deadline**.

The fastest, easiest way to do this is to go to www.arsmodernroses.org where the review information and forms are. After clicking on “Roses in Review”, go to “New User” and put in demographic info (you only have to do this the first time each year) and then go to “Review Roses.” You can do just a few at a time and come back later to do more by skipping the “New User” tab and going straight to “Review Roses”. It’s very important to hit “save” after each rose is reviewed. These reviews go straight to the ARS database and will save us a lot of time. We are, of course, happy to receive paper forms if members are unable to do it online.

We’d like to remind you that you do not have to be an ARS member to participate and husbands and wives only need to do one form but should have both their names listed on the form so both get credit. Participation in this



important program is a duty of ALL Consulting and Master Rosarians!
If you don't grow any of the listed roses, you should check the block at the top of the form that indicates that and you will still get credit or you can review the listed roses you have seen in other gardens.

DSD participation has been pretty poor the last few years but it was better last year thanks to your help. Keep up the good work and let's continue to show the ARS that they can depend upon DSD members to make a big contribution to the RIR program!

Thanks!

Cindy & David Dale

From the Treasurer



By Kay Harrell, *Master Rosarian*
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Congratulations to: Atlanta, Birmingham, Central Florida Heritage, Golden Isles, Gwinnett, Huntsville/Twickenham, Jacksonville, Marion County, Orlando Area Historical, Palm Beach, Pensacola, Ramer, Savannah, South Metro, Tallahassee, Tampa and Thomasville – you have all sent in your annual dues for 2017!

That said, as the DSD's chief bill collector, I must remind you that each local society's Annual Dues to the DSD are due by the **end of May**. These annual dues pay the nominal, ongoing expenses of the DSD. (Local societies with 100 or more members are asked to pay \$50/year and those with fewer than 100 members are asked for \$25/year.)

The following societies have *not* yet sent in their dues for 2017. If you are a member, please ask your Treasurer to promptly do so:

- Augusta RS
- Bradenton/Sarasota RS
- Fort Myers RS
- Gainesville, FL RS
- Tropical RS
- Wiregrass RS

Thank you,

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Membership Matters

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Host a Fall Garden Party!

Most rosarians in the Deep South cut back their gardens and fertilize one final time somewhere around August/September in anticipation of a fall flush of blooms. The heat has often subsided and the blooms are among the most spectacular of the year.

What better time to host a Fall Garden Party?! It's amazing what a cool beverage, a few fall* themed snacks and a genuine welcome will do for your roses! Invite local garden clubs, Master Gardener groups that haven't seen your roses, as well as others in your area to come and walk through your garden. We host two of these a year in our garden and it's a fun way to showcase what can be grown in the area, make new friends, and dispense advice on the inevitable questions that will come your way. It's also an excellent opportunity to have conversations about your local rose society and ARS membership. ARS headquarters can provide you with promotional materials for the cost of postage.

You can also sign folks up for "The Fragrant Rose", our FREE electronic membership newsletter. Download the sign up form at www.rose.org and at the end of your event, just send it in to ARS headquarters by post or e-mail and they will take care of the rest. Be sure to add your name to the list!

I'd love to hear about your open garden days and how successful they were. Let's share what works with one another so we all GROW together! Write to me at Chris@RedneckRosarian.com.

Membership Matters!

Chris VanCleave



Our Home on the Web: <http://deepsouthdistrict.org>



By Phil Paul, *Master Rosarian*
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What's New on the Web?

Wayne Myers, our Consulting Rosarian Chair, has come up with a great idea. Posted just below the "What's New" tab you will find a new tab:

Special Rose Growing Posts



I encourage all of you who have information (e.g., rose care) to share; please send me your short articles. We will post them here. Press the “What’s New” tab and then the new bulletin board of tips.

Ralph Stream has just posted a great source for soil testing.

Just added to this section is a terrific tool to help you understand rose nutritional deficiencies. It was contributed by *Gaye Hammond*, Master Rosarian, of the Houston Rose Society.

Upcoming Events

See the American Rose Society, Deep South District, and local Rose Shows and Conferences for 2017 (updated 9/1/17)

The DSD FALL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM & HOTEL DATA is posted (9/1/17). Late registration is postmarked after 9/25.

Organization Tab

The UPDATED 2017 Arrangement Judges have been added to this section

The UPDATED 2017 Horticulture Judges list have been added to this section.

A new section on Service Awards has been added to this tab

- DSD Silver Honor Medal
- Anita Smith Outstanding Service Award
- DSD Outstanding Consulting Rosarian
- DSD Outstanding Judge Award

The 2017 List of Society Presidents has been added to this tab. (Updated June 2017)

Note: Local Societies, please review your listings and submit any changes. Call or send a note to *Sara Coleman*, DSD Secretary, at 678-432-4792 or alsara.coleman@att.net

Photo Gallery

The 2015 & 2016 awards are posted as of 5-19-17

THE 2017 DSD PHOTO CONTEST RULES and CLASSES are posted below the 2016 Winners section.

Resources Tab

The 2017 *Deep South District Bulletins* are posted on the DSD-*Bulletin* Page.

All *Bulletin* issues from 2011 through 2016 are located under the “Bulletin Archives Tab”



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The “Event Preparation Tab” is now a part of Resources AND INCLUDES A NEW SET OF GUIDELINES FOR DISTRICT SHOWS approved at this year’s Mid-Winter Meeting.

Consulting Rosarian Section

The Consulting Rosarian Classes presented at the Mid-Winter Meeting are posted in the CR Class Tab.

If you are a CR and we didn’t post your name, or if other information about your CR efforts needs changing, please contact *Wayne Myers* (CR Chair) at wayneiacroses@gmail.com and *Phil Paul* (Webmaster) at roseguy-pfp@tampabay.rr.com.

DSD Library Tab

Ralph Stream compiled an article on the best roses to grow in the Deep South. This article appears on both the ARS and DSD websites.

Please let me know if you see any omissions or errors on the website. Please send articles!

City of Helena, AL, & Texas A&M Partner for Rose Trial

The City of Helena and the Helena Beautification Board is excited to partner with Texas A&M University AgriLife Extension to complete a full Earth-Kind™ Rose Confirmational Trail.

On October 14, 2017, the Helena Beautification Board will host a ground-breaking ceremony to officially open the trial and to plant some 78 rose shrubs from 24 cultivars as a part of the Earth-Kind™ Rose Trial for the City of Helena, Alabama.

“The Helena Earth Kind trials mark a significant investment in the future of garden roses across the United States”, said Chris VanCleave, a nationally known rose expert and current Chairman of the Helena Beautification Board. “People want beautiful roses in their gardens to enhance the beauty of their yards and enrich their lives. What they don’t want are roses that require a lot of care and upkeep. This rose trial is a first step toward identifying cultivars that provide a beautiful garden presence, are disease resistant, drought and pest tolerant.” said VanCleave.

Mr. VanCleave and Vice Chairman Brian Puckett were instrumental in bringing a research trial of this magnitude to Helena and we were proud to partner with Texas A & M to bring this horticultural trial to Helena, said Helena Mayor Mark Hall.

“This trial is conducted in less than perfect growing conditions, on purpose” says Vice Chairman, Brian Puckett. “The roses will be planted, watered in for the first season, and then left to their own devices. We will monitor and



evaluate per the rigorous guidelines set for us by our partners at Texas A & M. It's this trial by fire that will reveal those "tough as nails" cultivars that could ultimately join the list of other roses that have become Earth Kind roses. The need to offer environmentally responsible plants is growing and the AgriLife program at Texas A & M under the direction of Dr. Steve George has conducted years of field research and evaluation that has now set the standard for how these types of trial are conducted and we are proud to be a part of this effort." said Puckett.

The trial grounds are located along the drive leading up to the Helena Sports Complex. As the trial progresses and the roses begin to bloom, the board plans to schedule events at varying intervals to celebrate the success of the trials.

Cultivating Partnerships

A partnership has bloomed with the City of Helena, Alabama and Texas A&M AgriLife Research. What started as an idea to Helena Beautification Board Vice Chairman, Brian Puckett from Dr. Steve George of Texas A&M, a full Earth-Kind™ Confirmational Rose trial was born. Helena will be the first municipality to partner with Texas A&M to complete a full Earth-Kind™ rose trial. Texas A&M AgriLife Research led by Dr. George has completed five years of research on these cultivars and has been able to narrow the list down to 24 finalists that could become the next generation of Certified Earth-Kind™ Roses.

After months of planning by the Helena Beautification Board, the trial will kick off with a ribbon cutting and planting ceremony to officially open the trial. As a part of this three-year research partnership, the Helena Beautification Board will complete weekly studies on each of the 78 roses planted and provide all findings to our research partners at Texas A&M.

The purpose of this confirmational trial is to determine what varieties of roses grow well without the use of chemical pesticides, are disease-resistant without the use of fungicides, and are drought tolerant. The trial will ultimately demonstrate which varieties could be planted by the everyday gardener or homeowner with limited time to work in the garden but who wishes to enjoy the beauty of the world's most beloved flower.

Those roses that produce the best will be certified as Earth-Kind™ Roses.

Trial Grounds

The trial grounds are broken up into three separate blocks each consisting of the 24 cultivars. In August 2017, the City of Helena began tilling up the grounds and will work the soil a total of seven times before the planting takes place. Each block spans 260 feet long and is 10 feet wide. The three blocks will consist of the 24 cultivars plus a buffer plant on each side, with each plant planted in a randomized order. The plants will all be spaced 10 feet apart, allowing them plenty of air movement throughout all sides of each plant. A three-inch layer of mulch is applied to keep moisture in and weeds away. We will never put any additives in the soil or spray any chemicals.

Trial Research



The main purpose of this trial is to provide research and valuable insight into how each plant is performing over the three-year period. Observations of each plant will take place on a regular basis and will consist of how the plant is growing, the blooming habits, and any disease or shortcomings they may have.

Trial Roses

Cultivars included in the confirmatory trial will include

Alister Stella Grey

April Moon

Bailey Red

Belinda's Dream

Beverly

Blushing Knock Out

Chuckles

Crepuscule

Double Knock Out

Easy Does It

Gaye Hammond

Home Run

Knock Out

Lena

McClinton Tea

My Girl

Pink Double Knock Out

Pink Knock Out

Plum Perfect

Poseidon

Savannah Sunbelt

Sunrise Sunset

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Wedding Bells

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What Happens Next?

DSD 2017 Convention and Rose Show

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“Treasures of Today from Yesterday”

We hope that you are making plans to attend the 58th Annual DSD Convention and Rose Show in Tallahassee, Florida, October 27–29 as we celebrate “Treasures of Today from Yesterday”. There are many events planned and we hope that you will enjoy the entire weekend.

The registration desk will open at 1:00 pm on Friday afternoon. We will be creating table arrangements for both Friday and Saturday evening during the afternoon beginning at 3:00 pm. If you wish you may volunteer to help with this activity.



On Friday evening there will be an opportunity to renew old acquaintances and make new rose friends at the Welcome Dinner.

On Saturday morning the show preparation area will open at 5:30 am and entries will be received from 7:00 am until 10:00 am. The show will be held at the Conner Building (same location as the TARS show) and is just seven minutes from the hotel. We'll help you with specific directions. Bring roses! The judges' breakfast will be at the Doubletree Hotel prior to judging. The show will be open on Saturday from 1:00 pm until 5:00 pm and Sunday from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm.

If you are not actively participating in the show there are a number of things to do in the downtown area. There will be a handout at registration that will help you with interesting activities.

There will be a "Chemical Safety" program at 10:30 on Saturday morning at the hotel. Wayne Myers is the presenter and credit will be given to all CRs attending.

We are very pleased that we have been able to get excellent rosarians to come and speak. Jon Corkern from ARS and Art Wade from Rose Petal Nursery will come and share their expertise with us. Their programs begin at 2:00 pm on Saturday. DSD announcements will be made by Director Ralph Stream. Please contact him at 352,591-4474 or jstream@gmail.com with agenda items. Jean Stream will be conducting the raffle. Don't miss it!

At the adjournment of the raffle there will be a group meeting of the local society newsletter editors to share ideas on writing, publishing and distributing publications. There will also be a brief meeting on tips for adding photography divisions to their local show. Anyone interested is welcome to attend either event.

The awards banquet on Saturday evening will be the highlight of the weekend. There will be many prestigious awards to be presented.

Last but not least we hope that you will join us for the tour of gardens on Sunday morning. The bus will load at the hotel at 8:00 am. We will go first to the Peace Garden, a joint project of the TARS and the City of Tallahassee. Then we will be going on to Goodwood for breakfast. If you would like to follow the buses to Goodwood in your vehicle and leave it parked there while you join us for the tour, then you may do so. The gardens of Ann Reynolds Griffin in Bainbridge, Barry Smith in Attapulgus and the Healing Garden at the Cancer Center in Tallahassee are included on the tour. Ann has restored the garden of Oline Reynolds, Barry Smith is a winning exhibitor and the Healing Garden is Old Garden Roses donated by Bill Dority. Lunch will be served by Bob Schelhorn at Goodwood Museum and Gardens back in Tallahassee. Hank Rosen and Seymour Rosen will be your hosts.

There will also be vendors at the hotel on Friday and Saturday for all your needs and wants for your rose hobby.



The registration form is in this issue of the *DSD Bulletin* and on the DSD website. The show schedule can be found on the web site or you may request a printed copy. Contact information:

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From your warm chocolate chip cookie at check in to our final wish for a safe trip home – there will be southern hospitality at its best!

Schedule of Events

Friday, October 27 – DoubleTree Hotel

- 1:00 – 6:00 pm Registration – Lobby
- 1:00 – 6:00 pm Vendors – Salon A
- 6:00 pm Cash Bar – Ballroom
- 7:00 pm Welcome Dinner – Ballroom

Saturday, October 28 – DoubleTree Hotel

- 8:00 am – 11:00 am Registration – Lobby
- 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Vendors – Salon A
- 9:00 am – Rose Show Judges Breakfast
- 10:30-11:30 am “Chemical Safety”, Wayne Myers DSD/CR Chair
- 2:00 pm “Roses That Have Stood the Test of Time”, Art Wade, Rose Petal Nursery, Alachua, FL
- 2:45 pm “Treasures ARS has Given Us”, Jon Corken, ARS Headquarters, Shreveport, LA
- 3:30 pm DSD Announcements, Ralph Stream
- 4:00 pm Raffle, Jean Stream
- After raffle Newsletter Editor’s Meeting, Bobbie Reed
- After raffle “How to Include Photography in Your Local Show”, Mona Lisa Abbott
- 6:00 pm Cash Bar – Ballroom
- 7:00 pm Awards Dinner – Ballroom

Saturday, October 28 – Doyle Conner Building

- 5:30 am Rose Show Preparation Opens:
- 7:00 – 10:00 am Entries Received:
- 1:00 – 5:00 pm Rose Show Open to Public:

Sunday, October 29 – Garden Tour and Rose Show

- 8:15 am Buses leave DoubleTree, loading at 8:00 am/Returning at 1:00 pm
- 10:00am – 4:00 pm Rose Show Open to Public



ARS Deep South District 58th Annual Convention & Rose Show



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Cash Bar (Friday evening 6:00 pm)

Welcome Dinner (Friday evening 7:00 pm)

Entrée: Stuffed Chicken	\$37.00/person	_____	_____
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Cash Bar (Saturday evening 6:00 pm)

Awards Banquet (Saturday evening 7:00 pm)

Select Entrée: Lemon Chicken and Grilled Shrimp	\$45.00/person	_____	_____
Grilled New York Strip Steak	\$54.00/person	_____	_____

Tour of Gardens

(Sunday 8 am – 1:00 pm)	\$35.00/person	_____	_____
Includes Bus, Breakfast and Lunch			

(All Meals must be confirmed by 10/15/17)

Total Enclosed _____

Make checks payable to **DSD Convention – 2017** and mail to:
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Room Rate is \$119.00/night – single/double plus applicable taxes. Self-parking is \$12.00/per day and valet parking is \$15.00/per day. Please make reservations directly with the hotel and specify the ARS Deep South District Annual Conference and Rose Show. **(Rooms held through 10/06/17)** at DoubleTree by Hilton, 101 South Adams St., Tallahassee, FL 32301-7719, **850-224-5000**. On line www.tallahassee.doubletree.com (Enter arrival and departure dates. Click on “add special rates codes”. Click on “group code” and enter ARS. Click on “Check rooms and rates” continue with guest name etc.) You can make reservations at 877-800-2652 and reference group code ARS or mention ARS Deep South District Annual Conference. **The hotel will not accept mail-in reservations.**

Rose Show Results

The Bulletin attempts to provide a complete list of local and district rose show results in each issue. For this to occur, someone at each rose show must gather and transmit complete results, as an Excel (preferred), Word, paper, or e-mail document. Results should be sent within one week after the show, and should include class description, winning rose(s), and exhibitor's name, plus arrangements theme and additional awards (medal certificates and rosettes). These transmissions are in addition to those you must send to the ARS national horticulture [www.roseshow.com] and arrangements [jim@fairmarsh.com] quarterlies. Your timely cooperation is appreciated. – *The Editor*



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November 1, 2017. Please send
your input early!**



Upcoming Events

September 26, 2017 **Roses in Review**, deadline to participate at www.arsmodernroses.org.

October 14, 2017 **Greater Gwinnett Rose Society Rose Show**, Bogan Park, Buford, GA.
Contact Bet Sobon, 770-561-6846, betsobon@gmail.com

October 14, 2017 **The Helena Beautification Board will host a groundbreaking ceremony for an EarthKind Rose Trial** for the City of Helena, AL. Contact Brian Puckett at brian.puckett@att.net or 205.567.3132, helenabeautiful.com, or helenabeautiful.com/EKHome.html

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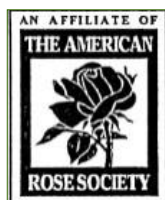
January 2018 **2018 Mid-Winter Meeting**. Hosted by the Pensacola and Wiregrass Rose Societies

May 4-6, 2018 **ARS Mini National Convention & Rose Show/ DSD Fall Convention & Rose Show**, Jacksonville, FL. Contact Ray Gillebeau, 904-777-1256, kokosrose1@gmail.com

January 2019 **2019 Mid-Winter Meeting**. Hosted by Tampa Rose Society

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