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From the President

Dear Rose Friends:

This is the time of year that I wonder if, deep in my heart, am I really a true rosarian? All believers have to have doubt occasionally, so I am having mine. The heat, the beetles, and the rain washing the fertilizer to my neighbors is, at present, a trial. But, fall will be here soon, and all good works will be rewarded!

I look forward to the break in the weather and another chance to enjoy getting deep into the soil and the weeds. And I look forward to the August meeting and checking with friends to see if I can be helped.

Victoria

From the Editor

Several of our members are recovering from injuries and surgery – so *Sharon Phillips, Jane Zinn, Ryan & Wendy Tilley, Mary Alice Phinney, Anna Davis, Dale Gillett* and everyone else I can't think of right now – ya'll get well! And to everyone else – be careful out there.

Several things are coming up in August. We'll have another chance to stock up on organics from Beauty Fertilizer, a chance to have our photography skills admired in the DSD Photo Contest, a chance to rate roses in Roses In Review, and of course our monthly meeting with a great speaker and wonderful fellowship. And we can be especially thankful that the Japanese beetles are finally gone.

See you at the meeting on August 16!

Bobbie

GARS Meeting **August 16, 2005** **Atlanta Botanical Garden**

Our speaker for August is **James R Cothran**. A native of South Carolina, he is a practicing Landscape Architect and urban planner in Atlanta, GA. He holds degrees from Clemson University, the University of Georgia, and the Georgia Institute of Technology, where his academic training included ornamental horticulture, landscape architecture, and city planning. He also serves as adjunct professor in Georgia State Universities' Heritage Preservation, where he teaches a graduate course in America's historic gardens and landscapes. He is the author of **Gardens of Historic Charleston**. James Cothran has caught the spirit of the Charleston garden style and culture and has described it beautifully. He will speak on the Gardens of Charleston and the history of the Noisette Rose, which was introduced in Charleston, the first rose class originating in the United States. We will be in for a treat!!

COMING EVENTS

Aug 12-14 – Deep South District Blackspot & Beetle Festival, George T. Bagby State Park, Ft. Gaines, GA. Contact Rob Russell, 404-870-0973, rob@russellproperties.com

Aug 16 – GARS meeting, Atlanta Botanical Garden, 7:30pm

Aug 19 – Deadline for entries to the DSD Photo Contest. Contact Rob Russell, 404-870-0973, rob@russellproperties.com

Sep 20 – GARS meeting, ABG, 7:30pm

Sep 26 – Deadline for Roses In Review

Sep 29-Oct 2 – ARS Fall National Convention, Memphis, TN. Contact Barbara Olive, 901-385-9759, barbsroses@evl.net

Oct 15-16 – Northeast Georgia/Greater Gwinnett RS Rose Show, State Botanical Garden, Athens. Contact Bobbie Reed, 770-979-4237, berdks@mindspring.com

Oct 21-23 – DSD Fall Convention, Augusta, GA. Contact Linda Benson, 803-278-7275, BensonL@aol.com

August In The Rose Garden

By Bobbie Reed, *Consulting Rosarian*

Observe – What's happening in your garden? Are your roses getting enough water? I know, it's hard to believe after over 10" of rain in July, but it doesn't take long in 90°+ heat for roses to wilt, especially those in pots. Are the spider mites overrunning your roses? Look for stippled yellow, bronze, or grayish foliage or tiny webs, especially near the bottom of the bush, and act quickly, since spider mites can kill a rose in just a few days. At least the Japanese beetles are leaving!

Water – Roses need *lots* of water. When it gets hot, all the lush new growth promoted by hurricane rains begins to wilt. As you water, wash the underside of lower leaves to keep spider mites at bay. And be glad for the mulch you put down earlier, to conserve soil moisture and keep the roots cool on miserably hot summer days.

Feed – Keep feeding your bushes so they'll have energy for now and more in reserve once cooler weather returns. August is an ideal time to add organic fertilizers, like alfalfa tea, Purely Organic, Mills Magic Rose Mix [see page 6 for ordering information], Milorganite, or whatever your favorite "witches' brew" may be. Organics release their nitrogen slowly, so they won't burn roots, but will be available for the fall's return to active growing. They also feed the creatures in the soil and help to maintain the pH balance.

Spray – Spray regularly to keep blackspot under control - apply fungicides at 7-10 day intervals to prevent infections. If blackspot gets out of control (and those thunderstorms and high humidity will make it worse), shorten the spray interval to 3-5 days for a couple of weeks, and change chemicals periodically. Use insecticides sparingly, but add a miticide like Avid or Kelthane to your regime as needed. Use a pressurized (pump-up or battery) rather than a hose-end sprayer, and mix fresh chemicals each time you spray; leftover chemicals won't be effective. Spray in the cool of the day to prevent chemical burn on foliage (and heat stress on you).

Deadhead & Cut Back – Remove dead

flowers immediately to encourage the next bloom cycle, cutting just above the first 5-leaflet leaf. For even better fall roses, cut your bushes back by about ¼ around middle to late August to maximize fall blooms. Cutting back will stimulate growth, promote blooms on strong stems (not on the twiggy ends of canes they may be trying to bloom on now) at eye level (unless you're 10' tall, it's hard to see that last bloom on



Bye bye, beetles!

Mr. Lincoln!) and help you to be ready for the rose shows on October 15 and 22. Big roses will take 40 to 60 days from cut-back to bloom, depending on the number of petals; minis take from 30 to 45 days.

Enjoy – Stop and smell your roses, cut some for the house and to share. And stay cool!

Weather Word

By Ryan Tilley, *Consulting Rosarian*

July was one for the books. Two hurricane remnants crossed the state early in the month, dropping as much as 15" of rain in some locations. Then the following week most areas got storms almost every day resulting in some areas west of the city getting as much as 23" for the month! That is simply amazing! As for my little neck of the woods, I was on the low side as usual with just a little over 11" and almost nothing the last 2 weeks of the month.

Aug 15	Avg high	Avg low	Avg Rain
Atlanta	87	69	3.66
Alpharetta	87	65	4.12
Athens	88	69	3.70
Blairsville	83	60	4.42
Columbus	91	71	3.73
Helen	85	63	5.56
Macon	91	70	3.63
Rome	87	66	4.02



Adlibberosa

By Sharon Phillips, *Consulting Rosarian*

Somewhere between fifty and seventy-five bushes it hit me. There's got to be an easier way!

I endeavor (it's a goal but seldom a reality) to apply liquid fertilizer to my bushes every two weeks, starting in mid-May and ending in mid-September. I alternate between using an organic like Neptune's Harvest or Mills Easy Feed, and Miracle Gro for Roses or Peters' 20-20-20. (For the non-organic I use two cups per 30 gallons, also adding four cups of Epsom salts.)

Starting out with just a few dozen bushes, mixing liquid fertilizer in a watering can was okay. Then the garden expanded and I moved up to mixing fertilizer in a 32-gal. garbage can and dipping it out with a bucket. I would then spend the rest of the day resting, giving my back a chance to recuperate. Then I read a wonderful article by Kitty Belendez of Sam Clarita, Calif., in the *American Rose* magazine about using a sump pump to pump the liquid from the garbage can. I couldn't wait to try it!

Equipment required: A GFI electrical outlet; a pump (mine is a Wayne 1/5 hp purchased at Northern Tool.); two lengths of hose, one with a nozzle, one with a watering wand at the discharge end; and a 32-gal. garbage can. (I like the Rubbermaid because it's sturdy and has ridges in the bottom that elevate the pump slightly.)

The hose with the nozzle is attached to the spigot. I coil the nozzle end three or four times in the bottom of the can to weight it and turn the nozzle to the hardest spray. This sets up a whirlpool action as the can fills, which helps to mix the fertilizer. The second hose with the watering wand is used to apply the fertilizer and is attached to the pump. I place the pump in the bottom of the can, waiting to plug it in to the grounded outlet after the can is filled.

When using the non-organic fertilizers/Epsom salts, I first mix them in a one gallon pail with hot tap water, then pour the mixture into the water when the can is about half full.

I just estimate how much to apply to each

bush but if you want to be more accurate, do as fellow GARS member Shirley McCall does. She timed how long it took to run one-gallon into a bucket. Then using a stopwatch, she applies just the desired amount to each bush.

A caveat is in order here. The directions that came with my sump pump said that the warranty is voided if caustic material is run through the pump. I am always careful to run several gallons of clear water through the pump after each use to flush out any remaining fertilizer, which most certainly could be considered caustic.

If you, too, are past the watering can stage but not ready for a fertilizer injection system, the sump pump could be just the time and labor saving device you need.

The Gardener and Heat-Related Illness

By Bruce Gillett, MD, *Consulting Rosarian*

Gardeners need to be aware of the potential hazards caused by gardening during periods of high temperature or of moderate temperature combined with humidity. Gardeners risk suffering from the heat-related illnesses: heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heatstroke. Heat cramps and heat exhaustion are relatively mild, but these conditions if not treated may develop into heatstroke, a potentially life-threatening disorder. Heat-related illness can be prevented. Evaporation through perspiration is the main way the body cools itself in hot weather. Evaporation is slowed when the weather is humid, thus the potential to develop heat-related illness is greater in humid weather. The heat index combines the temperature in the shade and the degree of humidity. A heat index of 90° or higher is dangerous and can result in heat-related illness. For example, the heat index is 90° when humidity is 40% and temperature is 90°, and the heat index is also 90° when humidity is 60% and temperature is 85°. The heat index is much higher when gardeners are working in direct sunlight.

Heat cramps are painful muscle spasms that usually affect the calf, hamstring, or stomach muscles. Heat exhaustion may cause symptoms

of nausea, headache, lightheadedness, fatigue, and thirst. People who develop heat exhaustion may feel anxious; they may stop sweating; their urine color may become dark yellow and they may stop urinating; they may look flushed and begin to run a fever. If the body cannot regulate its temperature, heatstroke, a life-threatening emergency, may develop. People who develop heatstroke have a fever above 104°; they become confused, irritable, and delirious; they may have seizures; they may go into a coma.

Heat cramps can be treated by stretching the muscle and by drinking fluids, such as sports drinks, that replace electrolytes. Gardeners who develop symptoms of heat exhaustion need to get into the shade or go into an air-conditioned room or at least sit in front of a fan. They must drink cool fluids; sports drinks are best. Most importantly, they need to remove some of their clothing, including hats, and to cool their bodies by wetting the skin with cool wet towels. If gardeners do not start to feel better quickly they need to obtain medical care. Because heatstroke is a medical emergency, 911 should be called immediately. While waiting for emergency medical attention, the person suffering heatstroke should be taken into a cool shady area. Some clothing must be removed, and cool wet towels should be placed on the skin. Cool fluids should be given if the affected person is able to swallow.

Heat-related illness can be prevented. Check the heat index on the weather channel before gardening. Consider gardening on another day if the heat index is 90° or above. Work outdoors in the early morning or in the evening when the temperature is cooler. Wear lightweight, light colored, loose fitting clothing. Wear a sunhat. Limit coffee and tea intake and avoid alcoholic beverages when gardening. Drink at least 8 to 12 ounces of fluid before working in the garden. Fluid can be a sports drink or a mixture of water and juice. Take breaks every 15 to 20 minutes in the shade and drink 8 to 16 ounces of fluid every hour that you garden. Drink fluids even if you do not feel thirsty. Make sure that you urinate and that your urine is pale in color. If you are taking medication or if you have a medical disorder, talk with your doctor to determine if gardening needs to be restricted when the heat index is high.

Use common sense and take proper precautions so that you can garden safely during the summer heat.

Things To Do In August

By Linda and Walt Reed, *Consulting Rosarians*

Well, it has been a hot July and things will probably stay that way in August, so the roses will continue to feel the heat. What can you do to make ready for a nice fall bloom? The beetles are mostly gone for the season but if your garden is like mine you are fighting blackspot and some of the other pesky insects like spider mites and thrips.

The first thing we need to do is keep up on the spray program; with this hot humid weather black spot can be a real problem. I recommend that you use Banner Maxx and Manzate every 10 to 14 days. I have had some good luck with Bayer Advanced Garden Disease Control. Remember to water the roses well the day before you spray. It is recommended to spray after the roses are dried off from the dew and before it gets too hot in the day (above 80°). This will help keep you from getting spray burn on the leaves. Once you have blackspot, Rosemania recommends that you spray every three days with Mancozeb or Manzate for a total of three treatments and then go back to your regular spray program.

If you are bugged by bugs, Merit and Conserve SC are effective against thrips and aphids. Orthene can also be used very effectively. Spider mites are another problem. You can wash them off with a strong stream of water, but the help is only temporary because they can crawl back on the plant. I find that Avid is effective in controlling this pest. I have had good success this year with Floramite SC; although expensive, the control will last longer because it kills both the adult and the eggs.

It is also the time to give the roses a good feeding – most any rose fertilizer will be of value to your roses. I use Mills Magic, Purely Organic or the liquid Mills Easy Feed. These supply organics and a good balance of NPK for the roses. If you desire to use a time-release fertilizer

apply at about one half the rate you would for early in the season, as you want the feeding to slow down in September. If you use granular fertilizer, sprinkle around the drip line, scratch into the soil and water well.

Don't forget to water. We have had a lot of rain in our area so the soil is well watered, but in the heat the ground will dry out quickly. Remember, the rose bush still needs 1 to 2 inches of water a week to produce roses.

Deadhead (remove the spent blooms) on your rose bushes. *If you are going to the fall rose shows you can prune your roses back to encourage them to produce larger flowers and longer stems for the shows.* You need to plan this pruning 40 to 55 days before the show, depending on how quickly the rose repeats. It's a good idea to prune the canes over a week or two, so you have a better chance of getting a rose at peak for the show.

Remember there are always tips on what to do in the **American Rose**, the magazine you get when you join the American Rose Society. Many of your questions can be answered on their web site. All of the products listed above can be obtained from Rosemania (www.rosemania.com) and/or H. L. Shealy Co.

The Most Important Summer Fertilizer

By Gary Ritchie

Recently I was contacted by a lady from Centralia who contributed the following: "Last summer my rose bushes looked horrible. By late August they were all spindly, the leaves were very small and they had few flowers. What kind of fertilizer should I be using?" My answer: "water". In the Pacific Northwest we rarely get any meaningful rainfall from early July through the end of September. [Editor's note: In the Southeast, our rainfall is more sporadic and unpredictable, with torrential rains followed by weeks of hot, rainless weather.] The occasional showers, rather than providing adequate soil moisture, serve only to ruin our flowers and knock our canes down. During this period it is up to us rose growers to provide

moisture if we expect our bushes to continue rewarding us with beautiful flowers.

In order for our roses to prosper, they must have large quantities of food, which they continuously produce through photosynthesis. This requires carbon dioxide (CO₂), which enters the leaves through microscopic pores called stomata. These are located on the undersides of the leaves. When the stomata are open, CO₂ diffuses from the air into the leaves where it is converted into sugars. But open stomata allow water to escape from the leaves – a process called transpiration. So, in the open process of making food, plants expend water.

As the soil begins to dry out, plant roots sense this change and send a signal to the stomata telling them to close, retarding water loss. This is a protective mechanism by which plants sacrifice food production for water retention. Over the short term no harm is done. On a typical hot summer day, the stomata will be open in the morning when the plant is fully hydrated, may close briefly during the afternoon when transpiration exceeds water absorption, then open again in the evening. This is normal behavior. But if water is not added to the soil, the daily period of stomatal closure will increase until stomata remain permanently closed. When this happens food production ceases. The plant must then mobilize stored food reserves (mainly from the roots) in order to survive. As these are depleted, your rose bushes will become spindly, the leaves will be small and the plants will produce very few flowers. In short, they will look "horrible". Sound familiar?

Expect this to happen in August or September [Editor's note: probably earlier, here]. During this period, occasional watering with a hose or water wand will not suffice because dry soils form an impervious surface layer that impedes water penetration. You can observe this by digging down an inch or so into the soil after watering. Below the thin layer of wet soil you will find dust in the root zone. To prevent this from occurring you must water deeply and often – possibly two or three times a week. The best way to do this, unless you have unlimited time, is to install an automatic watering system that applies water directly to the soil. Avoid overhead watering of

roses because it promotes diseases such as blackspot, and it will ruin your blossoms.

I use two types of irrigation systems in my garden – one employs metal drippers like those we have at the Centennial Garden. The other employs little spray heads that spray water horizontally beneath the bushes. Both have advantages and disadvantages, but I prefer the second type. It keeps the surface of my bark mulch damp throughout summer, preventing development of an impervious water barrier. It also moistens the lower leaves, discouraging spider mites.

So what's the most important summer fertilizer? You got it – WATER!

NOTE: This article first appeared in the newsletter of the Olympia (Washington) Rose Society. It is reprinted from the July 2005 issue of *Rose Ramblings*, the newsletter of the Spokane Rose Society, Lynn Schaefer, Editor.

Sprayer for Sale

Ever wanted to upgrade your spray program without spending hundreds of dollars? Buy a used Atomist sprayer! This is a high-pressure, electric-powered system that's ideal for spraying the top of that huge climber. It is very spray-efficient. The 1.75-liter tank will easily spray 50-60 roses in one filling. New, it retails for about \$200. **Best offer** – proceeds to be donated to GARS. Contact Bobbie Reed at 770-979-4237, berdks@mindspring.com.

New Fertilizer Coming

By Carroll Olson, *Consulting Rosarian*

Beaty Fertilizer Co. will be introducing to Rose Societies early next year a controlled-release fertilizer called "BloomKote," especially formulated for roses and other blooming plants. It will offer rose growers optimal nutrient availability throughout the growth cycle, avoiding nutrient deficiencies or hazardous excesses. It can be used at planting time to ensure an even supply of nutrients as the root system develops. For established roses, when you make your spring application of Mills Magic Rose Mix, it will be an ideal time to apply a top dressing of BloomKote. We hope to have it available for delivery to our members on Pruning Day at Fernbank in February.

Purchase of Mills Products

There may be sufficient demand for Beaty Fertilizer Company of Cleveland, TN, to deliver orders for Mills Magic Rose Mix and EasyFeed products on August 16th at our GARS meeting at the Atlanta Botanical Gardens. Please come to the meeting early to pick up your order. If you wish to buy any products please **call Carroll Olson at 404-633-9921 on or before August 10**. You can still order up until August 14 by calling **Dave Ely at 770-973-7625**. The prices are as follows:

Mills Magic Rose Mix – 20 lb bag	\$13.00
EasyFeed (liquid) – ½ gallon	13.00
EasyFeed (liquid) – 1 gallon	22.00
EasyFeed (liquid) – 2½ gallon	54.00
EasyFeed (liquid) – 5 gallon	105.00
Cottonseed Meal – 50 lbs	22.00
Alfalfa Meal – 50 lbs	23.00
Bone Meal – 50 lbs	35.00
Fish Meal	34.00
Fish Emulsion – 1 gallon	14.00
Liquid Seaweed	21.00

Please have a check (payable to GARS) ready at pickup to cover the cost of your order. If you cannot be available to pick up your products at the meeting, be sure to make arrangements with Carroll Olson or Dave Ely to pick them up for you.

Remember, these are products that are not easy to purchase locally, and they are provided to rose society members at a substantial discount. Stock up now!

Mini Roses In Indianapolis

By Susan Clingenpeel, *Consulting Rosarian*

The Mini/MiniFlora National Rose Show, held the weekend of July 8 in Indianapolis, IN, provided hours of enjoyment for those in attendance and a great break from garden chores during a hot summer. This national is beginning to be one of my favorite conventions. The

convention is smaller than the spring and fall National Rose Shows and provides a lot of time for visiting old friends and attending informative rose lectures. The convention usually honors a renowned mini/miniflora hybridizer. Robbie Tucker, who hybridized such roses as *Miss Flippins*, *Conundrum*, *Cachet*, and *Dancing Flame* (to name a few), was the featured hybridizer in Indianapolis. After arriving Friday afternoon I attended the evening welcome reception where I was able to catch up with old friends and talk a great deal about roses. Saturday morning centered completely around the show. I served as a judge in the horticulture division. Considering the time of year the show was held, the blooms were of good quality. Exhibitors throughout the U.S. brought entries. The design section was especially exceptional with over 100 entries. Dr. Tommy Cairns and Luis Desamero of



California won the Harm Saville National Trophy. This class is a bowl entry of 18 miniature roses at

exhibition stage. The entry was beautiful [photo above]. California has had several weeks of cool weather and the color on the specimens was typical of the color we see in the late fall in Georgia. One of the things I enjoy most about National shows is getting to see new roses. This show provided numerous varieties that look promising. Mini Queen of Show was *Ty* [photo, p.12], a brand new miniature from Robbie Tucker of Rosemania. It is a dark yellow cultivar with excellent form. It will be available this fall from Nor' East Miniatures. Another miniature on the Court of Honor was *Piña Colada* [photo right]. Peter Alonso hybridized this light yellow



to cream rose by crossing *Olympic Gold* with *Olympic Gold*. The winner of the 5-7 petals single class was *Simple Splendor* [photo left], a sport of *Autumn Splendor*. It is a very large single and looks somewhat like the shrub *Flutterbye*. As a lover of singles I will definitely be getting this rose. Both *Piña Colada* and *Simple Splendor* will be available next spring from Almost Heaven Roses. *Peter Cottontail*, the sister seedling to *Butter Cream*, exhibited by Bob and Sandy Lundberg, won MiniFlora Queen [photo, p.11]. This rose just keeps getting prettier and most likely will be a major exhibition MiniFlora.



Regina Lee [photo right], a pink and white bicolor, shows promise. This Whit Wells introduction placed on the MiniFlora court. The winner of the seedling class was a cross of *Luis Desamero X Jilly Jewel* [photo left], hybridized by Dr. Tommy Cairns and Luis Desamero. The miniature looks like a medium pink *Luis Desamero*.



In the arrangement division Lauren Toth of Ohio won both the Millie Walters and J. Benjamin Williams [photo right] National trophies. Our own Bobbie Reed took top honors in the novice arrangement division with an oriental design using the miniature *Green Ice*.

Afternoon programs features Sandy Lundberg discussing new mini/MiniFlora introductions, Dr. Tommy Cairns discussing competing on the International level, and Lewis Shupe discussing arrangements. Sandy mentioned several varieties I am looking forward to seeing.



The following are the cultivars that appear most promising to me. Robbie Tucker will introduce *Nemesis*, a red with a yellow base (Rosemania Spring 2006), *Kismet*, a pink MinFl (Rosemania Spring 2006), and *Equinox*, an orange MinFl (Spring 2006). *Luscious Lucy* and *Jerry Lynn* are Robbie's 2005 introductions that are receiving the most favorable reviews. Frank Benardella's MinFl *Solar Flare* (note spelling, growers) continues to get high praise. Nor' East had a plant shortage this spring and is hoping to have more plants available this fall. Frank also has 3 newly registered varieties BENuno, pink

with a white center, BENDiez, medium red, and BENseah, pink. David Clemmons, hybridizer of *Foolish Pleasure*, *Charismatic*, and *Ruffian*, has a new white MinFl for his stable. *Whirlaway* looks very promising and will be available from Rosemania next spring.

Dr. Tommy Cairns [photo left] continued his tradition of excellent programs. He discussed his recent container growing of roses. An interesting idea he incorporated is to use a 16"

terracotta colored plastic pot. He paints a coating of copper oxide around the inside of the container to discourage roots growing in a circle against the sides of the container. He believes this method promotes downward growth of the roots. He places his containers on slotted 2-foot redwood garden benches to help circulate air and therefore decrease disease.

The evening awards banquet featured Robbie Tucker as the main speaker. He discussed the joy he received from his work hybridizing and the building of his new greenhouse and Rosemania facilities. Dr. Jim Herring, head of the Award of Excellence (AoE) Committee, announced *Jean Kenneally* and *Rainbow's End* were inducted into the miniature rose Hall of Fame. He also announced the AoE winners for 2006, *Caliente* (r Mini, Frank Benadella), *Iced Raspberry* (pb Mini,



Wendy White) and *Baby Bloomer* (mp Single Mini, Keith Zary).

Sunday featured a wonderful day of garden tours. We first visited the Indianapolis Museum of Art, which was the ancestral home of the pharmaceutical magnate Eli Lilly and the Oldfield family. The museum recently underwent a \$41 million expansion. Although roses were minimal in the extensive gardens the other plant specimens were magnificent. We had a guided garden tour for an hour and then dined in a Wolfgang Puck restaurant for a delicious brunch. We then were able to shop at the museum store and greenhouse. Our first private garden tour was to the home of Mark and Kathy Nolan. They had a lovely garden featuring 250 exhibition type miniatures and hybrid teas. We then went to the garden of top national exhibitors John and Donna Hefner. Their garden was brand new when I saw it on the garden tour when the Nationals were held in Indianapolis in 1996. It was fun to see how the garden had matured in 9 years. The Hefners grow beautiful bushes in a lovely lakeside setting.

Following a long delay thanks to hurricane Emily, I returned home tired but excited to get back in the garden.

Susan Clingenpeel & Linda Bohne enjoy the Nolan garden.



Dean Hole Medal Awarded to Dr. Tommy Cairns

At the Annual General Meeting of the Royal National Rose Society (RNRS) held at their headquarters in St. Albans, Saturday, July 23, 2005, it was announced that the Dean Hole Medal

for 2005 was awarded to Dr. Tommy Cairns, Immediate Past President of the American Rose Society (ARS) and currently serving as President of the World Federation of Rose Societies (WFRS).

The Dean Hole Medal is recognized as the highest honor in the rose world. ARS members should share in the pride of this award to one of its most favorite American sons of the rose.

In the letter informing Dr. Cairns of this award, RNRS President Peter Beales commented:

"It is with very great pleasure that I write to let you know that the RNRS Board of Trustees, by unanimous resolution, have awarded you the Society's highest honour, the Dean Hole Medal. This is to mark your outstanding contributions to the many facets of roses, both internationally and in your own country. Furthermore, your continued generous support of the RNRS during its difficult time has been a source of inspiration to the President and his Board."

Tommy Cairns is only the second American to have this honor bestowed upon him. (Legendary Ralph Moore of Visalia, CA, was awarded the medal in 1990.) Dr. Cairns was also the first recipient of the ARS Klima Medal for Excellence in Rose Education, awarded at the 12th World Rose Convention in Houston, TX, in 2000.

Cairns is a graduate of the University of Glasgow, Scotland, holding both a Ph.D. in Chemistry and a D.Sc. in toxicology, biochemistry, art conservation and archaeology.

We offer our congratulations to Dr. Tommy Cairns.

Roses On The Green Deep South District Convention & Rose Show October 21-23, 2005 Augusta, GA

The setting for this year's convention is unique. Our host facility, Augusta's elegant Radisson Riverfront Hotel, lies adjacent to the gently swirling Savannah River and is nestled comfortably in the heart of historic downtown Augusta. Nearby within easy walking distance is

the Georgia Golf Hall of Fame's lovely botanical gardens spanning eight acres... thus our Convention theme, "Roses on the Green." Equally convenient is the Morris Museum of Art that houses the nation's largest collection of works by southern artists. A brief walk in the opposite direction leads one to the National Science Center's Fort Discovery with unique science exhibits for kids age 1 to 91. History buffs will want to continue along the levee a bit further to the site of Fort Augusta at St. Paul's Church, where the British founded Georgia's second city. Across Reynolds Street from St. Paul's the Augusta Museum beckons. This expansive facility houses everything from a 10,000 year-old projectile point to a 1914 locomotive, along with many collections which chronicle Augusta's rich and fascinating past.

But, I'm getting ahead of myself! Our primary interest this weekend is the Annual Deep South District Convention and Rose Show! Hosted by the Augusta Rose Society, this enjoyable fall event promises to be a memorable one thanks to the careful planning of Co-Chairs Linda Benson and Marcia Faglier along with their hard-working committees. Their efforts have resulted in an exciting weekend of activities planned solely for your enjoyment.

Friday's events begin at the Georgia Golf Hall of Fame gardens. An afternoon stroll there takes one past larger-than-life-size bronze sculptures of some of golf's masters like Arnold Palmer, Bobby Jones, Jack Nicklaus, and Ben Hogan, and brings into view the lovely Aquatic, Butterfly, Formal, Rose, and Xeriscape gardens.

Friday evening brings a cash bar and a scrumptious informal buffet on the lovely grounds of the historic St. Paul's Episcopal Church. You'll want to allow time to visit the rose garden there given to the church by Dr. Kathy McKie in loving memory of her late brother. Come dressed in rose attire "Head to Toe" and join the competition to be crowned Queen, King, Princess or a member of the Court of Honor. Winners will be determined by counting the number of ballots contestants are able to collect from those in attendance! Souls will be sold on Friday night!

Saturday promises to be a very busy day! We

begin with the rose show, a hotly contested event with rose horticulture and arrangement exhibitors from across the region vying for the coveted DSD trophies and awards. Exhibitors will be able to enter the preparation area at 5am. Judging will take place from 10:30am until 12:30 pm, and the show will be open from 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm. Following lunch on your own at one of the many local eateries, there will be time to shop in the vendor area, purchase raffle tickets for many very unique rose items, participate in the silent auction and take advantage of some great educational opportunities!

Saturday afternoon, our speakers, all accomplished Rosarians, will offer three distinctly different topics for your enjoyment. We will begin with Susan Clingenpeel of Bethlehem, GA, giving a presentation entitled "My love affair with minis and mini-floras!" Susan's talk will be followed by Bill Patterson, co-owner of Roses Unlimited in Laurens, SC, speaking on "You, Me, and Roses!" We will conclude the afternoon's presentations with Paul Zimmerman of Ashdown Roses in Campobello, SC, giving a talk on "Old Doesn't Mean Outdated – Old Garden Roses that are making a comeback."

The DSD business meeting will be held late in the afternoon after which you will have time for a brief rest before the evening's activities begin.

A cash bar will be open before we begin dining on Prime Rib Au Jus with Creamy Horseradish Sauce, Chicken Cordon Bleu or Grilled Salmon Fillet. Following the presentation of the District Show Awards, our featured speaker, Rob Russell, will entertain us with pictures and commentary from the 2005 DSD Digital Contest. At the conclusion of his program, Rob will announce this year's Contest winners!

Don't party too late Saturday night because you'll be expected to board buses for the rose garden tour at 8:00 am Sunday morning. Our drivers will take you to lovely gardens of Augusta Rose Society members. We'll begin with a continental breakfast at a "secret location." Next will be the spectacular garden of Drs. Virgil and Kathy McKie in the historic Summerville

District. Then, leaving Augusta, we will cross the river into South Carolina and stroll through the varied gardens of Dr. Henry and Mrs. Karen Oliver. Our last stop will bring us to the home of Paul and Charlotte Blankenship where we will enjoy a delightful meal on the lawn amidst the roses, hydrangeas, and birds. We'll have you back at the hotel by 2pm so you may begin your journey home.

The Augusta Rose Society invites each of you to join us for an exciting Convention and Show this fall. "Roses on the Green" will be a weekend to remember! Make plans now to be with us for this special event.

This information and the arrangement schedule will be posted on the DSD website at www.deepsouthdistrict.org in early June. Other information will be posted as it becomes available.

NOTE: The registration form was printed in last month's issue of The Phoenix, and is also available on the DSD website.

Reviewing Roses

In July all ARS members received the *Roses In Review* insert inside the **American Rose** (and if you're not a member, you should be! See page 11). All Consulting Rosarians agreed to participate in RIR when they became CRs, but all other rose growers are welcome to add their opinions. We hope you'll all participate every year, since it requires broad participation to get useful data.

The easiest way is to file a report on-line. Go to the ARS website at www.ars.org, click on Roses In Review, sign in, and rate any roses on the list that you grow, not later than September 25. You'll see a lot of familiar newer roses, like *Hot Cocoa*, *Cherry Parfait*, *Cajun Moon*, *Baby Boomer*, and *The Mayflower*, as well as selected roses that have been around for a while but never received enough responses to get a rating. **Remember, only you can prevent unrated roses!**

Need Help With Your Roses?

Our society is fortunate to have a number of members who have been trained and certified as Consulting Rosarians of the American Rose Society. These members are available for advice and consultation. Please call on any of them whenever you need help with your roses.

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Peter Cottontail was the Mini-Flora Queen at the ARS Mini National in Indianapolis in July 2005.



Additional Rose Resources

American Rose Society, PO Box 30,000, Shreveport, LA 71130, phone 318-938-5402
 Annual dues are \$37 or \$34 for those 65 or older; a three-year membership is \$100. Associate membership for the spouse of a regular member is \$13. **For a limited time, new memberships are discounted by \$5, and you'll also receive a free rose from Nor'East.** Membership benefits include the *American Rose Magazine*, the *American Rose Annual*, and the *Handbook for Selecting Roses*.



The American Rose Society also publishes four specialty quarterly bulletins: *Rose Exhibitors' Forum*, *OGR & Shrub Gazette*, *Mini News*, and *Rose Arranger's Bulletin* (\$15 for REF, \$10 each for the other three), to help you explore the world of roses.

Website: www.ars.org

The DSD Bulletin is the 2003 Gold Medal-winning quarterly publication of the Deep South District of the ARS. Subscriptions are \$10 per year, or \$25 for 3 years. Mailing address: Jim & Kay Harrell, 121 Shore Rush Circle, St. Simons Island, GA 31522.

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Robbie Tucker's new rose, Ty, was Mini Queen at the ARS National Mini Show in Indianapolis in July 2005.

**REMINDER: This month's meeting will be
Tuesday, August 16, at ABG.**

The Greater Atlanta Rose Society is affiliated with the American Rose Society. We meet at the Atlanta Botanical Garden, Piedmont at The Prado, Atlanta, on the third Tuesday of most months. Membership is open to anyone interested in growing roses. Annual dues are \$20 per household. Membership benefits include the newsletter; meetings with informative speakers and programs; and conversations with some really nice rose-growing people! Contact any officer for more information, or come to a meeting.

Memberships & Renewals: Interested in joining? Please send \$20 dues to Louise Stafford, Treasurer, 1280 Hollytree Lane, Snellville, GA 30078-5995.

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