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'Hannah Gordon'
JP Mattia Cover

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Some of our countries are finally opening up with the covid vaccine being more widely available, yet others are bracing for a new round. Winter is fast approaching and the weather is turning cold, even with some snow, in the Northern Hemisphere, while the rose shows have concluded in the Southern Hemisphere.

My photograph for this issue is 'Adam', an 1833 Tea, which is considered one of the first Tea roses. By Adam.

Our cover rose for this issue by John Mattia is 'Hannah Gordon' (KORweiso), aka 'Raspberry Ice', a 1983 Floribunda from Kordes of Germany.

In this edition, we are featuring a "Secret Garden", reports from WFRS Vice Presidents, and an update on the World Rose Convention 2022 including the new registration and fee information brochure.

Enjoy!

Steve Jones, Fiddletown, CA, United States



'Adam' (1833, Tea)

Note: All photos and articles, unless otherwise noted, are by the Editor

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Do you receive our sister publication
by any other name?

This publication is from the WFRS Conservation & Heritage Rose Committee and covers species, old garden, and historical roses and the efforts to collect and save them.

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www.worldrose.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



2018-2022

December 2021



Photo: Henrienne de Briey

Henrienne de Briey
WFRS President

Dear Rose Friends:

The end of the year is now just around the corner. It's been a year of hope and progress and luckily 2021 brought us the vaccines and the results are clear. The pandemic is slowly but surely being reduced to manageable proportions albeit one step at a time, despite some hiccups along the way. Even if it is still a far slower process than anticipated, the reining in of the pandemics gives us the fortitude to think positive.

The need to reconnect with nature has become essential again. Despite shortages in various sectors including plants, nurseries and garden centers have been stormed and we all robbed them for our greatest happiness.

I warmly thank all those who while respecting the imposed constraints, allowed us to get together around International Rose shows or International Rose trials.

It was a pleasure for me to be able to travel around Europe again for the Rose but even more to finally attend the 19th Rosa National Rose Convention of South Africa hosted by the Knysna Rose Society. The atmosphere was very friendly. During the lectures session Michael Marriot went through the life of David Austin along with the names David gave to his huge collection of roses. Ludwig Tachner with his legendary sense of humor is certainly the king of the rose in South Africa when presenting its largest field of varieties.

Owen Williams gave us an overview of the interconnection between bees and roses. He encouraged us to go more and more organic so that the bees would once again return to our rose beds and we all know how the bees are strategic for humanity. I visited beautiful gardens and was happy to share those three days with Sheenagh Harris, Vivienne Black, Inger Schierning, and South African rose friends. Last, but not least, many thanks to Barbara Wood for her warm and friendly hospitality.

Being with rose friends in the field where ever it is, combines the fantastic experience of sharing knowledge around the rose with friendship. In that respect even if with today's technology, we can stay in touch from home I look forward to catching up with most of you in Adelaide, South Australia, for the 19th WFRS World Rose Convention in 2022.

I wish you all my very best wishes for 2022, going ahead with your roses

Below: Left: Henrienne at the South Africa Rose Show, Center: 'South Africa', Right: Henrienne with Ludwig Tascher



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Derek Lawrence

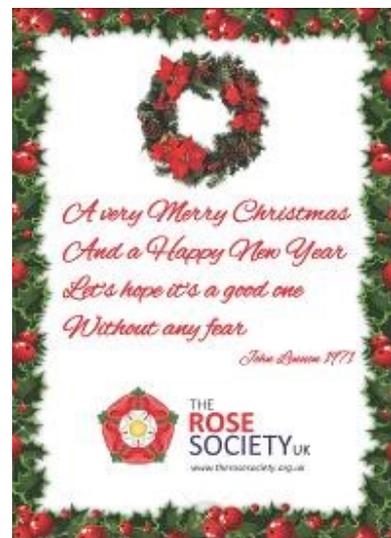
One of the most pleasurable moments and pinnacle of any given year, is receiving warm digital Seasonal Greetings from Members and rosarians everywhere, and then circulating them around the globe.

The endearing custom of sending traditional Christmas cards to each other has been in existence for centuries. Interestingly, the first known item that resembled a Christmas card was sent by England's King James I to his son, in 1611. It featured a rose, with a heart-warming message that encircled the bloom. Christmas greetings became a luxury strictly for nobilities and affluent houses. The creation of the traditional Christmas card was due to the foresight of an English civil servant named Sir Henry Cole, who was responsible in setting up the country's 'Public Records Office' in 1840 – which eventually became known as the 'Post Office'. In 1843, Sir Henry shared the concept of his intention to manufacture Christmas cards for the public to purchase, with the artist John Callcot Horsley. They jointly designed a thought-provoking card that had two outer panels, which featured people caring for the poor; with a central panel that depicted a wealthy family enjoying their Christmas dinner. The card fired the imagination of the general public and became a commercial success.

In the intervening years, the company continued to produce cards. As printing methods improved, the items were processed more quickly and efficiently. They became cost effective, less expensive and more desirable to purchase. The majority of the first cards portrayed images of the Nativity. During Victorian times, robins (a charming British bird) were featured against the backdrop of a typical Northern Hemisphere wintery landscape covered in snow. As time went by, the gladdening tradition of the Christmas card began to spread its magic and influence around the world. Billions are sent every year from all corners of the globe.

On a personal note, I'm always astounded by the ingenuity and cleverness of the digital Christmas card designs, sent by WFRS Member Countries, Breeders, Associates and Friends. Above all, I am truly humbled by your genuine goodwill messages to one and all. In essence, this is one of the principle aims of the World Federation of Rose Societies: to encourage international friendships and bonds among rosarians everywhere. Long may this continue!

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and Rosy New Year.



ROSE NEWS



David Elliott with his WFRS Silver Medal (Photo by Melanie Trimper)

OBITUARY

DAVID JOHN ELLIOTT

WFRS Vice President, North America and Board Member,
Canadian Rose Society
1938 – 2021

By Sheenagh Harris

David Elliott died peacefully in his sleep at home on Vancouver Island on Friday, 12th November, after a long illness. He was born in York, England. He obtained a forestry degree in North Wales and moved to British Columbia, Canada in 1966 where he joined the BC Forest Service. David married Crenagh in 1980. Together with Crenagh he attended David Ruston's International Heritage Rose Conference in Pasadena in 1996 and enjoyed it so much, they attended every future International Heritage Conference.

David and Crenagh joined the Vancouver Rose Society in 2005. As they lived on Vancouver Island, they didn't make it to very many meetings, however they were involved in the WRC in Vancouver in 2009. They attended the WFRS World Rose Conventions in Osaka, Japan in 2006; Vancouver, Canada in 2009; Sandton, South Africa in 2012 and Lyon, France in 2015. David's first WFRS Regional Convention was in Luxembourg in 2007 and he has only missed one Regional since becoming Vice President in 2012.

David was a strong supporter of the World Federation of Rose Societies where he became Vice President for North America (Bermuda and Canada) from 2012 to 2018 and in Copenhagen in 2018 David received the WFRS Silver Medal in recognition of outstanding service to the Federation by officers of the Federation. This office has involved travelling to Rose conferences worldwide and he and Crenagh seldom missed a WFRS Convention.

David worked on a definition for Heritage Roses and a Conservation Database project in his capacity as Vice Chair of the WFRS Conservation and Heritage Committee (formed when David Ruston resigned from the WFRS Heritage Committee in 2012) assisting Committee Chair, Yuki Mikanagi.

He was also a keen photographer and became active in HMF after he uploaded a large number of photos following a Heritage Rose Conference in Dunedin, New Zealand in 2005.

From our Executive Director:

Dear Members of the Executive, Past Presidents & Chairmen,

I am writing to advise you that the WFRS Executive Committee have overwhelmingly approved of the following:

To appoint Mr. Martin Stott and Mr. Charles Quest-Ritson as joint Editors of 'BAON' for the interim period up to World Rose Convention, to be held in Australia during October 2022.

With warmest regards.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Life Member, Dr. Pascal Heitzler of France!

2021 Australia Rose Trials, Adelaide, Australia

AWARD: Gold Medal



TROPHIES:

Marion de Boehme Award for the Best Rose of the Trial
Australia's Rose of the Year

Rose Hills Perpetual Challenge Bowl (USA) for the Best
Floribunda of the Trial

BED NUMBER: 35

CODE: KORravreli

NAME: 'Heaven On Earth'

TYPE: Floribunda

FRAGRANCE: Strong

BREEDER: W. Kordes' Söhne, Germany

EXHIBITOR: Treloar Roses, Australia

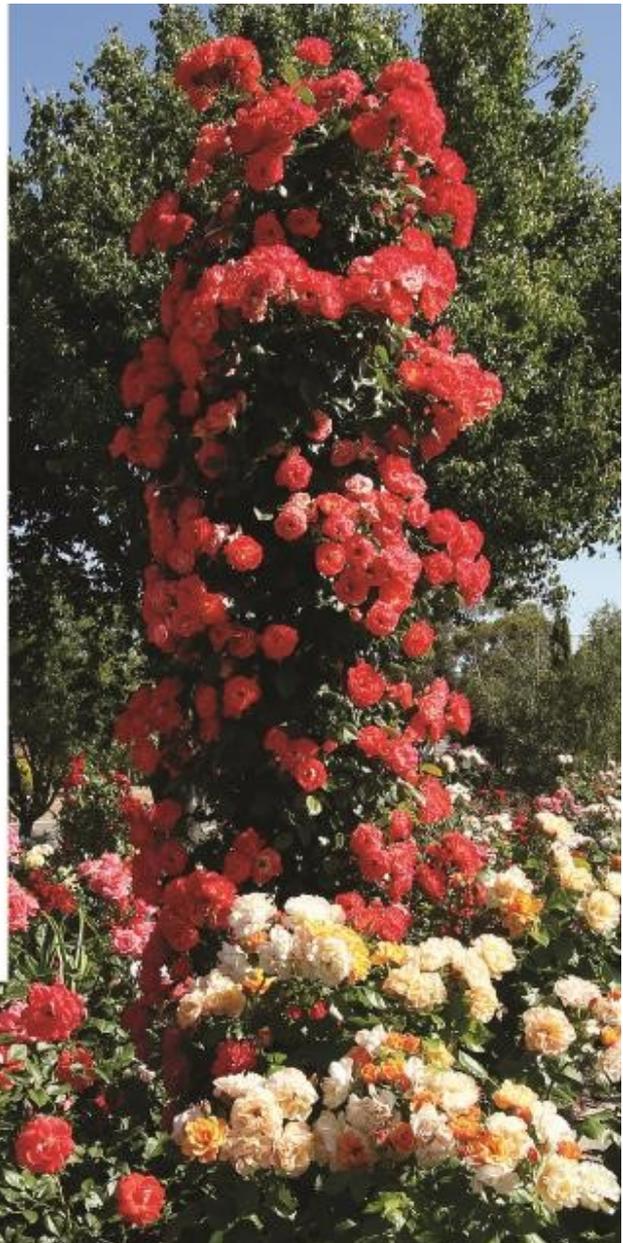
2022

World Rose Convention

27 Oct – 3 Nov 2022
Adelaide Convention Centre
Australia



Celebration 22



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Convention Hotel
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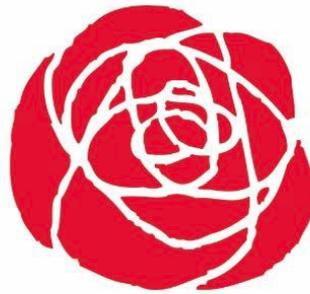
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2022

World Rose Convention

Adelaide
Australia



THE WORLD FEDERATION OF ROSE SOCIETIES 19TH WORLD ROSE CONVENTION COMES TO ADELAIDE



Kelvin Trimper AM, Chairman, 2022 World Rose Convention

The World Federation of Rose Societies World Rose Convention will be held from **27 October to 3 November, 2022** in the beautiful City of Adelaide.

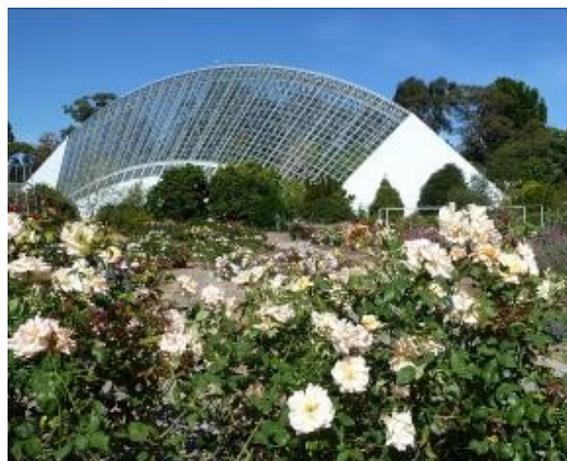
Convention Chairman, Kelvin Trimper AM, confirmed that the convention will proceed as both a “face-to-face” convention as well as offering online registrations to rose lovers around the world. The world-class Adelaide Convention Centre will provide a high quality streaming service for the Opening Ceremony, 3-day Lecture Series and WFRS Gala Awards Dinner for Online Registrants.

A number of exciting before and after tours offer an incredible range of holiday experiences for the international delegates and we know they are going to enjoy our iconic attractions and see many beautiful gardens.

For those attending in person, the organising committee has finalized the registration fee and the final program (attached in WRN) with Registration opening on **10 January 2022**.

You will notice the New Zealand organisers decided to cancel the post post trip to New Zealand as they have strict entry requirements that would include a 7-day quarantine, although it is hard to guess if it would still be in place by the Convention. For those who still want to travel to New Zealand, arrangements could be made through Hayden Foulds and Doug Grant.

For more information relating to the convention and to be kept informed and receive regular updates visit the website and join the mailing list www.wrc22.aomevents.com.au



Adelaide Botanical Garden greenhouse



2022

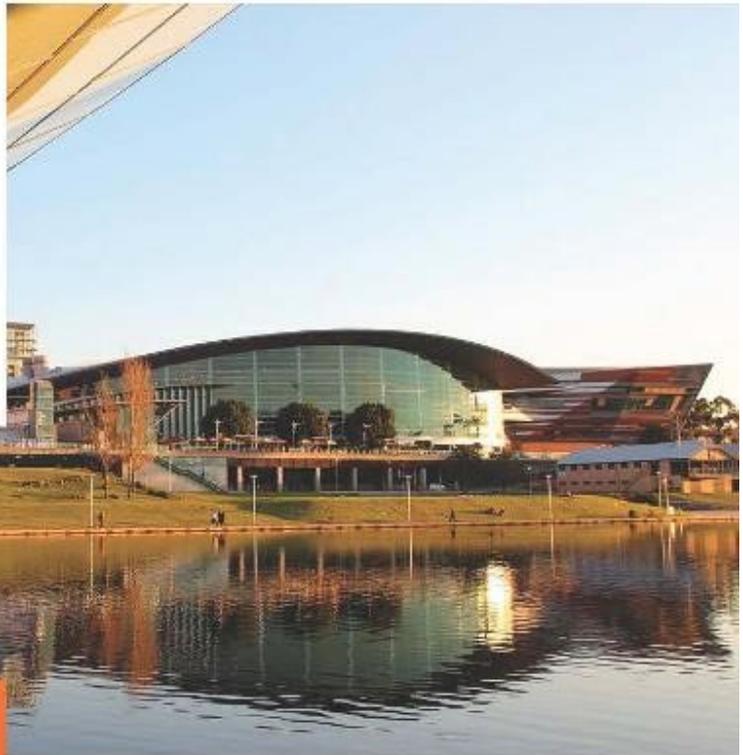
World Rose Convention



27 Oct – 3 Nov 2022
Adelaide Convention Centre
Australia



Celebration 22



INVITATION

The National Rose Society of Australia invites you to Adelaide, Australia to experience, celebrate and enjoy the iconic attractions, gardens, lecture program, tours and social events during the World Federation of Rose Societies 19th World Rose Convention from 27th October to 3rd November 2022.

Registration will open on
Monday 10 January 2022

[REGISTER HERE](#)



from Monday 10 January 2022

REGISTRATION FEES

Earlybird Registration (10 Jan. – 31 July 2022)	\$850 AUD
Standard Registration (from August 2022)	\$1,050 AUD
Welcome Reception (drinks and finger food)	\$85 AUD
WFRS Gala 3 Course Dinner & Beverages	\$150 AUD
NRSA National Dinner (Maximum 220 people)	\$110 AUD

DAY REGISTRATIONS

(Bookings available from 10/1/22)

Fri. 28 October	\$200 AUD
Mon. 31 October	\$200 AUD
Tues. 1 November	\$200 AUD
Wed. 2 November – Full Day Tour (Maximum 200 people)	\$100 AUD
Thurs. 3 November	\$200 AUD

(Note: No evening meals or evening activities included in Day Registrations)

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

Thursday, 27th October

Delegates Arrive

12:00 – 18:00	Registration Open at the InterContinental Adelaide
18:30 – 20:00	Welcome Reception
20:00	Evening Free

Friday, 28th October

07:45 – 08:45	Registration Open at the Adelaide Convention Centre
09:00 – 10:30	Opening Ceremony
10:30 – 11:00	Morning Tea
11:00 – 11:30	CELEBRATION '22 Celebrating the Rose in Australia Presenter: NRSA President, Gavin Woods
11:30 – 12:30	Australia's Unique Fauna and Flora and the Impact of Humans Presenter: Prof. Chris Daniels
12:30 – 13:15	Lunch
13:15 – 13:30	Depart by bus for an afternoon at Cleland Wildlife Park, Crafrers.
16:00 – 21:00	Rose and Garden Expo, Adelaide Convention Centre
18:00	Evening Free
19:00 – 22:00	WFRS Executive Meeting No 1

Saturday, 29th October

08:30 – 10:00	WFRS Convention Liaison Committee Meeting
10:00 – 13:00	WFRS Awards Meeting
10:00 – 17:00	Rose and Garden Expo continues
13:30 – 13:45	Official Opening of the Rose and Garden Expo
19:00 – 19:30	NRSA Dinner – Pre-dinner Drinks InterContinental Adelaide
19:30 – 23:00	NRSA National Dinner (additional cost AUD \$110)

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

Sunday, 30th October

07:00 – 22:30	Optional Day Tour to Kangaroo Island (additional cost)
08:00 – 18:00	Optional Day Tour to the Clare Valley (additional cost)
08:30 – 13:30	NRSA AGM
10:00 – 16:00	Rose and Garden Expo Final Day
18:00	Evening Free

Monday, 31st October

CELEBRATING THE ROSE IN AUSTRALIA

09:00 – 09:45	The History of Gardening in Australia Presenter: Trevor Nottle
09:45 – 10:30	DAVID RUSTON and his role in putting Australia on the Rose World Map Presenter: Sue Zwar
10:30 – 11:00	Morning Tea
11:00 – 11:45	(Part A) ALISTER CLARK ROSES AND OTHER AUSTRALIAN ROSE BREEDERS: 100 years of Australian Rose Hybridising Presenter: John Nieuwesteeg
11:45 – 12:30	(Part B) ALISTER CLARK ROSES AND OTHER AUSTRALIAN ROSE BREEDERS: 100 years of Australian Rose Hybridising Presenter: Paul Hains
12:30 – 13:15	Lunch
13:15 – 15:15	Depart for Adelaide Botanic Garden, International Rose Garden
14:00 – 15:15	International Trial Judging – by Invitation ONLY
15:30 – 16:15	Depart and Travel to Carrick Hill, Springfield
16:30 – 18:00	NRTGA Trial Garden Judging Results and Awards, Tour of Grounds, Alister Clark Rose Garden and house. Drink provided
18:30 – 19:00	Delegates return to the city. Evening Free
18:45 – 20:45	NRTGA Awards, Cocktail Party (Invitation only)

OPTIONAL FULL DAY TOURS

SUNDAY, 30TH OCTOBER

(Minimum numbers may apply)

Kangaroo Island \$315 AUD
by coach and ferry

Clare Valley \$100 AUD
by coach includes
Walter and Kay
Duncan's 'The Heritage
Garden' and lunch

Adelaide tour options with Adelaide
Sightseeing Tours available to book
via the [Website](#)

VIRTUAL REGISTRATION

Virtual registration bookings will be offered from mid-2022 at approximately 50% of the Earlybird Registration fee and feature high quality streaming of the Opening Ceremony, 3-day Lecture Series and WFRS Gala Awards Dinner for Online Registrants.

WFRS FRIENDS OF THE FEDERATION DINNER

Dinner for the 'Friends of the Federation' on Tuesday 1 November from 19:00 to 22:00 by invitation only. Invitation letter will be sent.

ACCOMMODATION AND OFFICIAL CONVENTION HOTEL

The Official Convention Hotel is the InterContinental Adelaide, conveniently located next to the Adelaide Convention Centre – special room rates apply for our delegates.

Please book accommodation through the registration portal.

Other recommended nearby hotels are on our [website](#) – offering a range of prices.

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

Tuesday, 1st November

CELEBRATING THE ROSE WITH THE PUBLIC AND IN PUBLIC SPACES	
09:00 – 09:30	NEW ZEALAND Rose Gardens, Roses and Breeders Presenters: Doug Grant and Hayden Foulds
09:30 – 10:00	ROSE GARDENS FROM LYON AND ELSEWHERE: Parks and Gardens and their importance for our Cities Presenter: Daniel Boulens
09:30 – 10:00	SHRUB ROSES IN TODAY'S GARDENS: The use of Shrub Roses old and new in Public Spaces Presenter: <i>to be confirmed</i>
10:30 – 11:00	Morning Tea
11:00 – 11:30	THE ROSE SOCIETY IN THIS CHANGING WORLD: Activities underway as the ARS celebrates 130 years Presenter: Diane Sommers
11:30 – 12:00	SIR HANS AND NORA HEYSEN: The history of Roses at "The Cedars" garden and in the Heysens' paintings Presenter: Allan Campbell
12:00 – 12:30	2025 WFRS CONVENTION JAPAN: Presentation of the 20th WFRS World Rose Convention Presenter: Japan Rose Society
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:45 – 18:00	Afternoon Free or Join a Tour City and Private Gardens tour, North Terrace Cultural Precinct walking tour
19:00 – 22:00	WFRS Friends of the Federation Dinner (by invitation only)
19:00	Evening Free

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

Wednesday, 2nd November

08:30 – 18:30 Depart for a day of Art, Wine and Roses in the Adelaide Hills

18:30 Evening Free

19:00 – 22:00 WFRS Council Meeting

Thursday, 3rd November

CELEBRATING THE USE OF ROSES NOW AND IN THE FUTURE

09:00 – 09:40 **ROSES IN CUISINE:**
Using Roses in Beverages and Food
Presenter: Rose Kentish

09:40 – 10:10 **NEW ROSE STYLES:**
Unusual Rose Blooms for the Future
Presenter: Thomas Proll

10:10 – 10:40 Morning Tea

10:40 – 12:00 **ROSES IN FLORAL DESIGN:**
A demonstration using Roses in Floral Art
Presenter: to be confirmed

10:40 – 11:20 **DATABASES AND ROSES:** Linea Rosa - a
database of rose lineage
Presenter: Jacques Mouchotte

11:20 – 12:00 **BREEDERS PANEL:** Australian and
International Rose Breeders
Presenter: Kelvin Trimper AM

12:10 – 12:30 **2023 WFRS HERITAGE CONVENTION
BELGIUM:** presentation of the 15th WFRS
Heritage Rose Convention
Presenter: The Royal National Rose
Society of Belgium

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 18:00 Afternoon Free

14:00 – 16:00 WFRS Executive Meeting No 2

18:00 – 18:30 WFRS Gala Convention Dinner Pre-dinner
Drinks

18:30 – 22:30 WFRS Gala Convention Dinner and Awards
Presentation

Friday, 4th November

08:30 Delegates depart for Post Tour

PRE AND POST TOURS

There are 3 proposed tours for a great holiday experience with many attractions and beautiful gardens.

Pre-Convention Tour – Sydney and Blue Mountains, New South Wales

Saturday 22 October –
Thursday 27 October 2022

Post-Convention Tour – Adelaide, South Australia to Melbourne, Victoria

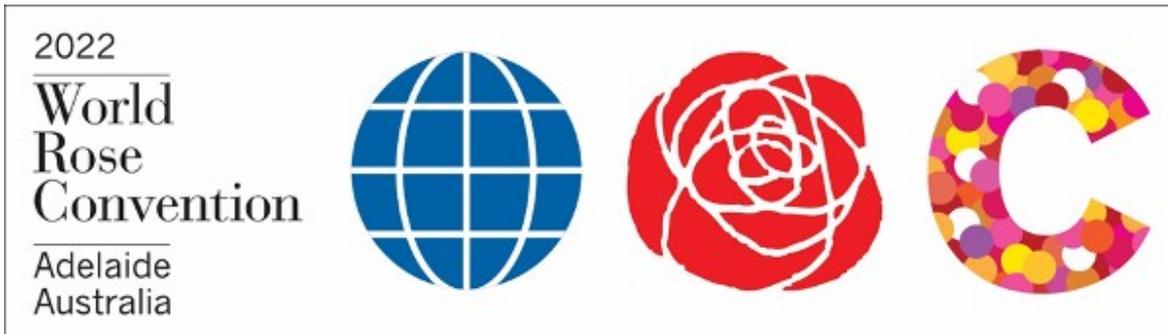
Friday 4th November –
Wednesday 9th November 2022

Post-Post Convention Tour – Tasmania

Wednesday 9th November –
Monday 14th November 2022

For information and bookings contact
Tania Allen at Oliver Travel
oliver.travel@adelaide.on.net

*The Organising Committee advises this
program may be subject to change.*



LECTURE SERIES
Meet our Australian and International Speakers (Part 3)

DANIEL BOULENS – *Rose Gardens from Lyon and Elsewhere - Parks and Gardens and their importance for our cities*



Daniel Boulens is a recent retiree who has spent his entire professional career in the field of public parks and gardens. In his last position, he was Director of Public Parks and Gardens of the City of Lyon in France, which includes the Botanical and Zoological Gardens of that city.

Since 2001, he developed a strategy to ban chemicals in public green spaces. And since 2007, no chemicals have been used in public spaces in Lyon. This is exemplary!

Daniel enthusiastically promotes these new techniques at conferences in France, Europe and throughout the world (Japan, China, Australia, etc.).

Daniel Boulens is a leading and respected member of the French Rose Society and the Association Roses Anciennes en France (Heritage Roses). He is also an International Judge at rose trials in Lyon and in several European countries.

In 2015, Daniel assisted in the organisation of the 17th WFRS World Convention in Lyon. Everyone remembers this extraordinary convention and the international rose festival that invigorated the City of Lyon for six months with more than 600 rose-related events.

Daniel will share with you his passion for roses and rose gardens of the world through some beautiful encounters where friendship with nature, gardeners and flowers are always present.

THOMAS PROLL – *New Rose Styles - Unusual Rose Blooms for the Future*



Thomas Proll was born in Barmstedt, Germany, not far from the premises of W. Kordes' Söhne that would, in time, become his employer. He completed his studies at the University of Hanover, where he qualified in Horticultural Sciences, producing his thesis on Resistance and Susceptibility of Rosa Species and Hybrids to Powdery Mildew.

Thomas has worked with Kordes Roses for the past 25 years. Established in 1887, the family-owned business has spanned five generations and produced some of the world's greatest roses.

As head of the breeding department, Thomas has been responsible for the development of new garden cultivars and pot roses since 1998 and now concentrates on the breeding of garden roses.

For over 20 years, Kordes Roses have focused on producing highly disease tolerant roses and have had many successes at rose trials in Australia and around the world. www.kordes-rosen.com



In 2021, **Diane Sommers** commenced her three-year term as the 57th President of the American Rose Society. A rose grower for over forty years, Diane's new garden in Wisconsin features more than 170 different rose varieties. Diane has served as ARS Treasurer, NCD District Director and Region 5 Regional Director, in addition to chairing many ARS Committees. Most recently, as chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, Diane spearheaded the implementation of technology solutions that increase access to quality programs and speakers for Consulting Rosarians, local rose societies and members.

Diane is a past president of two local rose societies and has been awarded the ARS Silver Honor Award and two Bronze Honor Awards for her outstanding contribution to the North Central District, the Milwaukee Rose Society and the Waukesha Rose Society. She has also been recognised with the Outstanding Consulting Rosarian Award and the Outstanding Judge Award for service in her District. Diane is an ARS Master Rosarian and Accredited Horticulture and Arrangement Judge.

The American Rose Society is celebrating its 130th Anniversary in 2022! This is quite an accomplishment and while it is time to celebrate, it is also time to strategically invest in the future. Gardening is becoming more popular and the quality and variety of rose varieties continues to expand. Diane Sommers, ARS President, will share activities underway as the ARS strives to stay relevant in today's world, adding value for members and the gardening community.

JOHN NIEUWESTEEG - *Alister Clark and other Australian Rose Breeders: 100 years of Australian Rose Hybridising (Part A)*



John Nieuwesteeg is a fourth-generation nurseryman who was born in the Netherlands and migrated to Australia as a 13-year-old and soon began work in horticulture. Proud of his heritage he is the second eldest of a large family.

John planted his first rose rootstocks on leased land in 1962. This business grew from humble beginnings into a wholesale production rose nursery, producing over 100,000 roses annually on 30 acres of land in Victoria's Yarra Valley. John, with the assistance of his sons and other staff, grew modern roses including David Austin English Shrub Roses, old fashioned varieties and species roses. Old Australian roses are both his speciality and a lifelong passion.

Today, John still enjoys seeking out and identifying old rose varieties. He has been an active member of Heritage Roses in Australia for over 30 years and the Rose Society of Victoria for over 40 years.

In 2008, John was awarded the Deane Ross Memorial Award for making an outstanding contribution to the promotion of old roses and the Australian Rose Award in 2018. He has been a guest speaker at numerous Heritage Rose Conventions.

In retirement, John enjoys assisting in his youngest son's rose growing business and is a respected and valuable member of the rose community in Australia.

Step back in time as John enlightens us about Australia's pioneer rose breeders starting with Alister Clark, Australia's most prodigious pioneer rose breeder who released 122 roses during his lifetime. Next came Olive Fitzhardinge who blended society life with breeding hybrid tea roses during the 1930s. Frank Riethmuller is remembered for his highly prized cultivars released during the 1950s. The common thread being roses which were hardy and well suited to our climate.



THE STORY OF CARRICK HILL, SPRINGFIELD, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

By Melanie Trimper, South Australia

A visit to Carrick Hill in Springfield, near Adelaide, is like stepping back in time into a gracious by gone era in the mid twentieth century. Rejoicing and fun reigned at Carrick Hill with enchanted evenings of music and dancing, social pursuits, hobbies and sports. This grand historic mansion, with its vast park like lawns, ancient trees and rose gardens, will fascinate you.



Carrick Hill was a very generous bequest to the people of South Australia from the owners, Sir Edward and Lady Ursula Hayward. Having had no children, the bequest was made in 1983 and the property was officially opened to the public by Queen Elizabeth II in 1986. The house museum is lovingly maintained and displays the life and times of the Haywards and the world they created for themselves.

Set on a hillside overlooking Adelaide, it remains a romantic and historic place. The Jacobethan style manor house, with most of its original and irreplaceable contents intact, is set on 40 hectares of land which includes 26 hectares of native bushland. The contents include many historical items, collections of books and silverware and internationally significant works of art.

The State Government provides funding to ensure the property continues to be a wonderful venue for the public to enjoy. However, this is supplemented by the Foundation and the Friends of Carrick Hill and of course a band of loyal volunteers assist both in the house and in the garden.

Carrick Hill Estate was built after the high society wedding, in 1935, of two members of Adelaide's most prominent families. Edward (Bill) Hayward was a son of the wealthy mercantile family who owned a department store. Ursula Barr Smith, his bride, was a daughter of an even wealthier family with very successful mining, pastoral and business interests.

Ursula's father gifted the couple the land on which Carrick Hill now stands. Following their wedding the couple embarked on a year long honeymoon overseas. In England, with perfect timing, they attended the demolition sale of the ancient manor house *Beaudesert Hall* in Staffordshire. They acquired much of the seventeenth and eighteenth century oak panelling, fireplaces, doors, door frames, leadlight windows, fixtures and a magnificent oak staircase from the Tudor mansion owned by the Marquess of Anglesey.

In July 1935, the sale of the fittings of Beaudesert Hall and stables raised about £8,000 with the hall itself sold to a demolition firm for £800. Around 20,000 square feet of panelling and other fittings were removed, including the famous 'Waterloo' staircase*. The Haywards shipped their building materials back to Adelaide and incorporated them into the building of their house at Springfield.



The grand oak staircase in the hall of Carrick Hill

James Irwin, a family friend and architect, designed the house around these purchases, and while the overall appearance is of a seventeenth century English manor, it incorporated all the modern 1930's technology available at that time. Their purchases also included many items of English and Jacobean furniture and light fittings.

The property was named '*Carrick Hill*' after Brown Carrick Hill in South Ayrshire, Scotland, the birthplace of Ursula's mother.

Built from Basket Range Sandstone, the house was started in 1937 and completed in 1939. At the same time, Ursula Hayward designed the garden. Ursula and Bill moved in mid 1939, soon to be separated by World War II, when Bill left to serve with the army in the Middle East, becoming one of the famous Australian 'Rats of Tobruk' and he also served in the Pacific.

Bill Hayward was a very generous man. In 1933, he implemented the glittering and magical annual "John Martin's Christmas Pageant" stating it was to cheer up the people during the height of the Great Depression. The pageant, in various forms, continues today with an audience of over 300,000 people lining the city streets.

Ursula chose key features of an Edwardian style Garden to be part of her grand design, particularly the use of hedges, lawn terracing and stone paving. The formal gardens reflect Ursula's taste in beauty and passion for flowers with a variety of roses, many rare trees and plants and she took advantage of the stunning view from the sprawling lawn terraces to the city and coast.

Ursula also established cut flower beds for floral arrangements. She ensured that their home was filled with masses of fresh fragrant flowers from the garden and often she arranged them in vases herself. Among her favourite flowers were the roses, orchids, tuber roses and lilliums. She also used the flowers in her own paintings.

During the Hayward years, a team of gardeners were employed to maintain the grounds. Cliff Jacobs worked as a gardener at Carrick Hill from 1936 to 1986 – a remarkable 50 years of dedicated service. A skilled group of gardeners and volunteers carry on this work today maintaining the gardens to a very high standard.

Ursula was a keen rose grower, selecting many old fashioned roses and new award winning varieties to add to her rose garden.

In 1990, the Carrick Hill rose gardens were revamped and the Alister Clark Rose Garden was created. These roses were bred by Australia's most prodigious pioneer rose breeder, Alister Clark (1864-1949) who released 122 roses during his lifetime. His priorities were plant health, a long flowering season and hardier varieties to suit Australia's hot, dry conditions. Alister Clark's roses were the most widely planted in Australia between the World Wars and made a lasting difference to the appearance of most suburban gardens. One of his most celebrated roses is 'Lorraine Lee' introduced in 1924. Of all the Australian bred roses released, 'Lorraine Lee' probably remains the most enduring, famous and dearly loved.

When taking a tour around the garden, you will be amazed to see a unique feature called a “Pleached Pear Arbour” positioned between two flower beds. The term pleach means to *weave together*. The pear trees planted along this walkway have been trained over a structure which involves tying branches to create a dense hedge. Perhaps the inspiration for using pear trees at Carrick Hill was found by the Haywards at Batemans in East Sussex, the home of writer Rudyard Kipling.



In recent years, contemporary artwork has been added to the grounds as has the Children’s Storybook Trail which comprises a series of landscaped scenes

Left: ‘Lorraine Lee’, Right: Pear Arbour

taken from classic children’s stories that families can discover and enjoy.



Sculpture encouraging families to explore the Children’s Storybook Trail

The maintenance of this large exotic garden and outer grounds requires substantial water, however the use of dams, bores, tanks, rainwater harvesting, automated irrigation and mulching all contribute to Carrick Hill’s sustainable, long term strategies.

Carrick Hill has a firm commitment to the conservation of its native remnant woodland, comprising around 20 hectares of natural Grey Box (*Eucalyptus macrocarpa*), which provides a safe habitat for native bird and animal species. Degraded areas are being restored with the help of a team of volunteers.

Today Carrick Hill is a significant South Australian cultural tourism attraction. The newest innovation was converting the attic into an art gallery and exhibition space.

Carrick Hill’s management and staff are waiting to welcome the delegates of the WFRS 19th World Rose Convention in October

2022 for a special tour of the house and gardens. You are going to love it!



Rear of the house and terraced lawns

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SECRET GARDENS

THE ROSES AT RHS WISLEY, ENGLAND

By Derek Lawrence, England

The British have been passionate about gardening for centuries and no organisation embodies that enthusiasm more than the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS). In essence, it encompasses all the knowledge and skills required to form and maintain a stunning garden. Its showpiece display gardens located in various parts of the United Kingdom act as a magnet for garden and plant devotees, whom seek wisdom and vision.



Left: Laboratory Building, Right: Bicentenary Glasshouse

RHS Garden Wisley in Surrey, situated some 20 miles southwest of London is the Society's longest standing garden, which was donated to the organisation by Quaker philanthropist and plant enthusiast Sir Thomas Hanbury in 1903. Since it opened its gates to Members and visitors, the 240-acre estate has gained the reputation of being host to one the world's most diverse plant collections: rare and endangered species from the subtropics, fruit orchards, stunning herbaceous borders, fine manicured lawns and vegetable and ornamental plants:

Like most gardens, it has evolved over time. In 1910, one of the initial major projects was the construction of the highly regarded Rock Garden, where a temporary light railway system had to be installed to transport huge Sussex sandstone blocks to the site. It has since developed into a magnificent feature comprised of various alpine species, linked by streams and dramatic water cascades. As Wisley began to gain recognition as an extraordinary garden, numbers of staff and students subsequently increased. Additional training and research facilities were needed, so a local company was commissioned to build a new Laboratory. The Tutor-style structure made from recycled materials from old manor houses opened in 1916, and has since become an iconic architectural building.

One of the estate's most celebrated areas is the famous double borders, which frame the broad grassy slopes leading to Battleston Hill. During the summer months, the borders accommodate a wide range of hardy perennial plants which give stunning displays from cool pastels to vibrant hot colours; artistically arranged in various group settings to give visual impact to delight the senses.

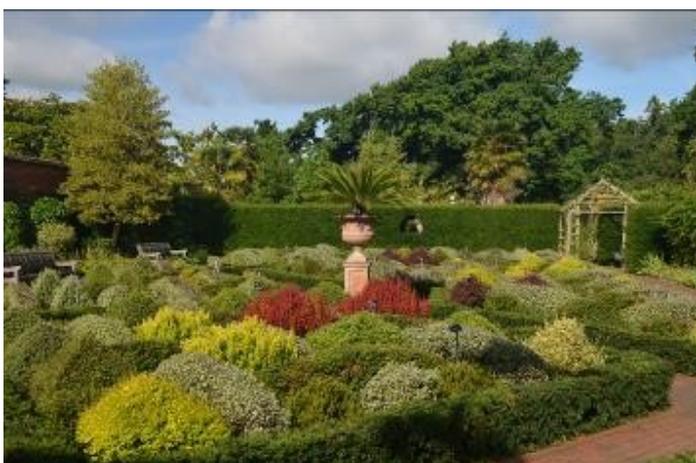


Left: Mixed Border Garden, Right: 'Hot Chocolate'

To commemorate the Society's bicentenary in 2004, a huge state of the art modern glasshouse was constructed, which was officially opened by Her Majesty the Queen in 2007. Inside of this impressive structure are three climatic zones, which highlight species that are mainly challenging to grow and wouldn't survive an average British winter. Some plants are indeed rare and considered endangered. Part of the RHS remit is to ensure that these cultivars will survive for the benefit of future generations.

In essence, Wisley caters for all horticultural tastes. Although the team of gardeners have historically cultivated a number of roses, it has never been recognised for its rosy endeavours, nor prowess. In 1919 rose trials began in Wisley, conducted jointly with the National Rose Society and continued for over a decade. A joint Committee was set up with the NRS in 1959, but was abolished in 1964 because the RHS Award of Merit was not granted to roses whom had received a National Rose Society certificate. To this end, all future rose trials continued mainly under the management of the former RNRS and were conducted at the Society's gardens at St. Albans.

When serving RHS President, Sir David Bowes-Lyon and brother to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, suddenly died in 1961, a competition was launched to design a suitable memorial structure to be erected at the gardens in his memory. The winner was an architectural student named Derrick Lees whom described his design as being "contemporary, involving materials, techniques and prevalent to the age". The memorial pavilion was constructed on the highest point at Weather Hill using aluminum moulded pillars, with steel framing with teak ceiling finish. It was completed in 1964, and the surrounding lawns that fell gently to the east, were flanked by new rose borders containing hybrid teas and floribundas and lines of oak posts and ropes were strategically placed to accommodate a fine collection of climbers and ramblers befitting the trends of 1960's Britain.



Left: Box Hedge Garden, Right: Austin Rose 'Caraid'

The overall design gave immense pleasure to countless visitors over the ensuring years. However, by the dawn of the new millennium it was felt that the Bowes-Lyon Rose Garden had become rather antiquated and tired looking. During 2007, RHS took the bold decision to bulldoze over the entire area, but retain the Bowes-Lyon Memorial Pavilion as a focal point. A new design to inspire plant combinations and encourage biodiversity was created by award winning designer, Robert Myers. The concept to the design was the formation of various walkways which gently descend from the Pavilion and invite the curious visitor to explore the borders. The plantings contain a remarkable collection of 4,000 modern disease-resistant shrub roses and a mixture of 5,000 complimentary herbaceous plants, blended together with thought provoking colour combinations. The mature trees, which include Chinese Dogwood, give added height to the overall design; with drifts of colour in the foreground from perennial favourites such as Alliums, Agapanthus, Cosmos, Daffodils, Heucheras and Ornamental Grasses, which constantly change from season to season. Although roses are primarily the main feature of the garden, the RHS have ensured it has continual visual impact and will appeal to the visitor whatever season it may be.

As you stroll around this oasis of superb plantings your curiosity will be immediately drawn to the roses, that will demand your undivided attention. Noteworthy varieties in the collection include: 'Tickled Pink', 'Kew Gardens', 'Hot Chocolate', 'Darcy Bussell', 'Golden Smiles', 'Welwyn Garden Glory', 'You Are My Sunshine', 'Burgundy Ice', 'Moody Blue', 'Jam & Jerusalem' and 'Harlow Carr'.

To put into context, Wisley has created a stunning rose garden that furnishes the desires of demands of the 21st Century gardener with spectacular effect.

Next time you visit the British Isles, I recommend that you visit these stunning gardens. To check visiting times and current arrangements, simply visit: www.rhs.org.uk/wisley.

(All photos courtesy of the Author.)

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

By Mireille Steil, WFRS Vice President - Central Europe

Everyone was happy that after a difficult year of the pandemic we would see all rose lovers again at the rose novelty competitions.

Normally the first competition is held in Barcelona. Unfortunately, our hopes were not fulfilled. Due to the high number of infections in Spain, we could not travel to Barcelona. Thanks to Lluís Abad Garcia who organized the 21st competition online with photos.

The covid restrictions were the same for the new rose competition in Bologna. Also, here my thanks to Eva Maria Giorgioni who organized the first competition with online judging.

My first trip as a WFRS ambassador took me to Warsaw, where the rose breeder Lukasz Rojewski christened his rose "Queen of Warsaw". I had the honor of being the godmother together with the famous opera singer Malgorzata Walewska. It was a fun event with a happy Lukasz.



Left: from Left Malgorzata Walewska, Prof. Wojciech Falkowski, Director of the Museum of Royal Castle, Mireille Steil, Lukasz Rojewski, Right: Mireille with members of the Polish Rose Society



Left: 2019 SHNF Winner 'Fruity Petales' with from left, Janic Gourlet, Matthias Meilland, Mireille Steil, Right: Judges at Bagatelle, Paris, France

In Paris, the SNHF announced the Grand Prix de la Rose SHNF. This year they announced the results of 2019 and 2020.

Finally, on 17 June, the first face-to-face Rose Concours took place in Paris - Bagatelle (France).

A private trip took me to the South of France, where I seized the opportunity to visit the rose garden "Princesse Grace" in Monaco. The biennial rose competition held there was also cancelled in 2021.

A week later we met in Baden-Baden, Germany for the 69th Rose Novelty Trial. In 2020, only a small delegation were invited, but in 2021 we met again with some 50 rose friends participating in this prestigious competition. For the first time, all three WFRS Vice Presidents from Europe were present.



Left: Judging in Baden-Baden, Germany, Right: Judges in Saverne, France (WFRS Vice President - Eastern Europe Breda Čopi (2nd from right))

As usual the traditional trials in Saverne took place a day later and many of us continued to this beautiful city in northern France.

Afterwards we arrived in Kortrijk, Belgium for the rose trials. Here we were not only invited to judge the roses. A big surprise waited for us as a rose was baptized 'Frans Thomas' in honour of our esteemed friend and colleague Frans, the Belgian President of the Royal Rose Society. The breeder is Martin Vissers from Belgium. The godparents were his long-time rose friends Marga Verwer and Jacqy Van Gampelaere.



Left: From left, Marga Verwer, Frans Thomas, Jacqy Van Gampelaere, and Martin Vissers with the rose 'Frans Thomas'

Right: Mireille baptizing her rose 'Mim's Rose' with Martin Vissers

On the same weekend I had, as Past President of the "Lëtzebuenger Rousefrënn", the great pleasure to christen my own rose with the name 'Mim's Rose'. The baptism of the rose bred by Martin Vissers took place in our rose garden in Munsbach. It had been a great pleasure and honor for me to be President of the Luxembourg Rose Friends for 6 years. My successor is Maryse Weirig-Hensel, new President representing the Luxembourg Rose Society.

On a regular basis, I go to Paris to the Roseraie Val de Marne in L'Haÿ-les-Roses, where I participate on the permanent jury of the Grand-Prix de la Rose SNHF.

Unfortunately, the Hague Rose Competition was also cancelled again this year and the roses were judged only by the permanent jury.

This year in August, the first edition of the "Rose Academy" took place in Grünberg, Germany. Organized by the Society of German Rose Friends, it was very well attended. Under the theme "Healthy Roses", there were interesting lectures by, among others, Ann Velle from Lens Roses (Belgium) and Eilike Vemmer from the Europa-Rosarium in Sangerhausen.

In September we were happy to attend the competition in Le Roeulx, Belgium, which we are always looking forward to over the summer.



Left: Judging in Le Roeulx, Belgium, Right: Judging in Orléans, France

One week later we met for the last rose competition of the year in Orléans, France.

At the end of our rose season, I was invited by Markus Brunsing to Baden-Baden to participate in a small festivity in honor of the rose ladies and gentlemen who, all throughout the year, help on a voluntary basis to keep the rose gardens in a good condition.

With this, I conclude my brief overview of my rose year 2021 and am looking forward to seeing all my rose friends again next October in Adelaide for the World Rose Convention 2022.



Volunteers at Baden-Baden, Germany (Markus Brunsing 3rd from right)

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

By Lois Fowkes, Vice President North America (United States)

WFRS - American Rose Society Leadership Changes

Every three years, the members of the American Rose Society (ARS) elect leaders for the 18 Districts and 4 Regions of the ARS, as well as the ARS Vice President. In September, Diane Sommers finished her three-year term as Vice President, and was installed as President at the ARS Fall National Convention and Rose Show in Milwaukee, WI. Craig Dorschel was installed as the newly elected Vice President and Carrie Bergs was installed as ARS Treasurer.

Diane shared her vision for the American Rose Society during the installation ceremonies. Areas of focus include:

- * Expand educational opportunities for all rose gardeners
- * Grow membership in local rose societies and the ARS
- * Leverage technology and partnerships to advance ARS objectives
- * Complete the construction efforts at American's Rose Garden; build operational excellence.

Ms Sommers indicated that the conversion of membership software is near completion, a website redesign project will be launched in 2022, and the Modern Roses database is ready for rollout. She is thrilled at the level of engagement of new committee chairs and their committee members.

On November 26th, two months following the convention, the immediate past president, Bob Martin, passed away unexpectedly from a heart condition. "Bob was known for his knowledge of roses and passion for rose shows and will be greatly missed by members of the ARS", commented President Diane Sommers.

WFRS members will be able to meet Ms Sommers at the World Rose Convention in Adelaide as she is one of the speakers.



New ARS Officers: From left, Carrie Bergs, Diane Sommers, Craig Dorschel, Elena Williams in back

I would like to share this heartwarming story about one of our ARS members.

Doug Amon (Wisconsin, USA) Wins Big at the American Rose Society National Rose Show, Milwaukee, WI

By Linda Kimmel:

Happy 84th Birthday & Congratulations!

Doug Amon celebrated his 84th birthday on September 11, 2021 by attending his first American Rose Society National Conference and Rose Show in Milwaukee, WI. One of his best presents, he won two World Federation Trophies and three National Rose Show Trophies! His winnings included:

- * WFRS Six Large Roses with 'Mr. Caleb'
- * WFRS Large Matched Pair with 'Mr. Caleb'
- * Queen of Show with 'Mr. Caleb'
- * Princess of Show with 'Hot Prince'
- * Court with 'Louise Estes'.

Meet Doug Amon, the man behind the roses that won big at the National rose show. He describes himself as a “farm boy from Wisconsin.” He and his wife owned a farm and milk hauling business. They were partners in life, raising four girls, and in work. His wife was a gardener, but mostly vegetables, lots of flowers of all kinds, and only a few roses. When his wife passed away about 15-years ago, Doug retired, and in her memory, he planted 25 roses. “I didn’t know what to do,” he explains; “they were all dead by the spring of the next year.” But Doug persisted; he tried again and again. He now cares for 350 roses, which he grows in 20-gallon pots. Before the pandemic, Doug welcomed about 2000 garden visitors per year. Busloads of visitors stop by his beautiful garden from the Lake Geneva tourist travel. The garden is open, and visitors are always welcome, he states. Doug started exhibiting about five years ago and usually only attends local rose shows and state fairs. For the past couple of years, Doug was accompanied by his chauffeur, a.k.a. his grandson, who is 17 years old. The American Rose Society National Rose Show in Milwaukee was Doug’s first, and probably last National Rose Show, he states. "My chauffeur is going to college next year," he chuckles.



Doug provides all the rose care himself. He waters by hand as there is no irrigation system. The 20-gal potted roses are placed into raised beds in the spring and mulched heavily to prevent weeds and conserve moisture. His fertilizer routine includes fish emulsion, granular fertilizer, and water-soluble fertilizer applied every two weeks. He follows a preventive spray program for blackspot. The winters are harsh in Wisconsin, so with the help of a tractor with a front-end loader and a neighbor, the potted roses are moved to a large barn in late fall. They are watered once monthly during dormancy.

Other services: Doug volunteers for Meals-on-Wheels, helping to deliver meals to shut-ins. During the winter months (November to April), he volunteers at the local hospital, serving in the transportation department, pushing people in wheelchairs to their physician appointments, x-ray, or laboratory for blood draws.

Doug is a super-nice man. We could not be happier for him and his winning entries!

(Photos are courtesy of Doug Amon/Doug’s family).

Below is the link to the ARS rose show photos by Beth Smiley:

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/o8kionff52es9id/AAArS53zvWu8R-8_SbKMMrpda?dl=0

ARS Rose Show Results (as recorded by Jerry Dryer, IA) <https://www.creamcityroses.org/rose-show>

Above: Doug Amon with all of his award winning roses,

Below: WFRS Award winners with Large Matched Pair on left, all with `Mr Caleb’



VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Vivienne Black - Vice President, South Africa

The 19th National Rose Convention – Knysna Roses 2020 convened by Sheenagh Harris and organised together with the Knysna Rose Society took place in the little Garden Route town of Knysna, South Africa at the end of October 2021. There were 53 delegates who enjoyed a very full programme in beautiful weather. The Thursday Meet and Greet was a relaxing yet entertaining evening which commenced with the Rose Show Prize Giving when WFRS President, Henrienne de Briey (all the way from Belgium) kindly presented the prizes.

The next morning Gail Birss, in the absence of the ROSA President Lizette Jonker, opened Knysna Roses 2020 with a delightful piece of history reminding members that Baroness Lily de Gerlache de Gomery, mother of Henrienne de Briey and Mary Wise, mother of Sheenagh Harris were both at the founding meeting of the WFRS in London in 1968 and on this day the daughters were presiding at a rose convention together.

The first lecture of the day was a Zoom meeting with Michael Marriott in England – By Any Other Name – The Naming of David Austin Roses. Inger Schierning, President of the Danish Rose Society gave an overview of her involvement in roses and how it led to the WRC in 2018. This was followed by excerpts from Tommy Cairns presentation – Fifty Glorious Years – Celebrating the WFRS Golden Jubilee 1968 – 2018. Ludwig Taschner of Ludwig's Roses in a presentation entitled Talking and Listening to Roses, showed a variety of roses giving a description and anecdotes about them. Owen Williams of Honeychild Conservation Beekeeping Co was highly passionate about the Cape Honey Bee and the important role it plays in the Southern Cape Eco-system in his talk – Our Amazing Indigenous Pollinators. Delegates enjoyed a delicious lunch at the Coffee Shop on Leisure Isle prior to a Rosy Ramble to three delightful small, but immaculate gardens.

Saturday was an early start as the delegates boarded a bus to George where they visited the large and beautiful Pass To Rosenhof for the most delicious buffet lunch. Delegates took this opportunity to shop at Ludwig's Outeniqua outlet.

The closing ceremony on Saturday evening and dinner for 72 took place in the elegant function room at Amble Ridge. Gail Birss Acting President of ROSA announced the 2021 recipient of the Zoe Gilbert Award – Gill Wilson from the Midlands Rose Society. Henrienne de Briey WFRS President, gave an enjoyable summary of the Convention and invited all to the WRC 2022 in Australia.



Floral arrangements greeted attendees with Queen of the Show 'Harmonie' in center shown by D Lindsay



Left: From the left, WFRS Vice President Inger Schierning, WFRS President Henrienne de Briey, WFRS Vice President Vivienne Black, WFRS Past President and Convenor Sheenagh Harris, Right: Attendees

Gold Reef Rose Society went ahead and held yet another outstanding rose show in Johannesburg judged by Gill Wilson and Ludwig Taschner.



Left: From left, judges Gill Wilson (Midlands Rose Society) and Ludwig Taschner from Ludwigs Roses with Barbara Wood and Sarah Walker, Right: Entries

Garden Updates

FRESH WOODS, one of the two gardens awarded the WFRS 'GARDEN OF EXCELLENCE' in 2003, is situated in Elgin in the Western Cape. I visited this magnificent garden and met with Peter Knox-Shaw who gave me some of the history of the garden. FRESH WOODS began in 1950 with planting of 50 hybrid teas. When a gift of ten heritage roses arrived shortly afterwards from the Graham Thomas Nursery in Berkshire, Peter's mother decided that they too were to grow in a natural style, and from that moment Fresh Woods began to develop its romantic character. Buried beneath the organic exuberance much of the original plan subsists - paths on a goosefoot pattern, intersecting axes, and other traditional gambits. However, in place of a design that controls the eye, there is now a profusion of intricate vistas. The spicy scented North African endemic *Rosa abyssinica* feels fully at home, as do the banksias, and their near relative, *Rosa cymosa*. Among the special favourites are the Himalayan goliath *Rosa gigantea* with its boldly cut tea-scented blooms and *Rosa chinensis spontanea*.



Fresh Woods, Right: Peter Knox-Shaw

THE KNYSNA ROSE SOCIETY AND BOSKY DELL– A decade of Rosy visits.

By Rae Gilbert

When Alan Tew, the founding chairman of the Knysna Rose Society (KRS), enquired whether I grew roses in mixed beds he startled me. I immediately assumed that this was a prerequisite for finding favour with the KRS. Sheenagh Harris had been watching the progress from a property overlooking the garden and had enlisted Alan in securing the venue for potential Society visits during a National Convention over a decade ago. Little did any of us know that the garden with its distinct rooms and coloured-blocked beds of thousands of roses would become as regular a KRS destination as one's friendly 'local' (neighbourhood bar).



Bosky Dell volunteers (Photo: Rae Gilbert)

As with any enterprise, the garden has not been without its challenges - from drownings, disease, to drought. But always with KRS members gladly visiting to participate in events ranging from pruning demos to talks about compost-making. The KRS also nominated the garden for the WFRS Award of Garden Excellence which was bestowed in Lyon in 2015. Tourists and events provided the necessary funds to maintain the garden at show garden levels.

Like for so many of us in the tourism and events industries worldwide, the impact of the pandemic severely affected the management of the garden. From the outset, the garden has been organic which increases the labour requirements dramatically. Without international travel or events allowed in the garden, the funding sources disappeared, and all the labourers had to be retrenched. The KRS and other garden and rose clubs rallied and raised funds, pitched in to weed and provided immeasurable moral support. The garden is recovering remarkably though it may sport the odd weed and untrimmed lawn edge. It now has a wilder, more

whimsical feel that I rather like, so some of the 'order' may never be restored.

Scheduled for early December when the garden is in full flush, the latest event hosted at Bosky Dell was the KRS end-of-year function. Members had worked incredibly hard to stage a fabulous National Convention in October, and the Committee wanted to show them all a good time. I was thrilled to oblige. With Advent in mind, I suggested we do a wreathing demo/workshop, and this suggestion was gladly accepted. The weather had different ideas, however, and a cloudburst a few days before rendered the tricky driveway and the garden a mud bath. A couple of weeks later and sans most of the blooms, the event took place albeit after the start of Advent. Members and guests watched a short demo, enjoyed a fabulous tea, and then got stuck in to making their own gorgeous wreaths. The KRS has once again shown its community spirit and allocated handsome cash donations to three heritage gardens in South Africa, including Bosky Dell; The Rosarium in Bedford, Eastern Cape; and The MRS Heritage Garden in the KZN Midlands. Thank you, Dear Rosy Friends, for your incredible support over the years and may the relationship, like the garden continue to grow and prosper.

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Argentina (1977) - Rose Society of Argentina
Australia (1968) - National Rose Society of Australia
Austria (2001) - Österreichische Rosenfreunde in der Gartenbau-Gesellschaft
Belgium (1968) - Société Royale Nationale 'Les Amis de la Rose'
Bermuda (1981) - Bermuda Rose Society
Canada (1968) - Canadian Rose Society
Chile (2000) - Asociación Chilena de la Rosa
China (1997) - Chinese Rose Society
Czechia (1994) - Czechia Rosa Club
Denmark (1994) - The Danish Rose Society
Finland (1997) - Finnish Rose Society
France (1979) - Société Française des Roses
Germany (1968) - Gesellschaft Deutscher Rosenfreunde
Great Britain (2018) - The Rose Society UK
Greece (1997) - The Hellenic Rose Society
Hungary (2008) - Hungarian Rose Friends Society
Iceland (2007) - Icelandic Rose Society
India (1968, 1982) - Indian Rose Federation
Israel (1975) - The Jerusalem Foundation
Italy (1968) - Italian Rose Society
Japan (1968) - Japan Rose Society
Luxembourg (1983) - Luxembourg Rose Society
Monaco (2012) - Société des Roses de Monaco
Netherlands (1976) - Nederlandse Rozenvereniging
New Zealand (1968) - New Zealand Rose Society
Northern Ireland (1982) - Rose Society of Northern Ireland
Norway (1988) - Norwegian Rose Society
Pakistan (1992) - Pakistan National Rose Society
Poland (1981, 2017) - Polish Rose Society
Romania (1992) - Asociația Amicii Rozelor din România
Russia (2007) - Russian Association of Rosarians
Slovenia (2000) - Slovenian Rose Society
South Africa (1968) - Federation of Rose Societies of South Africa
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