EDITOR’S MESSAGE

The year 2019 brings new life, new roses, and new ways for our members to meet and enjoy our passion, all in the love of the rose.

This edition brings updates on our upcoming conventions, the 2019 Regional in Nanyang, China, the 2020 Regional in Kolkata, India, and our next World Rose Convention in 2021 in Adelaide, Australia. Mark your calendars now to plan to attend these wonderful events.

The rose on our cover by John Mattia is quite fitting to honour the recent passing of David Austin, OBE, of England.

Our Secret Garden is one many of us visited at the 2018 Denmark World Convention but it was not in bloom, so we featured this garden and its glory that we missed.

Rose Rosette continues to spread to other parts of the world, this time in India and England.

Enjoy and see you in Nanyang!

Steve Jones, Fiddletown, CA, United States

‘Dick Clark’

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

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Dear Rose friends:

On both sides of the Equator at a Rose’s own pace, they grow, flower and seed for many years over spring and summer then die back in the fall and winter, and renew the process the following spring.

For the first year of my presidency what is more fantastic to travel the world to appreciate its roses throughout all of the seasons in Europe of course but also in India, Central China, South Korea and in South Australia.

In January, with WFRS Committee Chairman Helga Brichet, I went to Hyderabad to attend the annual meeting of the Indian Federation of Rose Societies. I saw their rose show and of course a must for me was to see the WFRS Vice President Ahmed Alam Khan’s spectacular rose gardens. I have been impressed by the magnificence of the roses and Indian breeders who are gaining a lot more attention. Then we went to Kolkata to prepare for the next WFRS Indian Regional Convention in January 2020 which promises to surprise us.

In April-May 2019, let’s go for the third Regional Convention in China to the largest rose production city Nanyang. After China I will visit South Korea and its roses secrets.

Coming back to Europe I will be in the field of the International rose trials before flying in October to South Australia to participate with in the four day National Australian Rose show weekend in Adelaide.

In the interval, I take to heart the preparation of the 15th Heritage Rose Conference which will take place in Belgium in June 2020.

Nanyang is already on our road so I would like to end with a Chinese old proverb “the rose has thorns only for the one who wants to pick it“.

Let’s meet as many as possible in China in a very few weeks.

With my kind regards,

Henrianne de Briey
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S MESSAGE

The rose world is a vibrant place, with radiant colours and enchanting fragrances. The *genus Rosa* is a hardy plant, and a born survivor. When you stop and consider, rosarians share that inner quality.

To give you an example of their perseverance, when sad news that the Royal National Rose Society had gone into administration swept around the globe during May 2017, rose devotees remained resolute. Within a matter of weeks, a band of rose enthusiasts and exhibitors were summoned to a meeting being held at a village hall located in England. As discussions ensued, it became apparent that the absolute passion and determination to create a new society with the same values, which the RNRS’s forefathers had nurtured long ago, still burned. ‘The Rose Society UK’ was founded on the basis of the Victorian clergyman, Rev Dean Hole’s legendary quote: “He who would have beautiful roses in his garden must have beautiful roses in his heart”. As the weeks passed, it soon became apparent how much the public welcomed the formation of a new society, with an enthusiastic response for membership applications. On reflection, it was tremendous to receive much interest and support from rosarians around the world. The Society is fortunate to have a band of dedicated exhibitors who always put on dazzling displays at various Royal Horticultural Society shows. Last year, the Society was recipient of the coveted RHS Gold Medal. During the 18th World Rose Convention, WFRS Council overwhelmingly approved of the ‘Rose Society UK’ to be the representative Member Country for Great Britain. It was a tremendous tribute to all the Members of the fledgling society who have achieved a great deal in such a short period of time.

As Executive Director of our prodigious organisation, I am conscious of the sheer eagerness of many of our worldwide members. We are aware that the planet is rapidly changing, and life is being transformed into a digital domain. However, the true spirit of the earlier pioneers of rose growing culture continues to flourish around the globe. May the sheer beauty of the rose continue to give us joy and enrich our lives.

Derek Lawrence
ROSE NEWS

Editor: After our last issue went to press, it came to my attention that Robert and Susan Begg were both awarded the WFRS Rose Pin in 1991.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Editor: From our Executive Director comes the following:

Dear Members and Friends of the World Federation of Rose Societies:

I am writing with regard to the recent reporting of the Classification & Registration Committee Meeting published in World Rose News.

With regret, it appears that not all the facts had been presented or tabled at the live meeting conducted in Copenhagen on Friday 29th June 2018.

As a proclamation and to further clarify the statement made by Mr. Alain Meilland at the meeting, Guillaume Beaugey of Meiland Roses International has kindly issued the following statement:

“During an analysis in 2015 in Corisica, one plant of ‘Rosa x floribunda’ was found to test positive to the bacteria Xylella fastidiosa. After a second check, it appeared that the plant analysed was not from the genus Rosa, it was a mistake. ‘Rosa x floribunda’ has been removed from the list of the European Commission Database of host plants found to be susceptible to Xylella fastidiosa. From what we know, up to now, no sample of the genus Rosa has been found to Xylella fastidiosa in France or in Europe. Any plants of roses can be moved within the European Union if they have an European Phytosanitary Passport and outside European Union depending on specific Phytosanitary legislations of each country.”

I trust that the above statement presented will clarify the situation and prevent any undue concerns.

MALCOLM WATSON RECEIVES CIVIL HONOUR

Editor: From Gavin Woods, President, National Rose Society of Australia, about our Past Executive Director.

Well known Rosarian Malcolm Watson has today been named as a recipient of the Order of Australia Medal (OAM); one of this country’s highest civil awards.

Malcolm has received many awards from within the rose fraternity, including the Australian Rose Award, the TA Stewart Memorial Medal and the World Rose Award. The citation for the latest award, in part reads “This incomplete record demonstrates a lifetime of commitment to volunteer work and is testament to Mr Malcolm Watson’s unique ability for organisation and hard work for the benefit of others. It is also noteworthy that Mr Watson is one of the humblest of men. He generously supports others in their roles and does not seek the recognition that has been justly afforded him.”

As a fiercely proud Australian, it is fitting that this award is announced as part of the Australia Day honours list.

Malcolm is highly respected within the rose fraternity for his selfless and extensive contribution over more than 40 years, in many roles; to the administration of regional, state, national and world rose organisations.

This honour will be celebrated by many of the hundreds of Rosarians worldwide who count Malcolm as a friend.

On behalf of the National Rose Society of Australia and the Rose Society of South Australia I offer sincere congratulations to Malcolm on this very special honour.
ROSE NEWS (Cont.)

PRINCESS ALIX DE LIGNE

From Régine de Ligne of Belgium comes this news:

It is with much regret to announce the passing of Princess Alix de Ligne who died peacefully on 11th February 2019; surrounded by her seven children at Castle Belœil in Belgium.

Princess Alix de Ligne was a great ambassador to the rose and played an active role in the Federation. She served the organisation as Vice President for Europe from 1983 to 1985 under the presidency of Mr. Dick Balfour. During the Belfast Convention in 1991 she actively promoted the 1997 Benelux World Convention.

She was a loyal and close friend to our founder President, La Baronne Lily de Gerlache de Gomery and frequently accompanied Lily on rose-filled journeys around the world.

Princess Alix was Wauthier de Ligne’s mother, who frequently attended world and regional conferences with his wife Régine.

The lady was also an enthusiastic member of the Royal National Rose Society of Belgium serving in the role as Honorary President for many years, until handing over the position to her son Wauthier twenty years ago.

She was delighted to have two rose cultivars named ‘Princess Alix’ in her honour, which will act as a lasting tribute to a distinguished lady who had a devoted passion for the rose.

WORLD FEDERATION OF ROSE SOCIETIES

50 GOLDEN YEARS

Editor: Jolene Adams

This sumptuous hardback volume commemorates the Golden Jubilee of the WFRS. The 180 pages delve into the Federation’s fascinating archives, from its founding in London on 4th July 1968 to the present. The book explores the triumphs and achievements of an organisation whose charitable aim is to promote the sheer beauty and allurement of the rose around the world. Illustrated throughout with many splendid colour and black and white images, it celebrates past Conventions, International Trials, Gardens of Excellence, and much more.

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TEXAS A & M ROSE RESEARCH UPDATE

Editor’s Note: The Texas A & M (Agricultural & Military) University Agricultural Program, United States, is one of the world’s leading research facilities in the world covering rose diseases, pests, genetics, conservation, and breeding. The rose program is headed by Dr David Byrne. This newsletter was reprinted with the permission of the author.

The main activity for the Fall was the Combating Rose Rosette Disease project review that was hosted by Mark Windham at the Crossville Research Station in October. About 50 participants including scientists, rose growers/marketers, rosarians, extension specialists, landscapers, and disease management experts contributed to the discussions. The presentations from this meeting are posted on the Rose Rosette web page (https://roserosette.org/resources/rose-rosette-disease-scri-review-meeting/) . When we embarked on this project, four years ago, we knew very little about the virus, the mite vector or how they interacted with each other and the rose. In fact, although we have known about the disease on roses for over 70 years, the causal agent, the Rose Rosette Virus, was first described in 2011. Dr. Brent Pemberton wrote a good history of Rose Rosette Disease (http://hortsci.ashpublications.org/content/53/5/592.full) that I encourage you to read.

Since then, the virus diagnostic team (Mathews Paret, University of Florida; Francisco Ochoa-Corona and Jen Olson, Oklahoma State University; Kevin Ong and Maddi Shires, Texas A&M University; John Hammond and Ramon Jordan, USDA) have learned much about the virus and have developed vastly improved diagnostics. Recently, a diagnostic test that is rapid, easily used and able to detect virus in pre-symptomatic infected plants was reported. This and immunological approaches are being developed for commercial use. Now we are exploring non-destructive approaches to diagnose the disease in the field by tracking the biochemical changes caused by the virus infection or mite infestation using spectral data or Raman spectrometry. Currently, the recommendation once a plant is infected by the virus is to eliminate the plant. This is an effective but a costly approach. Thus, work into other approaches to eliminate or suppress the virus in the rose are being investigated.

There was an increased interest in the mite given the realization of the ease by which this mite moves and can be moved, and thus the difficulty of controlling an infestation if the mite is abundant. Mark Windham at the University of Tennessee working with Ron Ochoa and Gary Bauchan of the USDA group have spent much time surveying the eriophyid mite species on roses to determine the species of mite that were important in the disease transmission, where the mites fed/lived on the rose, and how to sample/monitor mite populations on plants and in the air as they move from plant to plant. We know that non-host barriers can slow down the spread of the disease and that miticide applications, if done properly, can control the mite and therefore the disease transmission. Unfortunately, chemical control is expensive in terms of chemical costs, labor and potential environmental and health risks. There is an overwhelming need to develop softer approaches to mite control.

A major effort of the project focused on the development of molecular tools to accelerate the breeding for resistance and on the identification of roses resistant to RRD. We have made great strides in the development of molecular markers that are an essential component of an accelerated breeding program. When we started this program, we had about one hundred markers. We now can create thousands of markers using a technique called genotyping by sequencing. This allows us to precisely mark the bit of DNA that conditions a trait. We have created a high density map of the rose and are in the process of combining this molecular data with the trait information we see in the field to develop a faster approach to incorporate disease resistance (and other traits) into our garden roses..

We have collected information on about 900 roses from both replicated and unreplicated plots on the resistance of roses to rose rosette disease. This has clearly shown that resistance is not common. Most roses are susceptible. Susceptibility ranges from roses showing symptoms quickly once they are exposed to those that after 2-3 years show mild symptoms to others that do not show symptoms but have the virus. Every year my list of roses that do not show symptoms or gets the virus gets smaller. At the RRD Review, I presented a list of 30 garden roses that had not gotten RRD or had virus after two years in the replicated plots in Tennessee and Delaware. The most recent data (3rd year) has reduced this list to 10 roses! There does seem to be a range of resistance among the garden roses but perhaps not immunity. We clearly need to improve our ability to measure resistance and distinguish between mite versus virus resistance. This work is ongoing.

Finally, I would like to thank my collaborators and the many industry and organizational partners that have pledged their support of the two proposals (Combating Rose Rosette Disease and Tools for Polyploids) submitted to the USDA Specialty Crop Research Initiative funding program. This support is critical in acquiring funding on a national level for the research that will enable the horticulture industry thrive in the future.

This Research Review was the last for the two visiting scientists, Hui Feng a rose breeder from the Beijing Institute of Landscape Architecture and Ling Wang a professor and iris breeder from the Northeast Forestry University in Harbin. They have spent a year
contributing to the program as they worked on their research projects. Both have returned to China to rejoin their families and colleagues for the New Year. We wish them well and look forward to hearing about their progress.

During the winter, Ellen, Seza Noyan, and Yuhui Wang (M.S. student from China working with Dr. Pemberton) have all been characterizing the growth habit or architecture of a wide range of rose types. Ellen is characterizing her genetic populations and Seza and Yuhui are characterizing some of the garden rose cultivars. As I look at the data, I am seeing how certain garden roses are able to always have some roses blooming throughout the season whereas others have periods of high flower production followed by no flowers. I am beginning realize as I compare rose flowering habits to the fruit crops, roses flower more like grapes than peaches or apples.

The other major activity this winter is the elimination of roses from the breeding plots that were not good enough, the transplantation of the few selected seedlings that have some breeding value, and the preparation of the fields for planting the next set of seedlings that survived through selection in the greenhouse. Unfortunately, the fall rains here have delayed the preparation of the planting fields. Thus the seedlings are still in pots in the greenhouse. Let’s hope for some dry weather!

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UPDATE ON ROSE ROSETTE

The Telegraph newspaper of the United Kingdom reported on December 14, 2018, that scientists in the UK are working to prevent the spread of the rose rosette virus to roses in the UK. They report the virus has been found in India as has the vector, the ephyroid mite, that spreads the virus. Gerard Clover, Head of Plant Health at the RHS warned that the flower trade could put British gardens at risk, adding: “Rose rosette virus was first reported in the 1940s in Canada and soon afterwards in the USA but the virus is on the move and was most recently reported from India in 2017. The global size and scale of the rose trade only exacerbates the risk. Its prominence on the UK’s plant health risk register means it is considered a very real threat to the UK’s gardens.”
SECRET GARDENS

A Rose Garden at Frederiksberg, Denmark

Jens Otto Pedersen, Denmark

Editor: Our next Secret Garden is one that of us who attended the 2018 WFRS World Rose Convention in Copenhagen would have seen. However, the garden was long past bloom. This article covers the garden and photographs of the garden in bloom. (All photos courtesy of Ernst Jensen, Denmark).

One of the gardens you could visit on the rose garden tours in Copenhagen was the garden at Voldroffsvej 7, Frederiksberg. In 1972 Judy Mürsch began to plant roses – mostly heritage roses – in the garden she, her sister Bonnie, and her brother Peter had inherited from their parents. The house was built in 1865 as one of the first houses outside the ramparts surrounding Copenhagen at that time. A few years later a studio was built in the bottom of the garden. This studio was among others used by the famous Danish painter Lauritz Tuxen (1853-1927) who in his time painted most of Europe’s royalty. Today the house and garden are declared a conservation area. Judy Mürsch died in 2015, so now Bonnie Mürsch maintains her sister’s great and rare rose collection. When we visited the garden – due to the premature summer – very few roses were in bloom, but you could see from the ramblers in all the trees and the many gigantic rose bushes, that 10 days earlier the garden would have been spectacular. Many visitors showed an interest in getting a list of the roses in the garden, and Bonnie Mürsch willingly gave me the list.


When the garden sings

In the Danish Rose Society’s magazine RosenNyt (2010 nr. 4), Ernst Jensen wrote an article after a visit to her garden and an interview with Judy Mürsch. Ernst has given his permission to use his photos and to quote from his article.

Judy, you have a lot of room for more roses, how do you limit yourself?

“The garden should not be a paint box but be an extension of the house. It can easily be too much.”

Which is your favorite rose?

“It is hard to say. All roses have their individual expression, which I love them for, each and every one, but ‘Chapeau de Napoleón’ is irresistible in both bud and bloom.”

What qualities do you look for when you choose a rose?

“Fragrance is almost the most important quality, and then I like what I.P. Jacobsen wrote, “White that blushes to red, that turns into blue, from moist pink, that is almost heavy, to lilac so light, that it comes and goes as if it was drifting in the air”. I love to take a walk in the garden and experience all the unexpected surprises. In these intense moments the garden sings. Then I live!”

‘Long John Silver’ on the front facade

Judy Mürsch with ‘Celsiana’ (above), Rose bed - garden side (below)

‘Chapeau de Napoleón’ was Judy Mürsch’s favorite

‘Aimable Ami’
**WFRS VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORTS**

**Diana Antonition, Vice President North America, Bermuda**

**Propagation Workshop**

On Saturday, 23rd February, I hosted the first of 2 Rose Propagation Workshops for Bermuda Rose Society (BRS) members. The workshop was held on a beautiful sunny day in my rose garden. Some of those who attended were Clare Russell—President BRS, John Howells—Vice President BRS, Essie Hans—Past President BRS and Ronica Watlington, who at 89 years old, is a Past President and the longest standing BRS member.

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**Michael Marriott visit to Bermuda**

The Bermuda Rose Society (BRS) and the Garden Club of Bermuda (GCB), had the privilege of hosting Michael Marriott and his partner Rosie Irving, to Bermuda during the week of 28th February–8th March. Michael is the Technical Manager and Senior Rosarian at David Austin Roses.

During their visit to the Island, I had the pleasure of hosting Michael and Rosie at my house for dinner. For 2 days I enjoyed playing Tour Guide, showing them some of the sights of the Island: Fort Hamilton, Gibbs Hill Lighthouse, Coral Beach and Heydon Trust Chapel. They also had the opportunity to visit some lovely rose gardens where they were hosted for lunch and afternoon tea. I asked Michael which rose stood out the most during his visit to the Island, his reply, the China rose ‘Agrippina’, he loved the fragrance.

While on Island, Michael gave 2 slide presentations to BRS and GCB members, the first: “David Austin Roses, to include breeding and showing at the Chelsea Flower Show” and the second, “Roses in the garden, demonstrating how versatile they are”. Rosie also gave a slide presentation on “Great British Gardens-what makes them great and will they stand the test of time”.

For those going to the upcoming Regional Convention in China, Michael will be a guest speaker. His presentation will be on “The great delights of David Austin’s English Roses”.

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VP, Diana Antonition showing BRS members how to take a rose slip during the propagation workshop at “Fennel Heights”

BRS members who attended the propagation workshop, including Ronica Watlington who is holding a ‘Bermuda Yellow Mutabilis’, a rose she slipped back in 1999 and registered in 2004
Michael and Rosie at “Fennel Heights” home of VP, Diana Antonition

Heydon Trust Chapel which is the smallest church in Bermuda, built in 1620 and offers nondenominational services

Enjoying the Bermuda sunshine and pink sand on Coral Beach

Admiring the Tea rose ‘Papa Gontier’ during one of his garden visits

WFRS VP Diana Antonition with Michael Marriott at Botanical Gardens
The 2018 year has been a busy one for New Zealand Rosarians with a number of events taking place. The highlight of the year being the World Rose Convention in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Twenty New Zealanders made the trip to Copenhagen to attend this convention (below left). They had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed the wonderful Danish hospitality. Some also took part in the pre and post tours that were available. Doug Grant presented a lecture on the subject of Sam McGredy and his rose breeding. He also took part in the breeder’s panel.

The New Zealand contingent was thrilled when Mrs Fiona Hyland of Dunedin was announced as a recipient of the World Rose Award. Mrs Hyland has made a significant contribution to the world of heritage roses as an editor, author and researcher. Fiona was not present in Copenhagen but her award was formally presented by President Olga Yuretich at the Heritage Roses New Zealand National Conference in early December (below right).

It was also a great thrill to see the Award of Garden Excellence presented to the Central and Heritage Rose Gardens at the Christchurch Botanic Gardens. Both gardens make a historical, educational and visual contribution to rose gardens in New Zealand and internationally. The award plaque was unveiled by WFRS Vice President for Australasia Doug Grant and Director of the Botanic Gardens, Mr Wolfgang Bopp in a ceremony in November (above).

The National Spring Rose Show was held in the North Canterbury town of Woodend. For the first time it was hosted by the New Zealand Rose Society rather than by a district rose society. Co-convenors Michael and Marian Brown plus their small, hard working committee organised a fantastic weekend. There with a good number of entries in the rose show. The Champion of Champions for
large roses went to a small stem of ‘Reflections’ entered by Mrs Jan Lusty of the Waikato Rose Society. Mrs Irene Taylor, also from the Waikato Rose Society was awarded the Champion of Champions for miniature type roses with a fully open bloom of ‘Irresistible’. We were also pleased to have Mr Paul Hains, WFRS Vice-President Australasia, in attendance for the weekend.

The AGM of the New Zealand Rose Society was held in Palmerston North in April. Mrs Janet Pike from the Waikato Rose Society was elected the new President of the New Zealand Rose Society replacing Doug Grant. Mr Hayden Foulds continues as Vice President while Mr Adrian Bullen, Mrs Bev Fletcher and Mrs Daphne Rissman continue on Council with Mrs Eileen Wilcox coming back onto Council.

Mr George Sherwood was presented with the New Zealand Rose Award for services to the rose. Now in his 90’s, Mr Sherwood has been breeding roses since 1961. His more successful varieties include ‘Kate Sheppard’, ‘Nancy Steen’ and ‘Margaret Sherwood’.

Mr Derrol White was bestowed Life Membership of the New Zealand Rose Society. Mr White has served on the New Zealand Rose Society Council for 11 years including a period as Vice President. He is well known as an enthusiastic exhibitor and judge having made a significant contribution in these areas. He is highly regarded for his knowledge on growing roses which he willingly shares.

Mrs Janet Pike was awarded the Frank Penn Memorial Award for service to a district rose society. Mrs Pike has been a member of the Waikato Rose Society since 1978 and has served in a number of positions on the committee including Secretary, Editor and a total of five years as President.

The New Zealand Rose Society appointed Mr Peter Elliott from Palmerston North as its new President Emeritus. Mr Elliott has made a significant contribution to the rose locally as well as nationally and internationally. He is still an active member of the rose society.

The New Zealand Rose Society continues to produce two excellent publications for its members. The 2018 edition of the New Zealand Rose Annual was produced in June by editor Mrs Rachael Chalmers. This was Rachael’s final Annual and she has done a great job over the past seven years. The new editor of the Annual is Mr Hayden Foulds.

The New Zealand Rose Review 2019 was produced in October with Mr Hayden Foulds as editor. This publication continues to be a great medium for promoting the favourite and newer roses in New Zealand and it continues to receive good support from the rose growing industry in New Zealand.

A new initiative for the New Zealand Rose Society has been the production of its own calendar. This was produced for the first time for 2018 year. The calendar contains rose society branding and has membership and rose culture information making it a valuable fundraising and promotional tool for local rose groups.

The New Zealand Rose of the Year trial was held in Hamilton in early November in conjunction with the Pacific Rose Bowl Festival. The coral pink floribunda rose ‘Little Miss Perfect’ (Somgle07) bred by Rob Somerfield of New Zealand won the overall New Zealand Rose of the Year for 2018. It also received the award for best floribunda. Rob also won the best New Zealand raised rose and the children’s choice award with the apricot floribunda ‘Strawberry Blonde’ (Sommanmar).

Gisborne rose breeder Mike Athy won best hybrid tea and most fragrant rose with his silvery lilac ‘Hi Ho Silver’ (Athysumo). The award for best climber went to David Austin’s apricot ‘Lady of Shalott’ (Ausnyson). The best shrub rose was awarded to the purple mauve ‘Rhapsody in Blue’ (Frantasia) bred by Frank Cowlshaw of England.

Mr Rob Somerfield was also presented with the New Zealand Rose Award for his contribution to roses in New Zealand. Rob has bred many fine cultivars which grace gardens around New Zealand and some have become popular with exhibitors.

The final event of the year was the presentation of awards from the New Zealand Rose Society International Trials in Palmerston North. Mayor of Palmerston North Grant Smith presented the awards which all went to New Zealand rose breeders. Rob Somerfield won the Gold Star of the South Pacific for his cerise pink ‘Ladies Night’ (Somcrimteen) and received Certificates of Merit for his pink ‘French Connection’ (Somteenink) and the apricot ‘Champagne Breakfast’ (Somteenhe). Bob Matthews received a Certificate of Merit for his yellow ‘My Dad’ (Mattmaf). Invited guests also selected the orange red ‘Amandas Choice’ (Somserlow) as the best looking rose on the day for the WFRS People’s Choice Award. We were honoured to also have Matthias Meilland from France in attendance at the trial ground awards presentation.
From overseas trials during the year, Bob Matthews received a Silver Certificate from the Hague for his climber ‘Cupcake’. Doug Grant was awarded the Silver Medal for Park Roses at the Le Roeulx rose trial in Belgium for his rose ‘362-64’. This rose also received the fragrance award.

Other awards received by New Zealand Rosarians during the year included Mr Hayden Foulds who received the John Follett Award of Recognition for his services to the International Plant Propagators Society (IPPS) New Zealand Region. Hayden was also made a Fellow of the Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture (RNZIH) while Doug Grant was awarded the RNZIH Plant Raisers’ Award for his contribution to plant breeding.

The relationship between the New Zealand Rose Society and Neutrog Pty Australia Ltd continues to progress with another delivery of “Sudden Impact for Roses” fertiliser in September. Many rosarians are reporting excellent results and new members are being gained by rose societies eager to purchase this fertiliser.

During 2018, we lost a number of prominent rosarians and we mourn their passing. These included Mr Paul Mrsich, Mr Travis Flint and Mrs Isobel Coulston. Paul was a well-known Northland Rosarian, and along with his wife Sonja were the recipients of the Frank Penn Award in 2017. Paul, together with Sonja, was a frequent traveller to South Australia and the Renmark Rose Festival to assist Mr David Ruston. Mr Travis Flint was highly regarded as a very knowledgeable rosarian. He was a long serving member of the Auckland Rose Society and a Life Member of the New Zealand Rose Society having served on National Council for many years. Mrs Isobel Coulston was a Life Member of the New Zealand Rose Society and a past editor of the New Zealand Rose Annual.

Heritage Roses New Zealand has also had a busy year culminating in holding the National Heritage Rose Conference in Whangarei at the end of November. This was a three day conference with speakers from both New Zealand and overseas, garden visits plus pre and post tours around the upper North Island.

The 2019 year will be another busy year for New Zealand rosarians. The Waikato Rose Society is hosting this year’s National Spring Rose Show and Convention from November 15th to 17th in Hamilton with future National Spring Shows to be held in Palmerston North (2020) and Auckland (2021). The former will also be a celebration of 50 years of rose trials being held in Palmerston North and a number of events and activities are already being planned for this occasion.

‘Little Miss Perfect’ - New Zealand Rose of the Year 2018
Ahmed Alam Khan, VP Asia

The Year 2019 started with the 36th All Indian Rose Convention and Show of the Indian Rose Federation (IRF) hosted by the Andhra Pradesh Rose Society at Vijaywada (all photos on this page). The grounds were filled up with floral decorations, apart from roses which were set up under a separate enclosure. Participants from all over India had registered themselves as delegates and roses coming from various areas, it was a grand show. The Convention was inaugurated by the Minister for Horticulture, Government of Andhra Pradesh, while I had the pleasure of inaugurating the Rose Show. The technical sessions took place under the Chairmanship of Dr. N. V. Shastri, life member of IRF, an ardent rose lover, grower and rose breeder. On this occasion the IRF Rose Annual was released, having beautiful articles on roses in India and abroad.

This was followed by the Annual rose shows by the Poona Rose Society, Mumbai Rose Society, Vidharba Rose Society, Jabalpur Rose Society, M. P. Rose Society, Ranchi, Bengal Rose Society, Jamshedpur, Ratnagiri and other affiliated Rose Societies, having their winter rose shows, with maximum public participation, as our Country has varied climatic conditions, shows go on until February and winter blooming ends in April, when the climate changes, but even at 48°C, roses bloom in our country and are grown commercially such as Rosa damascena, which is used for rose oil and other medicinal purpose.
The Indian Rose Federation is now a very strong organization and parent body of all rose societies. Our endeavour is now to incorporate more rose societies under the umbrella of IRF, regular meetings of the Governing Council, taking place at different cities, which are attended with enthusiasm. September is the month when the post monsoon rose show is held, Pune takes the pride of holding it regularly for the last five decades, as the temperatures of this city come down and making roses bloom in every garden.

Our Indian Breeders Club is going very strong, with some 190 successful seedlings, which are to be released shortly after the trials. Leading the breeders is Mr. Subrato Ghosh from Durgapur, West Bengal. Roses bred by him are in great demand by rose enthusiasts and garden lovers. Our support to these breeders in tying up with breeders of various countries will be our next agenda.

The Rose Garden at Green Valley, Hyderabad, has 184 Indian bred rose varieties, which bloom throughout the year, I now intend to add some 150 more varieties to that garden, this section of my garden is my prized possession. Very soon we shall be updating the IRF website with Indian bred varieties.

Pakistan information

The Pakistan National Rose Society (PNRS) conducted their annual Rose Festival as usual at Islamabad. Dr Mahmooda Hashmi, Patron, and Mr Mian Zafar Iqbal, Patron-in-chief of PNRS, are very active and have arranged many awareness programmes about the Rose and its culture at different places in Pakistan.
Rosario Algorta de Carrau, VP South America

At the “FAIRY TALE OF ROSES”, the 2018 WFRS World Convention in Copenhagen, I was re-elected WFRS Vice President South America for a third and final term.

After returning home, I was invited to Buenos Aires, Argentina in August to give a lecture to the Judges of Rosicultura on “How to Judge in a New Rose Trial” (above).

In South America, our spring rose show season starts in October. I was invited to judge in four rose shows in Uruguay and Argentina: Western Branch, the Asociacion Uruguaya de la Rosa, the Eastern Branch, and the Asociacion Argentina de Rosicultura in Buenos Aires.
At the Asociacion Argentina de Rosicultura’s Rose Show in Buenos Aires, I judged the Old Garden Rose class. Three other Judges from Uruguay were also invited to Rosicultura’s Show (below).

While we were there, we visited the Rosedal de Palermo and saw the WFRS Award of Garden Excellence given in Rosafrica 2012. The Rose Garden is getting better every season, it really deserves the prize!
In March 2019, the Asociacion de la Rosa de Chile (in Santiago, capital city), and the Agrupacion de la Rosa de Coyhaique (South of Chile, in the Patagonia) invited me as VP of the WFRS for South America to give lectures and visit the private gardens of their members and the Municipal Rose Garden as well.

I flew to Santiago de Chile and was received with a welcome party at the beautiful home of the Landscape Designer Deane Goudie.

On the 20th, a full day tour to Zapallar (beach resort) to the home and garden of Carolina Braun (below right).

On the 21st we met at the Parque Araucano with Architect Marta Viveros, she was one out of 69 International Landscape Designers who helped to design the space. The Rose Garden is part of the park and was finished in 1986. There are iron structures with *Rosa banksiae* and many different large climbing roses and wisterias. Also parterres with roses surrounded by Rhus crenata (used before there were Buxus). They give prizes to each one at the Rose Festival which started in 2000, and have with a different theme every year. They put up marquees, and invite different clubs, nurseries and embassies to attend.

I gave two lectures at the Centro Cultural Las Condes on "La Vie en Rose" and after a coffee break on "Towards Success with the Rose" (below left).
‘Iceberg’ was planted at the Rose Garden of Parque Araucano and now they are all over the city. People call them “Rosa Santiago”. They spray only with organic products.

The Asociación Chilena de la Rosa taught the gardeners how to prune and they help them every year. I also gave them advice on how to prune and fertilize.

On Friday, I flew to Coyhiaque in Patagonia, with five ladies of the Asociación Chilena de la Rosa.

We had a Welcome Party with a typical barbecue and had lots of fun together.

During the week end we enjoyed the marvelous wild landscape of Patagonia, with its blue glaciers and marble formations in the mountains that looked like cathedrals.

On Monday 25th March I gave the same two lectures to members of the Agrupación and general public of Coyhaique, who were very interested in learning more about roses, as in their area they grow so well that you can see them all over the city in private gardens and public places.

We had an unforgettable Farewell dinner at the President’s home, Ana María Guillón, where we tasted their typical food.

I thank all the Chilean members of both Societies for their hospitality and hope I transmitted to them my enthusiasm for our favourite flower: THE ROSE!

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*Rosa eglanteria* grows well all over Chile

Farewell dinner in Chile
Time is running out to register for the World Federation of Rose Societies Regional Convention to be held in Nanyang, China from 27 April to 2 May 2019.

Visit the website http://www.chinarose2019.org for details of the program, including the Pre Convention Tour and Post Tour. Nanyang is ideally located for this event, being the largest rose production region in China and famous for its roses and jade. The convention will coincide with the city’s 10th China Rose Festival and 16th Nanyang Jade Carving Cultural Festival.

The modern Holiday Inn Nanyang is the official convention hotel and congress centre.

Nanyang is a thriving city where you can experience Chinese culture, history, artistry and nature. The city is considered an historic and cultural centre with green credentials.

The region’s tradition of jade carving began 2000 years ago and is still as popular as ever. Many of the art works carved by master craftsmen will be displayed at the Jade Exhibition. For those who love to shop there are hundreds of jade stalls in the market adjacent to the Jade Exhibition.

The rose also has a 2,000 year old history in this city where more than 2,300 varieties are grown including some wild rose species. Today Nanyang supplies about 80% of the roses for the domestic market and more than 70% of the roses exported elsewhere. It lives up to its reputation as the “Home of Chinese Roses”.

Not to be missed is the garden of 1.4 million roses, the largest in the world!

The six day Pre Tour - 22 April to 27 April 2019

The Pre Tour will visit many classical gardens and highlights in and around Shanghai including: Shanghai Chen Shan Botanical Garden, South Classical Garden, which was built during the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644), the Humble Administrator’s Garden, one of the largest classical gardens in China, Lion Forest Garden, which highlights Chinese classical private garden architecture, Zhouzhuang, which has gained the reputation as “Number One Water Town in China”, West Lake, one of the first and most famous scenic spots in China, and the Hang Zhou Flower Garden, a garden famous for their bonsai.

The five day Post Tour - 2 May to 7 May 2019

The Post Tour will visit many Chinese Cultural Sites including: the 119ha Zhengzhou Garden Expo, Song Yang Academy , the world famous Shaolin Temple, Luoyang Longmen Grottoes, Museum of Terra Cotta Warriors, which is listed as an UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site, the Huaqing Hot Spring in Xi’an, and will finish with the 2019 World Horticultural Expo in Beijing.
2020 WFRS REGIONAL CONVENTION, KOLKATA, INDIA UPDATE

By Helga Brichet, WFRS Convention Liaison Chairman


The meeting of 17th January was held on the premises of the AHSI, while that of the 18th January was hosted in the offices of the new President of the AHSI, Mr. Sunil Kanoria and his wife, Mrs. Sunita Kanoria, both of whom gracially agreed to be the Convenors of the Convention. After an introductory message from the WFRS President at the first meeting, it was made clear that while, under the auspices of the WFRS, the BRS and the AHSI had been delegated to host this third Regional Convention in India as part of the celebrations of the bicentenary of the AHSI and the All Indian Convention of 2020, the Indian Rose Federation, member of the WFRS, was ultimately responsible for the event.

After discussion it was agreed that the title of the Convention be “The City of Joy with Roses.” The dates of the Convention are 9th to 12th January, 2020. A one day pre tour to the rose cultivation and nursery area of Jakpur on the 8th January would be followed by the Meet and Greet in the evening. Mrs. Sunita Kanoria magnanimously suggested that this event be staged in her beautiful garden. There are two possible post tours to choose from, the coastal area of Odisha or the Darjeeling hills, including Kalimpong, with incomparable views of the Himalayas. Mrs. Kanoria was designated for the responsibility of Convention Coordinator to keep contact between the various hosting societies, with the duty to circulate regular progress reports to the WFRS.

It was given to understand that a professional company would be put in charge of the event, with responsibilities as laid out in the Guidelines, copies of which had been circulated. Importantly, it is essential that a website with details of the entire programme, including registration fees, should be up by the beginning of May next in order to allow time for early-bird registration.

Maximum publicity via social media etc. must be given to the event. Of particular importance is the 15 minute presentation of the Kolkata Regional during the Regional in Nanyang next April/May, where a table with displays, flyers and brochures must be available, as also someone responsible for answering queries relating to the Indian Convention. If possible, it would be advantageous to set up a reception desk at the Kolkata airport, or have volunteers present to welcome participants arriving and help them on their way. A choice of accommodation would be offered in hotels and the typically Indian clubs not far from the main venue.

The Inaugural Function and Flower Show will be held at the premises and gardens of the AHSI, whilst the three mornings of lectures would take place at the National Library, adjacent to the garden. (After the meeting those present visited the theatre at the National Library, and found it to be most suitable for the lectures, having all the necessary equipment, and also ample room for coffee/tea breaks, tables for stands and wall space for eventual exhibitions of paintings etc.) It was agreed that the choice of Indian speakers be left to the hosting societies, keeping in mind that this event is not purely a celebration of the rose. The names of foreign speakers would be suggested by WFRS representatives. International speakers would be offered the customary travel and hospitality benefits. Half day tours would take place in the three afternoons after the morning lecture sessions. Suggested were a city tour, a visit to the famous Botanical Gardens and a boat excursion along the river. Evenings could be kept free for a Friends’ Dinner (possibly at the Taj Hotel) and eventual committee meetings.

The venue for the Closing Ceremony is still to be decided. The Bengal Rose Society has the intention of publishing a high quality, commemorative book to celebrate the event, similar to that issued at the time of the 2005 All India Convention. During our brief stay in Kolkata, Henrianne and I were kindly accompanied on a tour of the city landmarks as well as a memorable visit to the fascinating Botanical Gardens. We look forward to continued cooperation and goodwill in the organisation of this important celebration.
2021 WFRS WORLD ROSE CONVENTION - ADELAIDE, AUSTRALIA

Australia – Your World Rose Convention Hosts in 2021

DID YOU KNOW...

With an area of approximately 7.7 million square kilometres (3 million square miles), Australia is the world's 6th largest country by area. Australia is the only continent covered by a single country. In comparison to its size, the population is rather small, just over 25 million people in 2018 and 90% of the population live in cities, which makes Australia one of the world’s most highly urbanised countries. The largest cities in Australia are Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth and Adelaide.

Australia as a name comes from the Latin terra australis incognita meaning “unknown southern island”.

Australia is the driest continent on earth other than Antarctica. A desert area known as the 'Outback' covers much of the centre of the continent with some of the world’s oldest geological features. Australia is world famous for its natural wonders and wide open spaces, its beaches, deserts and mountains. The Murray River is the longest river in Australia, with a length of 2,995 km (1,861 miles) and Australia’s mountains receive more snowfall annually than Switzerland. Australia is the only continent in the world without an active volcano.

The Great Barrier Reef is often listed as one of the Seven Wonders of the Natural World.

Australia has amazing fauna - The Emu, a large, flightless bird, can run as fast as 45 km per hour (28mph). Koalas sleep for about 20 hours per day (because they only eat leaves they don’t have much energy!). Australia has a larger population of camels than Egypt. There are three times as many sheep than people living in Australia.

There are 4 different species of kangaroo in Australia, with the Red Kangaroo being the largest. The largest Big Red ever seen was 2.1m tall (6ft 9in) and weighed 91kgs (200lbs). The record jump recorded by a kangaroo is a huge 9 metres (29.5 feet) in a single leap!

Goodbye for now, “hooroo” and “see ya” “Down Under” in 2021 for the World Rose Convention.


NEW BREEDERS’ CLUB MEMBERS

Editor: As of the last World Rose News, we have one new Rose Breeders’ Club member. The following is a short biography of the person, company, and their roses.

Lukasz Rojewski, Poland

Transitionally, rapid temperature changes, as well as severe winters are all limiting the choice to grow roses in certain places. This pushed me into the quest of breeding ‘heavy beauty roses’: roses which are both super-hardy, and I hope fit the aesthetic needs of today’s gardeners.

To obtain this goal, over the last eleven years I have been using numerous species or their closely-related cultivars, including the Alba group. I love to look for new forms, as I always hope that some of them have the potential to be hidden treasures, which can show something new and unexpected. But, above all, I value the cup-shaped flowers, compact shrubs and simple beauty of five-petaled roses if is abundant.
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- **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
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- **Italy (1968)** - Italian Rose Society
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- **New Zealand (1968)** - New Zealand Rose Society
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- **Norway (1988)** - Norwegian Rose Society
- **Pakistan (1992)** - Pakistan National Rose Society
- **Poland (1981, 2017)** - Polish Rose Society
- **Romania (1992)** - Asociatia Amicii Rozelor din Romania
- **Russia (2007)** - Russian Association of Rosarians
- **Slovakia (1997)** - Slovak National Rose Society
- **Slovenia (2000)** - Slovenian Rose Society
- **South Africa (1968)** - Federation of Rose Societies of South Africa
- **South Korea (2018)** - South Korea Rose Society
- **Spain (1992)** - Asociación Española de la Rosa
- **Sweden (1994)** - The Swedish Rose Society
- **Switzerland (1976)** - Gesellschaft Schweizerischer Rosenfreunde SA
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WFRS World Rose News
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7-12 June 2020  WFRS 15th Heritage Rose Conference - Brussels, Belgium
May 2024  WFRS 20th World Rose Convention - Fukuyama City, Japan

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