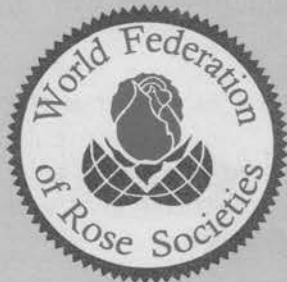


WORLD ROSE NEWS

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TEXAS 2000 WORLD OF ROSES 12th World Convention

April 19 - 24, 2000
Houston, Texas, USA

The American Rose Society and the Houston Rose Society have announced their final plans for the upcoming WFRS World Convention to be held in Houston, Texas.

Official brochures and registration forms have been mailed to all member countries. The main program has been published in this issue. Member countries are encouraged to reproduce the registration forms and disseminate them to their affiliated societies.

What a terrific extravaganza is in store for those who make the pilgrimage to Texas! There are 6 wonderful days crammed absolutely full of events and tours covering a comprehensive range of interest in roses: from old garden roses, to new exhibition roses. The impressive list of speakers is a "Who's Who in Roses" on a global scale. One evening is devoted to meeting your favorite rose book authors and have them sign your copy with a personalized message.

As a preview of events to come, Catherine Hawkins, one of team members on the Texas 2000 Organizing Committee, has kindly provided a great article, "*Roses, Rodeos & Rockets - Houston, Texas has it all! Come See for yourself*", to promote and encourage everyone to come to Houston and join in the fun!

For those rose lovers who want to make a more complete rose vacation, two exciting pre-tours have been organized, one in the Southern states, "Rosarians of The South" and the other in Hollywood, California, "Rose Odyssey 2000". These tours will permit visitors to capture the spirit of "Roses in America" with special events planned to please every taste. And if you need another dose of roses on the way home, consider the post-tour to the American Rose Center in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Whatever your rose pleasure, the American Rose Society and the Houston Rose Society stand ready to be gracious hosts, and to ensure that your trip is stimulating and enjoyable. They want you all to go home with a pocket full of great memories from Texas 2000!

Rose Books & Annuals

“Books are Man’s Memory and his aspirations
The link between his present and his past,
The tools he builds with.”

STEPHEN VINCENT BENET

THERE can be no doubt that one of the more exciting aspects of growing roses is collecting rose books and annuals. They are a treasure trove of information and pleasure, providing great reading material for those quiet winter evenings when no gardening can be accomplished. While there is a never ending stream of books published year after year that are new and astonishing, it is the historical collection aspect of ownership that brings the greatest pleasure.

One of the oldest books I have in my rose library is “*The Rose Fancier’s Manual*” by Mrs. Gore, published in London in 1838, picked up in a quaint used book store in Camden Town, a suburb of London, where I used to live before coming to America. My nostrils always seem to fill with the musty smell of that old book store every time I pick up and read Mrs. Gore’s book. Filled with botanical characteristics of roses growing in the early 19th century, it is a truly wonderful reference work. Next on my favorite old book list is, of course, “*A Book About Roses - How to Grow and Show Them*” by S. Reynolds Hole, published in 1880’s. This book is a wonderful mixture of educational advice and anecdotal humor that reflect the greatest of Dean Hole who founded the National Rose Society later to become known as the Royal National Rose Society.

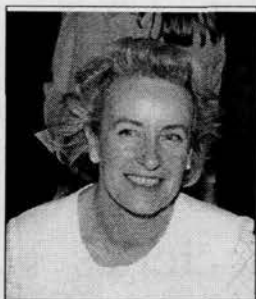
Probably next on my list is “*In Praise of Roses*” by Harry Wheatcroft published in 1970 because it is autographed by the charismatic man himself. But the information contained herein is as timeless as time itself! Within America, I would be remiss not to mention the wonderful contributions of Horace McFarland and Robert Pyle who co-authored “*How to Grow Roses*” published in 1949. This text is a classic full of color plates of the most popular roses of the time.

Among the more modern texts, I am proud to have autographed copies of some great and outstanding books like “*Miniature Roses*” by Sean McCann (1985), “*Roses - All You Need to Know About Roses in South Africa*” by Esther Geldenhuys (1994), “*New Zealand Patio Roses*” by Margaret Hayward (1994), and “*Growing Miniature and Patio Roses in New Zealand*” by Dawn & Barry Eagle (1996), to name but a few.

But the greatest treasure trove of all are Rose Annuals! Some National Rose Societies such as the American Rose Society have continuously published an annual since 1916. These books chronicle our times or as Horace McFarland put it ‘The Year Book of Rose Progress’. Receiving annuals from all over the world such as Australia, Canada, Germany, India, Pakistan, New Zealand, South Africa, etc. is a convenient way to find out what is happening in other parts of world besides our very own backyard.

This Editorial has been leading up to the wonderful news that, in May 2000, sees the start of a new publication, the “*WFRS Triennial Report on Roses*” to capture the full flavor of rose events, international rose trials, horticultural advancement and evolution as measured on a global scale. Each delegate to the 12th World Convention in Houston will receive a copy with their registration package! Start your collection of these triennial reports by attending “*Texas 2000*”.

DR. TOMMY CAIRNS



1999

A Great Year for Rosarians

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SUCCESSFUL REGIONAL CONFERENCES IN URUGUAY AND INDIA

During the past six months rose lovers have had the opportunity to participate in two Regional Conferences under the auspices of the WFRS in two very distant and different parts of the world: at Punta del Este in Uruguay, where the rose found a new home not too many centuries ago, and in Jaipur, India, where the rose has always been at home. Both of these Conferences were the first in their areas and each, in its own special way, was a great success indeed. While leaving it to the two Convenors, Mrs. Mercedes Villar and Dr. (Mrs.) Meena Pimpalpure to report in detail, I should like to emphasize the features which were common to both events: rosarians from many Societies, but particularly those within the Region were brought together in a spirit of friendship and goodwill to enjoy lectures, visits to gardens and sites of interest, while members of the hosting Societies extended unstinting hospitality to participants, especially those who were perhaps visiting the country for the first time. Bravo!

WFRS REPORTS

During the last months all Members will have received the 'Annual Report & Accounts' as well as, for the first time, Reports from Vice Presidents regarding rose activities within their areas. The updated "1999 WFRS Directory", too, has been distributed, while Mrs. Weyermann and I have initiated a list of European Trial ground dates, contact persons and addresses. This list has also been sent to breeders and municipalities organizing trials. At the end of the summer, the results of all trial ground competitions will be similarly distributed.

BARCELONA TRIAL GROUNDS

And speaking of trial grounds, in April I joined the Asociacion Espanola de la Rose President Francisco Ferrer and Secretary Pedro Salvador in Barcelona where the municipality is presently renewing the rose garden in the Juan Cervantes Park. From the first weekend in May 2001 a new trial ground competition will be staged here. It will be the southern most and earliest in Europe.

VISIT TO BERMUDA ROSE SOCIETY

At the invitation of the Bermuda Rose Society I visited that beautiful island in May and assisted at the Annual general

Meeting and most interesting flower show. The majority of entries were, as could be expected, in the Old Garden Rose classes, particularly those varieties which stand up well in a sub-tropical climate, and, of course, the Bermudian 'mystery roses'. Excitingly, a possible new sport of *R. chinensis* 'Mutabilis' appeared at the show, and its future behavior will be monitored. I also had the opportunity to visit the official residence of the Premier, Camden House, the gardens of the National Trust which houses the Rose Society rose garden and the house and gardens of the historical residence, Vermont. Many private gardens, too, were generously opened for me.

Hopefully many new varieties of suitable older varieties will soon be imported to the island and thus add even more interest to an already fascinating collection of beautiful blooms. My sincere thanks to Bermuda's rosarians for a wonderful experience.

VISIT TO SANGERHAUSEN PLANNED

This summer the Specialized Conservation Committee will be meeting at Sangerhausen on 1st August, and hopefully *Modern Roses XI* will be on the market before the World Convention in Houston in April next year. Mrs. Hella Brumme, Director of the Europa-Rosarium, is taking advantage of the opportunity to invite representatives of Rose Societies to visit the unique collection and hear of the local municipality's plans to ensure its future on the eve of its centenary in 2003. On 2nd August a visit to the 1999 cultural capital of Europe, Weimar, is envisaged.

1999 WFRS REGIONAL CONFERENCES

We now have two more Regional Conferences to look forward to: 'Roses in Northern Light' hosted by the Rose Societies of Sweden and Finland in July highlighting rose-growing under these very difficult climatic conditions. Then in October/November an Australian Regional Conference will mark the centenary of the Rose Society of Victoria. All good wishes to the Convenors and organizers of these important events.

And to all WFRS Members my sincere wishes for an enjoyable rose season to come!

Special Invitations to 12th World Convention in Houston, Texas



The World Federation of Rose Societies

On the doorstep of the 3rd millennium it is indeed a great privilege for me, as the 13th President of the World Federation of Rose Societies, to extend a sincere invitation to join us at the 12th World Convention, to be hosted by the American Rose Society and the Houston Rose Society in Houston, Texas.

The WFRS extends an especially warm welcome to representatives of those societies which are not, as yet, members of our rapidly growing Federation, now more than 30 years old and well represented on all the continents.

The Texas 2000 Convention Committee has prepared a comprehensive and most appealing programme: there will be something of value for all present, be they particularly interested in old garden roses or the newest exhibition varieties. Experts from many countries have been invited to lecture on a wide variety of topics, while an ample choice of tours will give enthusiasts the possibility to explore the city, its gardens and parks, and get to know its multifaceted way of life. Attractive pre- and post tours are also proposed.

Above all, we will all have the opportunity to renew old friendships, make new ones and enjoy ourselves in the name of a splendid flower. I look forward to seeing you in Houston in 2000!

HELGA BRICHET
WFRS President



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The American Rose Society enthusiastically welcomes rosarians from the four corners of the earth to the 12th Convention of the WFRS and the 2000 Spring Convention of ARS. North America has many climatic zones and geographical variations in which roses are grown and flourish. The site of this convention, Houston, is uniquely American and deep in the heart of Texas, to quote a popular 1940's song. In our hosts, the Texas 2000 Committee, you will detect the frontier spirit of Davy Crockett and the modern day Lone Star aura of J.R. Ewing. Oil is king in Houston, but roses are queen, and some of the finest roses in America are grown in East Texas. You will have an opportunity to observe these roses in the National Rose Show, as well as, on the numerous garden tours which are planned. The American Rose Society headquarters and gardens are located nearby in Shreveport, Louisiana, and I hope you will be able to visit them while you are here.

World Federation societies around the world have been gracious hosts to many ARS members over the past thirty years. Now, we intend to make your visit with us stimulating, enjoyable, and memorable as we embark upon a new millennium.

Please join us in Houston in 2000.

JIM HERING
President, American Rose Society



Report on 1st Asian WFRS Regional Rose Conference

Jaipur, India - 10-12 January 1999

By **Dr. (Mrs.) Meena Pimpalpure**
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It was indeed a great historical event for rose lovers of the region to attend the First Asian Regional Rose Convention which was held very successfully under the auspices of WFRS and IRF and hosted by the Rose Society of Rajasthan at Jaipur, the beautiful pink city from 10th to 12th January 1999. Twenty-nine foreign delegates from nine countries and 180 delegates from India attended the Convention.

The founder President of WFRS, La Baronne Lily de Gerlache de Gomery and Past President WFRS, Dick Balfour graced the Convention by their presence. WFRS President, Mrs. Helga Brichet, who visited India in March, 1998 had not only given the idea of organizing a regional rose convention but extended her full support, help and encouragement to the IRF to hold it so successfully and graced the Convention with her presence. Vice President Asia, Dr. Takeo Nagata, from Japan, Vice President (Europe) Lt Col Rein Lae Solberg and Mrs. Milly Weyermann, Chairperson of Awards Committee, Mrs. Mercedes Villar from Uruguay and the eminent rosarians from Great Britain, Italy, Japan, Belgium, Pakistan, Norway, Bangladesh and Uruguay also participated. For

the rose lovers of India it was a unique opportunity to meet the renowned celebrities of the Rose World and a very rosy start for stepping into the new millennium.

All India Rose Show and competition was held on 10th January on the sprawling lawn of Ram Niwas Garden. It was a grand spectacle of colors and fragrance. More than 2000 roses of every color, hue, shape and size were displayed beautifully. Indian bred rose section and a precious rose stamp collection display were added attractions. One more important event was a beautiful book titled "*Beauty Thy Name is Rose*" by Mr. S.K. Airun was released by Mrs. Helga Brichet. It earned everybody's appreciation.

'Gladiator' and 'Silver Lining' were chosen as King and Queen of the Show.

Prize distribution was a great and memorable evening for the winners from all sections as they had the honour of receiving the prizes from the President WFRS and Tourism Minister for Rajasthan, Mrs. Kak, both the honored guests of the ceremony.



Opening Ceremonies

Welcome Dinner and drinks were at "Sisodia Rani Ka Bag", Medieval Garden Palace of the Sisodia Queen, situated at a distance of about 15 miles from Jaipur. Rajasthan has been the land of maharajas, Maharanies and their Nobles. The legends associated with them have now passed into history but even today they still fascinate the tourists and the local people alike. The grand palace and garden were beautifully decorated for the occasion. Music and typical Rajasthani cuisine created a festive mood among all the rosarians gathered there.

The Conference was formally inaugurated on 11th morning by H.E. Justice, N.L. Tiberwal, Governor of Rajasthan. Mrs. Helga Brichet and all guests were accorded a warm welcome with the beautiful red rose garlands, a typical Indian welcome. The welcome speeches were delivered by IRF President, Mr. S. Panday, Rajasthan Rose Society President, Mr. Arun Kumar and WFRS President, Mrs. Helga Brichet.

Past President IRF and Convenor of the Convention, Mrs. Meena Pimpalpure, introduced the honoured executive committee members of the WFRS and other delegates from the region. H.E. Justice Tiberwal in his speech praised the efforts of the Rose Societies for spreading the message of love and rose culture and organizing international events like the Regional Convention. Thanks were given by Mr. D.P. Jain, Secretary Rajasthan Rose Society, Dr. Bahel, Secretary IRF and Mr. Airun Co-convenor of the Convention.

Technical session and lectures started after the lunch. Mr. Balfour presented fascinating slides along with his talk on the need to have companion plants with roses



Convention Convenor,
Dr. (Mrs) Meena Pimpalpure at Opening Ceremonies

specially climbing roses. Dr. (Mrs) Mahmooda Hashmi, Editor Pakistan Rose Annual, gave a talk on the Native Rose species found in Pakistan. Mr. M.S. Viraraghawan, an eminent rosarian from Kodaikanal, gave a talk on creation of a separate line of heat resistant roses. His slides of seedlings crossed between 'R.Gigantea', 'Rosa Clynophylla' with other roses need a special mention. Mr. Takeo Nagata (Japan), Vice President WFRS, gave a lecture on Rose Growing in a Japan. Mr. R. Khan read a paper on Rose Growing in Bangladesh. Dr. A.P. Singh of the Indian Agriculture Research Institute who specialized in Rose Hybridizing gave information about New Indian varieties of Roses. I.A.R.I. has released many beautiful, disease resistant and hardy rose varieties, very popular in India. Mr. C.R. Chiplunkar also gave a talk on Indian Roses. There were two Audio Visual shows. One giving a simple method of rose hybridization for amateurs by Mr. Sharad Ghatne, Prof. Suhan Ghaivas, Mr. Prakash Sathe, Mr. Nadir Pavri and another one by Nana Joshi about poly bag method of rose cultivation. In the evening the delegates were delighted to have high tea with the Governor at Raj Bhavan (Governor House).

A charming cultural programme followed by dinner at Jai Mahal Hotel will always be remembered where Mr. Balfour and other foreign and Indian rosarians added romance by taking part in the colorful Rajasthani Folk dances. Jaipur weather was very cold indeed but the hospitality of the host Society was very warm and the delegates braved the same admirably.

The 12th was the day to visit rose gardens and for some sight seeing. Delegates were taken to the Fort of Amer and the City Palace. The walled pink city of Jaipur is a city where ancient and the modern co-exist. Traditional crafts like metal work, enameling, tie and dye fabrics, stone carving, pottery patronized by the rulers in the last century still continue to thrive to this day. There are many palaces of interest - historical forts, old palaces, museums which house a rare collection of arms, carpets, costumes paintings and royal paraphernalia of the bygone days. "Amer", not very far from Jaipur is a fascinating fort palace and a City built by Raja Mansingh. It commands a very picturesque location. There are elephant rides, camel rides and many other attractions of the old world charms to attract tourists.

A visit to Anand roses was followed by lunch at the beautiful rose garden of Dr. Madhu with a warm traditional Rajasthani welcome. Tour to Amer and city palace left all the delegates tired but happy by evening. How fast happy time flies.

The excitement of meeting old rose friends, and making some new ones and also the pleasure of being constantly with our beloved rose was coming to an end, and it was time for farewell dinner. Gifts were exchanged, farewell speeches made and thanks were given to the Host Society for their warm hospitality.

The Indian Rose Federation organizes Annual Rose Conventions in different cities in India. Members get a chance to interact, discuss about the rose activities in their respective areas. The WFRS Regional Convention provided them with a unique, bigger and wider opportunity which will always be remembered.

Scenes from the 1st Asian WFRS Regional Rose Conference



At the Rose Show



WFRS President Helga Brichet and Meena Pimpalpure in a happy mood



The elephant ride at Amer: La Baronne Lily de Gerlache de Gomery, Meena Pimpalpure and Helga Brichet as the driver



A typical Rajasthani traditional welcome for WFRS President, Helga Brichet



A heart welcome for the attending delegates from H.E. Tibbarwal, Governor Rajasthan at Raj Bhavan (Governor House)



Vice President for Asia, Dr. Nagata, IRF President Mr. Pandey, Meena Pimpalpure and other delegates



Report on 1st South American WFRS Regional Rose Conference



Punta del Este - Uruguay, 11-14 November 1998

By Mercedes Villar, Cavia 3099, 11300 Montevideo, Uruguay
Organized By URUGUAYAN ROSE SOCIETY
PRESIDENT, Jean Pierre Hounie, WFRS Vice-President for South America

This was the first WFRS Regional Conference to be held not only in South America but in the southern hemisphere as well. It was a major and exciting event for the Uruguayan Rose Society who hosted it, with Jean Pierre Hounie as President and Mercedes Villar as Convenor.

The object of this Regional was of course to bring together members of the Rose Societies of Uruguay and Argentina, as well as from the recently created Chilean Rose Society and other rose enthusiasts from near and far, with the purpose that the knowledge acquired at this meeting would further develop the love of the rose and its culture in South America.

So we called upon Speakers from different parts of the world who generously traveled a long way to communicate to 237 participants from 16 countries their experience with roses and delighted the audience with their knowledge, charm and sense of humor. We are deeply indebted to: Richard Balfour (Great Britain) for his presentation on "Climbing Roses and Companion Plants"; Odile Masquelier (France) who delivered a lecture entitled "Teas, Noisettes and Bourbons"; Bernd Weigel (Germany) ON "a Landscape Architect's Favorite Roses"; Michael Berger (USA) on "Trends and Development in Miniature Roses"; Meena Pimpalpure (India) who gave a wonderful presentation on "Roses in India as a Spiritual Symbol"; Gwen Fagan (South Africa) for her presentation on "The Relevance of Old Roses for Modern Gardens"; and finally Trevor Nottle (Australia) for his presentation "Gardens of the Sun".

The WFRS Guidelines for Regional Conferences were invaluable in organizing this Regional down to the very last detail. In our region, November is an ideal month for a meeting, as the weather begins to settle from spring into summer, and the October rush of spring shows is over. Punta del Este is a well-known summer beach resort in South America and the Marcos Hotel as venue with adjoining conference-room with ample capacity was adequately situated near the beach amongst the pine-woods.

After registration on Wednesday evening, "Roses at the Chapel" welcomed participants to a short organ and child-soprano concert: hundreds of the hybrid tea rose 'Vivaldi' decorated the altar. A short walk led participants to the San Raphael Hotel, where they were greeted with a glass of champagne and proceeded to see the Rose Exhibition on the way to the banquet tables. During dinner, a Tango Show was enjoyed by everyone, particularly, the foreign delegates.

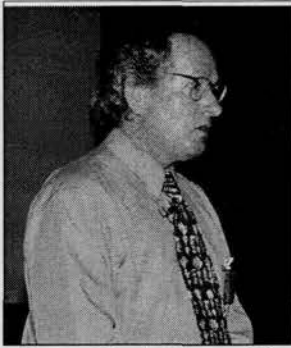
On Thursday morning the WFRS President, Mrs. Helga Bricchet, inaugurated the Conference, followed by WFRS Vice-President for South America and President of the Uruguayan Rose Society, Mr. Jean Pierre Hounie. The President of the Argentine Rose Society, Mrs. Anita Monsegur, spoke on "Roses in Argentina", and the two-day lecture programme began.

Other activities were: a Garden Tour and a Panoramic Tour; a Vernissage of local paintings organized by the Punta del Este Branch of the Uruguayan Rose Society; a splendid dinner at a private club was offered to foreign delegates by members of the Argentine Horticultural Society, decorated with delightful flower arrangements; and entertainment for small groups at different private summer-houses. The Rose Shop set up specially for the occasion was very successful.

The closing banquet took place at a very special gourmet restaurant at the sea front. It was a full house. After dessert everyone was asked to gather round the open-air swimming-pool and, as the dance-music started, a shower of fresh rose-petals descended from the starlit night.

A one-day Post-Tour to Rocha in south-eastern Uruguay (near the Brazilian border) visited palm forests, lagoons and indigenous flora and fauna. Different types of roses growing healthily in the recently restored rose garden at the Santa Teresa National Park were appreciated, together with its historical Fort.

Scenes from the 1st South American WFRS Regional Rose Conference



Trevor Nottle (Australia) speaking on "Gardens of The Sun"



Gwen Fagan (South Africa) talking about the charm of OGRs



Michael Berger (USA) delivering his address on Miniature Roses



Odile Masquelier (France) being thanked by Convenor Mercedes Villar on giving a wonderful presentation



What an impressive first row: Gwen Fagan (S. Africa), Trevor Nottle (Australia), Bernd Weigel (Germany), Prof. Fineschi (Italy), Dr. Rose (Italy), Rosario Carrau (Uruguay), Baroness Marie Louise Velge (Belgium), Odile Masquelier (France).



WFRS President Helga Brichet with Convention speaker, Dr. Meena Pimpalpure (India)



WFRS Vice President for South America, Jean-Pierre Hounie with fellow speaker Dick Balfour (UK)

REGIONAL ROSE CONFERENCES



Update on Roseweek '99

**Celebrating The Centenary of The Rose Society of Victoria
WFRS Pacific Regional Meeting
Annual Meeting of the National Rose Society of Australia**

October 29 to November 3, 1999

ORGANIZED BY ROSE SOCIETY OF VICTORIA
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Whilst it seems quite certain that the rose did not come to Australia with the First Fleet, there is no doubt that plants were transported to the Antipodes early in the years following settlement. By the middle of the nineteenth century many varieties popular in Europe such as 'Souvenir de la Malmaison' were appearing in the gardens of the more affluent citizens, the affluence being necessary since the importing of plants was extremely expensive. Clearly, the fragrance of the bloom served to remind the pioneers of this vast continent of the lands of their birth. The Genus Rosa adapted so well to the Southern Hemisphere that on December 6, 1899 the Rose Society of Victoria was founded in Melbourne. The events of RoseWeek '99 will commemorate the foundation of our Society with an international tribute to The Rose which will be a memorable experience for all who attend.

VENUE

The venue for all the events including the lecture programme will be the Royal Exhibition Building set in delightful gardens north of Melbourne's C.B.D. This unique domed structure was built for the World Exhibition in 1884 and later served as the Parliament House for the Commonwealth of Australia until the completion of the National Capital in Canberra in 1927. The building has recently been lovingly restored and will provide a most elegant setting for RoseWeek '99.

Features of the programme will include:

October 29, 1999

The Opening Ceremony and Buffet Dinner at 7 pm. At this time we anticipate the presence of the Governor of Victoria, Sir James Gobbo and Lady Gobbo at this event. A special feature will be the presentation of the first A.S. Thomas Medals commissioned by the R.S.V. to honour the memory of our longest serving president.

October 30 and 31, 1999

Competitive Rose Show. International Championships for Exhibition blooms, Bunches, Decorative roses and Miniatures well supported by a full range of other schedule items. International exhibitors may bring blooms into Australia, however, these will be fumigated and dipped according to the relevant customs regulations. Show schedules will be available early in July and intending exhibitors should apply to the Centenary Chairman if they wish to receive the Schedule.



'Victoria Gold'
(WELgold, Eric Welsh, NSW)
Yellow Clustered Flowered
in honor of Centenary Celebration

Lecture Programme - October 30 - November 3, 1999

The lecture programme has been carefully structured to include lectures on every aspect of rose culture. The lecturers who have been invited to speak include many of the world's leading authorities. Many lectures will be repeated on different days to provide registrants with greater flexibility in planning their time and audio tapes of all lectures will be on sale.

Many of Australia's leading rose nurseries will provide displays during RoseWeek '99 together with other exhibitors including China painting, botanic artists, wineries and lifestyle industries. A pageant of a Century of Roses devised and presented by David Ruston which will include approximately 200 arrangements will be a very exciting exhibit.

Add to all this coach tours, garden visits and the chance to attend the Running of the Melbourne Cup and you have the opportunity to experience a once-in-a-Century visit to Melbourne. Contact at the address above for brochures.

*Come to Rose Week '99, enjoy the Australian Experience
and the unique fellowship of the Rose!*

[Photo courtesy of Treloar Roses]

Victorian State Rose Garden

BARRY JOHNSON

President - National Rose Society of Australia
President - Rose Society of Victoria Inc.

My hard-working Centenary Convenor, Margaret MacGregor asked me to publish some information regarding our Victorian State Rose Garden which form part of a day tour at our celebrations.

Our Centenary celebrations commemorate the inauguration of the first rose society in Australia, that being the Rose Society of Victoria. It is believed to be the third rose society established in the world, behind those of the United Kingdom and the United States of America and has been running continuously since its inception.

It is appropriate that the Victorian State Rose Garden was established at Werribee Park with 4.75 hectare (11.74 acres) reserved for expansion. The original estate of Werribee Park, incorporating the spectacular mansion, was owned by the pioneering, pastoral family, the CHIRNSIDE'S. This family also one of the first Patrons of the of the Rose Society of Victoria - George Chirnside Esq.

The garden consists of over 4000 rose plants (157 cultivars), one cultivar to each bed of H.T.s or Floribundas, climbers on archways, on Tripods, or as rows of 3/4 standards, individual weeping standards and festoon poles and chains feature ramblers. The rose beds are set in well kept lawns.

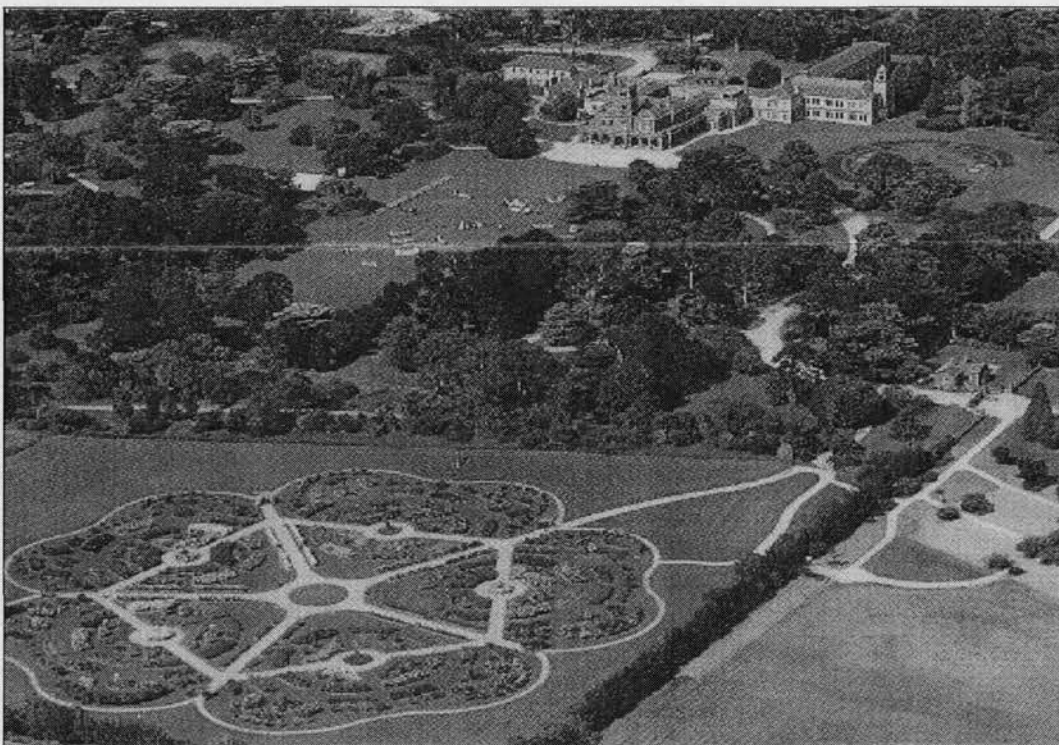
The heraldic Tudor Rose design of the Garden is based on a circle with a diameter of 145 metres (156 yards). A grading scheme has created a dish effect with sides rising above the central area with average slopes of approximately 2% that do not inconvenience disabled visitors. During November the Rose Garden is at a flowering peak. With continuous and carefully planned 'dead head' trimming of spent blooms, there is an abundance of blooms to be seen throughout our Summer and into Autumn. Visitors are free to move comfortably at their leisure to appreciate each picturesque bed or to move over the expansive lawns that separate the beds. Standing in the central area when the roses are in bloom a

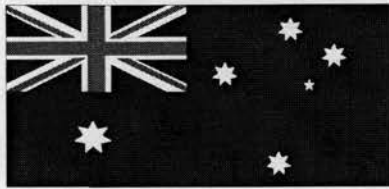
visitor is surrounded by tranquil serenity and outstanding beauty. An extraordinary experience.

The Werribee Park Estate was purchased by the State Government of Victoria to become a Public Park. Free to all.

I am sure that the management of the garden and its volunteer workforce would love members of the WFRS to visit it and assess its merit for the possible awarding of a Plaque of Merit.

Werribee Park also contains the colonial mansion, a free range zoo component, the National Equestrian Centre and has played host to a variety of festivals and operatic recitals.





Rose Growing In Australia

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As with any country the physical conditions are a major influence on growing roses in Australia. A few statistics to start will not go amiss. One out of every three Australians lives in either Melbourne or Sydney, and nine out of ten live within 80Km (50miles) of the sea.

This coastal strip starts in north Queensland at about 16°S moves south around Victoria (about 40°S) and westward to the eastern end of the Great Australian Bight (about 134°E) and the south-west corner of West Australia - from the western end of the Bight (about 122°E) and up to the north coast to about 26°S. Not to forget the island state of Tasmania (about 42°S) where most of the small population clings close to the north and east coasts.

The average rainfall in "the West" and around the southern area of South Australia and Victoria is between 600 to 1000 mm (16 to 25 inches), then going north on the east coast the rainfall rises to 2000 mm (50 inches). The temperatures in these areas are by and large mild. Temperatures below 0°C are virtually unknown and in the height of summer days of over 38°C (100°F) come only very occasionally. The daily maximums would generally be in the 10°-30°C range with the minimums between 5°- 20°C. In the three winter months, June - August, snow comes only in the highlands from the north of Melbourne northwards to the west of Sydney and does not affect rose growing areas.

If these conditions appear to put most of the rose growing areas into 'Zone 11' by the USA standards and thereby make rose growing very marginal then nothing could be further from the truth. All types of roses "grow like crazy", so much so that on occasions visiting European hybridists have failed to recognize their own roses so large have they grown!

As a rule of thumb the plant sizes printed in rose books from the northern hemisphere are increased by 50% to give an idea of their size in Australia. Some of the newer miniatures and patios grow well over waist high - taller than many of the early floribundas! 'Winter treatment' as experienced in the parts of USA, Canada, and Europe is totally unknown in Australia. However any thought that Australia is a rose growers' paradise is not quite so.

We still have to combat those pests that affect roses world wide. The fungi - blackspot, powdery mildew, and rust. And the insects - aphids, spider mites and in late spring through to autumn - thrips. So spray equipment is a must. And the local soil is phosphorus deficient. (The farmers of grain crops virtually pour phosphorus into their soil.) Hence fertilizing is widely practiced.

With these favorable growing conditions taken into consideration it is not surprising that the split in types of roses grown leans heavily towards the HT/large-flowered varieties. These would account for about half of the roses sold by the nurseries and outselling floribundas by three or four to one, with the more recent released varieties predominating. In the floribundas five varieties - 'Iceberg', 'Friesia' [syn 'Sunsprite'], 'Apricot Nectar', 'Gold Bunny' [syn.'Gold Badge'] and 'Seduction' - account for about half the floribunda sales! The other plant types, shrubs, climbers and ground covers taken together, sell similar quantities to floribundas.

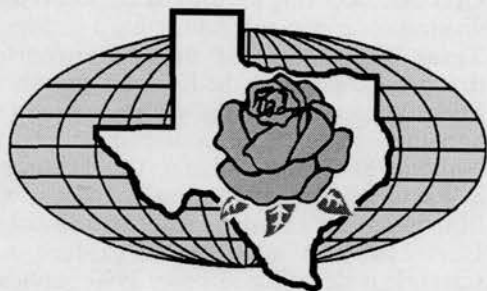
It is difficult to estimate where the miniatures and patios fit into the scheme of things. They only amount for a small sales in the nurseries but large numbers are sold as potted, and flowering, plants through the supermarkets and chain stores, especially for Mothers Day and Christmas - yes roses are in full bloom at Christmas time, the second flush of summer! Most repeat flowering varieties give three flushes per summer with the quick repeat varieties giving four and sometimes five "flushes". Flowering starts in October and continues through to May-June with the northern season being four to six weeks longer than the south.

Putting all this together it is not difficult to see why 'The Rose' is easily the most popular garden plant in Australia.

As an end note there are no rose species native to Australia, although about eight species, probably as escapes from understocks, have become "naturalized aliens" as the botanists say.

INVITATION: 12TH WORLD ROSE CONVENTION

ROSES, RODEOS & ROCKET SCIENCE



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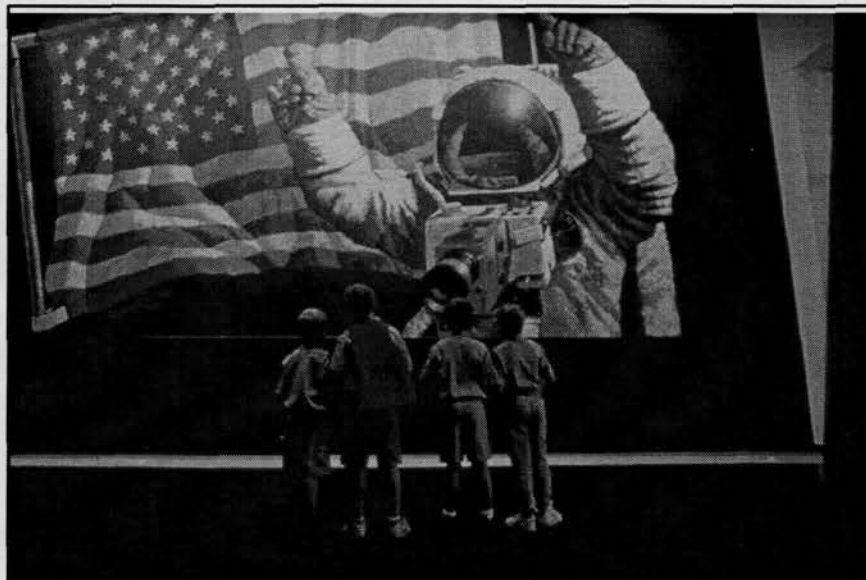
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I love to people-watch, and I live in a great city for it. Recently my husband and I volunteered to assist on "Consulting Rosarian Day" at a large Houston plant nursery. Being Saturday, business was brisk. Several very authentic cowboy-types strolled in, each sporting the obligatory wide brimmed hat, boots, and big belt buckle. They loaded their purchases into those trademark cowboy status symbols - "pick-up trucks", made spotless and shiny for important weekend activities. A number of well-heeled visitors wandered in at regular intervals, as well as lots of folks dressed just like me - in jeans and sensible shoes. And then there was the man who wore a Tee-shirt that said, "Why, Yes, I *Am* a Rocket Scientist," presumably poking fun at the tongue-in-cheek American expression describing a person who is, shall we say, "intellectually challenged?" While any visitor to the US has noted that we Americans are quite prone to wearing shirts with slogans on them, this one seemed a bit odd, if not silly. Ultimately, however, the joke was on me - as it turned out he actually *was* an astrophysicist from NASA, whose Johnson Space Center is located just a stone's throw from where we stood. I found it strange that I was instructing this rather brilliant (albeit fashion-impaired) man on the finer

points of planting a potted rose. Still, it made me reflect upon an unmistakable fact ... Houston is a wonderfully diverse place!

Rosarians from around the globe will have the opportunity to experience our fair city's diversity, conviviality, and celebration of the world's most beloved flower, when the American Rose Society, represented by the Houston Rose Society, hosts the rose rendezvous of the new millennium:

the **Texas 2000 World of Roses Convention**. The Houston society's president, Dan Moseley, urges rose aficionados to mark their calendars for April 19 to 24, 2000, when the 12th Triennial Convention of the World Federation of Rose Societies convenes in Houston, Texas, USA. Held in conjunction with the American Rose Society's Spring National Convention, it marks the first time in 25 years that such an



event will take place in an American city. The gathering will bring rosarians from the 34 member nations of the WFRS to the fourth largest city in the United States, a city famous for its modern cityscape as well as its easy-going cordiality. Dan is justly proud of his hometown. "As a native Texan and Houstonian, I would like to invite

everyone to share the warmth and hospitality that our city has to offer," he says. "We have spent the last six years in preparation for the most memorable convention ever!"

"Convention Central" is the lovely JW Marriott Hotel. Situated in the city's upscale West Side, the hotel is convenient to attractions of every type. Although Houston is famous for its vast, wide-open spaces, convention-goers can enjoy six days of world class convention and extracurricular activities without leaving the headquarters hotel! For those who wish to venture out on their own, Houston's blue skies are the limit. So, what can **Texas 2000 World of Roses Convention** attendees expect when they arrive?

The first thing visitors will notice, as I did as a newcomer 12 years ago, is that Houston is green! Before moving there I had envisioned a place of desert landscapes and tumbleweeds, and was pleasantly surprised to learn that the city is lush and tree-lined, and that its friendliness belies its size. Lazy "bayous" (small rivers) meander through the city, giving Houston its nickname, the Bayou City. Tall pines and wide esplanades flank Houston's largest airport, Bush Intercontinental. Large artworks grace the airport's motorways, welcoming visitors to this community of four million inhabitants. Wide, new roadways lead visitors from the airport to the city, rising dramatically from its surrounding green plains.

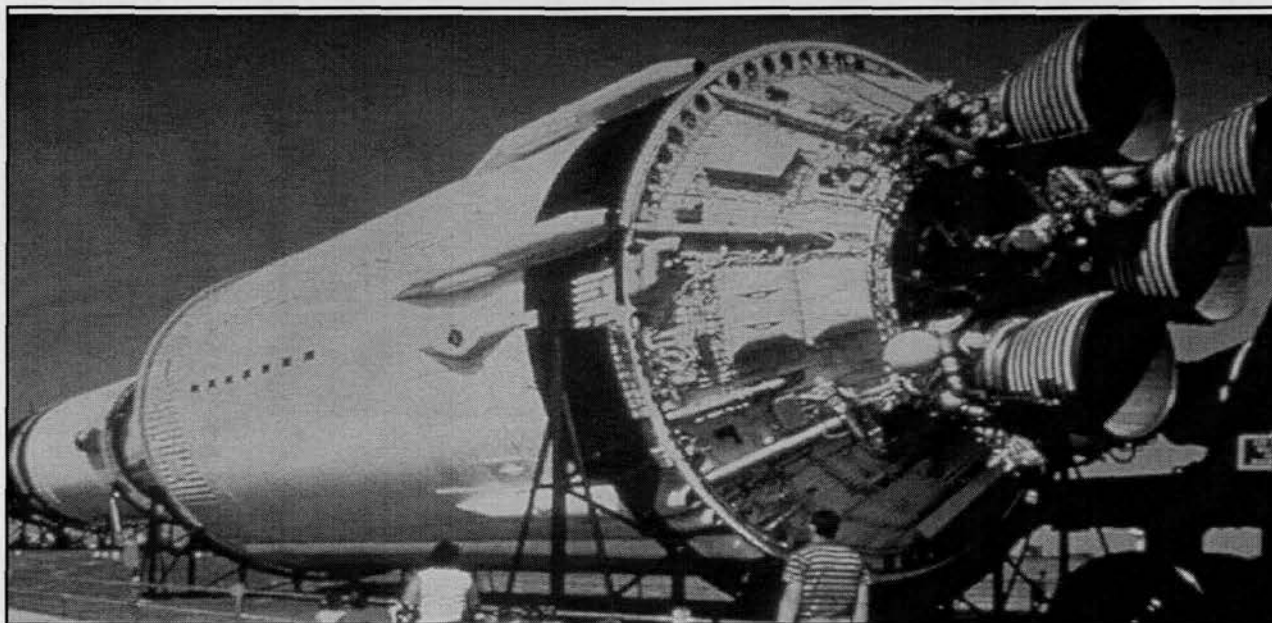
On Houston's West Side, visitors will find a city within a city. One of the area's most spectacular buildings, the Transco Tower, soars gracefully above this renowned district of Houston, also called "Uptown Houston." At its base are beautifully landscaped grounds, featuring the spectacular Transco Water Wall, whose 30-meter high U-shaped fountain attracts picnickers and sightseers from miles around. I have been known to take a magazine there and lounge in the sun for an hour or two, enjoying the mist from the relaxing "waterfall." Just next door is the most fashionable shopping center in the Bayou City, the Galleria, which is chock-a-block with fabulous stores and restaurants, arranged atrium-style around my favorite Galleria attraction: a huge

ice skating rink! Outside the Galleria, lushly landscaped avenues, whose very light poles and road signs are modern works of art, offer a myriad of other lively shops, salons, and dining options. All of this is within easy walking distance of the JW Marriott Hotel!

Of course, scouring the tony West Side is tempting, but many visiting rosarians will find it hard to break away from the **Texas 2000 World of Roses Convention**. One large drawing card will be the Rose Show. Show chairman Bud Pollard describes the show as everything rosarians expect, and then some. "Of course it will be the ARS Spring National Show, with all of its usual classes, plus it will have a World Federation flavor. I expect it will draw entrants from just about anywhere roses are in bloom, from within the USA and from international gardens, too!" The show schedule is slated for summer 1999 publication.

In addition to the fabulous show, the convention will feature educational lectures from many of the stars of the rose world, an elegant evening with well-known rose gardening authors, banquets, a large trade show, and fabulous exhibits. The list of speakers and VIP rosarians in attendance continues to grow and will be published on the HRS website (please find web address at the end of this article) when it is finalized. Want a preview? These are just a few of the rose experts you can expect to meet at the **Texas 2000 World of Roses**: Frank Benardella, Tommy Cairns, Colin Dickson, Sean McCann, Rayford Reddell, David Ruston, and Howard Walters. Indeed, the most discriminating of rose aficionados will be pleased with the roster. Convention co-chairpersons Deb and Rob Mock promise there will be something for novice rosarians to experts, convention neophytes to seasoned veterans. And then there are the tours...

The convention tours are as diverse as Houston itself is. Tour planners Connie and Paul Whelchel have arranged a phenomenal selection for convention-goers. NASA's Space Center Houston will satisfy the aspiring astronaut in us all. Our visit to the George Ranch puts us smack in the middle of a historical ranch complex, complete with rodeos, authentic "cowpokes", chuckwagon barbecue, and live Country and



Western music and dancing. Gorgeous old garden roses beckon us from the Antique Rose Emporium, and Galveston's famous Moody Gardens will thrill us with its rainforest pyramid, aquarium pyramid, and lagoons. A visit to the George R. Bush Presidential Library provides insight into the life of one of Houston's most famous residents, a city tour features our gleaming town, and the famed Houston Museum of Natural Science and its neighbor, the incredible IMAX Theatre, entertain, as well as inform. Certainly the garden tours are a favorite of many rosarians; hospitable local rose growers eagerly look forward to sharing their gardens. Don't overlook the wonderful pre- and post-convention trips to Hollywood, California, Orlando, Florida, Tyler, Texas (the rose capital of the state and a major US rose producer), Shreveport, Louisiana, (home of the American Rose Society and its magnificent garden displays), and lovely Hodges Gardens, Louisiana. Abundant fun, sun, and rose camaraderie await the **Texas 2000 World of Roses** visitor!

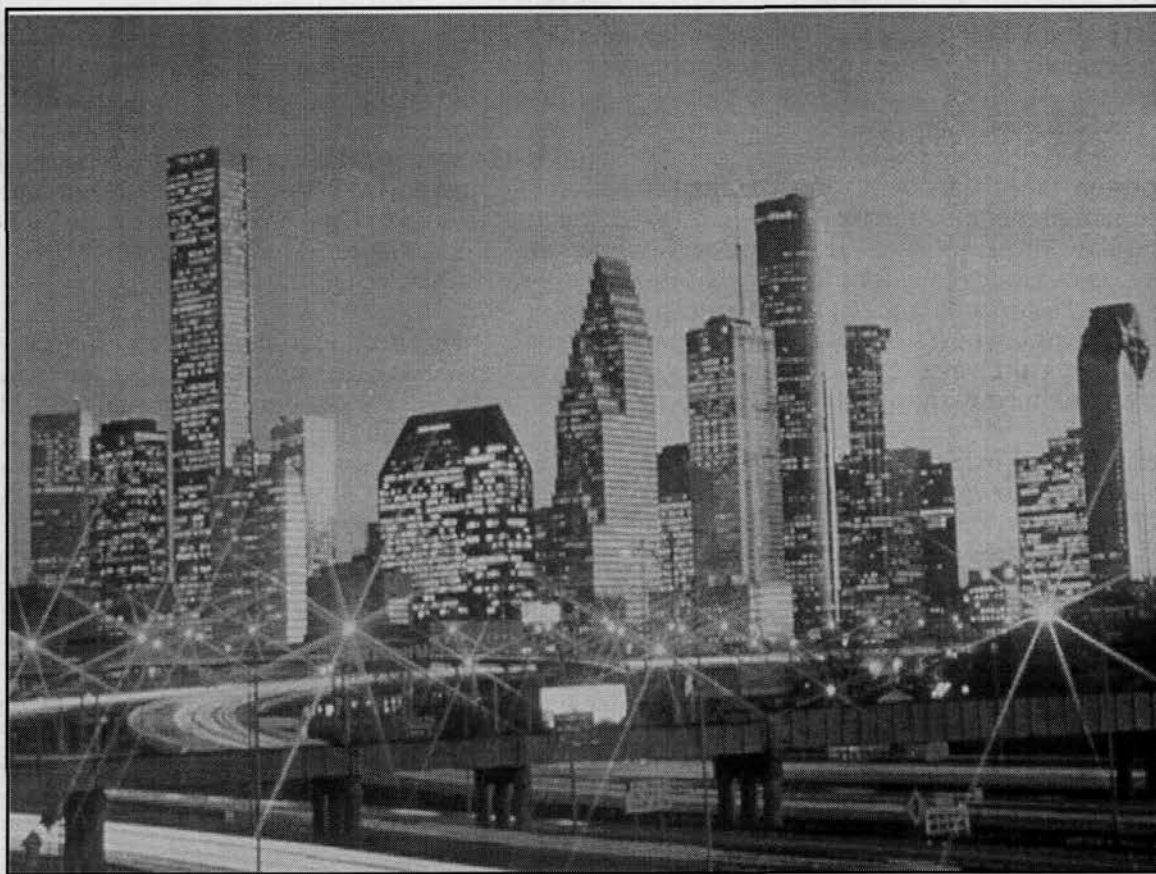
Have someone who might come along but who doesn't (Heaven forbid!) love roses? Bring them along - Houston offers world-class recreation for everyone, and its delightful, warm spring weather lends itself to just about any sort of entertainment. Maybe your travel partner loves sports: why not send him or her to experience "America's Favorite Pastime" - baseball! The Houston Astros National League baseball team expects to dedicate a new, high-tech stadium in April 2000. The Rockets, the city's other professional sports team, is the National Basketball Association's two-time world champion, and makes its home at Houston's Compaq Center. The golfer in your party can choose from a plethora of courses. Maybe he or she would like to play replicas of 18 of the United States' most famous (or infamous) golf holes at Tour 18 in the quaint, suburban berg of Humble. Beach buffs will love the warm, wide, sandy beaches of Galveston, whose beautifully restored Victorian district, The Strand, has charmed visitors for over a century. Fans of art, opera, symphony, modern dance and ballet will find our city offers the finest in The Arts. Houston is a shopper's paradise, with retail stores ranging from the renowned and elegant Neiman Marcus store, to the finest in shops specializing in

western wear, to "outlet" stores, where bargains abound! Is there a thrill-seeker in your party? Make him or her into a combat pilot at Texas Air Aces, where "ground troops" become Top Guns with the help of real military instructor-pilots and acrobatic airplanes. For those preferring a more earthbound adventure, the fun-filled Six Flags Astroworld theme park is a must-visit, featuring 11 roller coasters, including the world's steepest four-loop coaster. The Houston Zoo delights visitors of all ages. The list goes on and on: your travel partner will never be at a loss for entertainment while you are busy enjoying the **Texas 2000 World of Roses Convention**.

Houstonians adore great food and are proud of their city's excellent gastronomical reputation. One needn't travel far to find fabulous fare; from our legendary fresh seafood from local waters to Japanese sushi, from "Tex-Mex" specialties to French haute cuisine, from curries to "Coneys" to Cajun - it's all close to convention headquarters. Of course, friendly pubs are easy to find throughout the city. Live bands featuring music for all tastes, comedy clubs, dance halls and Broadway shows top nightlife in the Bayou City.

With so much to experience, it doesn't take a "rocket scientist" to ascertain that Houston is the place to be from April 19 to 24, 2000. The members of the Houston Rose Society look forward to your visit. For the most up-to-date information, check the HRS website at www.houstonrose.org.

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The members of the American Rose Society and the Houston Rose Society invite you to the 12th triennial Convention of the World Federation of Rose Societies, in Houston, Texas April 19-24, 2000 and to join us in celebrating the rose.

The American Rose Society with 21,000 members and the Houston Rose Society with over 2,500 members are honored to host members of rose organizations from the 34 member countries of the WFRS from around the world.

Houston, the 4th largest city in the United States, is an international city with 54 foreign government consular offices. Visitors are often overwhelmed by the size of Houston. Contrary to what most people believe, Houston is a green city due to its miles of meandering bayous (small rivers). Lovely arboretums and botanical gardens showcase local flora. The city streets are lined with towering oak and pine trees.

Texas 2000 World of Roses Convention will include six days of knowledgeable and interesting speakers, a world class rose show, rose exhibit, a trade show, tours to private, public and display gardens, Space Center Houston (NASA), museums and Houston city tours. Special events include a book signing "Wine & Roses" dessert party with authors of rose and gardening books from around the globe, and a "Truly Texas Evening" rodeo/barbecue with "country and western" dancing.

Pre-convention tours are planned, so whether you arrive from the East or the West, you can join other rosarians on the final segment of your trip to Houston. From the East, meet with rosarians in Orlando,

Florida to enjoy 6 days of southern gardens as you travel by motor coach to Houston with the "**Rosarians' Tour of the South**". From the West, rosarians will meet in Hollywood, California to enjoy roses, gardens and other activities of the American Rose Society Pacific Southwest District Convention and Rose Show, "**Rose Odyssey 2000**".

A post-convention tour from April 25-27 will go to the gardens of the American Rose Center in Shreveport, Louisiana, home of the American Rose Society, and our nation's largest garden dedicated to roses (over 40 acres of roses). The "Everything's Coming Up Roses" tour will also include a visit to the Tyler Rose Gardens with over 30,000 bushes and over 400 varieties of roses.

The headquarters for the 12th Convention of the World Federation of Rose Societies and the American Rose Society Spring National Convention is the JW Marriott Hotel in Houston's Galleria area. All convention activities will take place at the JW Marriott Hotel, including the ARS Spring National Rose Show, rose exhibits, convention meetings, seminars, trade show, exhibits, banquets and several special events. All convention tours will depart from the JW Marriott Hotel.

Please join us. Make plans today to attend Texas 2000 World of Roses, the 12th Convention of the World Federation of Rose Societies hosted by the members of the American Rose Society in conjunction with its Spring Convention.

It will be an affair to remember.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY APRIL 19

TOUR #1

Antique Rose Emporium Morning Tour

8:00 am - 12:30 pm

Enjoy the scenic ride past bluebonnet covered fields to the small town of Independence, Texas. The Antique Rose Emporium is a combination display garden, gift shop, and mail order nursery, developed by horticulturist and proprietor G. Michael Shoup, Jr. The gardens are located on an eight acre Texas homestead with several restored buildings that accentuate the antique roses. The gardens offer a pastoral setting for visitors to stroll, and enjoy the outstanding rose and perennial displays. Refreshments will be served. [*Limited to 300 - Cost US \$20*]

TOUR #2

Antique Rose Emporium Afternoon Tour

12 noon - 4:30 pm

(See Tour #1 for details). Refreshments will be served.

[*Limited to 300 - Cost US \$20*]

Business Meetings

Business meetings for officers and voting delegates of the World Federation of Rose Societies, and the American Rose Society Executive Committee, will take place during the day. Check the official schedule for a detailed list of meetings.

Opening Ceremony and Reception

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

This event serves as the official opening of the 12th Convention of the World Federation of Rose Societies - Texas 2000 World of Roses. Members of the 34 national rose societies and their voting delegates will be recognized. A reception hosted by the American Rose Society and the Houston Rose Society will follow.

[*Limited to 1,400 - Complimentary*]

THURSDAY APRIL 20

Old Garden Rose Symposium

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Thursday's lecture series features discussions on Old Garden Roses and their contribution to the rose world. Speakers include knowledgeable rosarians: Clair Martin, David Ruston, G. Michael Shoup, Jr., Michael Marriott and others.

[*Limited to 1000*]

TOUR #3

Antique Rose Emporium & Bush Library

8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Visit the display gardens of the Antique Rose Emporium (see Tour # 1 for details) for half the day. Spend the balance of the day at the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum in College Station, Texas. The museum is filled with exhibits highlighting the influences on, and unique challenges of, President Bush's life and long public career. The artifacts and exhibits span United States history from 1941 to the present in an educational and entertaining form. Includes admission to museum and lunch. See Website: www.csd.tamu.edu/bushlib

[*Limited to 600 - Cost US \$40*]

TOUR #4

Space Center Houston (NASA)

9:30 am - 4:00 pm

This state-of-the-art education and entertainment complex serves as the visitor center for NASA/Johnson Space Center (JSC). The Center provides an adventure into the past, present, and future of NASA's manned space flight program, with interactive exhibits, IMAX films, and behind-the-scenes tram tours of JSC, the training facility for the astronauts. Original space hardware, such as a Mercury capsule, a Gemini spacecraft, and the Apollo 17 command module are displayed in simulated, yet realistic, settings. Try on space helmets, touch a moon rock, operate computer simulators to practice landing a shuttle or retrieving a satellite, or participate in demonstrations of how astronauts eat, sleep, and handle routine tasks while living in space. Up-to-the-minute information about space flight and training activities is provided through special monitors and presentations. Tour includes a private buffet lunch, complimentary beverages, and admission. See Website: www.spacecenter.org

[*Limited to 600 - Cost US \$45*]

TOUR #5

Houston City Morning Tour

10:00 am - 12 noon

'Houston' was the first word spoken on the moon! Tour the fourth largest city in the United States and relax as a professional tour guide provides narration about the city sights including: River Oaks, Houston's most prestigious neighborhood; downtown Houston and the Theater District with their contemporary structures and public art; Sam Houston Park with its heritage homes; the Astrodome, the first covered stadium; and the Texas Medical Center, the largest medical center in the world and the largest employer in Houston. See Website: www.cl.houston.tx.us

[*Limited to 250 - Cost US \$17*]

TOUR #6

Houston City Afternoon Tour

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

(See Tour #5 for details).

[*Limited to 250 - Cost US \$17*]

Business Meetings

Business meetings for directors of the American Rose Society and voting delegates of the World Federation of Rose Societies will take place during the day. Check the official schedule for a detailed list of meetings.

FRIDAY APRIL 21

Trade Show

9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Explore the booths of the convention trade show and discuss rose horticulture with vendors. Booths include rose-related products, gifts and books.

[*Complimentary*]

Rose Show & Floral Exhibit

2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

The American Rose Society Spring Rose Show and floral exhibit will fill the exhibition center of the headquarters hotel. Roses will be judged under American Rose Society guide

lines. Visitors will enjoy single- and multi-specimen horticultural exhibits, international challenge classes of roses, arrangements and photography. Judging by a select group of international judges will begin at 9:00 am, with the rose show opening to convention attendees and the public at 2:00 pm. Those interested in exhibiting roses, arrangements or photographs should request a show schedule or check the Houston Rose Society website. www.houstonrose.org

[Complimentary]

LECTURES - Growing Great Roses

9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Friday's lectures feature a basic educational rose-growing series that will be enjoyed by seasoned rosarians and novices alike. Topics include: Building rose beds, soil and amendments, selecting roses, organic gardening, growing miniatures, environmentally friendly rose growing, and tools and gadgets for the rosarian. Speakers include Sean McCann, Rayford Reddell, Dr. Larry W. Barnes, Steve and Diana Steps, Robbie Tucker, Dr. Jerry Brand, Lois Tabb and Howard Walters. Check the Houston Rose Society website www.houstonrose.org for an update as additional speakers are confirmed.

[Limited to 1,000 - Complimentary]

TOUR #7

Museum of Natural Science & Public Rose Garden

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

The Houston Museum of Natural Science, the fourth most frequently visited in the United States, features exhibits on space science, geology, archaeology, and natural history. Admission to a feature IMAX movie shown on a six-story screen is included. The Cullen Earth Science Gallery includes more than 600 rare mineral specimens and hundreds of gemstones, many of which are the finest specimens in the world. The Cockrell Butterfly Center is a six-story glass cone house with some 2000 live butterflies flying freely in a tropical rain forest. The museum is the home of a 5000-pound black granite globe, "floating" in a perfectly matched socket on a thin film of pressured water, known as a Kugel Ball. This is one of about 40 in the United States. Other features outside the Museum include a waterfall depicting the Texas Gulf Coast and a scaled representation of the solar system embedded in the sidewalk. Walk across the parking lot to visit the Hermann Park Garden Center and the J. M. Stroud Rose Garden, Houston's public rose garden. Includes admission to the Museum of Natural Science, IMAX Theater, Cockrell Butterfly Center, and J. M. Stroud Rose Garden. Check the website at www.hmns.org

[Limited to 700 - Cost \$27]

TOUR #8

Houston City Tour

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

(See Tour #5 for details). [Limited to 250]

Business Meetings

Committee meetings for the voting delegates of the World Federation of Rose Societies and a meeting of the committees of the American Rose Society will take place during the day. Check the official schedule for a detailed list of meetings.

Wine and Roses "A Dessert Party"

8:00 pm

After a relaxing dinner on your own, join us for this special evening honoring authors of rose and gardening books from around the world. The setting for this elegant event will be the beautiful rose show and floral display, allowing guests an exclusive viewing of the show. Meet your favorite rose related authors, have your books autographed, chat with rosarians from around the world, or enjoy a relaxed stroll through the rose show. Elegant desserts, wine and coffee provided for your enjoyment. [Limited to 500 - Cost US \$40]

SATURDAY APRIL 22

Trade Show

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Explore the booths of the convention trade show, and discuss rose horticulture with vendors. Booths include rose-related products, gifts and books.

[Complimentary]

Rose Show & Floral Exhibit

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

The American Rose Society Spring Rose Show and floral exhibit will fill the exhibition center of the headquarters hotel for a second day.

[Complimentary]

LECTURES - Growing Great Roses

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

The basic educational rose growing series continues. Some speakers will repeat. Topics include: building rose beds, soil and amendments, selecting roses, organic gardening, growing miniatures, environmentally friendly rose growing, and tools and gadgets for the rosarian. Speakers include Sean McCann, Rayford Reddell, Dr. Larry W. Barnes, Steve and Diana Steps, Robbie Tucker, Dr. Jerry Brand, Lois Tabb, Howard Walters and others. Check the Houston Rose Society website www.houstonrose.org for an update as additional speakers are confirmed.

[Limited to 1,000 - Complimentary]

TOUR #9

Space Center Houston (NASA)

9:30 am - 4:00 pm

(See Tour # 4 for details).

Tour includes a private buffet lunch, complimentary beverages and admission.

[Limited to 750 - Cost US \$45]

TOUR #10

Private Gardens

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

The love of rose gardens and rosarians is what brings us together for conventions. Visit lovely Houston-area private gardens to see how roses grow on the Texas Gulf Coast. Guests will visit four large and medium sized gardens with their spring flush of blooms. Lunch and afternoon refreshments are included.

[Limited to 750 - Cost \$32]

Business Meetings

A committee meeting for the voting delegates of the World Federation of Rose Societies will take place. Check the official schedule for a detailed list of meetings.

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**"Truly Texas Evening"
Rodeo & Barbecue**

5:30 pm - 11:00 pm

The setting for this convention highlight is the George Ranch, a 480-acre living history park at the center of a 23,000-acre working cattle ranch. Bring your cowboy hats, boots and western duds for a "Truly Texas Evening", a step back into the time of cowpokes, ranchers and longhorn cattle roaming the range. We'll start with Tex-Mex appetizers (we don't want you to get hungry while the barbecue is cooking). Next is a one-hour competitive rodeo in the indoor arena featuring real cowboys competing in events including roping, bronc riding, barrel racing, and bull riding. After the rodeo, stroll across the grounds to the South Yard area for a barbecue meal served under magnificent live oak trees. Dessert and coffee will be served in a restored, turn of the century post office. Before or after dinner, take a guided tour of the George Ranch house built in the 1930's, or visit the gift shop.

Watch or participate in the country and western dancing in the Lodge Hall (somebody will be happy to teach you the "Cotton-Eyed Joe" or the "Texas Two-Step"). Pose for a photograph with a Texas Longhorn (for a nominal fee, you can have a photographic memento of a "Truly Texas Evening"). For some quiet time under the Texas skies, guests can enjoy a mini-Fandango at the campfire complete with a chuckwagon and cowboys. Learn to rope a mechanical bull, and enjoy a bit of the old West played out in this authentic, historical park. Includes appetizers, barbecue dinner, dessert, soft drinks, beer, wine and rodeo.

See website: www.georgeranch.org

[Limited to 1,500 - Cost \$70]

SUNDAY APRIL 23

Easter Religious Services

8:00 am - 9:00 am

Setting the convention aside, there will be time for those who wish to worship on this Easter morning. A non-denominational, Easter Sunday service will be held in the JW Marriott Hotel. The Galleria area has numerous places of worship, and the host committee will be glad to assist you in finding a worship service of your choice.

LECTURES - Exhibiting Roses

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sundays lecture series focuses on exhibiting roses. Regardless of whether your passion is exhibiting roses in the garden, at home, or in competition, you will enjoy this series of outstanding speakers. Speakers include: David Ruston (arrangements), Steve Scanniello (garden), Dr. Tommy Cairns, Frank Benardella, Ludwig Taschner, Helene Pizzi and others. Check the Houston Rose Society website www.houstonrose.org for an update as additional speakers are confirmed.

[Limited to 1,000 - Complimentary]

TOUR # 11

Moody Gardens

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Step into a 10-story glass Rainforest Pyramid and explore the rainforests of Africa, Asia and the Americas. You'll find thousands of tropical plants, exotic fish, birds and butterflies living among waterfalls and streams. The adjacent Discovery Pyramid has interactive, NASA-inspired exhibits that focus

on the wonders of outer space. The latest addition is the Aquarium Pyramid with a 2-million gallon aquarium with exotic sea creatures and plants from all of the world's oceans. The 3D IMAX Theater with a six-story screen offers realistic feature films. Moody Gardens is a 156-acre public, nonprofit botanical garden overlooking Galveston Bay. Lunch and admission to three (3) events are included. See Website: www.moodygardens.com.

[Limited to 750 - Cost US \$65]

Tour # 12

Private Gardens

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

This is a second offering of Saturday's tours to private rose gardens in the Houston area (See Tour # 10 for details). Lunch and afternoon refreshments are included.

[Limited to 750 - Cost US \$32]

Business Meetings

Refer to Schedule Committee meetings for the voting delegates of the World Federation of Rose Societies will take place. Check the official schedule for a detailed list of meetings.

**An Evening of Roses and Friendship
Awards Banquet**

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Join in the celebration of roses and rose enthusiasts. Enjoy food, fun and camaraderie with rosarians from around the world. The beautiful hotel ballroom will be converted into a rose palace in honor of our favorite flower - the rose. Presentation of the coveted Awards of the World Federation of Rose Societies will highlight the evening.

[Limited to 1,200 - Cost US \$50]

MONDAY APRIL 24

Patrons of the American Rose Center Breakfast

8:00 am - 9:00 am

Breakfast, includes a brief presentation on the activities of the American Rose Center, and honors the Patrons of the American Rose Center.

[Limited to 200 - Cost US \$20]

LECTURES - Horizon Roses

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Monday's lecture series focuses on the rose. Major international rose hybridizers discuss the best of the past century and the direction of roses in the next century. Speakers include world famous hybridizers Colin Dickson, Angie Treadwell and Jacques Ferare (Meilland), Tom Carruth, Bill Radler, Ping Lim, Dr. Norm Draeger and others. Check the Houston Rose Society website www.houstonrose.org for an update as additional speakers are confirmed. [Limited to 1,000 - Complimentary]

TOUR #13

Museum of Natural Science & Public Rose Garden

9:00 am - 1:00 pm (See Tour #7 for details).

Includes admission to the Museum of Natural Science, IMAX Theater, Cockrell Butterfly Center, and J. M. Stroud Rose Garden.

[Limited to 500 - Cost US \$27]

Business Meetings

Business meetings for officers and voting delegates of the World Federation of Rose Societies are scheduled. A members' meeting of the American Rose Society and a meeting of the Rose Hybridizers Association are scheduled. Check the schedule for a detailed list of meetings.

CLOSING CEREMONY

7:00 pm

Bid farewell to rose enthusiasts and old and new friends as we conclude the week-long festivities of the World Federation of Rose Societies Convention. The closing ceremony represents the official close of the 12th World Convention of rosarians from around the world, but the friendships developed during this gathering will last forever.

[Limited to 1,000 - Complimentary]

ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS

OLD GARDEN ROSE SYMPOSIUM

Thursday, April 20

DAVID RUSTON - Former president of the World Federation of Rose Societies, David is one of the world's best-known rosarians. He shares his love and knowledge of the rose.

CLAIR MARTIN - Author of 100 English Roses for the American Garden. Clair is the Curator of the Huntington Botanical Gardens in San Marino, California, which includes one of North America's outstanding collection of roses.

G. MICHAEL SHOUP, JR. - Horticulturist and proprietor of the Antique Rose Emporium, he is an active member of the Texas Rose Rustlers, whose members annually search the countryside to find "lost roses" in cemeteries and old homesites.

MICHAEL MARRIOTT - General Manager and Marketing Manager for David Austin's Nurseries in Great Britain, Mike will discuss the Austin hybridizing program and the roses that are loved throughout the world.

GROWING GREAT ROSES

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, APRIL 21-22

RAYFORD REDDELL - Nurseryman and author of numerous books including *A Year in the Life of a Rose*, *The Rose Bible* and *Growing Good Roses*.

SEAN MCCANN - A wonderful rose (and wine) enthusiast from Dublin, Ireland, Sean has served as a columnist for *The American Rose* magazine for a number of years. In 1996, Sean received the distinguished honor of receiving the American Rose Society National Gold Honor Medal for outstanding service. Sean is the author of several outstanding books about the rose.

DR. JERRY BRAND - A University of Texas professor of plant physiology, a biochemist and a soils and fertilizer expert. His research is on environmental stress on photosynthesis and related plant processes.

LOIS TABB - A WFRS Vice president and an expert authority on roses from New Zealand and "downunder" Australia. Lois will share her love and thoughts on enjoying rose gardening.

DR. LARRY W. BARNES - A Professor at Texas A&M University. Larry works with the Texas Plant Disease Diagnostic Laboratory and is an outstanding speaker on rose horticulture and rose diseases.

STEVE & DIANA STEPS - This team of ARS Consulting Rosarians; will share an educational lecture. Steve and Diana will present their ARS Consulting Rosarian program on Soils and Soil Amendments.

ROBBIE TUCKER - This transplanted Texan currently resides in Tennessee, an amateur rose hybridizer and winner of the ARS Award of Excellence for Miniature Roses. His creations include 'Miss Flippins', 'Cachet' and 'Little Tommy Tucker'. All rosarians will find Robbie's ABCs of Building Rose Beds both educational and entertaining.

HOWARD WALTERS - Known as The Rambling Rosarian of the American Rose Society. Howard has authored a monthly helpful hints column in *The American Rose* for 30 years. He is one of the ARS most popular speakers.

EXHIBITING ROSES

Sunday April 23

DAVID RUSTON - This internationally known rosarian is an artist with arrangements of all sorts of floral material. His program promises to be outstanding to the arranger and non-arranger.

STEPHEN SCANNIELLO - Author of *Climbing Roses, A Year of Roses* and other outstanding books, Steve is the former curator of the Cranford Rose Garden in the Brooklyn Botanic Garden.

DR. TOMMY CAIRNS - President elect of the American Rose Society, Tommy is probably the best known rose exhibitor in the world. He will discuss the art and challenge of exhibiting roses.

FRANK BENARDELLA - Former President of the American Rose Society and currently serving as Regional Vice President of the WFRS. Frank is a successful hybridizer of miniature roses.

HELENE PIZZI - International writer and lecturer on roses and gardening subjects, Helene has homes in Wisconsin and Italy. An International Rose judge in Europe, Helene serves on the Permanent Commission of Rome's Municipal Rose Garden.

LUDWIG TASCHNER - A nurseryman from Pretoria, South Africa who specializes in container grown roses, releasing 10 - 20 new varieties each year.

HORIZON ROSES

Monday April 24

COLIN DICKSON - Proprietor of Dickson Nurseries Ltd. in Northern Ireland, whose hybridizing program is focusing on landscape roses. Dickson Nurseries brought the rose world such outstanding roses as 'Elina' ('Peaudouce'), 'Brass Ring' ('Peek-a-Boo'), 'Bright Smile', 'Dicky' ('Ainsley Dickson'), 'Freedom', 'Painted Moon', 'Pot o' Gold', 'Red Devil', 'Redgold', 'Silver Lining' and 'Tequila Sunrise'.



TEXAS 2000

World of Roses Convention

REGISTRATION FORM

CONVENTION RESISTRATION

Registration is required to exhibit and attend convention events. Full payment for registration and events must accompany each registration form.

- Registration confirmation will be sent as soon as possible after receipt of your completed forms and payment.
- A portion of each convention event cost includes a fee for Texas 2000 World of Roses Convention general expense.

REGISTRATION NOTES

- Full registration includes: admission to all complimentary events, WFRS Book (authored by Dr. Tommy Cairns), convention gifts, a US \$25 donation to WFRS, and a US \$2 donation to ARS.
- Supplemental Registration excludes: WFRS Book and convention gift. Supplemental Registration is reserved for multiple attendees from the same household and must be accompanied by a full registration. Must be received on/before March 15, 2000. No Supplemental Registrations with Late Registration.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Baxter & Patsy Williams, Convention Registrars

Telephone 713-944-3437 • Fax 713-944-0317

Email: baxpat@flash.net

MAIL REGISTRATION AND FULL PAYMENT TO:

Houston Rose Society

P O Box 22614, Houston, Texas 77227-2614, USA

CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Houston Rose Society

Please print or type:

REGISTRANT:

Surname (Last Name) _____ First Name _____

Title (Mr, Mrs, Ms, Dr, other) _____ Name tag to read _____

ADDITIONAL REGISTRANT (AT THE SAME ADDRESS):

Surname (Last Name) _____ First Name _____

Title (Mr, Mrs, Ms, Dr, other) _____ Name tag to read _____

Address _____

Suburb/City _____ State/Province _____

Country _____ ZIP/Postal Code _____

Home Phone _____ Business Phone _____

FAX _____ E-mail address _____

Do you plan to exhibit in: Horticulture Arrangements Photography I will require cold storage

I am a member of the _____ Rose Society

Official Voting Delegate for _____

Special Needs/Assistance: _____

Special Dietary Requirements: _____

Availability of many events and tours are limited. Please register early to assure your choice of activities.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION



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REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY

(See Convention Registration Notes on page 11)

	# of Tickets	Cost US\$	\$Total Cost
Registration (Received on/before March 15, 2000)	_____	\$125	_____
Supplemental Registration (Same household) (See Registration notes on page 11)	_____	\$100	_____
Late registration (Received after March 15, 2000)	_____	\$175	_____
Wednesday April 19			
Tour #1 - Antique Rose Emporium - (Morning)	_____	\$20	_____
Tour #2 - Antique Rose Emporium - (Afternoon)	_____	\$20	_____
Opening Ceremony and Reception	_____	Complimentary	_____
Thursday April 20			
Old Garden Rose Symposium	_____	Complimentary	_____
Tour #3 Antique Rose Emporium & Bush Library	_____	\$40	_____
Tour #4 Space Center Houston (NASA)	_____	\$45	_____
Tour #5 Houston City Tour (Morning)	_____	\$17	_____
Tour #6 Houston City Tour (Afternoon)	_____	\$17	_____
Friday April 21			
Trade Show, Rose Show and Floral Exhibit	_____	Complimentary	_____
Lecture Series - Growing Great Roses	_____	Complimentary	_____
Tour #7 - Museum of Natural Science	_____	\$27	_____
Tour #8 - Houston City Tour	_____	\$17	_____
Wine and Roses - "A Dessert Party" in honor of Rose Authors	_____	\$40	_____
Saturday April 22			
Trade Show, Rose Show and Floral Exhibit	_____	Complimentary	_____
Lecture Series- Growing Great Roses	_____	Complimentary	_____
Tour #9 - Space Center Houston (NASA)	_____	\$45	_____
Tour #10 - Private Gardens	_____	\$32	_____
"Truly Texas Evening" ☆☆☆ Rodeo and Barbecue	_____	\$70	_____
Sunday April 23			
Lecture Series - Exhibiting Roses	_____	Complimentary	_____
Tour #11 - Moody Gardens	_____	\$65	_____
Tour #12 - Private Gardens	_____	\$32	_____
Awards Banquet	_____	\$50	_____
Monday April 24			
Lecture Series - Horizon Roses	_____	Complimentary	_____
ARC Patrons' Breakfast	_____	\$20	_____
Tour #13 - Museum of Natural Science	_____	\$27	_____
Closing Ceremony	_____	Complimentary	_____
Total Due		US \$	_____

CONVENTION REGISTRATION



CONVENTION REGISTRATION

TOUR REGISTRATION

All Pre/Post-Convention Tour Reservations must be made directly with the individual convener or agent for each tour.

See Individual Tour Registration Forms for Registration.

	Plan to Attend		Registered with Agent	
Pre-Convention Tours				
"Rosarians Tour of the South" (April 12-18)	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
"Rose Odyssey 2000" (April 13-18)	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Post-Convention Tour				
"Everything's Coming Up Roses" (April 25-27)	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no

All prices are quoted in US dollars; payment in any other currency will not be accepted. Full payment must accompany all registration forms. If you pay by credit card, your card statement will show a charge from the Houston Rose Society.

Checks must be in US dollars (personal or business checks drawn on US Banks). If non-US checks are received, they will be returned. Checks should be made payable to the Houston Rose Society. Money orders, cashiers checks, and other equivalent forms of payment, payable in US dollars, are also acceptable.

METHOD OF PAYMENT

I wish to charge to my: Visa MasterCard Discover American Express

Name as it appears on Credit Card _____

Card Number

Expiration Date (Month / Day / Year)
Month Day Year

Signature _____ Date _____

REFUND POLICY

Notification of cancellation received in writing will be refunded no later than May 31, 2000 based on the following:

- Received prior to March 15, 2000, the full amount LESS a US \$50 cancellation fee.
- Received between March 15, 2000, and April 10, 2000, FORFEIT 50% of the payment.
- NO REFUNDS for cancellations received after April 10, 2000.
- Notification of cancellation MUST be mailed or faxed to the Convention Registrars.

HOTEL REGISTRATION



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CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS

The Texas 2000 World of Roses Convention is pleased to offer 4 Marriott Hotels, all within a 2 mile radius,

Hotel accommodations must be booked directly with the hotel of your choice. Please refer to "Rose Convention" to obtain the convention rate. Transporta-

tion to and from the Convention Headquarters Hotel (JW Marriott) and the other convention hotels will be available at nominal costs. For maps and information, visit the website: www.marriott.com

JW Marriott by The Galleria - Convention Headquarters Hotel

- Single or Double US \$85 Additional Person US \$10 Suite US \$600

Other Hotels

Marriott West Loop by The Galleria

- Single or Double US \$82
 Additional Person US \$10

Marriott Courtyard near The Galleria

- Single or Double US \$77
 Additional Person US \$10

Marriott Fairfield Inn near The Galleria

- Single or Double US \$62
 Additional Person US \$10

- Smoking Non Smoking

Smoking rooms are limited.

I will require Special Accessibility Needs _____

- All above rates are per night. Room rates include NO meals.
- Reservations are available after May 1, 1999. Cut-off date for special convention hotel rates is April 3, 2000.
- All rates are subject to applicable state and local taxes (currently 17%) in effect at time of check-in.
- All reservation requests will require a two (2) night advance deposit that will be refunded only if the reservation is cancelled at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to scheduled arrival.
- All rates are net non-commissionable.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Dates: Arrival _____ Departure _____ Total Nights _____

- Single (One King Size Bed) Double (Two Double Beds)
 Payment Enclosed Please bill the following credit card
 Visa Master Card American Express Discover Diners Club

Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____

Signature _____

Phone or Mail completed form to the hotel of your choice.

Convention Headquarters	Other Convention Hotels		
JW Marriott Hotel 5150 Westheimer Houston Texas 77056 USA 713-961-1500 Phone 713-961-5045 Fax 800-228-9290 Domestic	Marriott West Loop 1750 West Loop South Houston Texas 77027 USA 713-960-0111 Phone 713-624-1560 Fax 800-228-9290 Domestic	Marriott Courtyard 3131 West Loop South Houston Texas 77027 USA 713-961-1640 Phone 713-439-0989 Fax 800-321-2211 Domestic	Marriott Fairfield Inn 3131 West Loop South Houston Texas 77027 USA 713-961-1690 Phone 713-627-8434 Fax 800-228-2800 Domestic

ANGIE TREADWELL & JACQUES FARARE of Meilland in France -The House of Meilland needs no introduction to the rose world; this hybridizing program brought us 'Peace', perhaps the most famous rose in the world. Meilland's hybridizing program focuses on fragrance in roses.

TOM CARRUTH - Hybridizer for Weeks Roses in California, will discuss his hybridizing program. Tom's recent roses include: AARS winner 'Sentimental' (1997), 'Fourth of July' and 'Betty Boop' (1999).

PING LIM - Hybridizer for Bailey's Nurseries, Inc. This talented gentleman brings to rose world a bright future.

BILL RADLER - Hybridizer for Gene Boerner, Bill will share his hybridizing program and new introductions.

DR. NORM DRAEGER - Associate Scientist at Wisconsin Center of Space Automation and Robotics, Norm was one of the scientists behind NASA rose experiment in space.

GENERAL INFORMATION

CONVENTION AIRLINE

Continental Airlines is the "Official Airline" of the **Texas 2000 World of Roses Convention**.

[Reference Number: M945SX] [Z Code: ZK3W]

- Zone fares and discount fares of 5 - 10% are available
- Receive an additional 5 percent discount on discount fare tickets purchased more than 60 days from your date of travel!
- Compare Zone Fares to discounts offered
- If age 62 or over, consider using Continental's Senior Travel Programs
- Receive OnePass mileage credit
- Passengers are responsible for all taxes/fees/surcharges, including passenger facilities charges, international departure tax, customs users/immigration fees, agricultural tax, and airport security charges, and must pay them at the time of ticketing.
- For reservations contact your travel agent or call Continental at: 800-468-7022 (MeetingWorks); 800-523-3273 (Domestic); 800-231-0856 (International); or the local Continental Reservations office.

BOTH the Reference Number and Z Code must be given to the travel agent or reservation clerk! This is very important.

CONVENTION CONTACTS

If you have any questions about **Texas 2000 World of Roses Convention** activities or events please check the Internet website at: www.houstonrose.org or direct your inquiries to any of the following Chairpersons:

HOUSTON ROSE SOCIETY:

(Mailing address for Texas 2000 World of Roses Convention)

PO. Box 22614
Houston, Texas 77227
USA

Phone: 713-227-7673 (Telephone Message Service)
Web address: www.houstonrose.org

MEETINGS, EVENTS, SPEAKERS OR GENERAL QUESTIONS: (Convention Chairs):

Deb or Rob Mock

15515 Gettysburg
Tomball, Texas 77375, USA
Phone: 281-320-2524
Fax: 281-370-2284
E-mail: rocket@ghg.net

TOURS: (Convention Treasurers):

Connie or Paul Whelchel

10815 Piping Rock
Houston, Texas 77042, USA
Phone: 713-785-7701
Fax: 713-787-5003
E-mail: paul.whelchel@lworldnet.att.net

REGISTRATION:

Patsy or Baxter Williams

2502 Leprechaun Lane
Houston, Texas 77017, USA
Phone: 713-944-3437
Fax: 713-944-0317
E-mail: baxpat@flash.net

ROSE SHOW, EXHIBITS, TRADE SHOW:

Marcia or Bud Pollard

5210 Moss Glenn Lane
Houston, Texas 77088 USA
Phone: 713-820-4287
Fax: (713) 651-5246
E-mail: mpollard@fulbright.com

MARKETING & PUBLICITY:

Cathy or Brent Hawkins

PMB #248
6942 FM 1960 East
Humble, Texas 77346 USA
Phone: 281-548-4083
Fax: 281-812-4327
E-mail: hrs2000@ibm.net

HOTEL COORDINATION:

Dan or Jerri Moseley

607 Golden Bear Lane
Kingwood, Texas 77339, USA
Phone: 281-359-2353
Fax: 281-359-6909
E-mail: dmoseley@mailman.ghg.net

ARRIVING IN HOUSTON

Houston's largest airport, George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH), is located 27 miles (43 km) northeast of the hotel - a drive of approximately 40 minutes. Direct international and domestic flights operate at "Bush Intercontinental" airport using multiple terminals. Houston's William P. Hobby Airport (HOU) is located 16 miles (26 km) southeast of the hotel. It is a drive of about 30 minutes to the hotel. "Hobby" airport is served by domestic flights.

Transfers to the city from either airport are easily obtained. Taxis depart from outside the terminals at a cost of approximately US\$ 35 to the hotels. Alternatively, shuttle bus services operate between the airports and city hotels. A one-way fare is approximately US\$ 17 per person to the convention hotel.

OFFICIAL AIRLINE

Continental Airlines has been appointed the Official Airline of the convention. Special airfares are available to participants on domestic and international flights. Please contact Continental Airlines and quote Reference Number M945SX and Z Code ZK3W to obtain the discounted fares.

TRANSPORTATION

The site of the **Texas 2000 World of Roses Convention** is almost a self-contained city. Shopping, dining and entertainment are convenient by foot or by taxi. However, Houston is the 4th largest city in the US! With a population of 1.7 million and an area of 617 square miles, auto or taxi transportation is needed to reach areas beyond the conventi on site. Although public transportation by bus (Houston Metro) is available, reliable, and inexpensive, its availability is limited. Taxis can be expensive, if used often and for long distances. Side trips or visits to other areas of Houston are best reached by car. Auto rental agencies are located at both airports and at other city locations; several are close to the JW Marriott Hotel.

AUTO PARKING

Automobile parking is available at convention headquarters. There is limited free self-parking across the street from the hotel, and paid covered self-parking and valet parking on the JW Marriot's property. Please contact other hotels directly for further parking information.

TOUR BUSES

Motor coach transportation for convention tours and rodeo are included in the event cost. Each motor coach is air conditioned, with audio systems, TV/VCR and restrooms.

Buses will be boarded at the JW Marriott Hotel (convention headquarters) at the designated tour departure time and will return to the JW Marriott at approximately the published arrival time.

HOTELS

The convention headquarters is the contemporary JW MARRIOTT HOTEL, located in "Uptown Houston". Also known as the "West Side", this area is the city's most cosmopolitan business and shopping district. It is across the street from the Galleria, a shopping, dining, and entertainment complex with over 350 shops and stores. The hotel is approximately 15 minutes from downtown Houston. All convention activities will take place or start at the headquarters hotel. Web address: www.marriott.com

CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS

JW Marriott Hotel

5150 Westheimer

Houston, Texas 77056, USA

Phone 713-961-1500

Fax 713-961-5045

800-228-9290

Other Convention Hotels - Within 2 Miles

Marriott West Loop

1750 West Loop South

Houston, Texas 77027, USA

Phone 713-960-0111; Fax 713-624-1560

800-228-9290

Marriott Courtyard

3131 West Loop South

Houston, Texas 77027, USA

Phone 713-961-1640; Fax 713-439-0989

800-321-2211

Marriott Fairfield Inn

3131 West Loop South

Houston, Texas 77027, USA

Phone 713-961-1690; Fax 713-627-8434

The JW MARRIOTT HOTEL is a 23-story building with 508 rooms. All rooms have a private bath, air conditioning, direct dial phone with voice mail, color cable TV with remote, bathroom TV, AM/FM clock radio with alarm, ironing board with iron, coffee maker, robe, and hair dryer. The telephone-computer modem connection is a type RJ-11. Smoking rooms are limited and must be requested. Services in other hotels are similar; please contact the hotels directly for information.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The official language of the convention is English. Houston is a cosmopolitan city, and one will hear many different languages; Spanish is the most widely used second language. All road signs are in English.

PASSPORT & VISA

All visitors need a valid passport and visa for entry into the US. Tourist visas are issued at US Embassies and Consulates worldwide. To facilitate the visa, it is recommended that participants first register for **Texas 2000 World of Roses**, then include a copy of the registration confirmation with the visa application. Visas may take some time to process; early application is recommended. Airlines and/or travel agents can advise about procedures for submitting the visa application.

VACCINATIONS

A current valid international certificate of inoculation is not required. However, if while en route to the US, travel is made through cholera or yellow fever infected areas and a stop is made in another country, that stopover country might require a current valid international certificate of inoculation. Consult an airline, travel agent, or US Embassy for further information.

TIME DIFFERENCE

The mainland US is divided into four (4) time zones. Houston is in the Central Time Zone, which, during Standard Time is Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) minus 6 hours. As occurs in most of the US during spring and summer, the "Daylight Savings Time" program will be in progress during **Texas 2000 World of Roses**, meaning Houston is an additional 1 hour from GMT, or GMT minus 7 hours. This time zone is officially known as Central Daylight Time (CDT).

FOREIGN EXCHANGE & CURRENCY

Exchange facilities are available at Bush Intercontinental Airport. Several banks within walking distance of the hotel can exchange a limited number of foreign currencies. Travelers checks issued in US Dollars are accepted by many businesses; non-US currency is not.. Major credit cards are widely accepted; VISA and MasterCard are most frequently taken, and, to a slightly lesser, degree Discover, American Express, Diner's Club, and Carte Blanche.

SALES TAX

The sales tax in Houston is 8.25 percent. Most product and service prices in the US are shown exclusive of state and local taxes; the taxes are calculated at the time of sale, added to the bottom of the sales ticket, and included in the final sum due. Sales taxes vary by state and city. Separate taxes are levied on hotel rooms and car rentals.

GRATUITIES (TIPPING)

Where service received is acceptable, tipping is customary. General guidelines follow-Taxis: 10-15%. Baggage porters: 50 cents per luggage piece. Restaurant servers: 15%. (individuals and small groups calculate their own tips to add to the bill; most restaurants will add the 15% to the bill for large groups. if in doubt, do not hesitate to ask for clarification.) Hotel doormen, drivers, attendants, etcetera: 50 cents or more depending on service. Hotel Room Service (delivered food): 15% (Most hotels include this in the bill). Hotel cleaning staff is generally not tipped unless a special service is provided; the same is true of concierge services. Tipping is never compulsory if service is not acceptable, it is considered a courtesy to explain the problem to the management or server. In such a case, a gratuity is not expected.

WEATHER/CLIMATE

April is spring in Houston, and the weather is generally delightful! Expect temperate climates. The average high temperature is 25°C (78°F). The nighttime temperatures are usually around 13°C (55°F).

CLOTHING

Business attire is appropriate for the "Opening Ceremony" and the "Gala Banquet" (formal wear is optional). Casual wear is appropriate for all other occasions. Houston's weather is changeable. We recommend that visitors bring an umbrella and a lightweight jacket.

LAWS - ALCOHOL

The legal alcoholic beverage drinking age is 21 and is enforced in all establishments. In Houston alcoholic beverages may be served for on-site consumption in public establishments until 2 a.m., seven days a week. Liquor stores are closed on Sundays, although wine and beer are available at grocery stores/markets after 12 noon.

LAWS - AUTO

Of course, driving laws are too numerous to list here; for your convenience we list just a few. All drivers and front seat passengers in Texas are required to use safety belts when riding in seatbelt-equipped cars. Texas law is very strict about "Drunk Driving"; please do not drink and drive. Additional information is provided by car rental agencies.

LAWS - HORTICULTURE

In general, US law prohibits the import of cut flowers into the United States from foreign countries. The American Rose Society has obtained an Import Permit for Plants and Plant Products for the purpose of exhibitors wishing to enter the rose show competition. For more information contact the convention show chairman.

LAWS - SMOKING

The legal age for purchase of tobacco in Texas is 18. Many buildings and establishments do not allow smoking at any time. Normally, smoking rules are clearly posted. Most restaurants do not allow cigar or pipe tobacco products.

This is usually posted in writing on the menu or by the entrance. No smoking is allowed on domestic air flights or motor coaches. Smoking laws are widely enforced.

ELECTRICITY

The electrical supply throughout the US is 120 volts, 60 Hz. The connection is a parallel 2 flat pin plug. 240-volt outlets are not available. We recommend that an electrical "step up" transformer and plug adapter be brought if using 240-volt appliances. Better still, many dual voltage personal care electrical appliances are available for purchase in the US and other nations; they are usable for both 120 and 240 volts and do not require attachments to work in the US, provided the plug is compatible.

MEDIA

Fully accredited members of the international and national press are invited to attend the convention. Media representatives must include a copy of his/her official media accreditation, with a completed registration form and payment.

TELEPHONES

Public phones usually accept US coins only, although a few accept credit cards. Many long distance service companies accept credit cards. The US local operator will assist connections to the long distance service of the caller's choice. Hotels will provide direct dialing information from room phones. Within Houston, 7-digit local calls must be preceded by the 3-digit area code.

VIDEO TAPES

NTSC is the standard video format used in the US. VHS, 8mm, and VHS-C videotapes are widely available.

DISCLAIMER

The World Federation of Rose Societies, the American Rose Society, and/or the Houston Rose Society (sponsoring organizations) assume no responsibility for any damages of any kind or character whatsoever, including, without limitation, any compensatory, incidental, direct, indirect, special, punitive, or consequential damages, or damages for lost profits, loss of revenue, damages to property, claims of third parties, loss of use, or other damages or losses of any kind or character, arising out of or related to cancellations, delays, or changes in schedule, default of any third parties, labor disputes, sickness, weather, quarantine, "Acts of God" or any other cause beyond their control, whether such damages arise in contract, negligence, tort, under statute, in equity, at law or otherwise.

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Rosarians Tour of the South

April 12-18, 2000
In Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana & Texas

Wednesday, April 12

Orlando, Florida - Temperature 16 to 25°C, 50 to 85°F. Individual shuttle transfers will be provided for travel from the Orlando international Airport to the Clarion Plaza Hotel. This superior, first class hotel is adjacent to Pointe Orlando, which offers a variety of upscale shops and restaurants. The Orlando Rose Society will host a Welcoming Reception during the evening at the hotel.

Thursday, April 13

After breakfast at the hotel, we depart for a day of private garden visits and the famous Leu Gardens. The evening is open for sightseeing and dinner on your own. Overnight at the Clarion Plaza Hotel. (B,L)
www.i.orlando.fl.us.departments/leu-gardens.

Friday, April 14

Breakfast will be at the hotel before an 8:00 a.m. departure from the hotel. The first stop will be Tallahassee, Florida, at Goodwood Plantation. The Georgian style main house was built in the 1840s and has recently been restored as a museum. The Tallahassee Area Rose Society has been active in planting and maintaining the rose garden and will host lunch. www.freenet.tlh.fl.us/goodwood

A visit to one or more gardens of local rose society members will be followed by dinner at Nicholson's Farmhouse. The early 1800's family home and restaurant offers a quiet, casual and relaxed setting for a meal. The group will overnight at the Doubletree Hotel in downtown Tallahassee. (B,L,D)

Saturday, April 15

Breakfast and a garden visit at the home of Oline and Reuben Reynolds in Bainbridge, Georgia is scheduled. In the late morning, the bus will leave for Mobile, Alabama, with a visit to Taylor Nursery, hybridizer of the award-winning 'Fairhope' miniature rose. Overnight at the Holiday Inn Bellingrath. (B,L,D)

Sunday, April 16

Breakfast at the hotel before departing to visit the Bellingrath Gardens. Located on 65 acres of landscaped beauty, this home is on the National Register of Historic Places. A visit to a private garden will be made before arriving at the Sheraton Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana. The evening is open to enjoy the food and sights of the city. (B,L) www.bellingrath.org

Monday, April 17

Following breakfast, visits to a private garden and historic Longue Vue House and Garden in New Orleans will be made before proceeding to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where two additional visits to gardens are planned. Overnight at the Radisson Hotel. (B,L,D) www.longuevue.com

Tuesday, April 18

After breakfast at the hotel, we proceed to Beaumont, Texas. The Golden Triangle Rose Society will host lunch, and two garden visits are scheduled. Plans are to reach the convention hotel, the JW Marriott in Houston, Texas, in the late afternoon. (BL)

B (breakfast); L (lunch); D (dinner)

COST

US \$1,159 per person double occupancy

US \$1,524 per person single occupancy

If you wish to sightsee in the Orlando area, such as visits to Walt Disney World, Universal Studio, or Seaworld, special rates at the Clarion Plaza for April 9-11 are available through the Travel Center.

TOUR INCLUDES:

Motor coach transfer between the Orlando International Airport and Clarion Plaza Hotel, motor coach travel within and between Orlando, Florida and Houston, Texas with the services of a tour escort; twin bedded accommodations with private bath; 15 meals as listed; the handling of two bags per person; and taxes.

DEPOSIT:

A deposit of US \$300 is required to hold a reservation. Early reservations are recommended, as space is limited. Payment may be made by check in US Dollars, or credit card.

FINAL PAYMENT:

Due by February 1, 2000

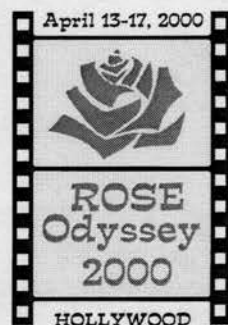
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Rose Odyssey 2000

April 13-18, 2000
In Hollywood, California

CONVENERS:

Dr. Tommy Cairns and Luis Desamero
Tinseltown Rose Society

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

Arrival - Attendees should plan to arrive on Thursday afternoon, April 13th, to stay at the world famous Beverly Garland Holiday Inn near Universal Studios Hollywood. Enjoy the Welcoming Reception planned as part of the American Rose Society Pacific Southwest District Convention & Rose Show. (D)

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

Rose Show at Hotel - Breakfast, followed by a wonderful competitive rose show. This show is regarded as a premier rose event, attracting rose exhibitors from California, Arizona, New Mexico, and Nevada, and will be followed by educational lectures by international experts. Day ends with a night on your own at Universal Studios and the famous Universal City Walk. (B)

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

Garden Tour Day - After breakfast, attendees will be taken by bus to Huntington Botanical Gardens, Descanso International Rosarium, where they can view another competitive rose show. Tour Rose Hills Memorial Park, boasting 25,000 roses, plus several private rose gardens. Day culminates in the Awards Banquet of the ARS Pacific Southwest District, hotel site, with a special after dinner speaker. (B,L,D) www.huntington.org

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

Trip to Getty Museum - After breakfast, attendees will visit the newly opened world class Getty Museum to enjoy not only the horticultural and architectural excellence of this structure, but also the vast collection of art treasures from all cultures and countries. In the evening, attendees will be treated to a gala dinner at a famous restaurant in Hollywood. (B,D) www.getty.edu

MONDAY, APRIL 17

Special Field Trip - After an early breakfast, transportation is provided to the commercial rose fields of Wasco, California (about a 100-mile journey) where, each year, more than 25 million rosebushes are grown in this quiet hamlet just north of Bakersfield, California. On the trip through the fields, visitors will see many of the newer varieties planned for introduction within the next few years. In the early evening, attend the inaugural opening of the Arena Rose Garden in Paso Robles, followed by dinner. (B,L,D)

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TUESDAY, APRIL 18

Departure - After breakfast, depart for Houston, Texas, and the 12th World Rose Convention. (B)
B (breakfast); L (lunch); D (dinner)

REGISTRATION NOTES:

- ☆ Attendees are responsible for air travel to and from Los Angeles.
- ☆ Attendees are responsible for air travel to and from Houston.
- ☆ Attendees are responsible for local transportation from airport to hotel on arrival and departure.
- ☆ Reservations must be made before March 1, 2000
- ☆ Arrival at Los Angeles international airport - Hotel is about 25 miles from airport
- ☆ Arrival at Hollywood Burbank airport - Hotel provides a free shuttle service

COSTS:

US \$ 650.00 per person double occupancy
US \$ 895.00 per person single occupancy

TOUR INCLUDES:

Tour arrangements are under the personal supervision of Dr. Tommy Cairns, Editor of *World Rose News* and the current vice-president/president-elect of the American Rose Society, and Luis Desamero, chairman of the ARS Award of Excellence Committee. Services of tour escorts from the Tinseltown Rose Society, local transportation to all events, hotel accommodations with private bath in a superior class hotel, continental breakfast each morning, lunches and dinners as listed.

PAYMENT:

Full payment is required at time of booking the tour. Early reservations are highly recommended as space is limited. Payment must be made in US dollars to 'Tinseltown Rose Society'. Credit cards are not accepted.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

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- Between March 13, 2000 and April 1, 2000, FORFEIT 75% of payment;

NO REFUNDS for cancellations received after April 1, 2000.

Everything's Coming Up Roses

April 25-27, 2000
In Texas & Louisiana

Tuesday, APRIL 25

Tyler, Texas - Our group will depart Houston the morning of day one to motor through the lush pine forested hills of East Texas to Tyler, Texas, one of the leading centers of rose production in the United States.

Tyler Rose Museum and Gardens - In the gardens we will view over 30,000 bushes exhibiting over 400 varieties of roses. Next, we explore the Tyler Rose Museum. The museum features interactive exhibits that capture the excitement of the Rose Festival and the crowning of the Rose Queen.

Tour of Certified Roses, Inc. - America's largest grower of standard tree roses and patio tree roses, Certified Roses' products grown both here and in Arizona and California, are processed and shipped from this facility. See their modern, state of the art, scientific growing methods; used in introducing new varieties from around the world. (L)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

Shreveport, Louisiana - Shreveport is the home of the American Rose Society, where our guests will continue their journey on day two of our tour through some of the South's most beautiful countryside to enjoy Louisiana-style cuisine and hospitality.

The Gardens of the American Rose Center - Surrounded by towering pines, The Gardens of the American Rose Center, is America's largest park dedicated to this nation's flower, the rose. Seminars, special programs, and speakers will be here for your enjoyment during the Annual First Bloom Celebration. Here, we delight in the extraordinary beauty of nature at its best. Bubbling fountains and over 20,000 magnificent roses and companion plants are beautifully exhibited in 60 separate gardens. (B, D) www.ars.org

Thursday, April 27

Hodges Gardens, Louisiana - On the morning of day three en route to Houston, we will depart Shreveport to visit the nation's largest privately owned horticultural parkland and wildlife refuge.

Hodges Gardens - A unique scenic terraced garden, Hodges is a showcase of many species of flora in a picturesque setting of streams, waterfalls and a 225-acre lake. Our horticulturist guide will show us many intriguing sites in the gardens including the Old Fashioned Rose Garden, the Grandiflora Rose Garden and Rose Point, where roses mixed with azaleas reside along the water's edge. (B, L). www.hodgesgardens.qpg.com

B (breakfast); L (lunch); D (dinner)

REGISTRATION NOTES:

- Tour departs from the JW Marriott hotel on Tuesday and returns to the JW Marriott hotel on Thursday.
- Attendee is responsible for reservations at the JW Marriott upon return and will be given the convention rate if booked in advance.
- Attendee is responsible for expenses and arrangements upon return to Houston

COST:

US \$ 339.00 per person double occupancy
US \$ 439.00 per person single occupancy
US \$ 299.00 per person triple occupancy
US \$ 279.00 per person quad occupancy

TOUR INCLUDES:

- Transportation on deluxe motorcoaches, with a Tours by Design Tour Director on each coach
- Lodging: two nights at the Sheraton Shreveport Hotel with round trip portage
- Meals and Entertainment:
 - Day One - Luncheon of Northern Italian cuisine at Mansion on the Hill in Tyler
 - Days Two and Three - Full-American breakfast buffets at the hotel in Shreveport
 - Day Two - Dinner at an authentic Cajun restaurant with live blues and jazz music in Shreveport
 - Day Three - Luncheon feast of Roast Beef Aujus at Emerald Hills Resort near Hodges Gardens
- All gratuities

DEPOSITS:

A deposit of US \$50.00 per person is required to hold a reservation. Full payment at the time of booking is encouraged. Early reservations are recommended, as space is limited. Payment may be made by check, cashier's check or money order in US Dollars, or credit card.

FINAL PAYMENT

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Hotel Room Booking: Single Double Need a Roommate (if available)? Yes No Male Female Age: _____

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ROSE ODYSSEY 2000

Hollywood, California, USA • April 13-18, 2000

Registration Form (mail or fax)

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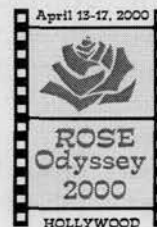
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Texas / Louisiana USA • April 25-27, 2000

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Phone Home: _____ Work: _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

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Hotel Room Booking: Single Double Triple Quad

Name(s) of Roommates: _____

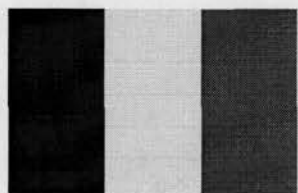
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Asociatia Amicii Rozelor din Romania

DR. ING. STEFAN WAGNER
Redactor responsabil

The last year was one of the most beneficial for the evolution of our only 8 year old association, because the membership has increased with about 300 new members, reaching at the moment the amount of about 1400. Beside this, we have got a sponsorship from a Civil Foundation and due that we could buy a computer and a printer of very good quality. The next step is to connect us to the InterNet.

Last year, in the 5 district societies we organized 4 pruning demonstrations, 2 rose exhibitions, 4 slide projections about the New Zealand and Benelux Rose Conventions and we lend many books and reviews from our library and gave advises for amateurs and rose professionalists.

We have a review, the *ROSARIUM*, which appears twice a year and is distributed only for members and about 20 Rose Societies in the World, with the aim of change of publications. There are a lot of societies which are sending very regularly their publications but I must say that there are some others which does not give a big importance to this. I think that the change of publications is a very important thing because we can learn always something from the activity of the sister-societies.

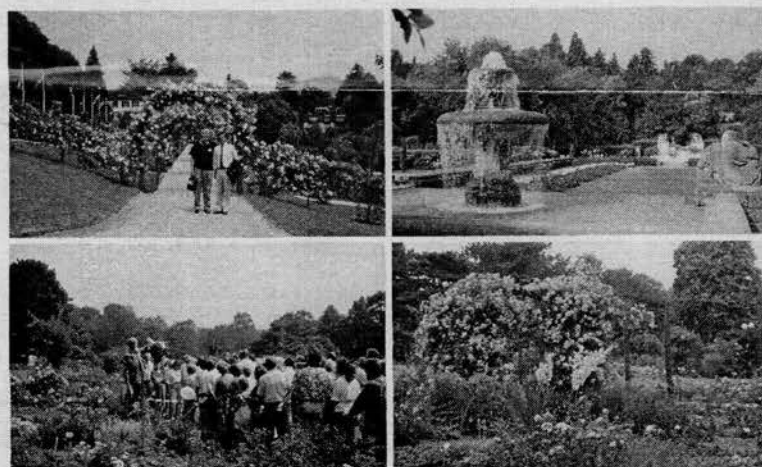
In this year we want to create new district societies, to raise the membership, to have good contacts with the authorities for using more and more roses in the public green zones and to improve our contacts with the WFRS and other societies.

ROSARIUM

BULETINUL ASOCIAȚIEI "AMICII ROZELOR DIN ROMÂNIA"
membră a Federației Mondiale a Societăților de Roze

Nr. 1 - 1999 (Anul IX - Nr. 17)

In acest număr prezentăm o asociație-soră, Prietenii Rozelor din Germania, prin articolul președintelui actual, B. Weigel. Un articol mai amplu despre trandafirii urcători, rămași aproape uitați și unul mai mic privind modalitatea de susținere ale acestora completează partea de specialitate a revistei. Interesantă este și scrierea privind simbolistica trandafirului și folosirea lui pe diferite monede, steaguri etc. Noutățile de pretutindeni și capitolele Diverse întregesc noul nostru număr pe care vi-l recomandăm să-l citiți din "scoarță-n scoarță"...



Coperta noastră prezintă aspecte din rozarii germane vestite: frumoasele pergole de pe Dealul Beutig, din Baden-Baden unde are loc, anual, Concursul Internațional al Noutăților (1). O frumoasă cascadă domină rozariul Gönneranlage din centrul orașului Baden-Baden (2). Peste 100 mii de vizitatori își delectează anual ochii la Sangerhausen, în cel mai mare rozariu din lume (3). Un colț cu trandafiri urcători în Rozariul German din Dortmund, cu un patrimoniu de peste 3200 de soiuri (4). Fotografii realizate de St. Wagner, în ani diferiți.

EDITOR: In each edition of their bulletin there is "The English Summary of the Issue". Fellow Editors consider offering an exchange of bulletins with Dr. Wagner and be informed of rose news in distant countries.

Rose Activities during 1998

LA BARONNE MARIE-LOUISE VELGE
WFRS Vice President, Europe

"PLAQUE OF MERIT" PRESENTATION AT HEX CASTLE

In the beginning of June, the organizing party of the Benelux Convention undertook to gather at Hex Castle an important group of international delegates of the WFRS. We noticed the presence of our President Helga Brichet, the three Vice Presidents for Europe and our Honorary Treasurer J. Naylor, two past Presidents: Baroness Lily de Gerlache de Gomery and Dick Balfour. Their presence gave us the opportunity to organize an executive meeting on the spot during which several important items were discussed.

The big surprise of the day was the presence of her Majesty the Queen of the Belgians at the ceremony of handing over the "WFRS Plaque of Merit" to Count Ghislain d'Ursel. This was done by the Chairman of the Award Committee, Milly Weyermann.

HRH Princess de Ligne, past vice-president of Europe attended this ceremony. She is very active in the Belgian Rose Society and we are honored and pleased by the interest she shows for our activities.

Amongst our foreign hosts I would like to mention, the president of the Royal National Rose Society, Michael O'Loughlin, the

Secretary General of Pakistan National Rose Society, Lt. Col. S.A. Shakoor and his wife, Dr. Mahmooda Hashmi.

The "Asociacion Uruguay de la Rosa" was represented by Mrs. Mercedes Villar. France was represented by Mme Jacqueline Humery and the USA by Mrs. Sharon van Enoo, who was honored by the christening of a rose created by L. Lens. It is a lovely mochata rose named 'Sharon's Love'. We also enjoyed the presence of



Attending the presentation (from left to right):
Lt. Col Rein Lae Solberg, La Baronne Marie-Louise Velge, Helga Brichet and Bernd Weigel.

Mariette Edelman, president of the "Nederlandse Rozenvereniging" and Baroness Antoine de Schorlemer, President of the "Letzeburger Reuzefrenn".

I would like to recall that it was the Luxemburg delegation who presented Hex Castle gardens at the contest for the "WFRS Plaque of Merit", and by doing so contributed to the well deserved success of Hex, which is a beautiful park with a wonderful collection of ancient and modern roses. The official ceremony was followed by a lunch offered by Count and Countess d'Ursel in their ravishing castle. The atmosphere was relaxed and the food superb.

France is also a very active rosarians' country with very famous names. The headquarters of the National Society are located in Lyon, where an important contest is organized every year on the first weekend of June. On June 18th the new roses contest at Bagatelle (Paris) brings every year together a great number of national and international rosarians. It is a high quality contest, but the rainy spring in Europe brought some damage to many roses making the task of the judges a difficult one. A few days later la "Societe Alsacienne et Lorraine des Amis des Roses" celebrated it's centenary, a very well organized and successful weekend. The president, A. Merckling, deserves a warm applause.

End of June, a very well known international rose contest takes place in the "Kortrijk's" rose garden. This activity is supported by the Westflanders Province. This trial is attended by many international rosarians and we all enjoy after work an excellent lunch. My activities in July started with the beautiful "Salon de la Rose" in St. Hubert, a charming little town in the heart of the Ardennes perfectly chosen for a rose exhibition as it is the birth-place of the flower painter, J. Redoute. We welcomed 4,000

enthusiastic visitors. This exhibition is the main activity of the Belgian Society and takes place yearly in a different city.

"Vrijbroekpark" contest in The Hague was, as every year, very well organized by Mariette Edelman, President of the Dutch Rose Society. The quality of the flowers as well as the standing of the guests makes the "Vrijbroekpark" contest, a place to be each year.

The Polish National Society organizes yearly in July a rose exhibition in Warsaw. It was again a great success. Fifteen thousand people attended, which shows the great interest the Poles take in roses.

The Hellenic Rose Society created a fine rose garden at Schinos of which it's President, D. Constantinou, is rightly very proud of.

It is also worthwhile mentioning that our Spanish friends organize yearly a rose contest in June in Madrid, which also attracts great crowds.

In August several members of the WFRS Executive Committee met informally at St. Albans in order to become acquainted with each other and to exchange views concerning the future of the WFRS. Early September an international new rose contest takes place in Le Roeulx (Belgium). Renovating works are in progress and the weather was rather poor. We could nevertheless judge the roses of which 40 % are perfumed.

As a continuation of the Benelux Convention of 1997, the Congress Committee supported a project on which we have our heart set, namely commemorative memorial in the rose garden of Enghien to commemorate the roses of Parmentier, one of our greatest rosarians. He was indeed born in this city.

The Netherlands and Luxemburg's will also realize a project to commemorate the Benelux Convention in their own country.

In November the first South American Regional Conference took place in Uruguay. It gathered representatives of 15 different countries and was a great success. I have no regret to have experienced such a long journey, as we discovered in Punta del Este, an extremely dynamic and most friendly rose society. This trip was the final point of a year full of attractive events related to our most preferred flower "The Rose".



Rosarium Westbroekpark, Den Haag, Scheveningen

The Lifetime Achievements of Ralph S. Moore

DR. TOMMY CAIRNS
ARS Vice President

Creator, Dreamer, Great Composer ... are all terms that have been used to describe the herculean contributions of Ralph S. Moore to the development of modern miniature roses. Heralded by his peers in the world of rose hybridizing as "The Father of Modern Miniature Roses", Ralph began growing rose while still in high school.

Sixty years ago Ralph Moore started Sequoia Nursery in Visalia, a then sleepy hamlet just south of Fresno, California.

His grandfather was credited with teaching the young Ralph the art of propagation from cuttings rather than via the traditional budding techniques.

This habit caused Ralph to search for breeding stock that would impact more hardy, disease resistant characteristics as well as be easily propagated from cuttings.

In 1935 Ralph Moore began experimenting with two miniatures, 'R. Roulettii' and 'Oakington Ruby', and a polyantha, 'Etoile Luisante'.

From the very outset of his career, Ralph was completely devoted to the concept of producing miniature roses in a wide diversity of color and form with a pleasing low bush habit to equal the traits of the popular hybrid teas and floribundas. For the past sixty years, Ralph Moore has achieved all of his goals and this report stands as overwhelming evidence of his successes.

STATISTICS OF HIS BREEDING PROGRAM

The official registration files maintained by the American Rose Society list more than 300 miniatures hybridized by Ralph Moore plus 15 floribundas, 8 hybrid teas, 9 shrubs, 6 ramblers, 3 polyanthas and 7 Old Garden Roses. His first efforts at hybridizing were 'Baby Mine' and 'Shelby Wallace' in 1929. Table 1 contains the complete chronological listing of Ralph's monumental production over the last 60 years.

SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS

Over the span of 60 years Ralph Moore has made many varied and useful discoveries about breeding miniature roses. With limited space, the following events are considered among his most important contributions.

The Birth of 'Zee'

One of his first seedlings, 'Carolyn Dean', a coppery pink five petaled rambler born from a cross of 'Etoile Luisante' with another one of his seedlings, 'Sierra Snowstorm', a light yellow shrub was deliberately crossed with 'Tom Thumb', one of the first of the modern miniature roses introduced by de Vink in 1936. The result was a climbing miniature with medium pink buds opening to a clear pink flower with about 30 petals which he called

'Zee'. Although Ralph never formally introduced 'Zee' for sale, he had discovered that crossing a rambler with a miniature not only produced some seedlings with a climbing habit, but also a good proportion of true bush miniature habit. 'Zee', of course, has had an illustrious career as pollen parent producing for Ralph Moore more than 30 offspring some with climbing habit such as 'Candy Cane', 'Pink Cameo' and 'Work of Art'. In the bush class, 'Zee' was pollen parent to a large number of miniatures where 'Golden Glow' was the seed parent - 'Little Scotch', 'Easter Morning', 'White King', 'Yellow Doll', 'Peachy', 'Mary Adiar', 'Jackie', 'Sundust', and 'Polka Dot'.



Improving Ease of Propagation

There can be no doubt Ralph Moore has succeeded in his original dream of sixty years ago to pass on genetic traits that would permit ease of propagation from cuttings. He attributes this success in his program to a key seedling cross between 'R. wichuraiana' and 'Floradora'. Using the cluster flowering rambler species, 'R. wichuraiana' he succeeded in transmitting to modern miniature roses the ability to root faster from cuttings. This seedling has been used extensively in his breeding program (almost 60 times) to produce such varieties as the orange red miniature 'New Penny', a key parent used by Sam McGredy in his miniature program), the white five petaled 'Simplex', 'Green Ice', the climbing 'Red Cascade' and the micro-miniature 'Trinket'.

This aspect of Ralph's achievements is often taken for granted, but it is an indisputable fact most of the modern miniatures derived their hardiness and propagation qualities from the pioneering work of Ralph Moore.

'Little Darling' - A Genetic Goldmine

By far the most successful mother of modern miniatures has been 'Little Darling', a floribunda released in 1956 by Carl Deursen of California. Ralph Moore realized the potential of this perfectly formed flower in an attempt to pass on the desirable genetic traits of exquisite hybrid tea form. Using 'Little Darling' as a seed parent proved to be a treasure trove. Ralph produced many exhibition varieties such as 'Mary Marshall', 'Ann Moore', 'Millie Walters', and 'Baby Darling' from this winning parent. Many of his crosses using 'Little Darling' won him accolades as Award of Excellence varieties - 'Judy Fisher', 'Magic Carrousel', 'Toy Clown', 'Over The Rainbow', 'Rise 'n' Shine' and 'Peachy White'. Ralph has produced 19 AOE winners since the inception of the ARS program in 1975. In the case of 'Rise 'n' Shine' other breeders have used it extensively (well over 100 times as it been a direct seed parent) in their miniature rose programs to pass on not only the deep yellow color but also its rich genealogy (see chart). Two other varieties used extensively by other hybridizers have been 'Sheri Anne' (mother to over 80+ varieties) and 'Fairy Moss' (mother to over 50+ new varieties).

The legacy of this achievement was to provide the world of miniature rose hybridizers a bank of genetic material representing all that was desirable in color, form and habit.

Choice of Seed Parents

Perhaps the most educational view of Ralph's achievements is to interrogate his wise choice of seed parents during his hybridizing career spanning 60 years. This tapestry of diversity illustrates a keen observance of strengths and desirable traits in developing a hybridizing program and sums up his lifetime work.

SEED PARENT	TIMES USED
['R. Wichuraiana' x 'Floradora']	57
'Little Darling'	43
'Golden Glow'	23
'Fairy Moss'	13
'Anytime'	12
'Little Chief'	10
'Rumba'	10
'Orangeade'	10
'Sheri Anne'	9
['Little Darling' x 'Yellow Magic']	8
Pink Petticoat	8
Ellen Poulsen	7

Striped Miniature Roses

Ralph Moore wrote once that "for a long time, in fact, ever since I was a small child, rainbows have fascinated me. So is it any wonder that my fancy has been captured by striped roses". Therefore, it was not surprising that he embarked upon a quest to produce a striped miniature rose. His search began by crossing 'Little Darling' with 'Ferdinand Prichard' which produced 29 seedlings, all climbers except two. The seedling identified as 'stripe #14' proved to be the first step in evolving striped miniatures. Using 'Little Chief' as the seed parent and 'striped #14' as the pollen

parent, Ralph produced the first striped miniature. It was destined to become 'Stars 'n' Stripes' and just in time to help celebrate the bicentennial of the USA in 1976. However, the cross between 'Fairy Moss' and 'striped #26' produced a key seedling, called 'striped #33' which has been responsible for most of the striped miniatures we enjoy today - 'Crazy Quilt', 'Strawberry Swirl', 'Strange Music' and 'Earthquake'.

This striped seedling #33 was also responsible for producing the miniature 'Pinstripe' featured as a grandparent in the genealogy of the recent AARS floribunda winner, 'Scentimental', demonstrating the successful transmission of its striped qualities into large roses.

Miniature Moss Roses

Over the span of 25 years, Ralph Moore struggled with solving the problem of how to introduce the moss rose characteristics of the one blooming OGRs to recurrent miniature roses. The breakthrough occurred in the production of 'Fairy Moss' in 1969 by crossing a seedling ['Pinocchio' x 'William Lobb'] with 'New Penny'. This achievement fulfilled his dream to produce a long line of recurrent blooming moss miniature roses.

Naming Varieties

Ralph has always had a propensity to name roses for his friends and family or a logical name to describe his latest creation. Among his 300 plus miniatures you will find a large number named for prominent rose people - 'Rose Gilardi', 'Don Marshall', 'Anita Charles', 'Annette Dobbs'.

Genealogy

Ralph Moore's pre-occupation with creating modern miniature was often interrupted by his desire to producing something new in the evolutionary history of the rose. Perhaps the best examples of his innovative talents were the production of 'Linda Campbell' in 1990. Using his five petaled orange miniature, 'Anytime', produced in 1973 which carried all the genetic properties derived from the cross of ['R. wichuraiana' x 'Floradora'], Ralph crossed it with *Rugosa Magnifica* to produce a stunning new entry into the hybrid rugosa class which he named for the late 'Linda Campbell'.

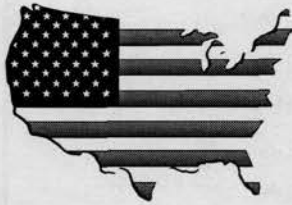
CONCLUSIONS

Any attempt to sum up the diversity and depth of Ralph Moore's contributions to the development of modern miniatures would be lacking several necessary ingredients for success - human perseverance, overwhelming desire, persistence and above all else the talent to dream. Ralph Moore can be compared to the great musical composers - he has brought to life many great compositions that will transcend the rigors of time. His place in rose history is well deserved. His modest character, however, will only admit to having played a significant role. Ralph, from miniature rose enthusiasts from all over the world, we owe you a great thanks for your lifetime of achievements in developing miniature roses.

RALPH S. MOORE

"The great wisdom to dream
The greater courage to act"

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Top U.S. Exhibition Roses of 1998

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Reports on 268 U.S. rose shows were submitted to and compiled by the American Rose Society in 1998, the results of which have been reported in its quarterly publication, Rose Exhibitors' Forum. This represents an estimated 90% of the shows held on the local, District and National level during the year

INTRODUCTION

The classes represented in U.S. rose shows are fairly uniform, a circumstance attributed to the availability of standardized ARS certificates for award at the shows. For Hybrid Teas (Large Flowered Roses) U.S. shows customarily award the designation of Queen, King and Princess of Show, respectively, to the top three individual specimens. Some shows add a Duke of Show and most shows also add a Court of Honor consisting of three to six additional blooms of merit. National and District Shows also customarily offer challenge classes calling for entries consisting of a collection of three or more individual hybrid tea blooms.

Set forth below is a tabulation of the top exhibition hybrid teas for 1998, based on a point system (described below) which allows points for all roses awarded royalty designations, those appearing in the Court of Honor and those appearing in National and District challenge classes.

LARGE-FLOWERED ROSES

Leading the list is 'Touch of Class', which has held the position of the top U.S. exhibition rose for many years. Although several of the challengers have recorded more Queens in recent years, 'Touch of Class' remained a strong contender for Queen with 10 in 1998 and is especially strong in challenge classes.

Moving into second place for 1998 is 'Louise Estes' which recorded 14 Queens in 1998, third for the year and was also strong in the Court and in challenge classes. In third place is 'Uncle Joe' (also known as 'Toro') which, although the oldest rose in the list, continues to be a strong contender for Queen with 15 recorded in 1998.

The exhibition strength of new introductions was demonstrated by 1996 AARS winner 'St. Patrick' which finished fifth, followed by 'Signature'. Of particular interest was the 10th place finish by the 1998 introduction 'Moonstone', a remarkable result for the first year of introduction. 'Moonstone' is a cross of 'Crystalline' and 'Lynn Anderson' both of which also appeared in the top ten. Of interest, the most Queens for the year was recorded by 'Crystalline' with 17. 'Raphaella', a recently introduced florist rose, appeared on the list for the first time in the 13th position.

MINIATURE ROSES

The awards given for miniature roses in U.S. shows follow the same regimen as the hybrid teas. Set forth below is a tabulation of the top miniature roses for exhibition based on the same point scale.

Leading the list of miniatures is 'Fairhope' which has held this position for many years. 'Fairhope' also recorded the most number of Queens in 1998 with 34, continuing a pattern that has existed for the past five years. In second place, both in points and in the number of Queens (26) is 'Irresistible' which has been bridesmaid to 'Fairhope' throughout its run of success.

Making a very strong showing in 1998 was 'Miss Flippins', a 1997 introduction with only limited distribution in its first year. Its third place finish in 1998, and 19 Queens for the year, marks it as contender to unseat one or both of the top two. The 1994 Award of Excellence winner, 'Hot Tamale' also recorded a strong showing finishing fourth. Another new miniature emerging as a contender in 1998 was 'Glowing Amber' which appeared in the 11th position.



'Moonstone', (WEKcryland),
['Crystalline x 'Lynn Anderson'],
Carruth, Weeks Roses, 1999

CLUSTERED FLOWERED ROSES

Among the floribundas U.S. shows typically offer awards to the best cluster as well as the best single stem specimen. The tables below show separately the rankings of floribundas based on the number of trophy-winning entries in 1998.

Among the floribundas shown as clusters, the ranking reveals a tie for first place between 'Sexy Rexy' and 'Showbiz', followed by the single-petalled varieties 'Playgirl' and 'Playboy' in 3rd and 4th place, respectively. In the single bloom specimens, the leader is 'Kanegem', classified as a floribunda in the U.S. but as a hybrid tea elsewhere in the world. 'Playboy' shows its versatility here, being tied for 2nd place with 'Nicole'.

In other classes, the climber 'Altissimo' continues to dominate in its class as does the polyantha 'The Fairy' in its class. U.S. shows also now customarily offer two awards for the shrub classifications, both for classic and modern shrubs. Among the latter, the roses 'Sally Holmes' and 'Graham Thomas' topped the winners in 1998. Old Garden Roses are also well represented in U.S. shows led in 1998 by 'Sombreuil' and 'Rose de Rescht'.

The large number of shows and the great variety of roses displayed is indicative of the continuing interest in exhibiting roses in the U.S. and the support provided to exhibitors by the American Rose Society.

Points Scoring System

Points in the scoring were allowed at 6 for Queen, 5 for King, 4 for Princess and 3 for each rose in the Court or a challenge class.

Best U.S. Hybrid Tea Exhibition Roses in 1998

1	Touch of Class	1984	354
2	Louise Estes	1991	293
3	Uncle Joe	1972	275
4	St. Patrick	1996	268
5	Signature	1996	248
6	Crystalline	1986	228
7	Dublin	1983	218
8	Lynn Anderson	1994	182
9	Olympiad	1984	166
10	Moonstone	1998	159
11	Elina	1985	143
12	Elizabeth Taylor	1986	117
13	Raphaela	1994	117
14	Folklore	1977	112
15	Suffolk	1983	111
16	Keepsake	1981	109

Best U.S. Miniature Exhibition Roses in 1998

1	Fairhope	1989	481
2	Irresistible	1990	401
3	Miss Flippins	1997	335
4	Hot Tamale	1994	302
5	Kristin	1992	276
6	Jean Kenneally	1984	266
7	Incognito	1995	230
8	Pierrine	1988	225
9	Minnie Pearl	1982	183
10	Luis Desamero	1989	159
11	Glowing Amber	1996	149
12	Linville	1989	147
13	Chelsea Belle	1991	144
14	Child's Play	1991	143
15	Fancy Pants	1987	123

Best U.S. Floribunda (CF) Exhibition Roses, Clusters in 1998

1	Sexy Rexy	1984	24
1	Showbiz	1981	24
3	Playgirl	1986	19
4	Playboy	1976	15
5	Europeana	1963	13
6	Lavaglut	1979	9
6	Nicole	1985	9

Best U.S. Floribunda (CF) Exhibition Roses, Single Specimen in 1998

1	Kanegem	1982	20
2	Nicole	1985	16
2	Playboy	1976	16
4	French Lace	1980	11
5	Scentimental	1996	9
5	Summer Fashion	1986	9
7	Natali	1981	8



Review: New Zealand Rose Trial Grounds

LOIS TABB

WFRS Vice President, Australasia

In New Zealand roses are under trial at two distinct types of trial grounds the first in Palmerston North where the roses are judged by a panel of judges at three week intervals approximately over a three year period and the second in Auckland where they are judged one day during the November flowering.

It is interesting to note that whilst one trial judging covers a three year growing period and the other only judging on one day of two year old bushes during the shorter time, since the 9 years the Auckland Trial has been in operation similar roses have received awards there to those trialled in Palmerston North under different conditions for the three year period.

Whilst the majority of roses on trial are actually released here for sale unfortunately some of the more promising cultivars are not and are left to dwell in obscurity with just a code number as their final epitaph - pity, really.

NEW ZEALAND INTERNATIONAL ROSE TRIAL GROUND AT THE PALMERSTON NORTH

The establishment of the New Zealand International Rose Trial Ground in 1969 followed discussions by the National Rose Society over many years. After many possible sites were considered, Palmerston North was chosen as being geographically central and its climate being neither too hot nor too cold to disadvantage rose breeders in the northern and southern areas of New Zealand.

The National Rose Society was fortunate that the then President, Mr Doug Butcher, had visited a number of overseas Trial Grounds, and his enthusiasm was more than equalled by that of Council member John Simpson, a noted local rose grower and hybridizer, (husband of Nola Simpson our most prolific and successful amateur hybridist to this day).

Arrangements were made with the Palmerston North City Council for the site to adjoin the Dugald McKenzie Memorial Rose Garden in the Palmerston North Esplanade, and the Trial Ground is most capably maintained by the PNCC Parks and Reserves staff. A local committee was set up by the Manawatu Rose Society, representing the National Rose Society under whose auspices the Trial Ground operates. The aim then, as it is now, was to test, under similar conditions, new roses from hybridizers world-wide, sports of roses, and to encourage New Zealand hybridizers to submit seedlings for trial.

The planting of the first Trial entries occurred in 1969, and over the past 30 years many beautiful varieties have been judged by rosarians from District Rose Societies, and won awards. The rose awarded the highest points by the judges receives the *Gold Star of the South Pacific*, while the *Silver Star of the City of Palmerston North* goes to the best amateur-bred rose on trial, and Certificates of Merit are awarded to all roses which receive more than 70 points in the Trial. The co-operation and hard work of the PNCC staff continues, and is much appreciated by the National Rose Society Trial Ground Committee. Under the auspices of the National Rose Society of NZ there is also a NZ Rose Breeders Association which publishes a quarterly newsletter 'Koro' and also presents awards for classes of new introductions at our National Rose Shows.

When one reads the list of various winners of the Gold Star, Silver Star and Certificates of Merits in past years, New Zealand has been very fortunate that through their agents many international hybridizers have entered their new roses in this trial. Looking back over the past 30 years just some of the names of previous award winners reads like a veritable "Who's Who" - roses which have received international fame throughout the world and just some of these are listed in the table.

R.I.N.Z. ROSE DISPLAY TRIAL

AT THE AUCKLAND REGIONAL BOTANIC GARDENS

The second Rose Trial Ground in Auckland was established in 1988 as a joint venture with the Rose Introducers of New Zealand, an organization which represents the world's rose breeders. New cultivars, donated by R.I.N.Z. are planted each year and become eligible for judging in the second year. This garden contains over 6200 roses representing 284 different modern rose cultivars.

At a judging function in November each year, the Auckland Rose of the Year is selected by a panel of celebrities and more experienced rose growers as the overall winner with the highest number of points from the following categories: Best Hybrid Tea, Best Floribunda, Best Miniature or Patio, Best Climber and Best Ground Cover or Shrub. The most fragrant rose is also chosen. Previous Auckland Rose of the Year winners are listed in the table.

**NZ International Rose Trial Grounds
at Palmerston North**

City of Belfast	1969	McGredy, N. Ireland
Olympic Torch	1970	Keisei, Japan
Landora	1973	Tantau, Germany
Westerland	1973	Kordes, Germany
Coventry Cathedral	1974	McGredy, NZ
Friesia	1975	Kordes, Germany
Just Joey	1975	Cants, England
Julischka	1976	Tantau, Germany
Trumpeter	1977	McGredy, NZ
Strawberry Ice	1978	Delbard, France
Velvet Lustre	1978	J. Simpson NZ
Te Moana	1981	J. Simpson NZ
Silver Jubilee	1981	Cocker, Scotland
Margaret Merrill	1982	Harkness, England
Gold Medal	1983	Christensen, USA
Loving Memory	1983	Kordes, Germany
Sexy Remy	1984	McGredy, NZ
Sierra Sunrise	1984	Moore, USA
Heart Throb	1984	Harkness, England
Cockers Amber	1985	Cocker, Scotland
Playboy	1985	Cocker, Scotland
Hot Chocolate	1986	N. Simpson, NZ
Elina (Peaudouce)	1987	Dickson, N. Ireland
Ingrid Bergman	1987	Poulsen, Denmark
Amber Queen	1988	Harkness, England
Raspberry Ice	1988	Kordes, Germany
Remuera	1989	McGredy, NZ
Whiteout	1989	McGredy, NZ
Class Act	1990	Warriner, USA
Aotearoa-New Zealand	1990	McGredy, NZ
Integrity (Savoy Hotel)	1990	Harkness, England
Fosters Wellington Cup	1991	McGredy, NZ
Cameo Cream	1991	Meilland, France
Enchantment	1992	Olesen, Denmark
City of London	1992	Harkness, England
Sheila's Perfume	1993	Sheridan, England
Warm Welcome	1994	Warner, England
Milky Way	1994	Ilsink, Holland
Patio Honey	1995	Warner, England
Aorangi	1995	Sandbrook, NZ
Beauty Star	1995	Fryer, England
Good as Gold	1996	Warner, England
The McCartney Rose	1996	Meilland, France
Anniversary	1997	Matthews, NZ
Dusky Dancer	1997	Fryer, England
Taffeta	1998	Warner, England
Blackberry Nip	1998	Somerfield, NZ
Goldfinch	1998	Ilsink, Holland

**RINZ Rose Display Trials at the Auckland
Regional Botanic Gardens, Manurewa**

Aotearoa-New Zealand	1990	McGredy, NZ
Sexy Remy	1991	McGredy, NZ
Little Opal	1992	Schuurman, NZ
Dublin Bay	1993	McGredy, NZ
Eldorado	1994	Christensen, USA
Sequoia Gold	1995	Moore, USA
Sunnyside	1996	Poulsen, Denmark
Enchantment	1997	Poulsen, Denmark



'Aotearoa-New Zealand' (MACgenev)
['Harmonie x Auckland Metro'], McGredy, 1995



'Sheila's Perfume', (HARsherry)
['Peer Gynt' x ('Daily Sketch' x ('Paddy McGredy'
x Prima Ballerina'))], Sheridan/Harkness, 1985



The Durbanville Rose Garden & Trial Grounds, Cape Town

Helga Brichet
WFRS PRESIDENT

Jan van Riebeeck, first Commander of the Dutch colony of the Cape of Good Hope, dropped anchor in Table Bay on 6th April, 1652. He had precise instructions to build a fort and lay out vegetable and medical gardens to replenish the vessels of the Dutch East India Company on their long haul towards the East in search of lucrative trade.

The gardens were established between the Bay and the Table Mountain and surrounded by ditches to keep out marauding wild animals and thieves; robust bay hedges provided protection from the insidious Southeastern wind.

As early as March, 1657 a large variety of fruit trees, pines, mulberries, raspberries, lavender and roses were ordered from Holland.* Soon, on 1st November, 1659, van Riebeeck recorded in his diary that he had picked the first 'Dutch' rose at the southern-most tip of Africa, where no wild rose had ever bloomed. European immigrants began to flow to the young colony bringing treasured cuttings of their favorite flowers. Trading vessels returning from the Orient off-loaded unknown species and varieties as they had done, too, at the island refreshment-ports of Mauritius and Reunion.

Today Cape Town is renowned worldwide for the National Botanic gardens of South Africa at Kirstenbosch which contains a wondrous collection of indigenous flora and covers 560 hectares. However, from the eastern slopes of Table Mountain, where it is located, one has a fine view across the Cape Flats, linking the peninsula to the mainland and the residential area of Durbanville, where the Rose Garden lies.

The land, three and a half hectares, were made available by the local municipality, which also provided two full-time gardeners and some financial assistance. The first roses were planted in 1979 and the garden was officially opened in November, 1983. Some six thousand rose plants, all donated by the hybridizers participating in the trails, may be admired there.

The rose beds are planted on a gentle slope: pines and eucalypts form a harmonious backdrop, above which tower the ragged, intensely blue peaks of the Hottentot's Holland mountain range. From the main entrance a flagstone path passes beneath a pergola of modern climbers towards a circular pond. On both sides curved beds of vigorous HTs decorate the lawn, where visitors may wander freely.

* More correctly, the United Provinces, whose political structure was reflected in the trading comp-any's structure: "Jan Compagnie" itself was a federation

From the pond two streams trickle down towards the heart of the garden - a superb collection of miniature varieties, perhaps 1500 plants, decorating an informal rockery on three sides, while the central flagstoned area displays numerous 'islands' of colorful minis to advantage.

The whitewashed stone wall of a small and ancient family cemetery in a corner of the garden is an ideal backdrop for a collection of Old Garden Roses interspersed with grey-leaved shrubs and herbs. 'Parson's Pink China' forms a dainty hedge.

The Western Cape Rose Society has constructed a small club-house on the grounds where refreshments are sold to visitors on Sunday afternoons. This society is one of 15 South African Rose Societies and boasts more than 700 members.

The trials grounds were laid out under the leadership of Mr. & Mrs. Lindner in 1981 with a view to assessing new varieties under the local climatic conditions, very different indeed from those of other parts of the country. In fact, these trial grounds, together with those of New Zealand and now Australia, are, to date, the only ones in the southern hemisphere. They cover about half of the total area of the gardens and include areas where winners are displayed in freely curved and looped beds.

In the first year 91 varieties were received from local and foreign breeders, but now varieties are limited to about 50 per year. Four plants per variety are required and judged over a 3 year period by a permanent commission.

The criteria for judging are as follows:

Foliage:	
Growth habit & Vigor	10%
Quality & quantity	10%
Disease resistance	10%
Blooms:	
Floriferousness	10%
Shape of bud & flower	10%
Color	10%
Weather resistance/Self cleaning	10%
General:	
Novelty value	10%
Overall impression	20%

Gold and silver medals and the Perfume Prize are accompanied by cash prizes. When particularly meritorious, the best South African variety will be assigned an award. All varieties with a total of more than 70% receive Trial ground Certificates (TGC). Local breeders,

mostly amateurs, have contributed regularly to the Trials, but the vast majority of varieties come from foreign hybridizers who allow their local representatives to submit them for judgement on their behalf - a great responsibility indeed!

GOLD MEDAL WINNERS (1981-1995)

YEAR PLANTED	VARIETY DENOMINATION	BREEDER
1981	KORwonder (Bella Rosa)	Kordes
1982	MEIalzonite (Lady Meilland)	Meilland
1983	KORtaba (Little Red Hedge)	Kordes
1984	MEIrasimac (Royal Show)	Meilland
1985	Satelite	Delbard
1986	MEIgeroka (Pink La Sevillana)	Meilland
1987	TANmeda (Diadem, Berlin Beauty)	Tantau
1988	TANtide (Glad Tidings)	Tantau
1989	TANelliv (Glow Achievement)	Tantau
1990	MEIronsse (Columbus)	Meilland
1991	MEItolba (Efekto 21)	Meilland
1992	Ficksburg	Delbard
1993	DELserex	Delbard
	AUSmol (Molineux)	Austin
1994	Melrose	Melle Research Station
1995	TAN 91172	Tantau

1999 RESULTS (PLANTED IN 1995)

PLACE	AWARD	VARIETY	BREEDER	TYPE/COLOR	SCORE	PERFUME
1.	Gold Medal	TAN 91172	Tantau	HT, pink	76	60
2.	Silver Medal	Umilo	Meilland	Fl, apricot pink	75	60
3.	TGC	TAN 86394	Tantau	HT, bicolor	74.5	10
4.	TGC + Perfume	TAN 87189	Tantau	HT, red	73.9	74
5.	TGC	Vouvray	Meilland	Min, red	73	0
6.	TGC	TAN 90144	Tantau	Fl, red	72.9	0
7.	TGC	TAN 91070	Tantau	HT, cerise	70.5	10
8.	TGC	G117-92	Interplant	S, light apricot	70	20
9.	TGC	BC 91200621	J & P	Fl, russet lavender	70	20
10.	TGC	BC 9000552	J & P	Fl, pink	70	10
11.	TGC	TAN 8960	Tantau	Gr, yellow	70	0
12.	TGC	Sumac	Meilland	HT, pink	70	73

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WHAT'S NEWS



"Tribute to Ralph S. Moore"

1ST AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY NATIONAL MINIATURE ROSE SHOW 'TRIBUTE TO RALPH S. MOORE'

Fresno, California, USA
September 17-19, 1999

On Saturday, September 18, 1999 an event of historic proportions will take place in Fresno, California - the First ARS national Miniature Rose Show as a "*Tribute to Ralph S. Moore*". This success story started many years ago but it was the ARS Miniature Rose Testing Committee that placed the issue for approval to ARS Board of Directors at their meeting in Dallas, Texas, February, 1998.

Implementation

With that background information, the next task of the ARS Miniature Rose Testing Committee, under the capable leadership of Luis Desamero, was to encourage the selection of a suitable site for this inaugural event. Quickly the Committee voted to direct the event to Fresno, California close to the home and nursery of the 'Father of Miniature Roses', Ralph S. Moore celebrating his 60 plus years in breeding. In light of the importance attached to holding the first show and setting the stage for future events, the members of the Committee felt that it should honor the contributions made to the evolution of miniature roses by Ralph S. Moore of Visalia, California. Therefore it most appropriate that the location for the show be close to his home due to his inability to travel as well as to honor his local society. Here again the AOE Committee boldly took up the challenge and contacted Earl Parsons, the NCNH District Director, to promote the idea with the local rose society, the San Joaquin Valley Rose Society.

The San Joaquin Valley Rose Society responded that they would be most willing to be hosts provided the AOE Committee act as co-sponsors to guide them through the process, schedule, etc. The Committee agreed to act in this capacity for a number of reasons. Starting a new ARS National Show requires some

leadership from the Committee who proposed the event. Furthermore, setting the right standards and agenda are important for future hosts to emulate. Establishment of the operational template for future shows is important. And so the host society for the 1st ARS National Miniature Rose Show was awarded by the ARS Board of Directors to the San Joaquin Valley Rose Society in September 1999 with the AOE Committee as joint sponsors.

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

Friday, September 17, 1999

6:00 pm Registration & Welcoming Reception

Saturday, September 18, 1999

5:00 am Preparation Area Open
9:00 am Entries close
8:00 am Judges Breakfast
12 noon Rose Show Opens
Lunch on your own

2:00 pm Panel Discussion:
"Miniatures for the Next Millennium"
by the Hybridizers

3:30 pm Panel Discussion:
"Up Close & Personal"
by The Hybridizers

5:00 pm Trophy Presentations

7:00 pm Awards Banquet
'This is Your Life: Ralph Moore'
by Dr. Tommy Cairns

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1:00 pm End of Convention

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