



COUNT DOWN TO 16th WORLD ROSE CONVENTION IN SOUTH AFRICA OCTOBER 11 TO 18, 2012

With only 12 months to go, ROSAFRICA 2012 is well on track for a unique and very different 7 day convention in the modern city of Sandton. The Federation of Rose Societies in South Africa is honoured to welcome delegates to this country of beautiful and varied scenery, wild life, temperate climate and beautiful gardens. Take this opportunity to meet rose friends from 39 countries of the world. All details of the pre convention tour, the convention and post convention tour can be found in the following pages. Prices are very reasonable, so register without delay.



'Rosafrica' (KORconvent) is a Kordes rose presented to the 16th World Rose Convention by Ludwig Taschner of Ludwig's Roses.

This Fairytale type, eco-chic rose has been selected by Ludwig Taschner to promote the World Rose Convention to take place in South Africa in 2012. The vigorous shrubby bush spreads out widely at hip height and keeps on covering itself with large, full blooms of the olden open cup shape. The colour is a pleasing blend of peach apricot. Firm, incurved petals ensure an extended freshness period allowing a moderate whiff of scent to escape.

ROSAFRICA PRE-CONVENTION TOUR

THREE DAY TOUR TO THE PILANESBERG NATIONAL PARK.

Capture the spirit of Africa at Kwa Maritane Bush Lodge, where Mother Nature and civilization meet in perfect harmony. Located on the slopes of an ancient volcano, the malaria-free Pilanesberg National Park has a rich array of southern African wildlife including the Big Five. Enjoy game drives in open vehicles and savour the sights, smells and sounds of the bush in the company of dedicated rangers. This is an experience of a lifetime. Don't forget a swimming costume, warm clothing for open-air game drives, cash (SA Rand) for payment of extras, camera and binoculars.

*R4,600 per person sharing
*R5,700 single supplement

Includes

dinner, bed
breakfast and
all game
drives

Excludes

lunch, drinks
and personal
items



Kwa Maritane Bush Lodge



Boma Bush Braai



Chalet Interior Kwa Maritane



Palace of the Lost City, Sun City

Tuesday – October 9

Depart Johannesburg for Hartebeespoort Dam stopping for a light lunch at Muligatawny, an extensive private estate with beautiful roses.

Arrive at Kwa Maritane, check-in in time for a game drive, followed by a dinner at the Lodge.

Wednesday – October 10

05h00 – Early morning game drive returning in time for breakfast

Evening – Bushveld Talk and Snake Demonstration

Or a choice of:

- A visit to Sun City – South Africa's bushveld pleasure resort – home of the Million Dollar Golf Challenge, magnificent indigenous gardens, Valley of the Waves water park, Casino and much more (R130 incl transfer and entry fee only)
- A day of leisure at the Lodge where a swimming pool, viewing hide and various other activities are on offer

16h00 – An evening game drive through the Park ending in a Bush Braai - traditional South African dishes cooked on the coals - to be held in a Boma under a star-lit sky (weather permitting)

Thursday – October 11

05h00 hrs – Early morning game drive followed by breakfast at the Lodge

Mid morning – Depart for Johannesburg stopping at the Welwischia Curio stalls on the way back to Sandton hotels and then on to the opening of the Rose Show.





ROSAFRICA 2012 Programme

Thursday October 11

All day	Convention delegates arrive at Sandton Hotels/Registration desks open
Afternoon	Delegates return from pre-convention tour
Early evening	Meet and Greet Opening of rose show, photographic and other exhibitions

Friday October 12

Morning	Rose show, photographic and other exhibitions open to delegates & public
Late morning	Opening ceremony and welcome followed by lunch and viewing of Vodaworld's extensive rose garden

Saturday October 13

All day	Exhibitions open to delegates and public
Morning	Visit to Ludwig's Roses to view over a million rose bushes in full bloom and meet some of their breeders
14h30 – 17h00	World class flower demonstrations given by renowned South African flower arrangers and international flower arranging maestro, David Ruston
Evening	Musical concert with rose theme conducted by Richard Cock

Sunday October 14

Early am	Church Service for those who wish to attend
Full day	Visit to Cradle of Humankind, a World Heritage Site, to view the fossilised remains of hominids (Mrs Ples) and other ancient forms of animals and plants OR visit to Soweto, home of struggle icons Nelson Mandela, Desmond Tutu and others. Visit 'Freedom Square' and have lunch at a typical Sowetan Restaurant.

Monday October 15

All day	Day visit to Pretoria, administrative capital of South Africa - local sightseeing, meander through the magnificent Pretoria Botanical Gardens and enjoy a picnic lunch
Evening	After viewing the 'residents' of Pretoria's National Zoological Gardens, savour a delicious spit-braai (BBQ) while listening to their night sounds

Tuesday October 16

Morning	Lecture programme
Afternoon	Garden visits
Evening	Function at Constitution Hill – historical home of the highest court in the land

Wednesday October 17

Morning	Lecture programme
Afternoon	Garden visits
Evening	Free

Thursday October 18

Morning	Lectures & Breeders panel
Afternoon	Visit to Mayfair Mosque to view garden of a 1000 roses
Evening	Banquet & Closing Ceremony

ROSAFRICA TOUR TO CRADLE OF HUMANKIND

SUNDAY – OCTOBER 14

Declared a World Heritage Site by Unesco in 1999

For those of you interested in the origins of man, this is the tour for you. Not far from the centre of Johannesburg is the Cradle of Humankind. The home of Mrs Ples, Little Foot and the Taung Child – ancient hominid fossil remains discovered on our doorstep and brought to life in the world class scientific exhibition centre built on site at the Sterkfontein Caves. A tour of the caves, led by expert guides, provides the finishing touch to this journey of discovery. 10km away, across rolling Highveld grassland, is Maropeng (Setswana for 'returning to the place of origin'). This centre is dedicated to the interactive discovery of our human heritage – from the big bang to the birth of humanity as well as the impact humans have on the world as we know it today. At the end of these two spectacular visits, the coach will drive delegates through the 'Cradle' area and one can observe and wonder at the terrain our ancestors once roamed in their quest to survive. At a nearby lodge a delicious traditional South African 'spit-braai' lunch will be served.

It must be pointed out that the tour of the Sterkfontein Caves involves climbing down and up many steps in the cave itself and crawling through small passages (you can, however, choose not to do this section of the tour and spend more time in the museum). Very comfortable clothing and shoes are recommended. Lunch and tea is included in the tour price, but spending money for drinks, curios, etc., will be necessary. Don't forget your camera!



Inside the Sterkfontein Caves



Maropeng



Going back on the River of Time

***R715 per person**

Includes coach, guide, tea and lunch

Excludes drinks and personal items

ROSAFRICA TOUR OF SOWETO

SUNDAY – OCTOBER 14

Delegates will be collected from their hotels and driven past the Houghton residence of our great leader, Nelson Mandela. The coach will continue through the beautiful and exclusive suburb of Houghton to the Munro Drive lookout point, affording magnificent views over the whole of the northern Johannesburg all the way to the Magaliesberg Mountains. The tour then passes by the beautiful Sir Herbert Baker buildings of St John's College, through the business district of Braamfontein, over Mandela Bridge and down town to Newtown, the beginnings of Johannesburg back in the early 19th century. Delegates will then have the opportunity to walk down Main Street which has been transformed into a cobbled celebration of the city's rich and fascinating mining heritage. The coach then heads off past Johannesburg's famous mine dumps towards Soccer City, where the opening and closing games were held during the 2010 Soccer World Cup. A short distance from there we enter Soweto for a drive around areas ranging from the enormous and well-known Baragwanath Hospital to wealthy homes and then the absolute dredges where people live in squalid shacks. We stop at the unique Freedom Square, a place commemorating the Freedom Charter of the African National Congress. We see the homes of Winnie Mandela, Nelson Mandela, Desmond Tutu and much, much more. Here we get to meet friendly Sowetans, justly proud people with awesome personalities and, over lunch at a local shebeen (restaurant and bar), one realizes just how special these South Africans are. After lunch a welcome walk down fascinating Vilakazi Street to the Hector Pieterse Museum, which commemorates the 1976 Soweto Riots against compulsory education in Afrikaans, before heading back to the hotels.

Casual and comfortable clothing is recommended. Lunch and tea is included in the tour price, but spending money for drinks, curios, etc., will be necessary. Don't forget your camera!



Hector Pietersen Memorial



Driving into Soweto



Freedom Square



Nelson Mandela's Soweto Home

***R625 per person**

Includes coach, guide, tea and lunch

Excludes drinks and personal items

ROSAFRICA LIST OF SPEAKERS

Name	Country
Dale Akerstrom	Canada
Marcus Brunsing	Germany
Breda Čopi	Slovenia
Pamela Corbett	Argentina
Pierrick Eberhard	France
Gwen Fagan	South Africa
Hayden Foulds	New Zealand
Gérald Meylan	Switzerland
Yuki Mikanagi	Japan
Charles Quest Ritson	England/France
Bill Radler	USA
Philippe Sauvergrain	Switzerland
Mike Shoup	USA
Zhao Shiwei	China
Melanie Trimper	Australia
together with Michael Marriott }	United Kingdom



ROSAFRICA ACCOMMODATION

Group rates have been negotiated for ROSAFRICA delegates at two Southern Sun Hotels. Online bookings are now open - follow this link to book for either the Sandton Sun Hotel or the Sandton Garden Court - [click here to make a reservation](#).

Bed and breakfast accommodation close to the Convention venue has been identified. To stay at any of these guest houses, delegates would require the use of a car. Follow these links to make contact:

- ❖ [Parkmore](#)
- ❖ [Glenadrienne](#)
- ❖ [Sandhurst](#)
- ❖ [Hurlingham](#)

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ROSAFRICA POST CONVENTION TOUR

FIVE DAY POST CONVENTION TOUR TO BLOEMFONTEIN AND CAPE TOWN

Friday, October 19 – Bloemfontein

Early morning departure (07h00) by coach to Bloemfontein. On arrival at midday, check into hotel followed by lunch and walk to rose show – the biggest in South Africa. Escorted viewing of the rose, plant and flower show. Evening concert to be held at the University of the Free State.

Saturday, October 20 - Bloemfontein

After breakfast, depart for a visit to Dirkie Herholdt's extensive rose garden on the banks of the Renosterspruit River followed by a typical South African tea at Jeanne Stoltz's Nature Garden before departing for the airport and flight to Cape Town.



Bloemfontein, the City of Roses, and your visit hosted by the Free State Rose Society

Saturday, October 20 – Cape Town

Delegates will be met at the airport and taken to their hotel at the V&A Waterfront where they will have wonderful views of the harbour and Table Mountain. Cocktail party hosted by the Western Cape Rose Society at the Rust-en-Vrede Gallery.

Sunday, October 21 – Cape Town

After breakfast depart for a day viewing beautiful rose gardens in the Elgin area (approx 1½ hours from Cape Town). Delegates will visit Fresh Woods, Fairholme and Lavenham with lunch being served at Highlands Road Estate. A scenic coastal drive back to Cape Town will be in time for a special dinner at the Aquarium which promises to be very unusual and entertaining.

Monday, October 22 – Cape Town

Another day of gardens, this time in Cape Town. Avondale – an extensive and beautiful private rose garden, the Municipal Rose Garden at Durbanville and then on to Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens for lunch. A scenic drive back to your hotel and evening at leisure.

Tuesday, October 23 – Cape Town

A visit to Vergelegen garden and wine estate including a wine tasting followed by a tour of Boschendal Wine Estate rose gardens led by Gwen Fagan who has recently restored these beautiful gardens. Lunch at Boschendal and return to Cape Town.

Wednesday, October 24 – Cape Town

Transport to Cape Town International Airport for return flights home. Delegates need to take note that they can either fly home direct from Cape Town International Airport, or return home via Johannesburg OR Tambo International Airport. Return flights not included in cost and arrangements to be made by delegates.



V&A Waterfront



Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens



Boschendal Wine Estate

*R20,200 per person sharing

*R30,500 single supplement

Includes coach, flight, bed & breakfast accommodation, all tours and meals mentioned in itinerary

Excludes drinks and personal items



16th WORLD ROSE CONVENTION

SANDTON, SOUTH AFRICA

OCTOBER 2012

This form is published for information purposes only and is not to be used to register for the ROSAFRICA 2012 Convention. To register for the Convention, please use the form that will soon be published on the ROSAFRICA website www.rosafrika2012.co.za

Included in fee, but please indicate attendance by completing appropriate boxes

REGISTRATION FORM

Early Bird Registrations by JUNE 1, 2012 - R3 000

Regular Registration by September 1, 2012 – R3 500

Late registration by September 30, 2012 – R4 000

Fees are valid only if registration and full payment are received by deadline date

Surname				Title	
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National Rose Society					
Special Dietary Requirements		None <input type="checkbox"/> x _____ persons		Vegetarian <input type="checkbox"/> x _____ persons	
Partner First Name			Partner Surname		
In case of emergency, please provide a contact name and details				Contact Name	
Contact Number/s					
Please tick box if you do not wish to have your full details included on delegate lists <input type="checkbox"/>					
FULL CONVENTION REGISTRATION					
<i>Please indicate attendance by completing relevant boxes below</i>					
Function (For details read relevant website/brochure page)		Per Person Sharing	Single Supplement	No of persons participating	TOTAL COST
Pre-Convention Tour - Pilanesberg Oct 9 to 11		R 4 600	R 5 700		
Post Convention Tour - Bloemfontein/Cape Town Oct 19 to 23		R20 200	R30 500		
Full Registration Fee		Delegate	Partner		
Early Bird R3 000	Regular R3 500	Late R4 000			
Meet and Greet Oct 11		Nil	Nil		
Rose Show Oct 12 & 13		Nil	Nil		
Opening Ceremony Oct 12		Nil	Nil		
Morning visit to Ludwig's Rose Farm Oct 13		Nil	Nil		
Flower Arranging Dem Oct 13		Nil	Nil		
Evening Concert Oct 13		Nil	Nil		
Visit to Soweto Oct 14		R 625	R 625		
Visit to Cradle of Mankind Oct 14		R 715	R 715		
Pretoria Day Oct 15		R 500	R 500		
Lecture Day 1 incl garden visits Oct 16		Nil	Nil		
Cocktail Function at Constitution Hill Oct 16		Nil	Nil		
Lecture Day 2 incl garden visits Oct 17		Nil	Nil		
Lecture Day 3 incl Mosque Rose Garden Oct 18		Nil	Nil		
Banquet and Closing Ceremony Oct 18		Nil	Nil		
TOTAL FEE FOR DELEGATE AND PARTNER		R	R		R

GROUP TRANSFERS

For groups travelling together and landing at OR Tambo International Airport, please indicate whether you wish us to arrange for a group transfer from the airport to the Sandton Hotels.

Group size	1 – 13 passengers	14 – 21 passengers	22 – 28 passengers	29 – 40 passengers	41 – 48 passengers
Transfer cost	R 600	R 1 800	R 2 300	R 2 600	R 2 800
Name of group			Airline and flight number		
Date of arrival			Time of arrival		

CASUAL VISITOR BOOKING FOR SOUTH AFRICAN RESIDENTS ONLY

Please indicate attendance by completing relevant boxes below

Function	ROSA Member ONLY	Public Cost	No of Tickets	TOTAL COST
Rose Show and exhibitions Oct 12 or 13	R 50	R 60		
Flower Arranging Dem incl Rose Show Oct 13	R 100	R 120		
Evening Concert incl Rose Show Oct 13	R 190	R 220		
Flower Dem, Evening Concert incl Rose Show Oct 13	R 240	R 260		
Lecture Day 1 incl garden visits Oct 16	R 280	R 325		
Lecture Day 2 incl garden visits Oct 17	R 280	R 325		
Lecture Day 3 incl Mosque Rose Garden Oct 18	R 280	R 325		
TOTAL FEE FOR CASUAL VISITOR	R	R		R

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Please complete and return together with completed registration form by email to: info@rosaffrica2012.co.za or fax +27 (0)11 440 3371

Please also send through proof of payment to above contact details.
Should this not be received your booking may be invalid

Please select method of payment (unfortunately cash deposits not accepted):

NOTE: Please *print clearly* and indicate your **SURNAME** and **INITIALS** on

- ☐ **Bank deposit or electronic transfer** Direct Deposits/Electronic Transfers. The organisers will not be

Account Name: responsible for identifying funds if the delegate's name is not mentioned.

Bank: The organisers will not accept any bank charges associated with the

Branch Code: transfer.

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- ☐
- Credit card

The cardholder must complete and sign this form authorizing ROSAFRICA 2012 to debit his/her credit card. Only Visa and Mastercard accepted.

Credit Card Details	
Cardholder Name	John Doe
Card Number	1234 5678 9010 1122
Expiry Date	12/2023 - 12/2024
CVV	123

I (cardholder's full name) hereby authorize ROSAFRICA 2012 to charge my: VISA ☐ MASTERCARD ☐

For the amount of R straight payment as if I had been present with my card.

[illegible]

Last 3 digits on back of card Expiry date m / y

Name on Card

Cardholder's Signature (essential)..... Date/...../.....

Notes to registration Form:

- 1) Cancellation Policy: Registration fees will be refunded less 10% administration fee. Cancellations must be submitted in writing to the Convention Organisers by no later than September 1, 2012, at any of the address details below.
- 2) Convention Language is English.
- 3) The Convention Organisers are entitled to change programme details without prior notice to registered delegates
- 4) Full contact details for ROSAFRICA 2012:

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Welcome to VodaWorld



VodaWorld roses are planted at every path and car park



Left – the opening ceremony will be held at VodaWorld



Right – 'Hanneli Rupert' at VodaWorld

Below – Entrance to VodaWorld, 'Caribbean' 'South Africa' and 'Black Zulu' at VodaWorld

HT 'Hanneli Rupert' at VodaWorld



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NEWSLETTER of the WORLD FEDERATION of ROSE SOCIETIES

South Africa Is Coming Up Roses



Alisa Barrow's garden



Eva Saragas garden



Kerry Anneke's garden



The Lieberman garden



The Durbanville Rose Garden maintained by the Rose Society



'Pat Austin' in Leora Suben's garden

All photos this page courtesy Ludwig Taschner



Johannesburg, South Africa.
President – WFRS 2009-2012
October, 2011.

Dear Rosarians of the WFRS Member Countries,

It is two years and four months since members of the World Federation of Rose Societies met in Vancouver for the most enjoyable gathering of rose friends in what must be one of the most attractive cities of the world. In just over a year, we in South Africa look forward to welcoming you to our beautiful land of friendliness and sunshine. Please read all about ROSAFRICA 2012 elsewhere in *World Rose News* – this convention promises to be different and exciting. Please make sure this information reaches all members of your rose societies.

I have just returned from my third tour of International Rose Trials in Europe this year and once again I thank all those responsible for the warm welcome I received everywhere and for the excellent work being done in the name of the rose. It is important to keep promoting the WFRS and the rose. Twice on these travels I visited our founder President Baroness Lily de Gerlache de Gomery, who always shows a keen interest in the happenings of the WFRS and its members.

You will be receiving correspondence from your societies in the name of the WFRS requesting information for the Rose Hall of Fame and other related subjects as we work towards the World Convention in October 2012. Please make the job of the Standing Committee Chairmen and our hard working Executive Director easier by replying as soon as possible. Good communication is vital to the efficient operation of the WFRS.



Members of the EC who met in Geneva – Steve Jones (USA), Maurice Jay (Europe), Gérald Meylan (Immediate Past President), the Assistant Mayor, Sheenagh Harris (President), Malcolm Watson (Executive Director), Ann Bird (Europe), Jill Bennel (Treasurer), Mian Zafar Iqbal (Central Asia) – photo Steve Jones

I have been invited to give a presentation at the National Convention of the American Rose Society in Los Angeles and to give a presentation to the Vancouver Rose Society in October and in November. I have also been invited to visit and give presentations in Argentina, Uruguay and Chile, all of which I very much look forward to. These visits give me a wonderful opportunity to meet our members in their own countries amongst their magnificent roses, for which I am grateful.

With the Japanese Heritage Rose Society convention reinstated, I look forward to seeing many of you at what I know will be a very special gathering among people who have suffered greatly with such courage and determination to return their beautiful country to normal.

Rose Regards,

Sheenagh Harris

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- To encourage and facilitate the interchange of information and knowledge of the rose between national rose societies.
- To co-ordinate the holding of international conventions and exhibitions.
- To encourage and, where appropriate, sponsor research into problems concerning the rose.
- To establish common standards for judging new rose seedlings.
- To establish a uniform system of rose classification.
- To grant international honours and/or awards.
- To encourage and advance international co-operation on all other matters concerning the rose.

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Editor's Comments



At the request of the President and the organising committee for the South African Convention, I have placed the information pages at the beginning of this publication.

I was disappointed recently to speak to a president of one of our larger member countries and found he was not aware of *World Rose News*. This means the secretary, who is the contact person for that society, had not even passed the information on as requested to the president and one would have to assume to the membership at large as well. If the membership is to find out about roses, rose people and rose events in the world, it is imperative that this information is disseminated as widely as possible. I am urging all members and associates who have publications to publish the details of *WRN* and where it may be found, namely on the WFRS website, <http://www.worldrose.org/wrn/wrn.asp>, and download or open.

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Reports

Awards Committee Ian Spriggs - Chairman

As this will be my second and final term as Chairman of the Awards Committee, I would like to ensure that all matters are dealt with efficiently and effectively. My greatest concern has been the lack of adherence to the deadlines laid down in the standing orders.

This makes my job and that of the Executive Director extremely difficult. This Convention I will be trying to juggle both the Chairman of the Awards Committee and the duties of being President of the National Rose Society of Australia, celebrating forty years, at the same time. [Dates have to be strictly adhered to. Please also note that for practical reasons, only digital images can be accepted with nominations.](#)

Since the last World Rose Convention in Vancouver, a full review of the standing orders has taken place and a number of changes have occurred. By the time you read this report, you will have received updated copies of the standing orders. Please read them carefully.

I do not propose to highlight all the changes as some are relatively minor. However, I will comment briefly on some of the most significant changes.

WFRS Rose Hall of Fame and WFRS Old Rose Hall of Fame

This has been the area of most concern with dates virtually being often ignored. Past winners have again been nominated, roses that are too new have been put forward, just about every conceivable error has occurred. [It should be mentioned that only roses introduced prior to 1900 will be considered for the Old Rose Hall of Fame.](#)

We have asked the Vice-Presidents for each region to assist with follow up of nominations for Countries in their region.

WFRS Award of Garden Excellence

Nominations can only be made by a member country or by an executive member in consultation with a member country. In other words, the member country must sign off on the nomination. If a garden is nominated from a country which is not a member of the Federation, the nomination must be submitted by the WFRS Vice-President for the region.

WFRS Literary Award

The nominated book must be published within 5 years prior to the convention.(previously 3 years). This was increased to permit books that may have missed, because of a technicality, the opportunity to be nominated.

All nominated books, plus the assessments, must be on display at the Convention, prior to the Awards Committee Meeting.

[PLEASE, I ASK FOR YOUR HELP IN ENSURING THAT DATES AND DEADLINES ARE STRICTLY ADHERED TO.](#)

Previous Hall of Fame winners

Peace (1976)	Queen Elizabeth (1979)	Fragrant Cloud (1981)
Iceberg (1983)	Double Delight (1985)	Papa Meilland (1988)
Pascali (1991)	Just Joey (1994)	New Dawn (1997)
Ingrid Bergman (2000)	Bonica '82 (2003)	Elina, Pierre de Ronsard
(2006)		
Graham Thomas (2009)		

Old Rose Hall of Fame

Cecile Brunner, Gloire de Dijon, Old Blush, Souvenir de la Malmaison (original inductees)
Gruss an Teplitz (2000) Mme. Alfred Carrière (2003) Mme. Hardy (2006)
Rosa gallica versicolor (2009)

Rose Garden in Buenos Aires City (Part 2)

Nilda Crivelli, President Asociación Argentina de Rosicultura
WFRS Vicepresident for South America

It is September now. Spring will arrive in a few days. Stems are growing fast, there is all day sun, hundreds and hundreds of buds have begun to sprout and announce a prolific florescence, as usual.

Mrs Valentina Casucci, the Curator, sent me the whole list of the roses that can be enjoyed...8333 of them!!

Just to give you an idea ,there are:

92 Cardinal de Richelieu	47 Nur Mahal
180 Palmengarten Frankfurt	244 Elina
256 La Sevillana	105 Oklahoma
260 Jardins de France	249 Frédéric Mistral
79 Comtesse du Barry	306 Niccolo Paganini
90 Douceur Normande	200 Dynastie
80 Louis de Funes	127 Johann Strauss
66 Cherry Meidiland	40 Old Garden Roses
70 The McCartney Rose	455 Charles Aznavour
50 Abraham Darby	44 Mary Rose
35 Heritage	70 Noble Anthony
69 Graham Thomas	50 Geoff Hamilton
37 Winchester Cathedral	24 The Prince
88 Scepter'd Isle	50 The Pilgrim

PLUS 352 Garden Trial roses without prize (Since 2001)

As you can imagine, my list is not complete, as it is too long!!

Enjoy the photos. Or better still, come to Buenos Aires and see them



The Rose Garden in Buenos Aires – photos Nilda Crivelli

Biltmore Estate

By Amy Fahmy and Paul Zimmerman – Photos Paul Zimmerman

When George Vanderbilt built the Biltmore Estate it was in part to house the incredible collection of art and furniture he had gathered from around the world. Today it seems fitting that the original walled rose garden on the estate is now host to an International Rose Trial featuring some of the finest roses from around the globe. The inaugural trial is already underway and invitations have already gone out for the 2012 trials.



Arbor, west side

Art was one of George Vanderbilt's interests, and horticulture was another. Hosting the international rose trials continues a long tradition of collecting and testing plants at the Biltmore Estate. In 1890 Vanderbilt hired Chauncey Beadle to be his nursery superintendent and charged him with growing the millions of plants needed to supply the grounds of the estate. Beadle stayed for 60 years, adding to the estate's outstanding collection of woody and herbaceous plants, including roses. The rose garden was included on Frederick Law Olmsted's original drawings for the walled garden and the original nursery catalogue lists pages and pages of roses available for purchase. Each successive generation of the family has enjoyed and expanded the rose collection and today there are over 200 varieties representing every class of rose.

The winners of The Trials will be given the opportunity to become part of The Biltmore Line of Garden Roses – a Garden Rose line currently being developed for the entire U.S. market by Biltmore and Paul Zimmerman Roses, who is also serving as consultant to the rose garden and Co-ordinator of The International Trials. This affords many breeders from outside the United States a unique entryway into the U.S. rose market.

Biltmore rose trial

The Trials run two years and the first awards will be in spring of 2013. This also allows the Trials to receive roses from overseas under their post-entry quarantine permit so the roses can undergo their two year quarantine period while in The Trials. Each year a new round of Trials will be



planted in the main walled garden. A permanent jury has already been established and invitations to the International Jury will go out towards the end of next year. We hope to see many members of the WFRS there!

The Biltmore International Rose Trials, while following standard International Trials procedures, have included a provision designed to make them more accessible to “amateur” breeders as well. In recognizing that many of them cannot supply two year old field grown plants, the Estate set aside cold frame space where breeders can send plants as small as one-gallon (approx 3.7 litre) own root plants months before the trials. The Estate will grow the roses on in the cold frame in three-gallon (approx 11.3 litre) containers for up to five months before planting to make sure all plants begin the trial period the same size.

Champney's Pink Noisette



Another innovation at the Trials is the “Guest’s Choice Award”. During the entire two year trial period visitors to the Estate will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite rose via texting on their mobile phones. The Estate receives around 1 million visitors per year, of which about 900,000 or so come through the walled garden. The Guest’s Choice Award affords the gardening public a unique chance to be involved in The Trials and will give rose breeders invaluable feedback on their creations from the gardening public.

The theme of the Trials is Garden Roses grown in an environmentally friendly manner. The roses in the garden will be cared for by the staff at Biltmore using methods available to the

home gardener.

Care of the trial roses begins when the roses arrive on the estate. They are immediately unpacked, and soaked in Microbac, a micorrhizae solution from Circle Organics. They are then potted up in Fafard potting soil mixed with worm castings and placed in a cold frame to grow on until the last frost date in spring. Once the roses are planted out, they receive regular water and an initial ¼ cup per plant of Epsom salts, bone meal, alfalfa meal, and turkey manure. They are sprayed on a 14 day rotation, alternating Nutrol/Prudent for fungicide reduction with Ecoboost for nutrients. Each plant is evaluated regularly for disease and insect problems. Once a variety shows more than 15% black spot coverage on interior leaves and 10% coverage on the outer leaves, the plant is sprayed on a cloudy morning with lime/sulfur at 1 tbsp per gallon then washed off after 15 minutes. Any plant that must be sprayed more than 3 times will be removed from the trial.

After the Trials many of the roses will be permanently planted in the walled garden to be enjoyed by visitors for years to come. They will become part of the “recreation” of the walled rose garden as the rose garden has undergone a variety of changes since Vanderbilt’s time. Brick paths replaced gravel, turf was added in a strip around each bed and perennials were added along the north wall. Prior to the trials, the beds along the



East border

perimeter of the garden featured the AARS winners, while the interior beds were home to the old varieties that Vanderbilt’s daughter Cornelia grew and loved. Old photographs of the



Cornelia (Hybrid Musk)



Monsieur Tillier



Mannington Rambler

garden show rose standards at the corners of many beds and maypoles planted from top to bottom with climbing roses. The maypoles are still in place, and new roses will be planted on them in 2012 to recreate the original look. To make way for the trials, the AARS beds were removed, composted leaf mulch was tilled in and new irrigation was laid. Visitors can now inspect the trial plants along the perimeter of the garden and decide for themselves which numbered rose will be the winner for the year. One of the greatest benefits of the trial to the rose garden is the opportunity it presents to replace poor performers with outstanding new garden roses. Over the years this transition will result in a garden of superior performing plants and the appearance of the rose garden will surely be ever more spectacular for the steady flow of visitors from across the world.

The history of the Biltmore Estate has always included a world wide reach into Art, Literature, Architecture and more. Now, over a hundred years later that reach is also including the International Rose World.

For information on the Trials or how to enter them please contact Paul Zimmerman. Coordinator Biltmore International Rose Trials. paul@paulzimmermanroses.com

The Twenty Fifth Anniversary of the American Heritage Rose Foundation **Helga Brichet – Photos Milton Nurse**

The Heritage Rose Foundation decided to celebrate this important anniversary in spanking style!

It envisaged nothing less than a trip to Europe in June of this year to visit gardens in England and France, to attend the renown and historical rose trials at Bagatelle, Paris, and continue to Lyons for the highlight of the festivities – a day of lectures organised in collaboration with the local association, Roses Anciennes en France at the beautifully restored Château de Lacroix-Laval, situated on the outskirts of the city. The conference, in both English and French, was entitled “French Roses in the City: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow.”

The conference was, of course, open to all rose lovers, not just members of the Foundation, so this goodly group was amplified by rosarians from Canada, England, Switzerland, Italy and, naturally, France. Our own small group included Becky and John Hook, owners of the old rose nursery La Roseraie du Désert, Pascal Heizler, a research scientist from the

University of Strasbourg, Egyptian-born Nimet and her American husband, Alan, who currently live and garden near the town of Cluny, famous for its Benedictine Abbey. The evening preceding the conference we joined up with the main group at the celebrated Brasserie George, for a lively supper of typical local pâté and sausages.

The conference programme announced registration from 8 to 9am., so, taking into consideration that the urban traffic is particularly hectic on a Monday morning, this meant jumping out of bed very early indeed! Probably some eighty participants were welcomed by Fabien Ducher, a vice-president of Roses Anciennes en France and Stephen Scanniello, President of the Foundation, who then proceeded to introduce the first speaker, Daniel Boulens, General Manager of the Open and Green Spaces Department of the City of Lyons, Daniel's lecture was entitled "Give us Greenness and Roses." Indeed, with three different and major rose gardens in the park "La Tête d'Or," Lyons is the ideal city in which to pay tribute to the Rose, its breeders and producers. Daniel showed some beautiful photos of the city's green areas – parks and gardens, green rooftops, but also vertical walls - and he illustrated the eco-friendly management of his department, balancing environment and horticultural methods, in order to preserve a high standard of life for its citizens.



Murals are to be found all over Lyons and celebrate the ancient professions upon which the city depended for its wealth

Stephen Scanniello gave a fascinating description of "The Heritage Rose District of New York City," which had been inaugurated in Harlem on 24th October 2009 as a joint project between the Foundation and the Office of the Manhattan Borough President. At present more than 500 rose plants of 155 varieties grow in public parks, community and institutional gardens, universities and historic sites of the neighbourhood. Since its beginnings as a Dutch settler town, Harlem vaunted large country estates with beautiful gardens and greenhouses in which roses were naturally mandatory. Of that period there only today remains the Trinity Church Cemetery, which is the focal point of the Heritage Rose District and the HRF's determination to bring its inhabitants closer to the multiple aspects of rose cultivation.

Pierrick Eberhard is by profession a journalist and historian, specialising in garden history. His lecture was entitled "Lyons: 1806-2006, a Story of the Rose." Pierrick traces the beginning of the love story between Lyons and the Rose to the donation which the Empress Joséphine made to the city's Botanical Garden in 1806 of a duplicate of her collection of roses in Malmaison. This love story continues today with some ten rose breeders still active in the surrounding countryside, having been obliged to move their historic nurseries further afield due to the growth of the urban population. In 1896 the Société Française des Roses was established in Lyons and now the rose research is undertaken at the local universities. Therefore it is fitting that the WFRS should stage its 2015 World Convention in this city, whose breeders have made such a notable contribution to the history of the Rose.

After a lunch served in the Orangerie de Sébastien, it was the turn of Mike Shoup, owner of the Antique Rose Emporium which sponsored the day, to focus on the time-tested old French roses in America and their renaissance as versatile, garden plants. European participants were fascinated to hear of the current trends in gardening in the US, such as companion

planting and organic feeding, which can only increase the popularity of these grand old varieties.

Gregg Lowery is Vice-President of the HRF for publications and owner of Vintage Gardens in Northern California, which offers the largest selection of antique roses in America. He is currently working with the National Heritage Rose Collections Scheme to provide support for significant collections of old roses in the US. As part of the 25th anniversary commemoration a special issue of the journal of the Heritage Rose Foundation, *Rosa Mundi*, was published. "Mystery Roses around the World" was edited by Virginia Kean, who had solicited contributions from a selection of botanists, breeders, plant hunters and preservationists around the world. The elegant little book chronicles the historical progress of old roses from the East to the West across the world. And fittingly the opening article is by the Chinese botanist, Dr. Guoliang Wang, followed by other papers from India and South Africa, (the

Viraraghavans and Gwen Fagan), Europe, (Etienne Bouret, Lars-Ake Gustavsson and myself), Bermuda, (Gregg Lowery and Liesbeth Cooper), North America (a plethora of well-known authors such as Barbara Worl, Alice Flores and Cass Bernstein) and, lastly Australia, (Hillary Merrifield and Margaret Furness).



Arriving towards the end of the afternoon, Stéphane Crozat, responsible for scientific research at the Centre for Applied Botanical Resources, illustrated the antique rose varieties which were created

in the Lyons area and have recently been reintroduced to the property around Lacroix-Laval, to be considered a rose conservatory of old Lyons roses.

Finally Etienne Bouret, who describes himself as Personal Photographer to Mme. la Rose, enchanted the audience with his magnificent photographs, not only of Mme. la Rose, but also of the beauties of the French countryside.

The day was brought to an end by a silent auction of rare and found roses, books and posters.

Well done, Heritage Rose Foundation upon the terrific celebrations of your first twenty five years!

Ludwig's Johannesburg branch



Palms and roses is Ludwig's Roses



Johannesburgh and Pretoria gardens make the largest man-made oasis in the world with jacaranda trees dominating



Futaba Rose Garden

Yuki Mikanagi Ph.D (May 15, 2011) – Photos the author

There is a beautiful rose garden in the woodlands about 8km west of the Fukushima No.1 Nuclear Power Station. It was widely talked about for its unique design and well-groomed roses, and tens of thousands of visitors used to enjoy the beauty of the garden and roses there every year. This garden was the fruit of over 40 years' labour of the owner, Mr. Katsuhide Okada. The post conference tour of the International Heritage Rose Conference in Sakura 2011, which was postponed to May 2012, was to visit the garden, and many registrants were looking forward to visiting it.



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ince the terrible earthquakes on the 11th of March caused serious damage to the power station, raising the fear of radioactive contamination in the surrounding areas, the residents within a 20km radius of the power station were advised to evacuate and Mr. Okada and his family were obliged to move to another prefecture.

In his rose garden, part of the stone walls, some Japanese style rock arrangements came loose and some windows of the buildings were broken. Though the garden itself did not suffer any other damage, at present we have no idea when the restriction on entering the area will be removed. Mr. Okada says he did everything possible for his roses during the winter, so in June this year, they will bloom unseen, and waste their sweetness on the northland air, much to the regret of rose lovers in Japan. I hope it will not be too long till all the trouble caused by the accidents in the power station is solved, Mr. Okada's family can come back to their home and we can admire the beautiful roses in his garden again.



Tributes

Susan Begg 1934 – 2011 **WFRS President 1988 – 1991** **Jill Bennell**

Susan was born in Buenos Aires and attended St Hilda's School, Hurlingham. She lived in Hurlingham, Buenos Aires all her life and married her husband Robert there in 1958; a marriage that lasted for 53 years. Sadly, over the last few years of their marriage Susan was in very poor health, but Robert, a dear and devoted husband, was there for her to ensure that those last few years were made as comfortable and secure as was possible.

As well as their home in Buenos Aires, Susan and Robert had a home on their farm in the hills of Cordoba where Susan's love of her roses was almost matched by her love for animals which she fondly cared for.

Left to right, Robert Begg, Pauline Naylor, Susan Begg and Jim Naylor in 1966 at the Gardens of the Rose when Jim was President of the RNRS



Susan had played so many parts within the rose world she loved, both in her own Society in Argentina and the World Federation. She became President of the Argentine Rose Society in 1981 and in 1988, having served as WFRS Vice-President for South America and chaired the Federation's Awards Committee, Susan was elected President of the Federation. The 1991 World Rose Convention was scheduled to be held in Belfast and despite the unsettled times in Northern Ireland, Susan assisted the Northern Ireland Rose

Society in organising "Rose Emerald 1991" and encouraged member countries to attend what turned out to be a successful convention presided over by President Susan Begg ably assisted and supported by the Federation's Secretary – husband Robert Begg. What a team they were! Both were honoured by the Federation with the Rose Pin and later in 2005 at the Regional Convention in Montevideo. President at the time, Dr Tommy Cairns, presented the WFRS Gold Medal to Susan in recognition of her 'promotion of the rose' in South America and her dedication to the Federation for over 20 years. Sadly Susan was too unwell to attend and the Medal was accepted on her behalf by her daughter Merina.

Susan will long be remembered for her in depth courses on rose judging and lectures on exhibiting roses, particularly in Argentina and Uruguay, attended by many enthusiasts over the years. In November 1990 Susan was invited to attend the week long 20th Anniversary celebrations of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos Bin Said, Sultan of Oman, and to present the Sultan with a rose in his name in recognition of his work for peace.

Robert retired as Secretary after the 1991 Convention, and Susan continued her work with the Argentine Rose Society, not least in her determination to resurrect the rose garden in Buenos Aires, which had been neglected for many years. The garden now flourishes and is the home to the Buenos Aires Rose Trials. In 2001 she was Convenor of the WFRS South American Regional Convention, an event celebrating the Golden Anniversary of the Asociacion Argentina de Rosicultura. The Regional Convention was a great success and I

have been told by UK participants that it was not only informative for overseas attendees, but provided lots of fun times with a Latin flavour. Susan also continued her interest in and support for the Federation right up until ill health prevented her from travelling, but her experience and knowledge was always there for the asking.

On a personal note, I first met Susan and Robert in the early years when they visited The Royal National Rose Society's HQ and Gardens at St Albans. The picture is of Susan and Robert on one of their many visits to the gardens, standing at the entrance to the 'miniature roses garden', under an arch of the China rose 'Cecile Brunner' in June 1996 with the then President of the RNRS, the late Jim Naylor, and his wife Pauline. Susan and Robert were always gracious and friendly and enthusiastic about the WFRS, and it was due to their dedication to the Federation that I became involved in its activities with its members from all around the world, so I feel that I have Susan to thank for my happy association with the WFRS.

Susan will be remembered fondly by those of us who knew her and gratefully by the World Federation of Rose Societies for her love and promotion of our favourite flower – 'The Rose'.

Nola Simpson

1930-2011

Peter Elliott (extracted from the 2011 NZ Rose Annual)

Roses were Nola's life, and she shared this fabulous hobby with family and the thousands of rosarians that took her word as gospel. She practised what she preached when growing, showing and breeding roses of the highest quality.



She was a stalwart member of the Manawatu (New Zealand) Rose Society as well as respected patron and President Emeritus of the New Zealand Rose Society. She is well known in New Zealand for such varieties as **Reflections**, **Silky Mist**, **Porcelain**, **Mem**, **Hot Chocolate**, **Chocolate Prince** and **Chocolate Ripples** with **Snow Queen** soon to be released.

Her awards were numerous: she was the recipient of the T. A. Stewart Memorial Award (an award that recognises the outstanding contribution of its members by the Australian and New Zealand societies), Queen's Service Medal, and the New Zealand Rose Society awards Life Membership, Frank Penn Memorial Award and the coveted New Zealand Rose Award plus a Lifetime Achievement Award from the RNRS amongst others.

Nola was a worker, an encourager and an example to emulate in all areas of life. She has left a wonderful legacy – her infectious enthusiasm, her humour, her commitment to excellence in roses and the lovely roses she bred herself. She will not be forgotten.

Others

Malcolm Watson

It is with sadness that we record the passing of -

Madame Irene Golebiowska, President of the Polish Rose Society who died at the end of August at the age of 98 in Poland (Societe Polonaise des Roses). She founded and was President of the Society from its inception until her death.

Dr Allan Campbell, Past President of the National Rose Society of Australia and the Rose Society of South Australia, died on the 29th June - aged 95. Allan attended the inaugural meeting of the World Federation and represented Australia as a delegate to World Rose Conventions on a number of occasions. Allan received numerous Awards, including the T. A. Stewart Memorial Award (1976) and National Rose Society of Australia's highest honour, the Australian Rose Award as well as Life Membership of the Rose Society of South Australia.

These outstanding contributors to the world of roses will be missed.

Dates to Remember and Special Events

12th International Heritage Rose Conference – Sakura, Japan, May 31 to June 6, 2012

Regarding the International Heritage Rose Conference 2012 in Sakura.

Because of the unprecedented natural disasters which hit east Japan in March, the International Heritage Rose Conference 2011, which was scheduled to be held in Sakura in May, and was to have been the first heritage rose conference held under the auspices of the WFRS, was obliged to be postponed for one year.

These disasters claimed thousands of human lives and there are still over one hundred thousand people who are spending difficult days in temporary evacuation sites. They also caused radiation leakage from a nuclear power plant in the disaster-stricken area. The 20km radius areas around the power plant are now no-entry zones, and people who used to reside there have been obliged to move to other areas.

The Japanese have risen up to reconstruct their country. Some people have made donations to the fund to help sufferers; others have visited the damaged areas to engage in volunteer work for removing debris. Every day, TV news shows the activities of those people who continue to work bravely, without complaining. It will take time till this country makes a complete recovery from the damage, but we are determined to work together for the reconstruction of our land. We are truly grateful to over thirty countries which offered their help to Japan. Those who have barely survived those disasters have been greatly encouraged by their kind concern, and retrieved the will to live, getting over difficulties they still have to face.

Fortunately, Sakura City suffered no serious damage from the earthquake and tsunami. Since it is located 250km away from the nuclear power plant in trouble, it has suffered hardly any effect of radiation leakage. However, considering the grave situations the country is facing, the Heritage Rose Conference organising committee decided to cancel the event in May this year, and to postpone it until next year. Consulting with the related city offices and supporting organizations, we have concluded our new plan, and set the dates of the conference for the **31st of May to the 6th of June, 2012.**

Though there might be a slight decrease in the number of the attendees, we have laid out a programme similar to the one for the cancelled conference: a welcome party in the rose

garden, lectures at the National History Museum, day tours, the conference dinner, post-conference tours, and the farewell party. The details of the programme will be announced in September this year. We are hoping to be able to welcome many of you to this International Heritage Rose Conference 2012 in Sakura.

Though we experienced unprecedented disasters this time, we Japanese are determined to get over all the difficulties and work to recover the power of the country. We are looking forward to welcoming you to Japan which has retrieved its strength, and to Kusabue-no-oka Rose Garden kept in better condition than ever.

Katsuhiko Maebara

Chairman, The International Heritage Rose Conference Organising Committee



We apologise to you for causing you a lot of trouble by postponing the Heritage Rose Conference 2011. We are very happy to announce that the preparations for the events in 2012 have been going on smoothly, and now we are ready to start accepting registrations for the conference in 2012 on SEPTEMBER 15. (The update of this website, including the detailed information on the conference in 2012, will also be made on the same day.)

Please register through our website, first by clicking the **RED** button marked REGISTRATION below. When the registration form has appeared, please fill it in giving all the necessary information.

Website: <http://www.heritageroses.jp/conference-sakura2011/>

Please start by clicking the registration button on the top of right side.

The WFRS 12th International Heritage Rose Conference, Sakura, 2012

The Conference Office: E-mail: conference@heritageroses.jp

URL: <http://www.heritageroses.jp/conference-sakura2011/>

16th World Rose Convention – Sandton, South Africa, October 10-18 2012

Full details are contained in the preamble to this edition of *WRN*. Please consult the website www.rosafrica2012.co.za on a regular basis for further information

World Federation of Rose Societies Regional Convention – Palmerston North, New Zealand, November 22 – 28, 2013

Plans are coming on nicely for the WFRS Regional Convention in Palmerston North, New Zealand in November 2013. Did you know our city was host to two games of the Rugby World Cup?

Venues for the National Rose Show, Banquet and Lectures have been confirmed and the committee has selected a rose to be released for sale at the Convention.

There will be pre and post convention tours and publicity material will be available at the South African convention. Information can also be found on the New Zealand Rose Society website.

I warmly invite rosarians around the world to be part of **Roses Down Under** – the kiwi experience.

Peter Elliott

Convenor

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For regular updates on the information for the convention, go to www.nzroses.org.nz

17th World Rose Convention – Lyon, France, June 3-9, 2015

Hosted by the Société Française des Roses 'Les Amis des Roses'

For more information, please contact [Maurice Jay](#), email: maurice.jay@free.fr

Article

Favourite Flower the “Rose”

Lois Tabb, Life Member, Canterbury Rose Society Inc.

In the recent Poll taken in Canterbury to name the favourite flower the winner was the Rose. This is understandable when one considers just how for centuries throughout the world and in New Zealand the rose has influenced all our lives and gardens. Dr. Thomas Cairns who later became President of the World Federation of Rose Societies summed up the Rose with this quote - “Roses belong to the whole world and before them vanish the barriers of nationality” May 1993.

Here in Christchurch, the Canterbury Rose Society formally came into being on November 29th, 1945, at a meeting especially called on the first night of the Horticultural Society's Spring Rose Show. This momentous occasion occurred after long and lengthy correspondence with the National Rose Society of New Zealand



City of Christchurch, McGredy 1988 – photo
Capt Eddy Krause (MR12)

The Canterbury Rose Society went on to host the first National Rose Show and Convention. This was in 1950 and presided over by the then National President, the late Con Holyoake, also well known during the previous years as the instigator of the planting of potatoes to assist the war effort in various botanic gardens throughout New Zealand.

The Rose Society went from strength to strength supporting several retirement homes, Fitzgerald House and others by planting roses, giving public pruning demonstrations and lectures. In 1970 members dug beds and planted about a hundred bushes at “Mona Vale”, the property which had recently been acquired by the City Council and the citizens of Christchurch. Since that first planting, more beds have been added including display beds of floribundas, hybrid teas, miniature roses, roses on trial, and a sample of old fashioned and species. These formed a “Window Display” for the people of Christchurch so they could see proven varieties as well as the new introductions.

In 1994 the C.R.S. staged “Roseworld 94” in South Hagley Park, which today is still recognised as one of the best World Rose Conventions ever held. On behalf of the N.R.S. of N.Z., the Canterbury Rose Society members plus the Organising Committee, all volunteers, held one of the most beautiful and successful World Conventions and Exhibitions which attracted 500+ Overseas and 500+ New Zealand registrants. These exhibitions were accompanied by the four day Rose Show, Exhibition and Floral Art displays at which there were a total of 55,000 visitors through the doors.

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The great success of “Roseworld 94” really came from the love and enthusiasm for the “Rose” and all those other N.Z. District Rose Societies, local Garden Clubs, Floral Art Societies, local Business and Horticultural firms large and small etc, who were so willing to support and be part of it. It was a tribute to just how popular the rose is, and while sponsorship then was sometimes not easy it seemed that all of Canterbury wanted to be involved.

Then, as now, why is the rose of today so popular? As I have driven around our battered city over the past few days I have seen a bed of “Roseworld” roses opposite the Museum, a small bed of ground cover roses at the corner of Gloucester St. and Cambridge Tce., a Council planting at the east river end of old Peterborough St. all waiting to be trimmed back and pruned, and even if this might be delayed this year, because roses are survivors - they will return!

They have survived the September, December and February earthquakes, liquefaction, snow, and bricks and mortar landing on them, because as plants, roses are tough and resilient, just like the citizens of the City of Christchurch! Even now after such a long and warm autumn, the rose bushes at the base of the Clock Tower in Victoria Street are already

beginning to test the weather with small green shoots and are getting ready to once again burst into flower at the end of October.

What is it about a rose? They prickle when you least expect it, their rather ugly shape in winter, or the expectations of seeing that fragile flower which bursts forth at the beginning of summer and flowers well into late autumn. The myriad of colours, their perfume, delicate and lovely texture of their petals, their glorious shape and their beauty which has the ability to lighten up a room, are evident. In the garden and whether in a container or formal rose bed or even just one bloom – the “Rose is Forever a Joy to Behold!”

Special Report

Friends of the World Federation

Kelvin Trimper, Vice President – Australasia

John Lennon, the famous song writer, singer and philosopher stated “*I get by with a little help from my friends.*”

Major disasters in recent years have highlighted the importance of friends. Our Japanese rose friends have regularly reported how appreciative they have been of the support and understanding of rose friends around the world following the earthquake and tsunami earlier this year.

In Australia, following the devastating bushfires and floods in recent years, rosarians have produced rose plants to provide to those affected to re-establish their ruined gardens.

The World Federation of Rose Societies (WFRS) represents more than 100,000 rose lovers from 40 countries around the world. Our goal is to expand contact between rosarians and to increase the flow of knowledge about the rose.

The WFRS Objectives are available on the website www.worldrose.org and reinforce how we will achieve this goal. The WFRS realises that it is increasingly important for individual rosarians to have the ability to contact and share knowledge with other individual rosarians. We know that, over the past 43 years, lifelong global friendships have been made between individuals attending World or Regional Rose Conventions, held under the auspices of the WFRS.

Each of these friendships was made initially through face to face contact and then reinforced by regular communication and subsequent meetings at Conventions or private visits. However, imagine how many more friendships would be available if a network existed that enabled individuals to link directly with other individuals without having to meet face to face initially.

With the advancement of modern technology and the ever expanding list of countries belonging to the WFRS, a “Friends of the World Federation” has been established to provide an opportunity for individuals to support and promote the WFRS and its objectives and to communicate directly with each other.

In return for the reasonable initial donation of £30 (GBP) and subsequent donations of £25 once every 3 years, an individual will be entitled to become a “Friend of the Federation”. Each “Friend” will receive direct electronic copies of *World Rose News* and, subject to individual agreement, have the ability to communicate directly with other “Friends” throughout the world. They will also be entitled to attend specifically organised “Friends” events.

Robert Louis Stevenson said “*A friend is a gift you give yourself.*” If this is correct, for the small investment proposed, you will be giving yourself many gifts via the WFRS “Friends” network. As an added incentive, rosarians who make their donation now will be “Friends” until and including the WFRS World Rose Convention in Lyon in 2015.

I encourage you to become a “Friend” and expand your group of rose friends around the world.

The Federation Needs You!

**Become a Friend of the World Federation of Rose Societies
and join a group of generous financial donors
supporting the work of the Federation.**

Benefits include –

Exclusive invitation to 'Friends Only' activities;
Individual electronic copy of World Rose News;
Opportunity to correspond with 'Friends' to exchange
rose growing knowledge, information on rose gardens,
accommodation and other points of interest relative to their region.

Donors form can be downloaded from the Federation's website.
Your donation covers the period until the conclusion of the World Rose Convention 2015.

**The World Federation of Rose Societies,
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Bermuda	<i>Bermuda Rose Society</i>
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Northern Ireland	<i>Rose Society of Northern Ireland</i>
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Pakistan	<i>Pakistan National Rose Society</i>
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Romania	<i>Asociația Amicii Rozelor din România</i>
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