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**The WFRS 12<sup>th</sup> International Heritage Rose Conference  
Sakura, Japan from May 31 to June 6 2012**



the City of Sakura  
Rose Garden  
(Kusabue-no-oka) –  
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Johannesburg.

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**February, 2012**

WFRS President  
2009 - 2012

Dear Rosarians of the Forty Member Countries of the WFRS,

Thank you for all your wonderful messages for Christmas and 2012 – beautiful cards, thoughtful and kind messages making it most enjoyable to be in touch with the many rose friends I have made throughout the rose world. To be in touch with so many people from distant lands gives a completely different dimension and meaning to this festive time of the year. Again I say to each one of you – best wishes for a happy, healthy, safe and fulfilling 2012 and I look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to ROSAFRICA 2012 in October.

Last year we looked forward to the 12<sup>th</sup> International Heritage Convention in Sakura, Japan at the end of May. Our disappointment at the cancellation of this much looked forward to occasion was overshadowed by concern for our Japanese friends who have faced such devastation with determination and courage. It is thanks to their hard work and positive attitude that we are now able to look forward to the Heritage Convention at the end of May. I hope to see many rosarians in Sakura.

With only 8 months to go till the next World Federation of Rose Societies Convention in South Africa, our Executive Director and a number of members of the Executive are busy preparing in various different ways. There are a great deal of Administrative tasks to be done in preparation for the many awards to be presented, office bearers to be found and nominated, etc. I therefore ask for your co-operation in every way, but in particular for prompt communication where necessary.

The ROSAFRICA 2012 convention registration is up and running on the website - [www.rosafrika2012.co.za](http://www.rosafrika2012.co.za) and I urge you to register on line as soon as possible – first of all to help the organisers and secondly to catch the early bird discounted price.

We in South Africa look forward to welcoming you to our country. We are doing our very best to make it an enjoyable and most memorable convention for you.

Yours sincerely in roses,

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 Comment

It does not seem like a year since the last round of Vice-Presidential reports, but here we are, at the beginning of a fresh new year, ready to take on the world and inspire it with roses. Disasters and uncharacteristic weather patterns seem to have made life less predictable, but in it all, there have been roses. They seem to bring joy to all who come into contact with them. Every time I feel the pressures of life, a walk in the garden seems to give a relaxing sense of peace. We are reminded in the way the rose exhibits its beauty, from bud through to withered and fallen petals, of the fragile nature of life and that none of us is permanent.

May your days be filled with roses.

Richard

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## Vice-Presidents' Reports

### Europe (Denmark, Finland, Great Britain, Iceland, Northern Ireland, Norway, Sweden)

Mrs. Ann Bird

I am sure this year will bring much to enjoy in the world of roses with the South African Convention in October and the re-arranged Sakura Convention in Japan in May, as well as the various European Trials and events in the countries of Northern Europe which I am privileged to look after. But looking back over the last year and savouring again the pleasure of meeting up with rose friends old and new on so many different occasions is equally satisfying.



Welcome to Glasgow – photo Ruth Walsh

President to Denmark's second city, Arhus, to be welcomed by another group of enthusiastic rosarians who work under the umbrella of the Danish Rose Society; all too soon it was time to catch the flight home, but with some very special memories of Danish rosarians and their roses.

Last summer seemed to be the busiest ever, starting when the Gardens of the Rose at St Albans opened to the public in early June. Among the first visitors were 44 Japanese rosarians, some of whom I had met at the world class garden of Gifu, central Japan, several years previously. They were delighted with what they described as the most wonderful display of roses in our gardens – a just reward for all the efforts of our gardening staff and volunteers to create such a stunning impact showing roses at their best. During the course of conversation I discovered the Japanese party had left London at 6 a.m. that morning to visit David Austin Roses, in the Midlands, before coming to visit us after lunch – they must have been exhausted but still managed to find the energy to give me the honour of a simultaneous bow before boarding their coach. They were without doubt rosarians with stamina!

The Geneva Rose Trials took place later that week – in a glorious setting somewhat dampened by torrential rain during our morning judging, but replaced by sunshine after a sumptuous lunch in a beautiful hotel overlooking Lake Geneva. The next day was something really special – an invitation from WFRS Past President Gérald Meylan and his wife to WFRS President Sheenagh Harris and attending Vice-Presidents, to visit his home in nearby Aire-la-Ville. It was business before pleasure involving an Executive Committee meeting in a very large village hall where we were greeted by the Mayor, followed by a delicious barbecue in Gerald's garden – an evening to remember.

2011 began with a long spell of dreary grey skies in the UK, which were soon forgotten when I was invited to Copenhagen in February; there the sun shone in a cloudless blue sky but the temperature was  $-10^{\circ}\text{C}$  with no sign of frost on cars or rooftops! The warmth of the welcome from members of the Danish Rose Society dispelled all thoughts of feeling cold, and I was whisked away to Copenhagen University to do a presentation on my favourite rose gardens of Europe – and beyond. From there President Inger Schierning took us for a delightful early meal in a small restaurant which specialised in “pre-theatre” dining – the theatre itself being a few metres away.

Next morning we set off by train with the

Almost immediately I was off to Jersey, Channel Islands, for the first time at the invitation of the “Jersey Rosarians” to judge roses at their prestigious flower show held in the grounds of a beautiful Manor; the beauty of the flowers and the island itself made an unforgettable visit, hopefully to be repeated in the not too distant future.

No sooner was that trip over when two very dear friends and knowledgeable rosarians from California came to England - Gregg Lowery (owner of Vintage Gardens Nursery) and Pamela Temple (who has a hillside rose garden to die for). They managed to visit St Albans, but as we only had one day together and a great deal of rose news to catch up on there was hardly time to draw breath! Equally short, but so enjoyable, was the summer afternoon spent at Jill Bennell’s home in St. Albans with our illustrious Executive Director, Malcolm Watson and his wife, Ruth – what a partnership!



The judging at Tolcross Park – photo Ruth Walsh

Judging roses at the world-renowned Hampton Court Palace Flower Show is always an honour and this year was no exception, the theme in the Rose Marquee being “Alice in Wonderland”, with delightful interpretations of the story made by all exhibitors. It truly was a wonderland display of superb roses, much enjoyed by the huge crowds who attended the Show over six days.

A few days later we welcomed to St Albans a delegation of Chinese rosarians from the Gardens at Changzhou, venue of a successful WFRS Regional Convention last year. The language difficulties were overcome by an excellent interpreter and we were able to exchange views on many aspects of growing roses; it was most interesting to hear of their experiences in

managing a public rose garden of 15 acres – three times the size of our display gardens. They are fortunate in having a large contingent of gardeners to maintain a high standard, but still have the same sort of problems that affect us regarding weather, suitable varieties, diseases, etc. They were interested in our Trials Gardens, and we hope they were suitably impressed.

The next expedition was to judge at the International Rose Trials in Belfast where, as always, we were welcomed with great enthusiasm by the Rose Society of Northern Ireland and Belfast City Council. The display of roses in Sir Thomas and Lady Dixon Park was spectacular, and equally the gardens at Greenmount Horticultural College in nearby Antrim a joy to behold, not just for roses and complementary plants but for the excellence of maintenance and passion for perfection. A rose visit in 2012 to Belfast will have to include events planned for the centenary of the building of the doomed liner “Titanic”, which the City of Belfast is commemorating in a big way.



At the end of August, the City of Glasgow once again hosted its prestigious International Rose Trials at Tollcross Park with judges attending from many countries. WFRS President Sheenagh Harris was determined to find the time to be at this event, despite a heavy travel schedule to various other parts of the world. She was given a very warm Scottish welcome and much enjoyed the roses at Tollcross which looked And the winner was Super Trouper (Fryer) – photo Richard Walsh

spectacular despite the wet summer – a fitting tribute to the skill of the gardeners who toiled under difficult conditions for many weeks. An unusual highlight of the visit this year was filming taking place right in the centre of the city of a Hollywood “blockbuster” movie starring Brad Pitt, who appeared quite often to do his “takes”. All roads in the vicinity were blocked off, bringing the centre of the city to a complete standstill!

Finally, just a week later I was judging the rose classes at a very up-market Horse Show in the Cotswolds, arguably one of the most expensive areas in England. I arrived to find not only superb equestrian events taking place, but a large marquee full of flowers waiting to be judged, including a long bench of roses. The whole day was so enjoyable and so typically English - horses being the main attraction, but in addition a very noisy poultry tent, rare breeds of sheep and cattle awaiting judging, and even a dog show. This all goes to prove my somewhat controversial theory that the rose can take you anywhere, and long may it continue!

**Europe (Austria, Czech Republic, Greece, Hungary, Israel, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia)**

**Dr. Stefan Wagner – Photos Stefan Wagner**

My bonds with the WFRS are very old; they stretch right back to its beginnings. I was invited to the founding conference, which was in London in 1968, by the Royal National Rose Society. I received the approval from the Romanian authorities after quite a struggle, and I traveled across Europe by train and boat for about 45 hours to reach London.

Until 1968 I had never been to a western country and London then seemed to me like a dream. At this conference, the delegates of 15 countries voted to create the World Federation. I didn't even have a mandate from any organisation from Romania, since there was no rose society at that time in Romania; nevertheless, I was considered an official delegate and thus Romania became one of the founding countries of the Federation, which I am very proud of.

Attending the congress, I had the opportunity to visit the Harkness nurseries at Hitchin, plus Gregory and Wheatcroft near Nottingham; I visited the RNRS Gardens of the Rose at St. Albans, saw an extraordinary exposition at Alexandra Palace in London, and visited Oxford, Nottingham and other cities. Still, for me, the most fantastic event was the moment when I was introduced to H. M. Elizabeth, The Queen Mother of England, who was then the honorary patron of the RNRS. I was so nervous I didn't even know what to say and at that time my English skills were not too impressive either. I still hold dear a picture that was taken at this wonderful occasion; it has hung on the wall of my apartment since 1968.



Until 1983 I did not have other business with the WFRS, but in that year the rose congress in Baden-Baden, Germany was grandiose. The 1985 congress followed in Toronto, where I presented a paper, and where I met many important personalities from the field of roses. Another pause followed, until 1991, when our rose society, founded by me in 1990, was accepted into the WFRS as the 23rd member of the Federation. It was a dream of mine that came true, in a country where the horrible communist regime, which lacked any democratic liberties, had just ended. From that moment I have been present at all of the WFRS congresses, New Zealand, Benelux, USA, Scotland, Japan, Canada, and in the fall I hope to once again go to South Africa. Among other things I have organised trips for our members to South Africa and Australia. At the congresses in Benelux and Osaka I again had the opportunity to present a paper. The leadership of the Federation has appreciated my work, and

in 2000, in Houston, I was awarded the World Rose Award; in 2009 in Vancouver I also received the Silver Medal of the Federation. I consider both of these distinctions huge honours for me and the rose lovers in Romania.

Now, after my 80th birthday on the 1st of February, I think that the time has come to withdraw from my position as Vice-President of the Federation for Central and Eastern Europe, and pass the role on to a younger person.

I have always loved sports. My favourites were handball during my youth, and swimming and skiing which I have enjoyed all of my life. I still ski to this day, at 80 years of age, and even though many say that I should stop, I will not give up until I am physically unable to ski. I have already visited



slopes in the French Alps this year, where I skied with great pleasure, and also with considerable know-how – at least that’s what they tell me. I have practiced this sport in Slovenia, Austria, Italy, France and Slovakia, and also in Romania. I consider it a sport of courage, beauty and elegance, and sliding on skis a superb delight.

It gives me great satisfaction that besides creating 47 rose varieties, by myself as well as in collaboration with others, I can still practice sports even at this age, something that I wish to all those who read these lines.

Eng. Stefan WAGNER, PhD  
Honorary President of the Romanian RS



Skiing in France, Stefan in the middle

## Europe (Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Spain, Switzerland)

Prof. Maurice Jay – photos the author

2011 was marked in the South Europea Region by some important events about our favourite flower: THE ROSE

Roses Trials in 2011: the main problem was the weather in particular and it contrasted this year in Southern Europe; it was warmer with a severe drought in spring with unfortunately violent storms in the middle of June, then a lot of rain in summer. The rose behaviour was very strange - full and very early flowering in May for a short time because of storms with hardly much repeat-flowering at the end of the summer. The international rose trials, numerous in Europe, were differently affected according to the local conditions and it was very difficult to exhibit attractive rose flower-beds to the International Judging panels. For the rose contests in May, there were normal conditions in Barcelona, Rome and Madrid; for the rose trials in June, flowering was past its



Sheenagh Harris with Frans Thomas and Marie-Louise Velge

(President of Royal Rose Society of Belgium) and Marie-Louise Velge in the Provincial rose garden of Courtrai.

A meeting of the WFRS breeders' club took place in Lyon (France) on December 1 with the chairman Gérald Meylan and a group of breeders; many topics were discussed and among the most important were :

- Information about the rose cultivation assay in Shenzhen for which the European breeders had sent a lot of varieties in order to compare the rose behaviour under a very particular latitudinal range; the final results of this assay are expected in 2013.
- Information on the new rose contest in Monaco in May 2012: the jury members will have to

best in Bagatelle, Lyon, Geneva and Baden-Baden; for the September contests, the flowering was weak at Le Roeulx, Orleans.

The meeting of the WFRS-Executive Committee was managed by President Sheenagh Harris in Geneva on June 19th, the day after the Geneva International Rose Contest. The Asia, North America, North Europe, South Europe Regions were represented. Gérald and Christina Meylan opened their home to welcome this group in the same way as the Mayor of Aire-la-Ville lending the gymnasium for the meeting.

The Courtrai city in Belgium has welcome its international rose contest #50 on June 24. The WFRS President, Sheenagh, was present: the picture shows our President with Frans Thomas



Gérald Meylan and members of the Breeders' Club

assess the rose varieties after five months cultivation in pots.

- Collaboration between breeders and WFRS WebSite, and WFRS World Rose News.

The first painted wall (in the world) dedicated to roses was inaugurated in Lyon on June 20. This huge fresco describes the history of roses in Lyon district 8 during the XIX century; this project was managed by the association «Roses Anciennes en France». The inauguration was made in the presence of a number of VIP's and a delegation of the American Heritage Rose foundation which celebrated its 25th anniversary in France, with a warm welcome to the breeder Fabien Ducher for Roses Anciennes en France and Stephen Scanniello, president of AHRF.



The painted wall

In July 1936 the Horticultural Federation of Luxembourg received the Société Française des Roses for its 35th convention; this event was very professional and very picturesque with a huge exhibition of 50,000 roses in the flower hall of Limpertsberg, the headquarter of Roses in Luxemburg; the event as a whole was under the patronage of Grande Duchesse Charlotte and Prince Felix de Luxembourg. A magnificent feast took place the city of Luxembourg. 75 years later, in July 2011, the European Association of Young Gardeners held its 52nd convention in Luxembourg; on this occasion a new rose from Tantau company was launched, **Melusina**, who is said to have been the wife of the founder of Luxembourg, Count Siegfried: this rose received an award in the Baden-Baden rose trial of 2010, the gold medal for a Floribunda, and the prize of Grand Duché of Luxembourg.

The last piece of information concerns the preparation of the XVIIth WFRS Convention by France in 2015.

The French organisation committee has already produced a lot of planning work and the main aspects of this convention are completed and the plans recorded. A previous presentation was made during the WFRS Executive Committee meeting in Geneva on June 2011.



Lyon Convention organisation committee

**North America (Bermuda, Canada, USA)**  
**Mr. Steve Jones – photos the author**

2011 was an interesting year in the United States. Parts of the west and northeast had record rain and snowfall, while the south had hot, dry weather, and flooding in the midwest. Many of the rose shows had to be cancelled at the local level.

The Spring National Convention was held in conjunction with the Winston-Salem Rose Society rose show in North Carolina. John and Cherylynn Smith of Westminster, Maryland won the coveted Nicholson Perpetual Challenge Bowl which calls for nine hybrid teas. Two of the entries were hybridized by John; Snuffy and Randy Scott. They also won the Herb Swim Memorial Trophy. Satish and Vijaya Prahbu of Columbia, South Carolina won four trophies including the New Zealand Kiwi, Joseph Kern, Dorothy Stemler (the last two trophies are for old garden roses), and the Dee Bennett. Other winners include Bob and Sandy Lundberg (Pfister), Bill and Kathy



Nicholson Perpetual Challenge Bowl – photo Bill Kozemchak

Kozemchak (Mavity), Andrew Hearn (J. Benjamin Williams), and R. Harold White won the Griffith Buck and GardenWeb trophies. The latter was for the best single entry in the show - **Jens Munk**.

Susie and I were not able to attend the national as we were in Europe judging rose trials, visiting rose gardens, and attending the WFRS meeting in Geneva. I want to thank Immediate Past President Gérald Meylan and his wife Christina

for setting up the WFRS meeting at the last minute and hosting a wonderful dinner for the



**Dinner at the Meylans'**



**Judging at Baden-Baden – photos Steve Jones**

attendees at their home. We had a marvelous time attending the trials in Lyon, Bagatelle, Geneva, and Baden-Baden. The latter I was asked and accepted to be the President of the International Jury. We battled rain at the trials in Lyon and Geneva, but we did our duty anyway. I was usually in charge of checking for fragrance but they all smelled like water to me. We had great weather in Paris and Baden-Baden as both gardens were in excellent condition. We were especially impressed with the new Hulthemia breeding by Englishmen Peter James and Chris Warner. During our travels we visited the gardens of: WFRS VP Maurice Jay, Madrid's Rosaleda and Retiro, Luxembourg President Claude Vion and Annette Block, Belgium gardens of Coloma and Le Roeux, France's Malmaison and Roséraie d'Lhay, and the Mainau Botanical Gardens in Germany.

The All Miniature Conference was held in Syracuse, New York, unfortunately also during our travels in Europe. There Satish and Vijaya Prabhu won the F. Harm Saville Bowl and Bob and Sandy Lundberg won the Top Gun Trophy.

The Fall Convention was held in Universal Studios in California (Los Angeles area). The convention was attended by many of our friends from out of the country including WFRS President Sheenagh Harris and Jean Newman and Pam Hawthorne of Australia. About 300 persons attended the conference. Satish and Vijaya Prabhu won a majority of the trophies including the J. Horace McFarland, Earl of Warwick, National Pacific, Lawton, Moore and J. Benjamin Williams. Cynthia Chuang of Los Altos, California won both of the national arrangement trophies; the Overesch and Millie Walters.

In 2012, the All Miniature Conference will be held just outside Columbus, Ohio and the Fall National will be in San Ramon, California (San Francisco area). There our current American Rose Society Vice President Jolene Adams will assume the office of President for the next three years.



**Left - Satish and  
Vijaya Prabhu**

**Right – Their F.  
Harm Saville  
Bowl**

**Photos Satish  
Prabhu**



## North America (Bermuda, Canada, USA) Dr. Patrick White – Photos the author

### The Wohl Rose Garden – WFRS Award of Garden Excellence 2004

- It is a park of 19 acres
- The rose section covers 5 acres
- 15 000 roses, 400 different varieties
- Species roses, Israeli roses, Old Garden Roses and Modern Roses
- An experimental section (Currently in limbo due to financial constraints)



#### Overview of the Site

It is a rose park in the middle of a political hot spot, the focus of daily demonstrations due to its position right by the Knesset (the Israeli parliament). We saw two unrelated demonstrations the morning we visited the garden. All rose gardens should be so strategically placed.



#### The Climate

- Moderate Mediterranean = warm, long summers affording 4 flushes over a twelve month period!
- Annual mean temperature is 19°C
- 31°N latitude, 835m above sea level
- No rain in summer, necessitating drip irrigation for 8 months due to rainfall of approximately 23 inches (575mm) per year



My hosts were Dalit Kaslassi, rose curator, and Harel Tsubari, Park Director

#### The Soil

Terra rose and Rendzina on slopes of up to 20% incline. Rendzina soil (from the Polish “rzedzic”) is humous-rich, but containing much stone and gravel.

#### The Irrigation

- Twice weekly April to November
- Volume of water 4.5-6L/m<sup>2</sup>/day
- It is changed monthly depending on evaporation data



- Every bush has its own supply of 2L/hour
- All valves are computer operated
- Solar panels give the power for valve control

#### Fertilising

- Compost 5L/ m<sup>2</sup> in fall
- Multicote Agri, an N-P-K blend slow release 17-9-27 for 8months, which promotes flowering even in hot summers

#### The choice of cultivars

The roses were developed principally by intentional hybridising of “wild” (species) roses and modern varieties.

#### Criteria

- Abundant blooming

- Good foliage
- Disease resistance
- Low/no maintenance

Regarding availability, phytosanitary concerns are a major issue.

#### The Species

The Wohl Rose Park is conserving as many species roses as possible, including on a smaller scale *R. virginiana*, and *R. rugosa*. The real difficulty is soil pH 7.7-8.0 and money.

Other species conserved there include *R. sericea* and *R. Phoenicia*. The wild roses contributed qualities such as arched and spreading branches, resistance to pests and diseases, blooms along the entire length of the branch and a lot of new branches growing and blooming from the base of the plant.



Even better blooms were found on the Chinas (*R. indica major*) and *R. banksias banksiae* and *R. Banksia lutea*.

#### The Modern Roses

The chief features contributed by the modern varieties were their colour, size, shape of the flower and repeat blooming. They included such varieties as **Harmonie**, **Secret**, **Israel Amira**, **Pinkie**, **Iceberg**, **Sierra Sunrise**, **Chipper**, **Heureux Anniversaire**, **Parkziede**



and **F. J. Grootendorst**.

#### Mass Effect

The Planning protocol was for

- Flowering plants to cover slopes and rocky areas
- Flowering plants for large expanses of gardening requiring minimal maintenance (as along highways and at intersections etc.)
- Natural-looking roses (shrubs and wild roses) that are in bloom most of the season.



**Source of the Roses**

The Breeders France – Meilland  
 England – Harkness  
 Germany – Tantau and Kordes

The National Gardens            The London Garden  
    The Paris Garden  
    The Japan Garden  
    The German Garden  
    The Toledo Garden  
    The Swiss Garden

**South America (Argentina, Chile, Uruguay)**  
**Mrs. Nilda Crivelli**

**Asociación Argentina de Rosicultura 60th Anniversary**

Mrs. Sheenagh Harris, WFRS President, and Mr. Don Ballin, American Rose Society Past President, honoured us with their first visit to Buenos Aires for the celebration of our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



Valentina Casucci, Isa Maria Bozzolo, Don Ballin, Rosario Algorta, Sheenagh Harris, C. Mare and Pam Corbett at the Rosedal

Mrs. Rosario Algorta, Asociación Uruguaya de la Rosa President and Mrs. Isa Maria Bozzolo from Chile joined us too.

Our highlight was the rose show “Roses and Diamonds”, on October 27, visited by about 500 rose lovers. Sheenagh, Don and I were asked to judge and offer the special awards, not an easy task!

All the judges were invited to have tea and I introduced Sheenagh and Don to them and also to Mrs. Lili Gaubin and her mother, Mrs. Catherine Graham, whose name was given to a rose hybridised by Don and that rose is at our Rosedal.

We were all very happy when Robert Begg and his daughter Merina arrived and shared the table with us.

Later on, at the auditorium, Sheenagh explained the 16<sup>th</sup> Convention programme day by day, illustrating it with a Power Point.

Next day in the morning, we had a guided visit to our rose garden (Rosedal) in Palermo organised by its sponsor, YPF Fund.

The foreign and local visitors, the Association committee representatives of our four branches, the curator, Mrs. Valentina Casucci, the authors of the book *The History of the Rosedal*, some city government authorities, the Botanical Garden directors etc. could enjoy the magnificence of hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of roses in bloom!



Lunch in Rosemarie Symmond's garden

At midday a cocktail was served at the Sivori Museum (in front of the Rosedal) under the trees.

For the weekend we organised a guided tour to San Isidro, an old and historical northern suburb. Sheenagh and Don had already had a private tour on the rose show morning.

After lunch at Victoria Ocampo's Museum, we had a boat trip along the “Delta”.

On Sunday we visited three outstanding private rose gardens and had lunch at the Golf House in Martindale, where Pamela Corbett's garden was.

On October 31, early in the morning, Sheenagh, Don and I left for Uruguay by boat accompanied by Rosario Algorta who had organised, with her committee, a four day tour.

We went to different cities to meet the members of the branches living there, visited rose



Rosemarie and Sheenagh



Pamela Corbett's garden

gardens, were invited to judge at their rose show on November 3 and shared lunches, teas and dinners prepared and served with the classic Uruguayan affability, warmth and generosity.

Wherever we went, Sheenagh projected the convention Power Point and gave a detailed explanation about it and Don gave talks about "Grooming Roses for a Show" and a talk to judges about quality judging.

We all left Uruguay the same day. Sheenagh went to Chile, Don returned to USA and I returned home, rather tired but very happy.

An Argentine song says "thanks to life that has given me so many things" and I add "thanks to roses that allowed me to know so many interesting and lovable people".

## **Africa (South Africa)** **Mr. Alan Tew**

One of my disappointments of the last couple of years has been the lack of response from Rosarians, however many there might be is not really known, living in African countries to the north of South Africa. Kenya is a well-known exporter of cut roses, but it seems that private gardening with roses has lessened so that the possibility of forming a society with roses as the main theme, finds little response. Piggy-backing on the back of an international rose breeder like Kordes, that has a presence in the rose business of Kenya, might have been a way of creating a rose focus for gardeners and some society activity might have followed, but no luck with this idea so far. Other countries to the north are without response although there has been an occasional trickle of French speaking communications from communities on the Mediterranean littoral, but that's hardly African!

South Africa on the other hand over the years 2010/11 has had more than its fair share of action leading up to the hosting of ROSAFRICA2012 in October 2012, the World Rose Convention, that will take place in the environs of Johannesburg and Pretoria where the mile high climate makes for excellent rose growing. There is expectation that many hundreds of rosarians will register for and enjoy this most interesting convention. Be there!

In addition to masterminding the convention, the Federation of Rose Societies of Southern Africa (ROSA) over the past twelve months has seen quite an exciting changing of the guard, essentially slipping down a generation. It has been the privilege of World President Sheenagh Harris to oversee all these developments in ROSA and particularly to welcome into the position of President of ROSA, Stefanie Seydack, a lady of considerable resourcefulness and practical know-how who is stimulating a new team with enthusiasm and joy. The changes resulted in new people as Treasurer, Secretary, Editor and Webmaster, all achieved in a spirit of co-operation with good anticipation. The retirees in their graciousness remain appropriately involved within the societies and well-known Ludwig Taschner remains a solid supporter of ROSA; he is friend to all rosarians of the country.

This all achieved, ROSA looks forward to lively growth in society memberships in the hope that the interest in roses generally will develop well over the years ahead.

Finally it is for noting that having achieved nonagenarian status, I have decided to retire from the position of V-P Africa for WFRS and it is my sincere hope that as successor, Jackie Kalley, a member of the Gold Reef Rose Society will be welcomed to the Council.

With grateful thanks and all good wishes to all friends and colleagues

Editor's note: Three of the Regional Vice-Presidents, Dr. Stefan Wagner, Dr. Patrick White, Prof. Maurice Jay and Mr Alan Tew will not be available for re-election and this will be their final report. Congratulations on an excellent record of service and we wish you a long, healthy and happy retirement, full of roses. Your efforts on behalf of others has been noticed and appreciated.

**Australasia (Australia)**  
**Mr. Kelvin Trimper – photos Richard Walsh**

In a year of significant challenges, both man-made (ongoing global economic crisis) and natural (earthquake, tsunami, floods and fires), the beauty and love for the rose seems to rise above all of this ugliness.

Who would have thought that Brisbane, the venue of our fun-filled and delightful meeting of the National Rose Society of Australia in October 2010, would face devastating floods a few months later? Those of us, who live in other Australian states, offered our sympathy to those in Brisbane and other parts of Queensland affected by this disaster. We all appreciated the concern shown by our international colleagues in their messages.

The fires around Perth, in the western part of our country, similarly highlighted how vulnerable we are in this vast nation of ours.

However, our challenges seemed to quickly fade when our TV screens flashed the tragic devastation which followed the earthquake and tsunami which occurred in Japan. Our heartfelt sympathy went to all immediately affected and obviously our planned WFRS Heritage Convention in Sakura had to be cancelled. Australia was going to be well represented in Sakura with about 30 attendees, some of whom were planning to take a pre-conference tour.

We are delighted that the Japanese organisers have reconvened this conference in May 2012 and I encourage all with an interest in Heritage Roses to register and attend this event which will be very important to our rose friends in Japan as they rebuild their country. For those who have not been to Japan I can assure you that the scenery, including rose gardens, is spectacular and the Japanese people are among the most hospitable in the world. I look forward to a good contingent of Australians attending.

The 16<sup>th</sup> WFRS World Rose Convention to be held in Sandton, South Africa, from 11 to 18 October, 2012, is rapidly taking shape. I can't wait to renew my acquaintances with rose friends from around the world. Who can forget the photos of beautiful South African gardens shown by Sheenagh Harris, World President, on her trip to Australia in 2010. These, together with the opportunity to see South Africa's unique wildlife, attend an excellent lecture programme and experience the culture, ensure a memorable few weeks.

Australia is organising a group to travel to South Africa which will include the pre- and post-conference tours organised by the ROSAFRICA team.



The 2011 Annual Meeting of the National Rose Society of Australia was held in Perth and hosted by the Rose Society of Western Australia. I am pleased to be able to report that most State Rose Societies are strong and vibrant. Both the National and State Societies are in relatively healthy financial positions due to the partnership we have with Neutrog, a national fertiliser company. Each Society is broadening their reach to the general public with pruning demonstrations, shows and appearances in plant nurseries, via the media and through the use of new technologies.



**Two private gardens visited during the National AGM weekend in Perth, Alan and Iris Short's plus Sarah and Kevin Molloy's**

The hundreds of volunteer rosarians who commit their time and effort to these initiatives need to be thanked. It is this public exposure which ensures the rose remains popular in Australia.

At the 2011 meeting in Perth, Australia's highest Rose Award was bestowed upon Mr. Peter Burton from South Australia and Mrs. Dell Matthews from Victoria. In addition, it was announced that Mrs. Norma Manuel from Auckland, New Zealand had been the successful recipient of the TA Stewart Memorial Award (a joint Australian/New Zealand honour). I congratulate all three on their achievements.

Once again, as part of my WFRS report, I wish to acknowledge the efforts of other Australians who provide great service to the WFRS. These include Malcolm Watson, WFRS Executive Director; Richard Walsh, *World Rose News* Editor and Ian Spriggs, Chairman WFRS Awards Committee. I also wish to thank Mary Frick who assisted with the "Friends" concept.

I also acknowledge the passing of Dr. Allan Campbell, who attended the first WFRS meeting and also represented Australia as a delegate to WFRS Conventions, and Mrs. Myrtle Trimper who attended many WFRS Conventions with her late husband Eric. We will miss them and always remember their many contributions. We look forward to catching up with all our rose friends around the world in either Sakura or Sandton in 2012.

### **Australasia (New Zealand)** **Mr. Peter Elliott – Photos Hayden Foulds**

Spring 2011 has seen a flurry of rose shows and events throughout New Zealand. Very unusual weather patterns meant blooming was delayed in many parts of the country. My city of Palmerston North had a heavy snowfall in August, something not seen since the 1960's.

The first main activity of the season was held in Poverty Bay on the east coast of the North Island. The city of Gisborne was the venue for the National Rose Show 12/13 November and by all accounts the show was very good indeed. The famous jutting headland close by, called Young Nick's Head, is the first place in the world to see the sun each day. It was the geographical landmark that Captain Cook spied on his epic journey on The Endeavour in 1769 when our country was first discovered.

On 19/20 November, Hamilton hosted the Pacific Rose Bowl Festival and trials and the Waikato Rose Society Show, one of the biggest shows in the country and always renowned for the quality of blooms. This will be one of the **pre-tour** venues for the WFRS Regional Convention in New Zealand from 14/11/2013 to 22/11/2013 which is the week leading up to the convention itself.



**Absolutely Fabulous**



**Southern Beauty**



**St. Mary's Rose**

Trial Ground awards from Palmerston North were announced at a ceremony on 4<sup>th</sup> December. The Dugald Mackenzie Rose Gardens were looking a treat and there were many fine roses in Trial 41. Top of the shop and winner of the Gold Star of the South Pacific was a Tom Carruth bred rose (Wekvossotono) known in our country as **Absolutely Fabulous**. The points awarded by the judges to this rose were the highest for many years. The bloom is a little like **Graham Thomas** but a deeper gold and stronger petal texture. Local amateur breeder, John Ford, the nephew of the late Nola Simpson, won the Silver Star of the City of Palmerston North for his rose called **Southern Beauty** (Forauty). Four certificates of merit were awarded. Rob Somerfield of Glen Avon Roses in the Bay of Plenty collected two with **Wild Cherry** (Somsyred), a very striking cherry red floribunda and **St Mary's Rose**, (Somcarlem) is a cream/lemon patio rose. Other awards went to Colin Dickson from the UK for a very brightly coloured orange/yellow blend floribunda called **Wildcat** (Dicjaunty) and Tom Carruth again for **Topsy Turvy** (Wekcocbeb), a striking red with yellow reverse floribunda. A feature of all the winners was their health and disease resistance, important nowadays with the trend towards no-spray regimes.



**Topsy Turvy**



**Wild Cherry**



**Wildcat**

It is now less than 2 years away to our big WFRS event **Roses Down Under – the kiwi experience**. There will be lots to see and do during the **convention week proper from 22/11/2013 to 28/11/2013** – retail therapy, Trial Ground awards, National Rose Show followed by the gala banquet, visits to city gardens and the local herb farm, speakers and paper presentations, visits to the Te Apiti Wind farm on the outskirts of the city. There will be visits to the Sam McGredy Rose collection in Hastings (2 hours away) and Matthews Rose nursery in Wanganui (1 hour away), Rugby buffs might like to visit the world famous rugby museum – you might even see our illustrious Captain Richie McCaw's rugby boots. We would love to welcome you to our part of the world.

Please direct any enquiries about this convention to me (Peter Elliott) at [gizmo@inspire.net.nz](mailto:gizmo@inspire.net.nz) or look up New Zealand Rose Society on the internet for further information.

**Far East (China, Japan)**  
**Mr. Takamasa Tsuge – photos the author**

**50th Anniversary at the Metropolitan Tokyo Jindai Botanical Gardens**

On 20th October 2011, a number of visitors to the Metropolitan Tokyo Jindai Botanical Gardens celebrated its fiftieth anniversary when rose garden was in full bloom. Mr. Kimikazu Murao, Vice Governor of Metropolitan Tokyo, expressed his appreciation of the WFRS's "the Award of Garden Excellence" in 2009. The rose garden is located in the southern part of the Botanical Gardens. It covers 4 000 square metres surrounding a sunken fountain. More than 5 200 plants of 400 varieties are planted in the garden

On this occasion, a new rose named **Queen of Jindai**, chosen among the winners of the Trial Grounds, has been designated as a Commemorative Rose.



**The Flower Festival Commemorative Park in Gifu prefecture, Japan**

The Park is being managed by a new group, namely "The Flower Festival Commemorative Park Operational Management Group".

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I visited there last October and met Mr. Hitoshi Tomita and a new member of staff. I recognised that they are very keen to keep the Park even more attractive and also I was told that they have decided to resume their International Rose Competition (after a year's pause) starting autumn 2011 the 12<sup>th</sup> trial. In addition, they wish to remain as an Associate Member of WFRS.



Middle, Mr Tsuge and on his left Mr. Hitoshi Tomita



## Central Asia (Bangladesh, India, Pakistan) Mian Zafar Iqbal

In this region (Central Asia), there are two active countries, Pakistan and India; we have already lost Bangladesh from this region showing no interest in WFRS activities and their membership is cancelled. IRF 'Indian Rose Federation' on the other hand is very active in this region, especially Nawab Shah Alam Khan, who has started Hyderabad Rose Society very and a Rose garden in Hyderabad, which is progressing day by day, sponsored by Nawab Shah Alam and his family. I may visit the garden in the near future. IRF also held its 30th All India Rose convention on 6th to 8th January at Jamshedpur, India. A lot of lectures on Rose culture were organised that provided much education to Rose growers and as well as new rose gardeners in that area. I congratulate the IRF for organising it so successfully.

As usual in Pakistan PNRS 'Pakistan National Rose Society' will hold a Rose show from 10th – 15th April of this year. A rose bulletin is issued regularly from time to time to educate the rosarians. We have two seasons of roses, one in Nov-Dec and the other is at the end of Mar-Apr according to different climatic conditions in the different areas of Pakistan. Quarterly lectures are also held by PNRS to educate rose gardeners.

I invite anybody interested to attend the PNRS annual rose show to be held in April this year. Kindly convey my invitation to each member society through this edition of WFRS World Rose News. For any assistance or guidance in this regard please contact me freely on [mianzafar6@hotmail.com](mailto:mianzafar6@hotmail.com) or phone (+92) 61 458 2621.

## Dates to Remember and Special Events

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

Please check the website [www.heritageroses.jp/conference-sakura2011](http://www.heritageroses.jp/conference-sakura2011) for details of Booking, the Schedule of events, Lecture topics, Venue and Access and Tours.

For further details and queries contact the Chairman of the Organising Committee, Mr. Katsuhiko Maebara, by email [maebara@heritageroses.jp](mailto:maebara@heritageroses.jp).



Rugosa alba at Gifu – photo the editor



# The 16<sup>th</sup> World Rose Convention Sandton, Johannesburg OCTOBER 11 – 18, 2012

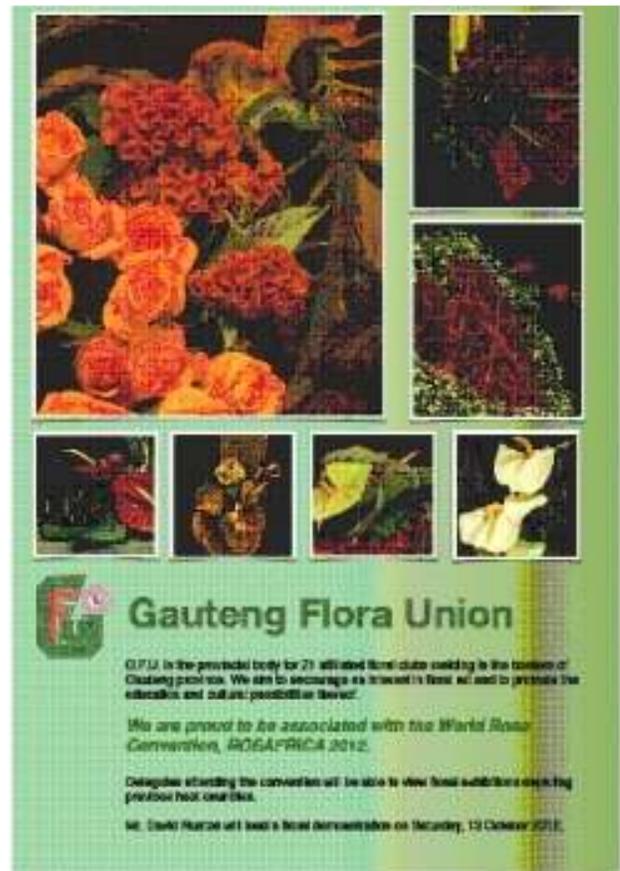
ROSAFRICA is excited to announce:

- Plans for the ROSE SHOW - Stunning arrangements by the Gauteng Flora Union include displays representing previous Member Country Conventions as well as an exhibition by top florists from this region. This promises to be a spectacular display.
- Flower arranging demonstration - well-known Emeritus WFRS Past President **David Ruston** has agreed to be the 'key-note' arranger at this Floral Art Demonstration. Skilled Gauteng flower club members will support our very own flower arranger 'extraordinaire' using interesting and unusual material from all provinces in South Africa. Come and enjoy the artistry of these talented arrangers.
- The Chapel attached to the Rosebank Union Centre will be transformed into an extravaganza of roses and flowers - a feast for your eyes.
- The entire Centre and surrounding gardens will form a floral framework supporting the Rose Convention.

Venue: Rosebank Union Centre

Days: Friday 12 October and  
Saturday 14 October, 2012

Free for all registered Convention Delegates



[www.rosaffrica2012.co.za](http://www.rosaffrica2012.co.za)

## 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.

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

Enquiries: [gizmo@inspire.net.nz](mailto:gizmo@inspire.net.nz)

For regular updates on the information for the convention, go to [www.nzroses.org.nz](http://www.nzroses.org.nz)

## 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Maurice Jay), email: [maurice.jay@free.fr](mailto:maurice.jay@free.fr)

## Other Reports

### Geneva Executive Committee

There was an omission in the previous World Rose News and the picture of the members attending the Executive meeting in Geneva found its way into the President's message. The few lines of explanation beneath it somehow got lost. It is now printed fully below.



Steve Jones (USA), Maurice Jay (Europe), Gérald Meylan (Immediate Past President), Bertrand Reich, Deputy Mayor of Aire-Le-Ville, Sheenagh Harris (President), Malcolm Watson (Executive Director), Ann Bird (Europe), Jill Bennel, (Treasurer), Mian Zafar Iqbal (Central Asia)

Members of the Executive Council during a meeting held in Geneva on 19 June, 2011, kindly organised and hosted by Gérald and Christina Meylan with the help of the Swiss (French) Rose Society. It was a wonderful opportunity for a meeting and the whole day, including the BBQ in the evening, was thoroughly enjoyed by all who were able to attend this all important and essential WFRS meeting. We are most grateful to Gérald and Christina and the Swiss Rose Society.

### Book Review

#### Catherine Knox, Heritage Rose Society of South Africa

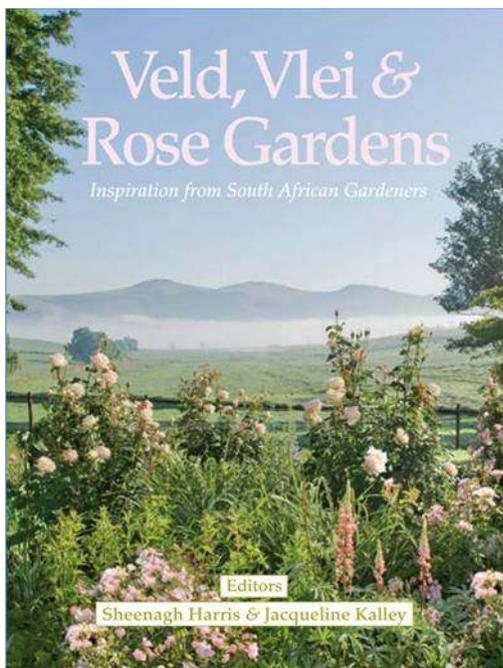
##### VELD, VLEI & ROSE GARDENS

*Inspiration from South African Gardeners*

Edited by Sheenagh Harris & Jacqueline Kalley

Johannesburg: Otterley Press, soft cover, 176 pages

ISBN: 978-0-9814315-7-4



*An informal garden bed with flowering rose bushes, against a background of farmland, distant hills and blue sky: a peaceful, apparently artless and charming scene...the mood set by the cover of Veld, Vlei & Rose Gardens is maintained throughout this important new addition to South Africa's garden library.*

It's a gentle, friendly book, lovely to look at, fascinating to read and blessedly free of pretension.

The editors offer a selection of 41 gardens in which roses star prominently. Their stated aim was not to attempt a comprehensive survey, but to choose a sampling representative of various types of garden in our different climatic regions.

There are collectors' gardens, town gardens and country gardens from across the country. In each case, the gardener him- or herself has written about the garden and this is one of the great strengths of the compendium. The different voices speak from the heart which makes reading a delight. Each of the passages includes historical snippets, personal gardening philosophy, design markers and some invaluable practical tips.

The book has obviously been professionally edited and proofed, but nonetheless, some of our gardeners are clearly excellent writers! Their reflections open a window into informal social history. There is a huge variety of styles and preferences, but if any overall trend emerges, it is the growing appreciation for heritage roses. The irresistible **Albertine**, for example, ranks as one of the most-

**Boskydell – view from the vineyard**



mentioned roses in the book (following on the heels of **My Granny** and **Iceberg**). Another very obvious trend is ecologically friendly gardening practice and an increasing use of organic feeds and pest controls.



The book is profusely illustrated with photographs from scores of different sources. Striking rose “portraits” mark the divisions between the three sections. Knox-Shaw’s study of the ravishing **Belle de Crécy** in all her plummy splendour is just one example. There are also a number of gorgeous double-page pictures which draw you in to the magical world of the garden. The variety of photographic quality creates the sense that this is partly an album – which contributes to the overall impression of sincerity and integrity. The design and typography are elegant and restrained, allowing text and pictures to claim all the attention.

There is a map of South Africa showing the locations of the gardens; an excellent index and a very useful bibliography – which illustrates the paucity of books on rose growing here. Gardens are by their nature in a state of constant flux so, to a certain extent, this book is a snapshot in time, capturing a fleeting moment in the story of our habitation here in Africa and our engagement with nature and natural forces. As such, it is a fresh new piece of Africana.

It is also a meaningful gift that can be kept on the bedside table and dipped in to many, many times with pleasure and satisfaction.

**The Indian Rose Federation Conference**  
**Mr. Arshad Bhiwandiwa, Secretary Indian Rose Federation**  
**Photos – M. S. Viraraghavan**

The Indian Rose Federation hosted its 30<sup>th</sup> All India Rose Convention at Jamshedpur, organised by Tata Steel Co., JUSCO and the Horticulture Society of Jamshedpur, from 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> of January, 2012.



The delegate registration was 418, surpassing all former records; massive displays of potted roses were staged at the venue, creating a breathtaking view for the delegates and the citizens of Jamshedpur - people were mesmerised to see plants bearing trusses of flowers from Hybrid Teas to Floribundas and miniatures. The cut flower section too was a captivating sight. The organisers arranged for an air-conditioned enclosure. Tall erect blooms were a sight to behold, with entries coming from all parts of India. The day belonged to

**Carmousine** which was declared as the King of the Show and **Sophia Loren** adjudged as the



Queen. Day one belonged only to the roses as the

delegates, participants and viewers were just viewing and discussing roses. His Excellency, the Governor of Jharkhand State (Jamshedpur falls within this state) opened the show. He was overwhelmed by the masses of roses, ranging in different colours and sizes, all of excellent quality.



Day two started with papers being read by Mr. M. S. Viraraghavan, our veteran rose personality, whom every rosarian calls 'Dr. Roses'. His power point presentation, on *"Mystery Roses of India"* was such an interesting subject, and it led to much interesting discussion. This was followed by a presentation by Ms. Saima Rashid, on creating roses from dried leaves of trees, like the bauhinia. Dr. K. V. Prasad from IARI (Indian Agriculture Research Institute) New Delhi, presented a paper on using rose pigments in daily consumption and avoiding artificial colours. Dr. Janaki Ram, Head Floriculture Division, IARI, ended the session with his topic *"Keeping Your Roses Forever"* on the dried rose industry.

On Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> January, the delegates were taken by coaches to rose farms, nurseries and gardens in Kharagpur town, 150 kms away. The rich Gangetic loam of this area, very near Kolkata (where the River Ganges enters the sea) results in amazing roses, with rich colours and healthy magnificent plants.

**South Africans and South Americans Travel to the North Together**  
**Rosario Algorta, President of the Uruguayan Rose Society**  
**Photos Rosario Algorta**

It was an unforgettable trip: Beatrice Barni connected me with Anja, Ludwig Taschner's daughter, who was also invited to judge in Monza's New Roses Trial and wished to visit BARNI ROSES as well.

That is the true Spirit of the Rose; we Rosarians are like a big family around the world !



**South Africans and South Americans at Monza New Roses Trial**



**Mr. Fumigalli and Rosario Algorta when judging**



**Monza Rose Garden**

We met in Milano and hired a van to travel to MONZA, then to LA TACITA; we then visited ROSETO CARLA FINESCHI; BEATRICE BARNI invited us for lunch, then we drove towards Rome to visit MARESA DEL BUFFALO rose garden and we flew to BULGARIA to enjoy the Rose Festival.

**Monza Rose Garden**



**International Jury at Monza**



**Vacunae Rosae in La Tacita**



**Our group at La Tacita**



**Our group at Carla Fineschi Roseto**



**Roseto Carla Fineschi**



**Rose Barni**

**"Roberto Capucci" our favourite Barni Rose**

**Barni Roses**



**We enjoyed Bulgaria**

**Picking the Kazanlik rose**

**Processing the petals into oil**



**Maresa del Buffalo Rose Garden**



## **American Rose Society National Rose Stars Convention in Los Angeles** **Marcia Sanchez-Walsh, Convention Chair – Photos Marcia Sanchez-Walsh**

“Preaching to the choir,” is a most suitable adage as I describe the National American Rose Society Convention held in Los Angeles this past October, as I would wager every person reading this has had a hand in producing a rose convention...or two...or three. But the special accomplishment here was that no local rose society had tackled the challenge in Los Angeles for over 50 years. As a travel destination, Los Angeles offers so much to indulge in, but to wrap that into a handful of days; incorporating into it the required necessities such as business meetings, rose

show,  
and  
educa  
tion...

well, I must say, it was one tall order.



**Dress as your Favourite Rose Star**

The “Rose Stars” theme was most prevalent at the rose show, with each class in the Arrangement Schedule having a movie title as an inspiration. From “Star Wars’ to “Gone With The Wind,” the arrangers really made great efforts, and the results were beautiful and creative, as well as entertaining.

Being that it was a unique event, even in a city that has seen it all, it was a true privilege to work with so many people and organisations that supported us and was thrilled to have such a historical event in our city. The Tournament of Roses organisation was one of the first to offer us a very special tour of the Wrigley Mansion (now known as Tournament House) and their beautiful gardens. They made a great exception for us, as they are normally in “Rose Parade mode” at that time of year, and cut off outsiders to their facilities from August. Being that the American Rose Society and their organisation were nearly founded at the same time about 120 years ago, they understood that our committee’s request to bring together these two great organisations, this one time, would be significant. Their grounds shown beautifully on that warm fall morning left an indelible impression with all who gathered.

Our venue was the beautiful Hilton Universal, which set the tone for the entire event being only steps away from the ongoing movie and television filming sets at Universal Studios. The food was outstanding for our two evening banquets. As is customary, we had a costume night, with the theme being “Dress as Your Favorite Rose Star.” Dining with the likes of Lucille Ball, Judy Garland, Dolly Parton, and Cary Grant made for interesting conversation!



**Cynthia Chuang, arranger**



Our agenda of Guest Speakers included WFRS' own Sheenagh Harris, who was visiting Los Angeles for the first time (who would have guessed?). Sheenagh was also a great supporter of our Convention Committee's efforts during the planning stages, so it was lovely to have her there...and of course; she was quite popular with all those whom she met.

Another friend of the Los Angeles Rose Society was Dan Bifano, also known as "Landscape to the Stars." Dan's clientele would not be described merely as "A-List," but more accurately as "THE List," topped by Oprah Winfrey, and Barbra Streisand. Dan gave a most entertaining, and exclusive presentation on "Barbra Streisand's Garden." Need I say more? From inception, execution, to results, Dan showcased



her amazing garden. But one of the true highlights of the Convention week was the side trip up to Santa Barbara, where Dan led us on tours through some of the private estate gardens, for some of his VERY elite clients. It was a glorious day, with one jaw-dropping setting after another.



The entire week of events had us in breathtaking gardens, matching footsteps at Grauman's Chinese Theatre, dining on endless buffets of 5-star delicacies, viewing a rose show with specimens from across the USA, as well as many international entrees, touring movie studios, and even attending a television show taping. One thing is absolutely clear; it was an affair to remember.

### Secrecy



According to mythology, Venus gave her son Eros a rose and asked him to bring it to Harpocrates, the god of silence, so that her affairs of the heart would remain secret. The story was the source of the Roman custom of hanging a rose from the ceiling when those present at a gathering were to be asked to hold their tongues about the matter. The expression *sub rosa*, which literally means "under the rose" in Latin, comes from this practice



**The 2012 Pasadena  
Tournament of Roses Parade  
Theme; "Just Imagine"  
Judging Experience of a  
Lifetime !**

**By Lois B. Fowkes**  
*New Rochelle, New York, USA*



**E**very year on New Years Day millions of TV viewers around the world watch the famous Pasadena Rose Parade. As a child I can even recall watching it broadcast in black and white! So... **"Just Imagine"** my surprise when I received an invitation from Pasadena Tournament of Roses (PTOR) President Richard Jackson to be one of the three float judges for the 2012 Parade. With disbelief the news was received with excitement and amazement. I graciously accepted.

Three float judges are selected each year, for 2012 - myself, Paula Pryke from London, England and Bryan Whitman from Disney World. As the day approached to arrive in Pasadena, the excitement of the event grew and grew, not only for me but also for members of my family - in particular my teenage grandson, an avid football fan looking forward to the Rose Bowl Game! Arriving in Pasadena, members of the Judging Committee acted as hosts to ensure my comfort and every need. After checking into the Langham Hotel, there was a Judges' Reception to allow the three float judges to meet each other and get acquainted not only with members of the committee but also the members of the Executive Committee including President Richard Jackson. What a wonderful sensation to be at the center of activities preceding this great parade.



**Lois, Paula and Bryan**

Next morning, the float judges were taken in the customary white Honda minivans complete with tournament



logo to the Annandale County Club in Pasadena for judges orientation. This morning session explained the various criteria to be used in compiling the scores for each float and the mechanics of the two day judging session ahead of the float judges. After lunch the float judges had a personalised tour of Tournament House in all its magnificent splendor plus they got to see the vintage automobiles being decorated with roses that would carry the Grand Marshall, Iraq war veteran J. R. Martinez and star of "Dancing with the Stars", President Jackson and his family, and the Pasadena Mayor. Excitement was building and the sense of greatness was in the air!



**Bob Hope Humour Trophy  
For Most Comical and Amusing:  
La Canada Flintridge Tournament of Roses Association  
"If Pigs Could Fly"  
My Favourite Float in the Parade**



**Judges' Special Trophy for outstanding showmanship  
and dramatic impact:  
Donate Life, "...One More Day"  
Float depicts the attention to details in that every surface  
must be covered by float materials**

Next day was the first day of judging. The task was challenging since the float judges were charged with selecting 24 trophy winners from over 40 floats. In reality the personal overwhelming impact was such an adrenal rush of gargantuan proportions. Walking into the float barns, often the size of an airplane hanger, the floral creations were gigantic towering masterpieces. These creations opened my eyes to the many facets of floral design I had never considered. While the floats as viewed from a distance are beautiful and creative, it was the up close attention to fine detail, petal/seed application and the deconstruction and reconstruction of plant material to form a larger structure that was amazing and yet perhaps unappreciated by the viewing public. For instance, the use of Brussels sprouts neatly halved to create the skin of a dragon or tiny split peas all lined up in a 6 inch ribbon that went on for 55 feet or rose petals being attached to form the surface of an animal. What did seem radical to me was taking long stemmed hybrid teas flown in from Equator and cutting them down to 6 inches for insertion into orchid pics and then placing them on a float to cover a surface. I observed a young child of about 12 years old sitting in a sea of blue status with 5 gallon buckets chipping status flowers into pails for eventual gluing onto the floats. Never before had I seen a million rose stems in one place! The senses were in overload with amazement and reverence. The day ended with a black tie dinner attended by over 250 people representing the community, sponsors, designers, builders, etc.

The second day of judging was a performance filled with joy and admiration. The floats were now in their final phase with riders aboard, animation working, and music playing just as they would appear in the parade. While on the first day the judges mingled amongst the "petal pushers" and scaffolding, the second day saw the staff move away completely to allow the judges to view the floats in their entirety - we were treated like royalty entering the barns with the public remaining silent until the 5 minute judging process was over, and broke into applause. At the end of the day after judging assignments were completed the float judges then met to come to consensus on the trophy winners. On parade day the trophy winners were ceremoniously announced at 6 am by President Jackson on the steps of Tournament House complete with a royal fanfare to the delight of the float builders and designers.

I learned a lot about the history of the Parade. It was started on January 1, 1890 as a small city wanting to promote the Crown City of Pasadena. Families cut roses from their gardens, decorated buggies, wagons bicycles and horses for the inaugural parade. Over 2 000 people turned out on New Year's Day and a tradition was born. Eventually in 1985 the Tournament of Roses Association was formed. In 1902 a football game was added - Stamford University verses University of Michigan. Michigan won 40-0!! PTOR quickly gave up football but in 1916 it was back to stay. The PTOR has a year round volunteers' force of 935 men and women from all walks of life. They are nicknamed "white suiters", supported by the local police and fire departments. Dating back to the Parade's inception, the most historic Rose Parade tradition maintained is appointing a Grand

Marshal. The 2012 Grand Marshal was Iraq war veteran J. R. Martinez inspiring everyone with his message of hope to conquer struggles that most individuals would consider impossible to overcome. It was an honour to meet him.

One of the logistical questions I have always had was "How do all these 30 to 40 floats get lined up in their correct place"? The answer was that in the wee hours of Parade morning, under police escort and at 6 miles an hour, they assemble into Pasadena local streets inserting with Orange Grove Boulevard. Seems a simple solution?? Not so - before they can move down local streets all overhead wires, street lamps, traffic lights etc. must be removed and replaced only after the convoy of floats has passed. Now that attention to detail is devotion to a cause.

On leaving Pasadena I came away in absolute amazement and with so many memories - the Organisation, the Community and the group of volunteers whose enthusiasm is an aspect of the Parade that promotes camaraderie and loyalty. These floats are creative floral treasures much like the Tibetan Monks "Sand-Mandola's" to be viewed for a moment in time and than gone forever but, this memory above all else, gives inspiration and hope to the world every year as we face the future.

- LIST OF TROPHY WINNERS & SPONSORS**
- Sweepstakes Trophy for most beautiful entry:**  
Dole, "Preserving Paradise"
- Queen's Trophy for best use of roses:**  
AIDS Healthcare Foundation, "Our Champion"
- Animation Trophy for best display of animation:**  
Farmers Insurance Group, "The Unimaginable"
- Craftsman Trophy for outstanding showmanship and dramatic impact over 55 feet in length:**  
Trader Joe's, "Hot Lava"
- Crown City Innovation Trophy for Best use of imagination and innovation to advance the art of float design:** City of Los Angeles, "Dinosaurs in L.A.'s Backyard"
- Directors' Trophy Honoring Jacob Maarse for outstanding artistic merit in design and floral presentation:**  
Bayer Advanced, "Garden of Imagination"
- Extraordinaire Trophy for most spectacular entry including floats that cannot retract to 55 feet in length:**  
Natural Balance Pet Foods Inc., "Surf's Up"
- Fantasy Trophy for best display of fantasy and imagination:**  
City of South Pasadena, "When Life Gives You Lemons"
- Founders' Trophy for most beautiful entry built and decorated by volunteers from the sponsoring community or organization:** Downey Rose Float Association, "Enchanted Paradise"
- Governor's Trophy for Best depiction of life in California:**  
City of Torrance, "Looking Back, Moving Forward"
- Grand Marshal's Trophy for most creative concept and design:**  
Discover Card, "The Dream Believers"
- Bob Hope Humor Trophy for most comical and amusing:**  
La Canada Flintridge Tournament of Roses Association, "If Pigs Could Fly"
- International Trophy for most beautiful entry from outside the United States:**  
China Airlines, "Spirit of Prosperity and Harmony"
- Isabella Coleman Trophy for best presentation of color and color harmony:**  
Odd Fellows & Rebekahs, "Shining Knights Still Exist"
- Judges' Special Trophy for outstanding showmanship and dramatic impact:**  
Donate Life, "...One More Day"
- Lathrop K. Leishman Trophy for most beautiful entry from a non-commercial sponsor:**  
Kaiser Permanente, "Every Body Walk"
- Mayor's Trophy for Most outstanding city entry:**  
Burbank Tournament of Roses Association, "The Dream Machine"
- National Trophy for Best depiction of life in the United States:**  
Western Asset Management, "Imagine in America"
- Past Presidents' Trophy for most innovative use of both floral and non floral materials:**  
Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles, "100 Years of Girls Scouts — What Will You Do Today"
- President's Trophy for most effective use and presentation of flowers:**  
Republic of Indonesia's Ministry of Tourism & Creative Economy, "Wonderful Indonesia"
- Princesses' Trophy most beautiful entry under 35 feet in length:**  
Rotary International, "Inching Towards the End of Polio"
- Theme Trophy for best presentation of the Rose Parade theme:**  
US Bank, "Idea Factory"
- Tournament Special Trophy for exceptional merit in multiple classifications:**  
RFD-TV, "Happy Trails"
- Tournament Volunteers' Trophy for best floral design of parade theme under 35 feet in length:**  
Shriners Hospitals for Children, "Soaring for Kids"

## **President's Travels** **Sheenagh Harris, South Africa**

2011 was another full year of travel while representing the World Federation of Rose Societies in 13 different countries and all for the love of the rose.



**Mountain vista framing Cathy Knox's garden at Underberg**



**Judy Hansen's Mia Castello in Underberg**

In February, the Midlands Rose Society in Natal, South Africa, hosted a regal function when I gave my Royal Roses presentation in Pietermaritzburg. They also took Jackie Kalley (newly appointed VP for Africa) and me on a wonderful tour of beautiful gardens in Underberg. It was an excellent start to the year.

The Knysna Rose Society invited me to give the Royal Roses presentation once again to their vibrant and enthusiastic members and friends in March.

May took me further afield to Vancouver where I visited Barbara Samerin, chairman of the Lantzville Rose Society, Patrick White, WFRS Vice President for North America, at the opposite end of Vancouver Island and Crenagh and David Elliott where a Banksia rose was heralding the spring with just a hint of colour.

**Miguel Albuquerque in his garden**

**the plaque**



From there I flew to the beautiful island of Madeira to unveil the WFRS Garden of Excellence plaque at the Roseiral da Quinta do Arco - St. Jorge. This private garden is owned by Miguel Albuquerque, Mayor of Funchal where he has 17 000 rose plants – modern roses planted in beds of the breeder and a large collection of old roses making a kaleidoscope of colour in this walled garden with views of the sea beyond.

The International Rose Trials in the Parque del Oest, Madrid was the obvious next stop where I was privileged to be President of the Jury. There were 71 plants from 7 countries to be judged. To my joy **Parfume Royal**, the Adam rose to which I was made godmother in Paris the year before, was awarded a silver medal.

Due to the postponement of the Heritage Convention to have been held in May in Sakura, Japan, it was necessary to hold the WFRS Executive meeting in Geneva in June - a time when many WFRS Executives were in Europe for the International Rose Trials. Eight members of the Executive met in this beautiful city for a very

Countess Henrienne de Briey, Jill Bennell and Ann Bird at the International Rose Trials in Geneva



worthwhile meeting organised by our Immediate Past President, Gerald Meylan. Not wanting to miss this special annual occasion, we all attended the Geneva Rose Trials in pouring rain. The arrangements for the trials were of the usual high standard followed by a delicious lunch and prize giving when Laperriere was the proud recipient of the Gold Rose.

Danse des Sylphes over the archway at Sauverne

Then came Saverne - one of the first gardens to receive the Garden of Excellence Award. Meilland was the recipient of the Gold



Medal for a pretty little pink Floribunda.

Baroness Lily de Gerlache de Gomery and Baroness Marie Louise Velge



From Geneva I flew to Brussels and stayed with Baroness Marie Louise Velge of the Belgian Rose society on her glorious estate at St. Denys where she has a pretty little rose garden. We attended the trials in the beautiful garden at Kortrijk where I once again had the honour of being President of the Jury. Here Kordes was awarded 3 gold medals for three Floribundas. Marie Louise Velge kindly took me to see our



Di Girdwood stands on a wall to prune a spire rose at Bosky Dell

founder President of the WFRS, Baroness Lily de Gerlache de Gomery, at her chateau in Mullem.

It was then time to return to South Africa for a busy pruning season in Johannesburg and 5 days at beautiful Bosky Dell near Plettenberg Bay for pruning and workshops.

Towards the end of August Ann Bird, VP for (Northern) Europe took me under her wing and together we enjoyed the Rose Trials at Toll Cross in Glasgow. Fryer's **Super Trouper** was awarded the Golden Prize of the City of Glasgow at a formal function hosted by the Lord Provost in the elegant City Chambers with Scottish pomp and ceremony to complete the day.



The Right Honourable the Lord Provost, Councillor Bob Winter and Sheenagh Harris at the dinner at the People's Palace at the Winter Garden, Glasgow - Richard Ruth Walsh arriving for the dinner



The next one of the rose trials in Europe for me was at Le Roeulx in Belgium in September and this time I stayed with Frans Thomas, President of the Rose Society in Belgium. Here Delbard was awarded the Gold Medal for a pink floribunda. After very relaxed and jovial trials the Mayor, who owns a brewery invited the judges to taste his excellent beer prior to being entertained to lunch by Prince and Princess Olivier de Croy-Roeulx in the orangery overlooking beautiful gardens at their chateau. Once again Baroness Lily de Gerlache de Gomery invited me to visit her and Frans Thomas kindly took me to Mullem where, as always, we enjoyed French champagne with Past President Emeritus Baroness Lily de Gerlache de Gomery.



Le Roeulx International Trial Garden



Sheenagh Harris, Frans Thomas and Baroness Lily de Gerlache de Gomery

Two weeks later I met Gérald Meylan, Malcolm and Ruth Watson in China at the invitation of the Chinese rosarians. We visited the rose experimental station at Shenzhen, cared for by Wang Hui, where 6 rose breeders have provided 85 varieties (20 plants of each variety) for testing. From there we were invited to visit Zijing Park, the rose garden in Changzhou, in order to give an evaluation for the Garden of Excellence Award to be nominated in October, 2012. While in this area Dean Chen invited us to Taicang to see the Entian rose garden and museum dedicated to his mother. The museum is built to resemble her home and in among the roses named in her honour is a beautiful sculpture of the lady who did so much to preserve roses in China.



Gérald Meylan, Wang hui, Ruth and Malcolm Watson in Shenzhen



Zijing Park, Changzhou



Museum and sculpture of Mme Entian in the rose garden at Taicang

Shortly thereafter I flew to the United States at the invitation of the Tinseltown Rose Society to give a presentation at their National Convention in Los Angeles. I spent a few days with the VP for North America, Steve Jones and his wife Susie, and with them I visited a number of public and private rose gardens. In one small private garden the masses of roses were grown in row upon row by the owner who grows roses purely for competitive shows. The Tinseltown Rose Society convention was attended by 280 rosarians coming from South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and all over the States. There were 1100 entries for the rose show and **Snuffy** was Queen of the show.

I then flew north to Vancouver and gave a presentation on ROSAFRICA 2012 which was received with much enthusiasm. The Vancouver Rose Society meets every month when they have interesting and varied speakers. When I was there Jeff Wycoff, President of the ARS, gave a talk on Floribundas.



Roses being prepared for the show in Los Angeles



Wrigley House rose garden – home of Pasadena Rose Bowl Parade, Ca



Monastery in Los Angeles

The day after arriving back in South Africa, the ROSA AGM and Rose Show was held in Bloemfontein. **Belle Rouge** was Queen of the show.

It was then back to Johannesburg for 5 days before flying to Buenos Aires where VP for South America, Nilda Crivelli, thought of my every need including an excellent guided tour of this beautiful city of interesting modern buildings and a magnificent public rose garden - Rosedal de Palermo - where **Pierre de Ronsard** growing up pillars and over pergolas was a sight to behold. We were fortunate to have Don Ballin, well known American rose judge, to enlighten us on how best to exhibit roses. I was delighted to have the opportunity of judging at the Argentina annual show where they had well over 500 entries and a magnificent **Elina** was Queen of the show.

Pierre de Ronsard at Rosedal de Palermo, Buenos Aires

Sheenagh Harris, Nilda Crivelli and Robert Begg



Mercedes Villar receiving her prize-winning rose award from Nilda Crivelli

Nilda, Rosario Algorta (President of the Uruguayan Rose Society), Don Ballin and I travelled to Uruguay by 'sea bus' and by road to Dolores where we were entertained by the Western Branch of the Uruguayan Rose Society under the Chairmanship of Ana Erro. Here we saw a tunnel of arches covered in **Pierre de Ronsard**, planted by Rosario, that the Meiland family would be proud to claim.

Rosemarie Symmond's garden



We spent the night on Rosemarie Symmonds farm on the banks of the Black River where we enjoyed masses of roses growing up trees, over fences and arches and round every corner giving a wonderful display of colour. We were treated to a leg of beef cooked over the open fire by a few men sipping their *mate* while

watching and turning the meat.

In Montevideo the busy schedule organised by Rosario and her wonderful team of young girls, continued and again I was pleased to be asked to judge at the rose show – this time HT's. There were over 550 entries and **Papa Meilland** was Queen of the Show. To my surprise and delight there were two South Africans in Montevideo, none other than Halmar Taschner and Bernd Mewald, who attended my PowerPoint presentation about ROSAFRICA for the Eastern Branch, organised by their President, Octavio Sciandro, in Punta del Este – a well known beach resort in Uruguay.



Cécile Brünner at Isa Maria Bozolo's

places, gave 5 PowerPoint presentations, several speeches and presented prizes at 2 shows and as for packing and unpacking my case I lost count!

Two days after returning from South America it was Cape Town's turn and I was so pleased to be able to do something for one of my own rose societies. The WCRS invited me to give the Royal Roses presentation at Durbanville where the border of **My Granny** and a bed of **South Africa** were breath taking.

A drive along the Garden Route would not be complete without a visit to Bosky Dell – Rae Gilbert's masterpiece in gardening.

We continued along the Garden Route to Grahamstown where Vernon Marais gave us a warm welcome to his much loved garden of over 4 000 roses, a true collector's garden.

Thus ended another fulfilling year visiting 15 countries and 7 visits to rose societies within South Africa, representing the World Federation of Rose Societies and for the love of the rose.

From Montevideo I flew to Santiago and was met by Isa Maria Bozolo who had organised my time in Chile. Santiago is on the coast and close to the coastal area is a range of mountains so that beautiful scenery always has a backdrop of mountains. I visited an excellent public rose garden and several private gardens but the garden that keeps coming to mind is Isa Maria's outside Santiago at her country house. I will never forget waking in the morning and outside my bedroom window all I could see was masses of Cécile Brünner roses and a little blue sky beyond.

All the South Americans were extremely kind and welcoming and I will always remember the 12 days I was there - I slept in 9 different

Chris and Helene de Villiers with 'South Africa' in their garden at Durbanville



## Lecture Programme for ROSAFRICA 2012



**PAMELA CORBETT** – Argentina  
ROSES GALORE: or Everything You Didn't Know About Roses.

Just what is it about roses that turns us on? Why have they fascinated us over the centuries? What is it that gives each rose its separate personality? What is it about their particular perfumes that is so enchanting and why do people react differently to them? Why do we forgive them so much? These questions, and many others, are pondered as well as unusual facts and fables from the annals of rose lore, including their medicinal use. The interesting quirks and qualities of famous rose personalities are also discussed, likewise whatever is unusual, interesting and worthy of note concerning the Queen of Flowers.



**MELANIE TRIMPER** – Australia and **MICHAEL MARRIOTT** – U K  
THE JOY OF DAVID AUSTIN ROSES



The history of rose breeding has produced some outstanding rose breeders. David Austin is one such breeder and David Austin Roses continue to increase in popularity around the world. This presentation combines the knowledge of the professional, Michael Marriott, and the amateur grower, Melanie Trimper. Michael is the Technical Manager for David Austin Roses and will outline the history, philosophy and breeding programme. Melanie grows over 100 different cultivars of David Austin Roses and has a definite view as to those roses which perform well. However, recognising the global popularity of David Austin Roses, she has contacted regions represented by the WFRS and gained a global view on the most successful varieties. This blend of professional and amateur perspectives promises an informative insight into “*The joy of David Austin Roses*”.



**ZHAO SHIWE** – China  
ROSE – The flower of over 50 cities in China

82 species of roses are native to China. China has a long history of enjoying roses or utilising roses. Roses were used as medicine, food, ornamentals and other uses. In many cities of China, from warm cities in South China, to cold areas in North-eastern or North-western China, roses are popular. In 1986, the rose was chosen to be the city flower of Beijing. After the rose was designated as the city flower, the cultivation of roses was expanded. The climbing roses along the ring roads have become the typical symbol of the early summer scenery in Beijing. Roses were used a lot in the greening of the city. For big cities like Tianjin, Shijiazhuang and Changzhou, the rose was chosen to be the city flower and rose gardens were built in these cities. **Rosa xanthina** was chosen as the city flower for some cities because of their early flowering and tough growth. It is estimated that more than 50 cities chose roses as their symbol. They include common roses, rugosa roses and **Rosa xanthina**.



**MARKUS BRUNSING** – Germany  
THE FUTURE OF MODERN GARDEN ROSES - Impressions of the European Rose Trials

What are the future trends in breeding of modern garden roses? The international rose trials can give an answer to this question and a foresight to the next generation of roses. In Europe about 200 rose novelties are shown and judged in 17 different trial grounds every year. Markus Brunsing who has been the director of the international rose trials in Baden-Baden for nearly 10 years will present the most successful roses of the last years and of the rose season 2012. Furthermore he will illustrate actual trends of rose breeding. What are the successful roses? Who are the successful breeders? It will be an exciting view to the development of rose novelties.

**YUKI MIKANAGI** – Japan  
ROSES IN JAPAN IN THE EDO PERIOD (1603-1868)

‘A remarkable feature in the Japanese character is that even to the lowest classes, all have an inherent love for flowers, and find in the cultivation of a few pet plants an endless source of recreation and unalloyed pleasure. If this be one of the tests of a high state of a civilization amongst a people, the lower orders amongst the Japanese come out in a most favourable light when contrasted with the same classes amongst ourselves.’



This is an excerpt from *Yedo and Peking* written in 1863 by a Scottish botanist, Robert Fortune, who visited Japan between 1860 and 1862. As ornamental plants, Japanese in those days loved mainly peonies, chrysanthemums, camellias, azaleas, morning glories, etc. Native roses were not so popular, probably because their flowers were small and did not look very attractive.

On the other hand, roses introduced from China, i.e. China roses, Banksian roses, and *Rosa laevigata*, were highly esteemed. From the book *Yedo and Peking* again: 'Nearly all the land where we were [Yedo] was one vast garden; or to speak more correctly, it was covered with tea gardens and nurseries. There were hedges of single camellias (*C. sasanqua*), white and red, and China roses, all in full bloom, although it was now late in November.'

Since the literacy rate of the Japanese in the Edo period was relatively high, many kinds of books were published, and naturally, there were excellent books on gardening among them. Yuki will be talking about the roses cultivated in Japan in the Edo period, when this country was closing its doors to other countries, with the help of pictures of roses from paintings and illustrated books on plants at that time.



**HAYDEN FOULDS** – New Zealand  
MADE IN NEW ZEALAND - The Roses and their Creators 'Down Under'

New Zealand has a long and proud history of rose breeding from the early days of European settlement in the 1800's, through to the arrival of Sam McGredy to our shores in the 1970's and the emergence since then of many successful rose breeders. Varieties from New Zealand rose breeders will be illustrated and a glimpse will be offered into what they are achieving with their rose breeding and where they see rose breeding in New Zealand heading in the future.



**GWEN FAGAN** – South Africa  
COMPANION PLANTS AND ROSE GARDENS

Gwen plans to speak about the many rose gardens she has visited with special reference to the companion plants used by the various owners in different parts of the world. For example:

**Louis Philippe** with Honeysuckle in a Cape graveyard; **Welvanpas musk** with Blossoming cherry at Restanwoud; **Parsons Pink** with mauve Sweet Peas in Mildy Malan's garden; **Anna de Diesbach** with yellow and blue irises in Oudtshoorn; **Belle de Crécy** with carnations, as drawn by Gertrude Jekyll, and lilies in others - there are endless examples; **China Doll** and **Duet** with penstemon in Robert D'Oyle's garden in California; The many companion plants in Joyce de Mits garden,

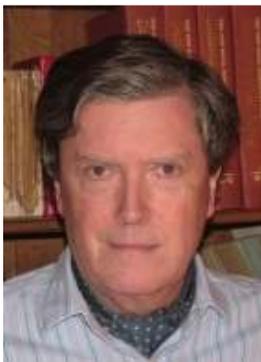
California; Companion plants in the Van Dusen Botanic garden; Companion plants at Hidcote; Roses growing in formal parterre gardens with clipped hedges as at Fronteira and the Botanic Garden in Portugal; The Filloli gardens in California would also qualify. Flowers grouped with roses in their paintings by early 18th and 19th century artists could be included; Roses growing into tree companions e.g. **Wedding Day** in Pam Barlow's garden.



**GÉRALD MEYLAN** – Switzerland  
ROSE GARDENS OF THE WORLD - A Bond of Friendship amongst Nations

Since 1995, the World Federation of Rose Societies has presented a garden award to those rose gardens which have been recommended by their national societies. Each garden is inspected by two WFRS experts who write a report. Delegates of member countries attending a world convention have the opportunity of reading the reports and visualising a presentation of the gardens, followed by their vote for this prestigious distinction. Up to the present time, 35 rose gardens from 20 different countries have been honoured with this renowned award. Gérald Meylan's PowerPoint presentation

“Rose Gardens of the World – A Bond of Friendship amongst Nations” invites you to travel round the world on a virtual tour, wander through these gardens, admire the many different styles of landscape gardening and why not, entice you to visit these beautiful places one day. You will notice that there are mainly modern roses in the gardens. However, isn't it true that for a rose lover, all roses, both modern and old, deserve the same consideration? Let us also not forget that modern roses of today will become old roses tomorrow.



**CHARLES QUEST-RITSON – UK**  
THE ROSE GARDEN IN ENGLAND

English rose-gardens try to mix roses with other plants. Gertrude Jekyll at Munstead Wood and Graham Stuart Thomas at Mottisfont Abbey have been very influential through their writings on roses and their gardens. Their style dates back to the 19th century and is still the most highly esteemed, giving gardens of great beauty. But how true is the general picture? What about all those gardens that were planted with nothing but hundreds of roses? What about Regent's Park, the Gardens of the Rose and David Austin's rose-garden? And how did rose-gardens adapt to the introduction of new types of roses? The history of English rose-gardens is full of surprises and contradictions, with much to learn from and enjoy.



**BILL RADLER - USA**

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In the United States just about every gardener is familiar with the **Knock Out®** rose ...or wants to be. **Knock Out®** is a virtual blooming machine. Self-cleaning, long lasting, quick repeating, eye-catching blooms jump out from a well-rounded, compact bush that needs no deadheading. On top of all this, it laughs at black spot disease, the scourge of roses in humid climates worldwide. Hear Bill tell you about his hobby where he succeeded in developing this and other low care roses. He has had over 20 low care roses introduced in the last 12 years. And these roses are finding unprecedented appeal in a market otherwise plagued with 30 years of diminishing garden rose sales.



**MIKE SHOUP – USA**

**OLD ROSES** - The Ultimate Garden Plant

Mike Shoup plans to talk about interesting stories of discovery, (Texas rose rustling) in cemeteries, etc, and follow up with attributes, traits, even the personality that these roses can impart to a garden. Some discussion on varieties, organic culture, appropriate pruning and training, and companion plantings that distinguish them from modern roses.



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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ON ROSE BREEDING IN THE 21ST CENTURY

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Austria	<i>Österreichische Rosenfreunde in der Österreichischen Gartenbau-Gesellschaft</i>
Bangladesh (Inactive)	<i>Bangladesh National Rose Society</i>
Belgium	<i>Société Royale Nationale 'Les Amis de la Rose'/Koninklijke Nationale Maatschappij "De Vrienden van de Roos"</i>
Bermuda	<i>Bermuda Rose Society</i>
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