



INTERNATIONAL ROSARIANS DECLARE ROSAFRICA 2012 OUTSTANDING SUCCESS!



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Grateful thanks to Tommy Cairns for the 'new look' header.

Entrance to Rosebank Union, decorated for the convention.

EDITOR: Sheenagh Harris

OPENING REMARKS AT THE 16TH WORLD ROSE CONVENTION

Distinguished guests and rose friends from 26 countries of the world – we in South Africa extend a very warm welcome to each and every one of you. We are honoured to have been asked to hold this, the 16th World Rose Convention here at the bottom of Africa. Many of you have travelled a long way and for many it is your first visit to this continent and for all, we hope it will be a happy time that comes up to your expectations.

We have a very special guest in the front row – Mrs Rae Ziady – some of you will remember Rae's husband Barney who was the first South African to be President of the World Federation from 1976 – 1979.

We are very proud to think that 3 South Africans were part of the inaugural meeting of the WFRS in London in 1968 and we were well represented at the first WFRS convention in New Zealand in 1971. In the forty-four years since the WFRS began, this is the second time the World Rose Convention is being held in South Africa. In 1979 a most successful convention, ROSAFARI, was held in Pretoria, north of Johannesburg.

I am privileged to be the second South African to be President of the World Federation and I like to think it is an honour for South Africa too. I do believe I am the only one to convene a convention concurrently, with being President, but this I could not have done without the whole hearted commitment of Diana Girdwood to whom I am more than grateful.

It is indeed very special for South Africa and our Federation of Rose Societies to be hosting this most prestigious event and we hope you, our delegates, enjoy all we have planned and prepared for your pleasure. The Rose Show depicting the countries that have held the 16 conventions in the past, rose themed exhibitions, a flower arranging demonstration and an orchestral concert, excellent and interesting lecturers from 11 different countries, visits to some of the best rose gardens in Johannesburg and a little tourism, have all been arranged to suit the different interests of delegates.

A visit to South Africa would not be complete without time in a Game Park. We hope our visitors enjoyed the perfect start to a full and exciting convention, in the Pilanesberg. The post convention tour via Bloemfontein, the rose city of South Africa, will take you to Cape Town one of the most scenic cities in the world with mountains, sea, wine and roses.

One of our past presidents said 'Roses belong to the whole world and before them vanish the barriers of nationality' and this is so pertinent today – there are 39 countries in the WFRS and today 26 countries are represented here bringing together people of all races and all walks of life and from all corners of the world for the love of the rose. For me it is not only the rose but the many people I have met in the 21 countries I have visited and I thank them for their warm and friendly welcome. And now it gives me enormous pleasure to welcome you to my country. Thank you for coming and for your support. This would not have come about without you.

Sheenagh Harris
WFRS President
2009 - 2012

*'It is not the honour you take with you but
the heritage you leave behind'*

VIDEO MESSAGE FROM WFRS FOUNDER PRESIDENT



My very best wishes for this convention in South Africa and congratulations to Sheenagh Harris, President of the World Federation, on its organisation.

This takes me back to 1979 when we were so well received in Pretoria by the President of the South African Rose Society, Mary Wise, Sheenagh's Mother. I should like to remind you that today, Mary would have been 100 years old!

My best wishes and thanks go to all Present and Past Presidents of the conventions. In addition I should like to extend my thanks to all the Presidents of the National Rose Societies and their members affiliated to the World Federation of Rose Societies.

It's wonderful to know that today the Federation has 39 affiliated societies and 20 Associated Members. All of them share our aim to bring together rose lovers from over the whole world and to make known the superb work of rosarians who present us each year with new beautiful roses.

I am certainly not going to forget to give a special thanks to Jill Bennell who has worked so hard and done so much since the foundation of the World Federation of Rose Societies. Jill, enjoy your well deserved retirement.

Finally, good wishes to France who will be organising the 2015 convention.

Of course as founding President I am no longer young, 88 in fact, but I remain with you in spirit and follow keenly all the activities of the Federation and National Societies.

All the best to you all in the rose fraternity,

Lily

Baroness Lily de Gerlache de Gomery



**President
2012 - 2015**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE November 2012



SAWUBONA !

I hope everyone attending the triennial convention in Sandton, South Africa, had a great time, I know Susie and I did. The convention was iffy for attendance in the beginning but finished with a flurry of attendees. Australia, United States and Uruguay had the highest number of attendees. The pre- and post tours were excellent and we were treated to many excellent speakers as well as very nice private and public gardens. Our favourite part was the tour to Pilanesberg where we saw many of the wild animals within the park. Some people were concerned about safety in South Africa and it wasn't an issue. The venue in Sandton was very safe and we walked around even in the evenings with no problems.

I want to especially thank ROSAFRICA co-chairs Sheenagh Harris and Di Girdwood and their committees for an excellent convention and to the members of the South African Rose Society and President Stephanie Seydack for their support and all the work they did to run this convention as smoothly as possible. Overall, I felt the convention was a huge success.

I also want to thank all of the member countries for supporting me in the election for President. It was not an easy contest by any means. As your new President, I will be sending out expectations to all Executive Committee members and WFRS Committees. I want this to be a great organisation and will consider all suggestions on ways to improve our hobby.

I am looking forward to working with the new Executive Committee, many who are new to the position.

In addition we signed up nine new Friends of the Federation including a new life member. Thank you for supporting our organization. For those not familiar with the Friends, look for the article within this edition of WRN.

I am also looking forward to working with the new WRN editor Sheenagh Harris. One day after my inauguration she was asking for my first President's message, which is coming by way of Madagascar while we are still on vacation. She takes over from the very capable Richard Walsh who took the WRN into the 21st century. Richard did an excellent job creating an electronic bulletin that contained more articles, colour photos, and made it easier to distribute to all of our member countries and their members at virtually no cost to the WFRS. I hope all of our member countries, affiliates and Friends will forward the WRN to all individual members.

I am fortunate to have the next two World Rose Conventions already planned, with Lyon, France in 2015 and Copenhagen, Denmark in 2018. Next up are two WFRS Conventions in Sangerhausen in June 2013 and New Zealand in November 2013. So start planning your vacations and rose trials now!

Steve

ROSAFRICA 2012

Sheenagh Harris – South Africa

One hundred and twenty Rose Lovers from around the world arrived in South Africa on 8 October, 2012 for the start of the Pre-Convention tour to the Pilanesberg the next day. The first stop was Mulligatawny, Michael Hogan's beautiful estate near Hartebeespoort Dam where he served the most delicious finger lunch on a deck over a dam. This beautiful 30 acre garden of roses and a variety of other colourful plants set a very high standard for the start of ROSAFRICA 2012. Two days in the Pilanesberg Game Park gave everybody a taste of the African bush with its own variety of indigenous vegetation and the possibility of the Big Five plus much, much more, which included game drives in open vehicles and a typical South African meal under the stars in the enclosure of a boma.



Mulligatawny



**Volcanic outcrop in the
Pilanesberg Game Park**

Delegates for the convention stayed in two comfortable hotels adjoining Sandton City where they were greeted with delegate bags full of interesting and useful 'goodies' including an excellent delegate hand book which even included delegates birthdays celebrated during the convention plus a little vase of fresh roses for each room.

The Pre-convention delegates returned in time to join the recent arrival of delegates for the Meet and Greet and the Opening of the most spectacular Rose Show which included the prize giving for the Photographic competition. Rosarians from eleven countries entered the photographic competition. Part of the rose show was an exhibition of arrangements depicting the 16 World Rose Conventions held since 1968, a rose cake icing competition and quilts with a rose theme. There were sales tables with a huge variety of 'all things rosy' and excellent ROSAFRICA memorabilia.



Meet and Greet



One of many magnificent arrangements

Next day, all delegates were bussed to Midrand in pouring rain for the elegant and dignified Opening Ceremony at Vodacom Vodaworld where they found the Masibambane school children giving an African welcome on their marimbas in front of massed roses in hot African colours – red, yellow and orange. In true tradition the President of the WFRS, Sheenagh Harris welcomed 340 delegates from 26 countries and then all those present enjoyed a video of Baroness Lily de Gerlache De Gomery formally opening the function.



Masibambane Band



Di Girdwood and Sheenagh Harris

Ian Spriggs, chairman of the Awards Committee announced 'Sally Holmes' as the 2012 world's favourite rose for the Hall of Fame and 'Rosa Chinensis Mutabilis' and 'Rosa Gallica Officinalis' for the Old Hall of Fame



'Rosa Chinensis Mutabilis'



'Sally Holmes'



'Rosa Gallica Officinalis'

Federation Honours were presented by the President and Baroness Marie Louise Velge:

Silver Medal

Isa Maria Bozzolo (Chile)

World Rose Award

Nilda Crivelli (Argentina) and Ruth Watson (Australia)

Silver Commemorative Medallion

Diana Girdwood (South Africa)

Bronze Commemorative Medallions

Darlene Sanders (Canada), Brenda Viney (Canada) and Georgie Currie (South Africa) in absentia.

A delicious lunch was served, the sun came out and delegates enjoyed a guided tour of the 15,000 roses in the Vodacom Vodaworld gardens.

Saturday dawned sunny and delegates travelled for an hour by bus to Ludwig's Rose Farm to view over 1 million roses, where they were welcomed by Ludwig's staff in traditional African dress, singing and dancing. Delegates viewed the most spectacular kaleidoscope of colour as they enjoyed tractor rides round the farm.



Ludwig's staff in traditional African Sotho dress



A kaleidoscope of colour

It was a race to get back to Rosebank Union Church, the convention centre, in time for a most interesting flower arranging demonstration by top South African arrangers and our very own David Ruston. This was followed by an exceptionally enjoyable rose themed concert conducted by Mr Music, South Africa – Richard Cock.



David Ruston's Religious Wreath



Stef Borchardt's – Sun City



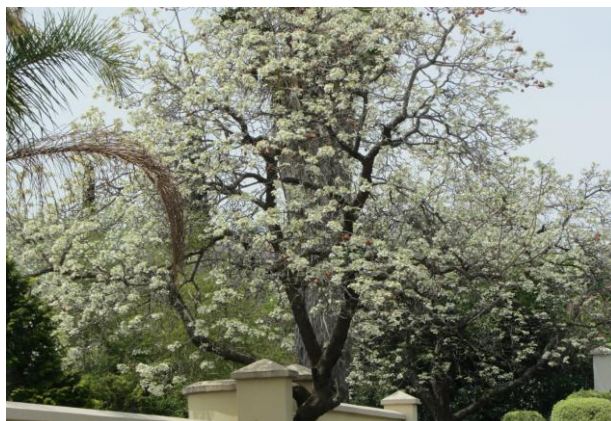
David Ruston's arrangement

On Sunday delegates were given the option of a free day or a choice of a tour to Soweto or the Cradle of Humankind.

Monday was a full day to the city of Pretoria for 215 delegates who travelled by bus to see the beautiful white and blue jacarandas, Sir Herbert Baker architecture and other beautiful buildings prior to a picnic lunch at the Pretoria Botanical Gardens. After lunch delegates had a glimpse of President Zuma's Herbert Baker Cape Dutch house on the hill before proceeding to the Pretoria Zoo for a walk round the animal cages and enclosures prior to a spit braai meal before returning to Sandton.



Roman Catholic Cathedral - Pretoria



White Jacaranda in Herbert Baker Street, Pretoria

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday were full convention days with garden visits to 8 gardens, excellent lectures by 12 rosarians from 11 different countries and a Breeders' Panel at the close of the third day.

The Closing Ceremony and banquet at the Johannesburg Country Club was a fitting finale to this excellent world convention. Delegates sipped a glass of punch on the lawns overlooking the beautiful gardens prior to being seated in the elegant ballroom and rainbow room where the tables were simply but beautifully decorated with roses of all shades of pink. The entertainment of rose related songs by the 6 members of Vocalize, a Capella jazz group, set the mood for an excellent evening. The outstanding menu of South African dishes culminated in a surprise pudding of rose petal Alaska which came into the dimly lit room with sparklers! The programme was interspersed with the presentation of awards of honour.



Closing Ceremony table setting with red and silver wrapped chocolates from Vancouver Rose Society



Rose Petal Alaska with sparklers

Ian Spriggs announced the recipients of the 8 Garden of Excellence awards and the 8 Literary awards. Mian Zafar Iqbal, on behalf of the Pakistan Rose Society presented Akira Ogawa with the prestigious Dick and Della Balfour Friendship medal. Malcolm Watson, as MC for the evening, orchestrated the presentation of the WFRS Honours Gold Medal to Akira Ogawa (Japan) and Silver Medal to Maurice Jay (France). Akira Ogawa presented a Japanese Rose Society award to Malcolm Watson and Sheenagh Harris while Eugene Rayner presented a Bermuda Rose Society award to Sheenagh Harris and subsequently made her an Honorary Member. Sheenagh Harris, on behalf of ROSAFRICA, made a presentation to Jill Bennell and Malcolm Watson in appreciation of all the work they do for the Federation. Stefanie Seydack, President of ROSA thanked the delegates for attending ROSAFRICA 2012. The outgoing President, Sheenagh Harris, had the pleasure of announcing Steve Jones (USA) would be the incoming President and presented him with the President's Chain of Honour. In reply Steve presented Sheenagh with the WFRS Gold Medal for the work she accomplished as President from 2009 to 2012. He also took the opportunity to tell the delegates that Denmark had been awarded the World Rose Convention in 2018.

The Mayor of Lyon said a few words welcoming delegates to Lyon for the 17th World Rose Convention in 2015. Four South Africans presented the WFRS flag to Maurice Jay who accepted on behalf of France for the next WFRS Rose Convention.

Some delegates returned home while 145 travelled to Cape Town. 70 (the capacity of the plane departing Bloemfontein for CT) in the care of Sheenagh Harris, travelled by coach to Bloemfontein with the main object of seeing the Rose Show where Marie du Plooy's 'Pascali' was Queen. Four beautiful gardens were visited, in particular Dirkie Herholdt's manicured garden on the banks of the Renoster River and Jeanne Stoltz's acres of trees and grass where delegates enjoyed a delicious lunch at tables attractively decorated in yellow. From Bloemfontein this group flew to CT in a plane designated for the delegates and were welcomed on board in the name of ROSAFRICA!



Tables decorated in yellow



Jeanne Stoltz's peaceful garden

The second group, led by Di Girdwood, flew directly to Cape Town and had a tour of beautiful scenery on a sunny day at Cape Point before being joined by the Bloemfontein group at a cocktail party hosted by the Western Cape Rose Society.



**ROSAFRICA flight to Cape Town
Wendy and Merv Trimper**



**A path of 7,000 roses at the
Bloemfontein Rose Show**

From Cape Town, delegates visited 7 gardens as far afield as Elgin and Stellenbosch which included South Africa's only WFRS Garden of Excellence recipient, Fresh Woods. A wine tasting at Vergelegen and Lourensford Wine Estates whet everybody's appetites for the enjoyable lunch which followed. No visit to Cape Town would be complete without time at Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens where the many varieties of protea were at their best. Delegates enjoyed exploring the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront and never tired of shopping! On the last night a farewell dinner was enjoyed at the Aquarium where fond farewells were said with many promises to meet in Sangerhausen.

WFRS CONVENTION IN SOUTH AFRICA

Marijke Peterich, Bermuda - Photos - George and Marijke Peterich

We were so lucky that on our arrival in South Africa on Thursday morning, 11 October we spotted the ROSAFRICA sign and a very efficient representative took us to the bus. It was a bit of a disappointment that on arrival at the hotel our rooms were not ready but we were not the only ones and we spent the time greeting and catching up with old friends.

In the evening we were transported to Rosebank Union Church where a splendid "Meet and Greet" party was organised. The flowers in the little chapel representing a wedding complete with a bride and groom were lovely as well as the towering arrangements in the entrance.. The rose show with its beautiful table arrangements was a dream come true and an inspiration to all flower arrangers. A plethora of small stalls were selling all kinds of rose related items.



Marijke Peterich among the roses



Sheenagh Harris welcomes the guests

No time to rest as the following morning, Friday Oct. 12 we were taken to the Opening Ceremony at Vodacom World. Passing a long avenue of roses in all colours we arrived at Vodacom World where we were directed to the Conference room.

First we were entertained by a delightful children's choir and welcomed by our President, Mrs. Sheenagh Harris on a stage lined with dozens of roses. It was commented that Sheenagh is the daughter of Mary Wise, who would have been 100 on 12th October and who was a recipient of the Gold Pin in 1985. She organised the Rosafari in South Africa in 1979.. A short video film was shown of our Founder President Baroness Lily de Gerlache de Gomery, who could not be there herself, but welcoming us to the Convention. Vodacom presented us all with a notebook and Vodacom hats - very useful as it was a wet day. After the opening ceremony we received a delightful lunch and were invited to visit the Vodacom gardens, which were planted with a variety of South African named roses.

A highlight for me was the meeting with all the gardeners, who had made these gardens so beautiful. Of course we all had our pictures taken with them.



Helga Brichet, David Ruston and Marijke Peterich



Vodacom Vodaworld gardeners

I have to mention the wonderful women who accompanied us on all of our bus tours. They gave us information and looked that we all were accounted for before the buses set off again.

Saturday 13th October started early and at 7.30 am we were on our way to Ludwig's Rose Farm. We started noticing rose bushes planted along the road a sure sign that we were approaching Ludwig's Rose Farm. A Sotho dance group was ready to welcome us and lead us into a large hall where the local flower arrangers had outdone themselves with rose arrangements and refreshments. Of course we got a rousing speech from Ludwig Taschner himself, dressed in a waistcoat decorated with roses. His son, daughters and staff were on hand to answer questions and the Bermuda contingent asked to be directed to the Bermuda roses that they are growing in South Africa.

After that we took a tour on one of the wagons around the rose farm, a beautiful sight. I had a lovely conversation with Lizette du Plessis, who turned out to have been a good friend of Esther Geldenhuys, who I met at the Benelux Convention.



Quickly back to Rosebank Union for the rose arranging demonstrations, which were South African themed. Truly works of art.

In the evening we were entertained by Richard Cock with a Rose-themed Orchestral Concert and many rose jokes.

Sunday 14th October for George and me a trip back in history to the "Cradle of Humankind" in Maropeng, a wonderful experience starting with a walk in the Sterkfontein cave where Mrs. Ples, *Australopithecus Africanus*, was found on 18th April, 1947 by Robert Broom and John T. Robinson. A visit to the museum afterwards was very enlightening regarding the development of humankind. On the way back we stopped at a private club for an authentic South African "spit braai" where we were entertained by a band straight from the 70's.

Monday 15th October, we took a leisurely drive to Pretoria, the administrative capital of South Africa. It is the city of Jacarandas, which were in flower. We drove around to see the buildings, the Union building, Palace of Justice and the main square with a monument of Paul Kruger. We ended with a visit to the Pretoria Botanical Gardens, which has a superb collection of cycads, which are endemic to South Africa. We were given another of the wonderful packed lunches.



Pretoria - Jacaranda City

At the end of the afternoon we were bussed to the National Zoological Gardens of SA, where many of the big animals of South Africa can be found. We were particularly happy to see a bongo. The day ended with a dinner in the gardens and we left tired but satisfied for our hotels.

Tuesday 16th October, the beginning of 3 days of lectures and garden visits. We had a very auspicious start with a very interesting lecture of Gwen Fagan about her garden and house renovations. Followed by a whimsical lecture by Mike Shoup looking into the character of Old Garden Rose. Then a lecture by Charles Quest Ritson on Old Garden Roses enlivened with his caustic remarks on almost everything.

Hayden Foulds, a new young rose enthusiast, entertained us with the history of New Zealand rose breeders and their accomplishments. Gérald Meylan showed us rose gardens around the world. After a packed lunch we went on a garden tour and visited the lovely Van der Linde garden - full of flowers and roses and some very impressive large old trees. The next garden was "The Secret Garden" of Minky Lidchi, which incorporated many pieces of artwork. The last garden was "The Gate House" which was on different levels with arches covered with roses.



Van der Linde Garden



Minky Lidchi's Secret Garden

Wednesday 17th October, we started with Markus Brunsing, the sympathetic Director of the trial gardens in Baden Baden, who showed us the trends in roses. Zhao Shiwei, curator of the Beijing Botanical Garden, took us around China and introduced us to the rose as city flower in China. Pamela Corbett held a talk from Argentina about her love for roses. William Radler from the USA spoke of course about his greatest success, Knock Out. A special treat was Yuki Mikanagi's talk about the history of roses in Japan with lovely examples from old books.

Then it was off again for garden visits. First garden was "Beechwood" an older garden with magnificent trees. The owner was present to answer the many questions. A drive through Johannesburg's tree lined streets brought us to "Tembani" and from there we progressed to "Mary Rose Court", the garden of Sheenagh Harris, where a tennis court was transformed into a rose garden.



Rutherglen Cottage - Mary Rose Court

Our last day was dedicated to the Roedean School gardens, which are lovely. The Roedean rose was specially bred for the school and is a white Hybrid tea with red stripes representing the difference in the girls. It was nice to see the girls in their crisp uniforms walking to PE or other activities and greeting us politely. The following visit was to the Mayfair Mosque gardens located on a busy street. Fatima Mia had made the most of the parking lot surroundings and the area in front of the mosque and filled every space with roses and flowers. The ladies from the mosque welcomed us with rose flavoured ice cream and drinks. A choir of toddlers sang a song for us. A visit never to forget.



Roedean School Garden



Mayfair Mosque choir



Fatima Mia and her helpers

In the afternoon Michael Marriot and Melanie Trimper spoke about Austin Roses, which was most entertaining. A breeders' Panel led by Kelvin Trimper was held to speak on the environmental impacts on rose breeding.

Now it was time to quickly get dressed and jump on the buses to go to the Country Club. We were welcomed on the lawn with interesting cocktails and ushered into the club. Quite a transformation had taken place and it was a pleasure to see everyone so perfectly dressed or as they say in Bermuda: "They cleaned up nicely".



President Steve presents Sheenagh with the WFRS Gold Medal



Closing Ceremony menu



Rose Petal Alaska

The next day we were ready for our transfer to Cape Town. We had to say goodbye to many of our friends, who could not afford to spend more time in South Africa. The luggage was a bit of a problem for the airlines as we had far more than the average traveller to Cape Town. The flight was pleasant and we were taken to our hotel, in our case the Park Inn Hotel, a short taxi ride from the V & A Waterfront. Our guide for this part of the trip was the very organised Di Girdwood, whom we cannot thank enough for all her work on this Convention.

Saturday 20th October - Back on the bus to visit Cape Point. We travelled to the most Southern tip of the peninsula through fynbos fields filled with yellow protea, which stood out as sunny spots. In the National Park we saw wild ostriches - who would have thought so close to the sea? We also encountered some wild Chacma baboons. Up with the Flying Dutchman, the funicular, to the top of the mountain where we had a fine view of the surroundings. A quick trip to the enticing souvenir shop had to be squeezed in.



We went to Boulders for a visit to the penguin colony. The centre has built boardwalks, which make it possible to observe the penguins without disturbing them.

Sunday 21st October - Garden visits were on the programme and we first visited Durbanville Rose Gardens on a cold and rainy morning. Gordon and Joy Webb of the Western Cape Rose Society were present with maps and handmade covered notebooks. I loved the little Schabert graveyard.



Schabert Graveyard



Avondale

Then on to visit the garden of Avondale, owned by the mother of Mark Shuttleworth (the developer of Ubuntu). She lead us around in person and oversees even the smallest details of her garden. There are several parts to the garden, a vegetable garden, a rose garden and a hothouse filled with orchids, etc. We were invited to tea with scones at lovely tables with table cloths and napkins - a welcome reprieve after our early start.

Then back on the buses and to Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens. After a very fortifying lunch featuring a South African specialty bobotie we walked through the gardens and admired the many protea and clivia. The souvenir shop was very expansive and the little bookshop is also very much worth a visit.



Di Girdwood at Kirstenbosch

Monday 22nd October - A visit to Elgin was on the books. We were lucky that we had a dry day. On the way we stopped at a country store, where they sell all sorts of produce even roses. We travelled through orchards. We left the buses on the main road and walked along the path to the house and garden of Fresh Woods, the garden of Peter and Barbara Knox-Shaw. Almost immediately we spotted a Speckled Mouse bird and a Cape Turtledove. It is a wonderful garden with collections of absolutely every kind of plant.

Rhododendrons, hydrangeas, weigelias, Japanese maples, a bamboo walk - too much to mention here. In the large trees, roses Gruess an Freuendorf, R. Gigantea, two hybrids by Viru Viraraghavan and much more.

We were invited to coffee and tea, cake and scones in their house notwithstanding the muddy conditions of the garden. This garden received a WFRS Garden of Excellence Award in 2003.



Di Girdwood and Marijke Peterich at Fresh Woods

After this wonderful visit we proceeded through apple and pear trees to Fairholme, the garden of the Hendersons. I was most impressed with the hedge of Wisteria and Albertine. This garden featured a rose garden, woodland garden, grass garden and terrace with swimming pool. I found surprisingly Bermudiana's growing.

Lunch at the Elgin Country Club, which also featured an attractive garden on the edge of a lake. We were served lasagne with salad and cake with ice cream.

Our last stop for the day was Lavenham, the garden of Norma Bridgman and Bert Touwen. A picturesque English thatched cottage set in a large peaceful woodland garden with extensive lawns, roses, herbaceous borders and groundcover. Mr. Touwen is an artist and his studio is in the grounds. Norma was our guide for the day and met us for the day at the country store. The return trip to Cape Town was along the sea on Clarens drive.



Tuesday 23rd October -. We left early for Boschendal, where Gwen Fagan was our guide. We drove through the small town of Stellenbosch with many old Dutch-style houses. We arrived at Boschendal through an avenue of Oak and Camphor trees and first got an introduction to the house and the garden from Gwen Fagan. Then we were allowed to start exploring on our own. The roses were planted along a stream. Hedges are quince, rosa carnea around the orchard and a hedge of pomegranate. The roses are Cornelia, Parson's Pink, Gloire de Dijon, Louis Philippe, Mrs. BR Cant, centifolias, multiflora nana and Gruss an Freunddorf.



Cape Dutch house - Rustenburg



Tea and scones under the trees at Rustenburg

At Rustenburg we had tea on the lawn under the trees. Then visited the gardens. A young gardener was present to tell us the names of the roses. We found La Follette, R. Gigantea hybrid, Souv. Mme Leonie Viennot, Laevigata, Maisie no. 2 and the Liyang Road Climber.

For lunch we went to Vergelegen Wine Estates where we participated in a little wine tasting. Our farewell dinner was held at the Aquarium at the Waterfront. The tables were positioned in front of a giant aquarium. The serving staff came running in with our plates. Sheenagh comes to see us and we invited her to become an Honorary member of the Bermuda Rose Society. Happy for us, she was delighted.



Eugene Rayner, Millicent Ardis, Sheenagh Harris, Marijke Peterich, Miranda Fountain, George Peterich, Gerald Ardis, John and Susan Swift, Elizabeth Carswell (Photo – Richard Walsh)

ROSAFRICA

by Elizabeth Poppe

*Roses are beautiful.
I see yellow roses, pink roses, white roses.
Even red roses too.
Roses are sweet as nectar.
Rosarians from all over, garden these beauties.
They're so cheerful and pretty.
Some grow nice Knockout roses that smell so good.
Regular roses smell good, too.
I love breathing the fresh air of roses.
Rosafrica Convention was a fun place to go.
You can make new friends and go great places.
We saw lots of beautiful rose gardens.
We saw animals on Safari and had dinner at a Zoo.
We took lots of pictures.
I loved Johannesburg. - You see roses everywhere.
We went to different cities. - Even more roses!
What a fun filled trip.
Roses are nice plants with long & short stems.
If someone handed you long stemmed red roses,
You would probably jump for joy.
Or be speechless - saying I don't know what to say!
Thank you so much!
Roses.Roses.Roses.*

MULLIGATAWNY



Michael Hogan





Sheenagh Harris and Jill Hughes



'Sally Holmes'



'Cocktail'

THE PILANESBERG



Fever Tree and a herd of Blue Wildebeest



Crenagh Elliott and Rosario Algorta



Female Ostrich



Brown Hyena



Male Ostrich



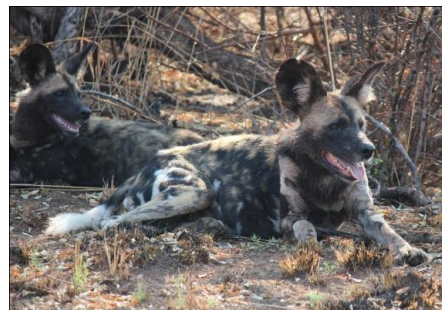
Impala



Crocodile



Grey Loerie



Wild Dog



Kwa Maritane Bush Lodge



**Mako Hiraoka, Sanda Simic, Yuki Mikanagi
and Jim Cunningham**



Rhino - spied in the dark



Call to dinner in the boma



Three legged pots cook the African meal on the coals

PRE-CONVENTION TOUR

Richard Walsh, Australia, Photos Ruth and Richard Walsh

I still get excited about roses after many years of involvement. I still look forward to and enjoy conferences...the roses, the gardens, the lectures, the people. BUT, what set this conference apart and made it unique was the pre-conference tour to the Pilanesberg



On the way we were privileged to stop for a light lunch at Mulligatawny private estate where we enjoyed a leisurely stroll around this fascinating weekender property and garden. I wondered if it would have been better if the roses had been named, but no; that would have spoiled all the fun we had arguing the case. What a wonderful place to relax and have down-time on weekends or after a busy or stressful time! That is what all gardens should be.



Then we arrived at the Pilanesberg. For me this was the highlight of the convention, viewing Africa's awe-inspiring wildlife up close. The anticipation was great about whether or not we would meet the "big 5" or how many of them we would encounter. Before we went, we were a little sceptical about whether it would be any different to any other open plan zoo, but it was for real!



On the first morning safari, we had our first major sighting. If the lion is the king of the beasts, then the lioness is the African queen and we saw her with her kill, carelessly devouring the victim, an expendable blue wildebeest, while her minions, the black backed jackals circled warily in the hope of some small morsel. She kept them at bay with a glance.

I felt a little sad for the wildebeest, zebras and impalas, which it seems are there primarily for the consumption of the predators. We subsequently encountered several lions along with a number of elephant sightings (what majestic animals they are) and rhinos, plus hippos, warthogs, baboons and a variety of antelope including impala, kudu, springbok, etc. That was three of the "big 5".



We were very impressed with our African guides, seemingly at one with the environment and able to predict where we might meet our next animal. It was a relaxing time, allowing us to regain our strength after the long flight and ready for the gruelling programme ahead.



What a fantastic time we had in a setting where around every corner was a postcard view and landscapes with the most amazing colours. It was worth the 05.00 mornings and the late evening with the bush braai (barbeque) and its wonderful selection of foods to suit all dietary needs.



We came away with an overwhelming positive feeling for the future. This country has so much potential. We were impressed with the friendliness of the black Africans and their work ethic and can only see good things ahead for this country as their input, involvement and confidence increase. We look forward to future experiences provided by the WFRS via its conference programme.

MEET AND GREET – ROSEBANK UNION CHURCH



The Street – Rosebank Union



Mahmooda Hashmi, Gail Robertson, Sanda Simic



Pamela Corbett



Isa Maria Bozzolo and Fernanda Bozzolo





Patricia Wade's Rose Paintings



One of many quilts



'All Things Rosy' Sales Tables



Rose themed Cake Icing



Wedding Tables

ROSAFRICA 2012 PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

CONGRATULATIONS to the successful rose photographers. There were 153 entries from nine countries – Belgium, Canada, Chile, Germany, Japan, Pakistan, South Africa, United States of America and Uruguay as follows:

CLASS 1 –

One rose bloom, bud to half open

GOLD
SILVER
BRONZE

Sanda Simic
Mary Hunter
Lizette Jonker

Canada
South Africa
South Africa

CLASS 2 –

One rose bloom

GOLD
SILVER
BRONZE

No award
Elize Beytell
Mary Hunter

South Africa
South Africa

CLASS 3 –

Open bloom – 1 to 3 flowers –
stamens must show.

GOLD
SILVER
BRONZE

Syed Ilias Rizvi
Elizabeth Schleicher
Mary Hunter

Pakistan
Canada
South Africa

CLASS 4 –

One cluster – spray of Iceberg

GOLD
SILVER
BRONZE

Elize Beytell
Gisela Avila
No award

South Africa
Chile

CLASS 5 –

Mass display of roses in a garden

GOLD
SILVER
BRONZE

Elizabeth Schleicher
No award
Helmut Peters

Canada

Germany

CLASS 6 –

Arrangement of roses in a bowl

GOLD
SILVER
BRONZE

No award
Isa Maria Bozzolo
Sanda Simic

Chile
Canada

CLASS 7 –

Abstract or impressionist photo of
a rose bloom/plant or any portion thereof

GOLD
SILVER
BRONZE

Sanda Simic
Elize Beytell
Inez Diaz de Locandro

Canada
South Africa
Uruguay



Sanda Simic



Elizabeth Schleicher



Photographic Display

WORLD ROSE CONVENTIONS FROM 1968 - 2012 DEPICTED IN FLOWERS AT ROSAFRICA ROSE SHOW



**FOUNDING MEETING –
LONDON - 1968**



**ROSEWORLD '71 HAMILTON,
NEW ZEALAND - 1971**



**ROSEWORLD '74
CHICAGO, USA 1974**



**ROSSCENT '76 OXFORD,
ENGLAND 1976**



**ROSAFARI PRETORIA,
SOUTH AFRICA 1979**



**ROSE PILGRIMAGE
JERUSALEM, ISRAEL 1981**



**ROSEROMANTIC BADEN BADEN,
GERMANY - 1983**



**ROSECAPADES
TORONTO, CANADA - 1985**



**ROSA AUSTRALIS
SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA
1988**



**ROSE EMERALD BELFAST,
NORTHERN IRELAND 1991**



**ROSE WORLD '94 CHRIST-
CHURCH, NEW ZEALAND
1994**



**THE BENELUX - BELGIUM,
THE NETHERLANDS
& LUXEMBOURG - 1997**



**TEXAS 2000 - HOUSTON –
USA 2000**



**GLASGOW, CITY OF THE
ROSE - GLASGOW,
SCOTLAND 2003**



**MELODY OF ORIENTAL
ROSES
OSAKA, JAPAN 2006**



**ROSES IN THE LANDSCAPE
VANCOUVER, CANADA
2009**



**ROSAFRICA 2012
SANDTON
SOUTH AFRICA 2012**

OPENING CEREMONY AT VODACOM VODAWORLD



Zhang Zuoshuang



Masimambane School Marimba Band



Sheenagh Harris



Rob Harris, special guest – Rae Ziady and Ruth Watson



Baroness Lily de Gerlache de Gomery opens ROSAFRICA 2012 by video





The delegates applaud our Founder President



Malcolm Watson and Sheenagh Harris



Roses of the Halls of Fame



WFRS HONOURS AWARDS

Isa Maria Bozzolo – WFRS Silver Medal

Nilda Crivelli and Ruth Watson – World Rose Award

Nilda Crivelli, Ruth Watson and Isa Maria Bozzolo



Silver Commemorative Medallion presented to Di Girdwood by Sheenagh Harris and Marie Louise Velge



David Elliott accepts Bronze Commemorative Medallions on behalf of Darlene Sanders and Brenda Viney from Sheenagh Harris and Marie Louise Velge



Henrienne de Briey, Gerald Meylan, Monique de Clarens, Wauthier de Ligne



Jim Cunningham and Doug Grant



Stefan Wagner, Steve and Susie Jones, Kelvin Trimper, Sanda Simic, Christina and Gérald Meylan



LUDWIG'S ROSE FARM



Ludwig Taschner



**Jens Pedersen, Cheryl Prescott,
Jennifer Haines, Sheenagh Harris
and Inger Schierner**

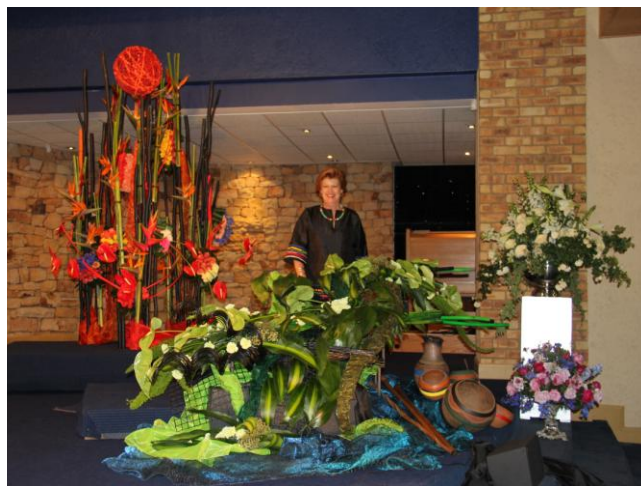


Pam Hawthorne



Kate and Marie Louise Velge and Richard Walsh

FLOWER ARRANGING DEMONSTRATION AND RICHARD COCK CONCERT



Arrangements by the Gauteng Flora Union



Gwen Fagan and David Ruston



Richard Cock and his Orchestra

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PRETORIA DAY



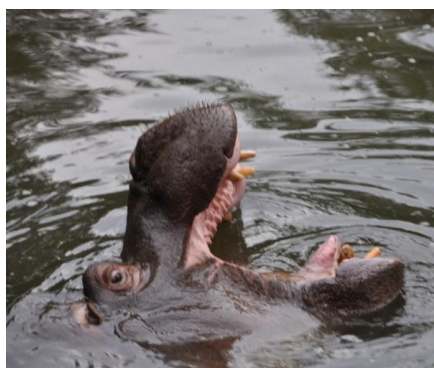
Burger's Park



Union Buildings



Tree Wisteria at the Pretoria Botanical Gardens



Pretoria Zoo

THE CRADLE OF HUMANKIND

Yuki Mikanagi (Japan)

I was very excited when I found this tour in the schedule of ROSAFRICA. I learned about *Austropithecus africanus* in my elementary school class. I remember I was totally shocked to know that there were different kinds of humans on earth, and that they were already extinct.

On the day of the tour, I was suffering from a cold and did not feel so well. However, I knew I would by no means miss this lifetime experience of seeing the place where the fossil of *Austropithecus africanus* was discovered.

Before I saw the Sterkfontein Cave, where the famous fossil of Mrs. Ples was found in 1947, I had a mistaken idea about this World Heritage site, the Cradle of Humankind. From its name, I had thought the home of Mrs. Ples was a cave like Lascaux, where Cro-Magnon people painted on the wall, but I was totally mistaken. The Sterkfontein Cave was a huge limestone cave under the vast, desolate plain. Many slits formed on the ground, and animals, including Mrs. Ples, dropped into them. This took place 2.1 million years ago, and their bones have silently lain in the limestone. The cave was not the Cradle, but the Trap of Humankind!

When we got out of the tenebrous cave, I caught sight of beautiful flowers blooming on the ground: *Scadoxus puniceus* and *S. multiflorus*, I suspected. They made me extremely happy, since to see the flowers of bulbous plants native to this land was one of the purposes of my trip to South Africa!



Scadoxus puniceus (Blood Lily)



Scadoxus multiflorus (Fireball Lily)



Exit of Sterkfontein Caves

WFRS WORLD ROSE CONVENTION LECTURE PROGRAMME

Hayden Foulds – New Zealand

Those in attendance in South Africa were able to take in lectures from knowledgeable rosarians from every part of the world. Not only were all full of information and ideas, they were superbly illustrated with wonderful photos that amazed all in attendance.



Auditorium used for lectures



Merv and Wendy Trimper from Australia moderated the first session of the lecture programme

Gwen Fagan (South Africa) spoke on Companion plants and rose gardens. She gave an overview of rose gardens noting the first King of Persia had the very first rose garden – the Persians loved roses. She spoke of the challenges restoring rose gardens in South Africa and some of the companion plants that have been used along the way including Oenothera, Azaleas, Honeysuckle, Iris and Pentstemon.



Mike Shoup (USA) spoke on old roses – the ultimate garden plant noting “If dead people can grow them, anyone can”. Old roses he said have stood the test of time and can withstand drought, cold and heat. He noted that rose breeders have bred out many characteristics that make roses easy to grow. Roses he said also have their own personalities and illustrated the likes of ‘Reliable showgirls’, ‘Dreamy romantics’ and even ‘Tenacious tomboys’.



Charles Quest-Ritson (UK) spoke on rose gardens in England and the various attributes that define them. This included colour combinations, restoring gardens and companion planting that enhances the roses. Charles also took us on a tour of various rose gardens from Hever Castle in Kent to Tollcross Park in Scotland and St Albans, the home of the RNRS.

Hayden Foulds (New Zealand) spoke on the roses and the breeders from New Zealand. William Lippiatt was New Zealand's first rose breeder of note in the late 1800's but it wasn't until Sam McGredy immigrated in the 1970's that rose breeding really took off. Since then, a number of breeders have created a wide range of roses many of which are well known in New Zealand but not elsewhere in the world.



Gérald Meylan (Switzerland) gave those in attendance a trip around 34 of the world's greatest rose gardens in 20 countries. These included well known public gardens such as Sangerhausen, Dixon Park in Belfast and Rose Hills in the USA through to the likes of the Centenary Rose Garden in India and Fresh Woods in South Africa - the only private garden to receive the WFRS Garden of Excellence award.

The next lecture session was moderated by **Helga Brichet**



Markus Brunsing (Germany) spoke on some of the trends in European Rose Trials. There are 20 trials across 15 countries in Europe, some are judged by a permanent panel while others by the public or a combination of the two. Perfume specialists also judge some for fragrance. Despite breeders selecting for disease resistance, no trial has gone completely no spray as most are in public rose gardens and need to look good. Markus also highlighted those varieties that have consistently won awards in Europe over the last three years.



Zhao Shiwei (China) spoke on the rose being the official flower of 58 cities, approximately 1/5th of all cities in China. Changzhou was the first city to have the rose as their city flower. He showed photos of roses growing in some of these cities in a variety of situations including formal rose gardens, street plantings and rose festivals. Potted roses are also a popular way of displaying roses he said.



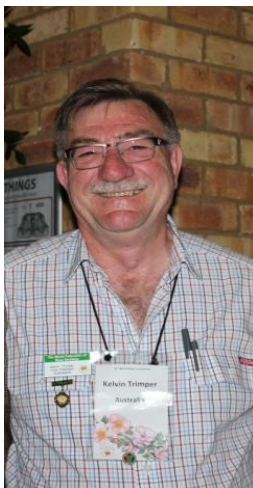
Pamela Corbett (Argentina) spoke on many different and interesting facts on the rose. 20 genes determine the fragrance of roses but environmental factors also influence how well we detect scent. She also gave the meanings of different bloom colours such as yellow meaning freedom and white meaning innocence. Medicinal properties were also explored, such as the fact that rose hip tea can purify the blood.



Bill Radler (USA) spoke on the phenomenon that is the rose Knockout. Bill is known as Mr Knockout around the world and spoke of its development and success. He did warn that low care roses are not no care roses and still need the basics in order to get the best. He also showed what roses he has developed and other plants he is working on. No wonder his job title on his business card is 'Chief Tinkerer'.



Yuki Mikanagi (Japan) spoke on roses in the Edo period when Japan closed its doors to most other countries from 1603 to 1868. Yuki researched paintings of roses from this time and compared the roses in them to those grown today. A very well researched lecture.

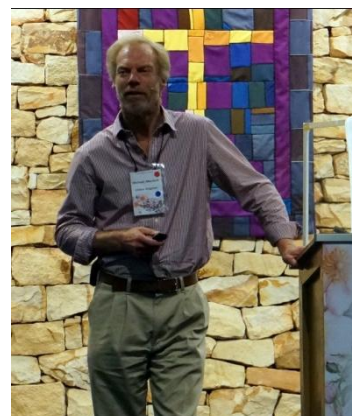


The final part of the lecture programme was moderated by **Kelvin Trimper** from Australia



Melanie Trimper (Australia) and Michael Marriott (UK) spoke on David Austin roses from an amateur and professional grower perspective. Melanie grows over 100 varieties in her Adelaide garden and spoke of some of the growing methods she uses to get the best from them. She also reported on a survey of the most popular Austin varieties around the world with Graham Thomas coming out on top.

Michael spoke on Austin roses from the early development of the first cultivars through to the latest developments. He showed how Austin roses can be used in almost every garden situation and wowed everyone with the latest varieties which includes some single varieties.



The breeders panel of **Doug Grant** (New Zealand), **Michael Marriott** (UK), **Alain Meillard** (France), **Colin Dickson** (Northern Ireland) and **Thomas Proll** (Germany), then answered questions from the audience on a range of topics. These included a common points system for rose trials, increasing points for disease tolerance, own root vs grafted roses and why so few Hybrid Teas. There was also discussion on the increasing restrictions being placed on the movement of new roses around the world.

GARDENS VISITED DURING THE ROSAFRICA 2012 CONVENTION

Di Durston – Australia, Photographs by Claudia Hacker

Africa is amazing, this country has a heart beat, just like the exciting beat of the drums where memories are made and then stored so that we can mull over our tales at evening dinner tables across the world. These are my memories of ROSAFRICA conference gardens.

On the afternoons following on from the morning lectures that entertain and educate, we had the privilege to visit private gardens over a two day period. ROSAFRICA as we would expect showed us exceptional gardens and each one very different from the other, each reflecting the personalities of their creators. Lucky for us two other very interesting gardens were also available for viewing, The Roedean School Gardens and The Mayfair Mosque.

MARY ROSE COURT.- Rob and Sheenagh Harris



Mary Rose Court is the garden of Sheenagh Harris and was the first garden for Bus No. 1 to make a stop. The bus was amusingly named Madam President (McGredy, New Zealand 1975) We entered the property down a cobbled driveway, through a pair of sturdy wooden doors flanked by urns planted with roses, into the garden. This garden was in full bloom and as the saying goes, 'pretty in pink.' Sheenagh has designed her garden in a formal style with a central fountain and a checkerboard path that is attractively planted with herbs

between the flagstones. Then to add height, many arches, obelisks and trellises form the structures to support the cascade of roses. Naming a few of these climbers, we have 'Blossom Magic', 'Climbing Peace', and 'Della Balfour'. Among Sheenagh's most treasured roses are 'Mary Wise' named for her mother and 'Sandton Smile' named by her father both avid rosarians. A beautifully presented garden.

TEMBANI – Ronnie and Bev Napier

I will always remember Tembani for the tall standards of pure pink 'Simplicity' that line the sunny driveway at intervals between the grey skyrockets. 'Simplicity' is a modern cluster flowered floribunda that was bred by Warriner, USA 1978, and is 'Iceberg x seedling'. Towards the front entrance of this beautiful home are urns of potted azaleas, where many ladies asked to be photographed before wandering on towards the garden proper. On entering the garden designed in the way of a series of flowing rooms we are treated to pinks, whites, blues and colours that blend into this subtle colour palette.



The garden has whimsy and elegance as well as a Fairy Garden that on occasions can produce a chocolate bon-bon filled pumpkin from the fairies. Bev has planted charming roses on the pillars of the conservatory with 'My Granny', and 'Granny's Delight' creating the perfect garden picture for our visit.

BEECHWOOD - Christopher and Susan Greig



Beechwood is named after the magnificent Copper Beech tree that has been growing at the property for many years along with the giant pin oaks in a woodland setting. This garden has a serenity that only age can give as the mature trees frame the immaculate soft grassed slope that joins the top walk to the formal rose garden and the home. Interesting the property has the added attraction of a porte-cochere or carriage entrance, I found this restored garden captivating. The rose colour schemes are limited to those with a greenish tinge like 'Greensleaves' (Harkness, UK 1980) although the terracotta pots contain the very popular 'My Granny'. Beautiful iris, campanula, foxgloves and delphiniums soften the borders between the huge urns that look so impressive. The formal rose garden is bathed in sunlight for up to eight hours each day, the perfect position for roses in this very extensive garden that was filled with bird-song.

MY SECRET GARDEN – Minky Lidchi



Another exciting garden visited by the tour is the Lidchi Garden where it has taken twenty years of travel and collecting of garden artefacts by Minky to create the outdoor art gallery effect. In the back garden, that hosts a cooling swimming pool, there is a citrus grove and topiary features. The old

Chinese garden rose 'Mutabilis' (Tipo Ideale) softens the fence near the pool. 'Mutabilis' a China rose with flowers that open yellow then turn pink and finally crimson, this deepening of colour is typical of the wild China rose and creates a beautiful effect. 'Mutabilis' first came to the notice of botanists in 1896 when it was given to Henri Correvon of Geneva by Prince Ghilberto Borromeo. As we move from the back area and through to the front garden the style changes to a more formal effect. 'Sally Holmes' (Holmes.UK.1976) was at her peak of flowering on the central pillar at the tiled patio area. Growing in Minky's garden ARE two very beautiful plants ('Mutabilis' and 'Sally Holmes') which were named to the Old Rose Hall of Fame and Rose Hall of Fame respectively in South Africa. The garden reflects her architectural training and has an excellent choice of plantings. This unruffled and chic garden must be a tranquil place for Minky to soothe the rush of her busy days.

THE GATE HOUSE. - Rick and Caroline Menell

What a treat to experience The Gate House garden and buildings. This residence was established in 1906 and it is now a heritage building, designed and built by Alexander Fleming, the business partner of Herbert Baker. Just to see the building without the surrounding garden was a joy for our tour. With the help of Liz Steyn the landscape gardener and the experience of visiting Monet's garden in Giverny the garden has taken on a relaxed French country garden feel about it. The fountain was designed to be the same as at Caroline's grandfather's house 'Sunlawns' in Olifantsfontein, also a Baker building. There are more than one hundred rose bushes growing in the garden with 'Roberto Capucci' being a great favourite. A very beautiful feature is the area of the garden with the Monet Arches where the Poulsen rose 'The Ridge School' is the perfect colour choice. This is a garden of harmony.



VAN DER LINDE GARDEN. - Steve and Jennifer van der Linde



This garden is very much a large rambling family garden with many different interest points. The terraces are the all important design features that allow more boarder plantings and also permit the all important free flow of the lawned area. There is a very pretty rose walk towards the east of the garden that is covered in soft coloured roses creating a gentle space to wander with perhaps a morning cup of coffee or evening glass of wine. The all important kitchen garden thrives and the soothing element of water features make this garden very restful. 'Avril Elizabeth Home' is a rose that I have not seen before visiting Jennifer's

garden, and 'Duet' is one of those roses that is on the list as being everyone's favourite. 'Duet' and 'Cherry Brandy' are planted on one side of the French-inspired water feature along with purple iris. The other side has a more gentle palette. A wonderful garden for their family to spend quality time.



ROEDEAN SCHOOL (SA)



'Rosa Roedeau'

Two other gardens that we had the pleasure of visiting were Roedeau School Gardens and The Mayfair Mosque Garden. Both very different from one another however both with an air of unwavering charm. Roedeau gardens date back to 1907 and the school's rose 'Rosa Roedeau' with red and pink streaks is thought to represent the differences of every Roedeau girl that goes through the school. The Mosque garden has 1,300 roses growing in full sunlight that draws out the fragrances at all times of the day. As Muslims are called to prayer they are greeted by the delightful scent of these roses and also the beauty that the rose garden has added to the grounds. 'Double Delight' is one of these elegant roses, also is the yellow coloured rose 'South Africa'. These two gardens were a friendly conclusion to an excellent tour and I would like to thank Sheenagh and her Committee for the warm South African welcome.



THE MAYFAIR MOSQUE

GARDENS VISITED



'Cocktail'



Alain Meilland & Pamela Corbett



'St John's College' (Gemini)



Veronica O'Brien and Inger Schierning



Bev and Ronnie Napier



Christopher Greig





The Gate House



'Roberto Capucci'



Van der Linde Garden

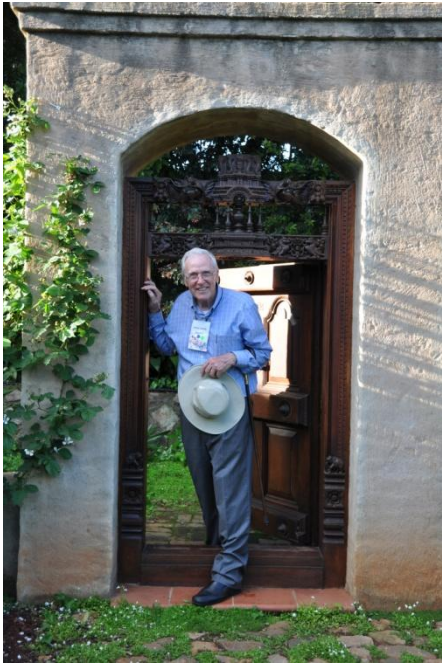


'Langenhoven'

Joy Johnson enjoying the garden



My Secret Garden



James Corbett



Minky Lidchi



Koi Pond





The Headmistress, Mary Williams, welcomes ROSAFRICA delegates



The Mayfair Mosque



'Mary Wise'



'Johannesburg Garden Club'



WFRS HONOURS

WFRS GOLD MEDAL

In recognition of outstanding service to the Federation and the Rose.



AKIRA OGAWA is a leading and senior member of his National Society and is an accomplished rosarian, a knowledgeable botanist and a person who has done more to promote the love of the rose than any other in Japan. He has worked tirelessly and selflessly to promote Japan as a nation of rose lovers and as a worthy Member of the WFRS, . This work culminated in the awarding of the 2006 World Rose Convention to the city of Osaka. (A huge success which owed much to his skilled organisation.)

He has been helped in his many endeavours by his innate generosity and politeness. This has been a major factor in the success of his many world-wide rose tours. His careful attention to detail, his personal kindness and his friendly approach have made him the tour leader 'sans pareil.' He has helped all WFRS Presidents in one way or another in their understanding of Japan. He attended

the Pakistan Regional Rose Convention in 2004 in Islamabad as one of three overseas' delegates and has been the ever-present friend and help-meet for countless rosarians who have visited Japan for rose trials, conventions and other events. This remarkable man, who is well on in age and wonderfully supported by his wife Ryoko, is a leading world rosarian.



SHEENAGH HARRIS Like her mother Mary Wise, before her, has worked tirelessly for her own National Rose Society. Mary received the World Federation's Gold Pin in 1985 and Sheenagh deserves to be similarly honoured.

She was President of The Federation of Rose Societies of South Africa (ROSA) in 2004-2006 and more recently Honorary Secretary and Editor of the ROSA Annual. She has organised tours within South Africa and overseas for ROSA members. Now she has turned her organisational skills to co-ordinating the 2012 World Rose Convention in Johannesburg.

As WFRS President, Sheenagh has travelled throughout Europe and beyond. She had made various presentations including the WFRS Plaque of Garden Excellence in Spain and Madeira. She attended the Regional Convention in

Changzhou, China and the Heritage Rose conference in Japan, many Rose Trials requiring her to make speeches, all of which she did with charm and eloquence, to mention a few of the many functions she has attended since becoming President.

She has conducted the business of the Federation with tact and diplomacy and has managed to be both firm and decisive without ever being officious or overbearing. She is charming and amusing when called upon to make presentations, speeches and the like and always looks fresh and ready for action even though she may have been travelling non-stop for many hours.

There will be many other 'hats' Sheenagh has worn during her happy association with and love of roses and is a worthy recipient of the Gold Medal.

WFRS SILVER MEDAL

In recognition of outstanding service to the Federation.



ISA MARIA BOZZOLO has travelled the world - and still continues to do so - to attend Rose Trials, conferences and other functions and events; she works tirelessly to maintain and increase rose friendships and goodwill around the globe; she has served as President of her Society; as Vice President for South America of the WFRS and convened the first WFRS Regional Conference hosted by the Chilen Rose Society, the third in South America.



MAURICE JAY served as WFRS Vice President for Southern Europe (Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Spain, Switzerland) and was very active in promoting the rose. He attended many International Rose Trials, Regional and Triennial Conventions and as President of the French Rose Society is hard at work preparing for the World Rose Convention to take place in Lyon in 2015.

WFRS WORLD ROSE AWARD

In recognition of dedicated service to The Rose by officers of The Federation and in particular officers of our National Member Societies.



NILDA CRIVELLI served as WFRS Vice President for South America from 2009 to 2012 and in this capacity invited Sheenagh Harris and organised an excellent and comprehensive tour which included judging at the rose show and a presentation in Buenos Aires and made arrangements for Uruguay and Chile to do the same. She instigated the nomination of the Rosedal de Palermo for a Garden of Excellence award. She has been a member of the Argentinian Rose Society – Asociacion Argentina de Rosicultura - since 1989, and a member of its Committee since 1993. She is an accredited rose judge and has been a member of the International Jury of the Buenos Aires Trial Garden since 2000.



RUTH WATSON has been active in the 'Rose World' since joining the Rose Society of South Australia 25 years ago. Not only did she give her husband, Malcolm her full support in all his work in various roles for the National Rose Society of Australia, the Rose Society of South Australia and the WFRS, but she undertook many roles in her own capacity which included service to the National Rose Society and the Rose Society of South Australia. She was an invaluable member of the co-ordinating committee of the hugely successful WFRS Regional convention in Adelaide in 2008.

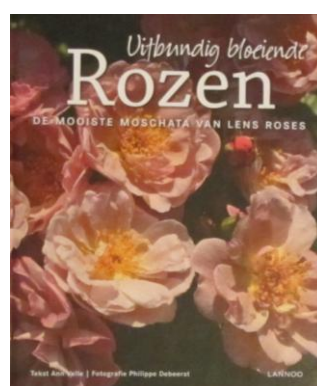
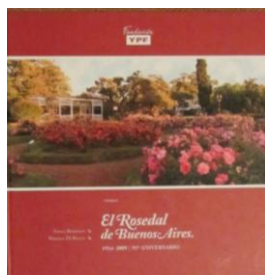


WFRS LITERARY AWARDS

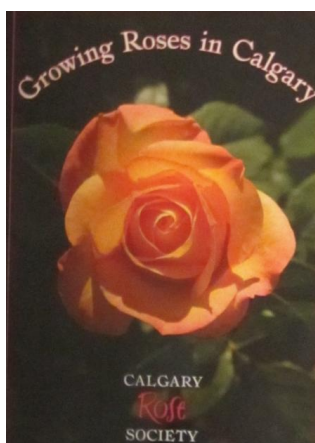


EL ROSEDAL DE PALERMO DE BUENOS AIRES

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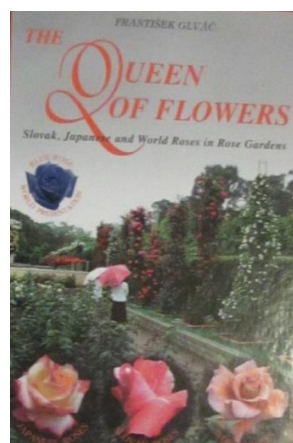


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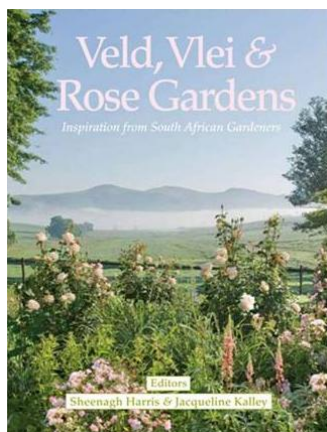


GROWING ROSES IN CALGARY

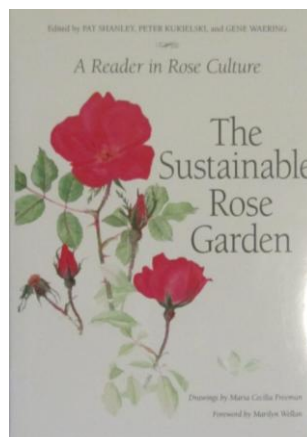
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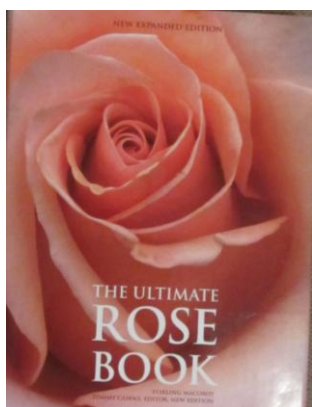
THE QUEEN OF FLOWERS Slovak, Japanese and World Roses in Rose Gardens Frantisek Glvac



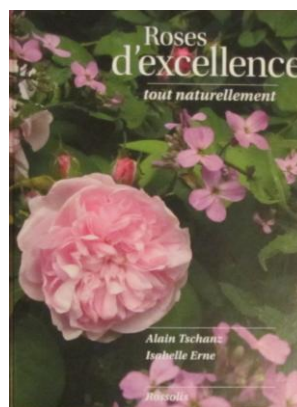
VELD, VLEI AND ROSE GARDENS
Inspiration from South African Gardeners
 Sheenagh Harris and Jacqueline Kalley



THE SUSTAINABLE ROSE GARDEN
A Reader in Rose Culture
 Pat Shanley, Peter Kukielski, Gene Waering



THE ULTIMATE ROSE BOOK
Macoboy's Roses
 Dr. Tommy Cairns



ROSES D'EXCELLENCE TOUT NATURELLEMENT
 Alain Tschanz and Isabelle Erne



'ROSAFRICA' (KORconvent)



WFRS AWARDS OF GARDEN EXCELLENCE



GARDENS OF THE ROSE,
St Albans, United Kingdom



ZIJING PARK
Changzhou, China



TREVOR GRIFFITHS ROSE GARDEN
Timaru, New Zealand



ROSEDAL DE PALERMO
Buenos Aires, Argentina



PEGGY ROCKEFELLER ROSE GARDEN
Bronx, New York, USA



**SAN JOSE MUNICIPAL
ROSE GARDEN**
San Jose, California, USA



INTERNATIONAL ROSE GARDEN
Kortrijk, Belgium



GALUB BAGH, AAB PARA
Islamabad, Pakistan



'My Granny' at the entrance to Rosebank Union Church

CLOSING CEREMONY



The 'Evita' girls all ready for the Closing Ceremony



Alain Meilland and George Peterich



Maurice Jay receives WFRS Silver Medal



Ian Spriggs announces the Literary and Garden of Excellence Awards



Katsuhiko Maebara presents Sheenagh with a Japanese Award



Akira Ogawa and Henrienne de Briey



Jill Bennell presents Akira with WFRS Gold Medal



Mian Zafar Iqbal presents the Pakastani Friendship Medal to Akira Ogawa



Bermuda Award presented by Eugene Rayner



Sheenagh and Di - final words of thanks



President Steve Jones

SOME MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



**Gérald Meylan, Helga Brichet, Steve Jones, David Ruston, Malcolm Watson
Ethel Freeman, Sheenagh Harris, Jill Bennell**

POST CONVENTION TOURS BLOEMFONTEIN AND CAPE TOWN



**Frans Thomas and Sheenagh Harris say Happy Birthday to
Lily de Gerlache de Gomery- from South Africa to Belgium**



**Joy Johnson, Sheenagh and Aileen Scott enjoy
the Bloemfontein dinner**



**Ethel Freeman and Jill Bennell in
Dirkie Heroldt's garden –
For the Birds**



**Uwe Lamprecht and Hans Schreiber
at Durbanville Rose Garden**



Vergelegen Rose Garden



Elgin Country Club



Clarens Drive



Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens



King Protea

**Farewell dinner at the Aquarium
Steve, Sheenagh and Di**

FIFTY AUSTRALIANS ATTEND 16TH WFRS WORLD ROSE CONVENTION

Melanie Trimper - Australia

In October, 2012 the WFRS World Rose Convention returned to South Africa, having previously been held in Pretoria in 1979. The Federation of Rose Societies of South Africa and many volunteers ensured the 340 delegates, from 26 countries, enjoyed this fascinating and memorable convention and associated tours. There were numerous highlights including the unique wildlife, spectacular scenery, visits to many magnificent gardens, an excellent lecture programme, brilliant floral art and the opportunity to experience the food and culture. It wasn't just the roses we were visiting, many of us enjoyed renewing our acquaintances with rose friends from around the world. Networking on both a social and business level has always been a special feature of these gatherings.

A great itinerary is paramount to entice 50 Australians to travel/fly for up to 24 hours to attend. The ROSAFRICA 2012 programme delivered in all respects, with the diverse and extensive pre- and post convention tours providing a good holiday experience with knowledgeable guides. Our visit to the Pilanesberg National Park to see the African wildlife, in open trucks in the company of dedicated rangers, was an experience of a lifetime.

The large contingent of Australians in South Africa resulted from new initiatives devised by WFRS Vice-President of Australasia, Kelvin Trimper to encourage as many Australians as possible to attend. The plan commenced in 2010 with a sponsored trip around Australia for President Sheenagh Harris, who visited all State Rose Societies. Sheenagh had a demanding schedule of events and used every opportunity to promote the World Convention and she created a great deal of interest. The next step was organising a group to travel to South Africa which included the pre- and post convention tours for delegates. Thirty Australians opted for group travel which provided a low price airfare, safety, friendship and support for those who needed it. The third component was the strong Australian Dollar and the fourth enticement was the fact that most Australians had never visited South Africa! Australia was the most represented country which was a commendable effort.

Congratulations must go to the South Africans for hosting and staging a wonderful Convention. Particular praise must go to Mrs. Sheenagh Harris and Mrs. Di Girdwood for the many hours they contributed to ensure a successful event. We know many other volunteers were involved and we thank them as well.

The blue-print used for our South Africa group followed on from the excellent tour involving approximately 50 Australians to China in 2010. The consummate professionals at Oliver Travel provide wonderful assistance and are now working on sending Australians to Sangerhausen.

The WFRS continues to be well served by office bearers in Australia, who carry out a great deal of 'behind the scenes' preparation for important meetings and awards ensuring the Federation operates effectively.

The Convention was held at Sandton, a very modern City close to Johannesburg, from 11th to 18th October, 2012. We all had a delightful welcome at the Opening Ceremony, at Vodacom World, where Mrs. Ruth Watson received a World Rose Award (Bronze Medal) to acknowledge her service to the National Rose Society of Australia, and the Rose Society of South Australia over the past 26 years together with her support of Malcolm in his role as Executive Director for the past 6 years.

Other notable highlights, with a focus on Australians, included Mr. Malcolm Watson continuing in his role as Executive Director, Member of the Publications Editorial Board and being elected to the Honours Committee. Mrs. Dianne vom Berg has been elected Treasurer. Mr. Ian Spriggs completed a second and final successful term as Chairman of the Awards Committee. Mr. Richard Walsh completed his term as Editor of World Rose News. He oversaw the successful transition from paper to electronic distribution. Richard has been elected to the Shows Committee and to continue on the Editorial Board.

David Ruston, President Emeritus of WFRS, completed his second term of the Heritage Rose Committee. He was elected for a further three years and Mrs. Di Durston has been elected as his Deputy Chairman.

Kelvin Trimper will continue as one of two WFRS Vice-Presidents for Australasia, the other being Peter Elliott (New Zealand). Kelvin was also appointed Deputy Chairman of the Convention Committee and Deputy Chairman of the Rose Trials Committee.

Kelvin and I thoroughly enjoyed our visit and I am sure delegates returned home deeply impressed with their experience, new friendships, fabulous photos, increased knowledge and a better understanding of this great land of contrasts.



Kelvin and Melanie Trimper

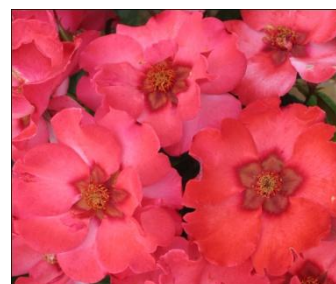


Robert Harkness

OBITUARY

ROBERT HARKNESS

29th June 1951 - 8th November 2012



'Alissar Princess of Phoenicia'

The rose world was deeply saddened to hear of the death of Robert Harkness, son of Jack and Betty, at the comparatively young age of 61, after a lengthy illness borne with great courage. Robert served on the RNRS Council and as President of the British Association of Rose Breeders from 1999 to 2002.

He opened an office to market new varieties in France where he lived with his wife, Edda.

WFRS REGIONAL CONVENTION, PALMERSTON NORTH, NEW ZEALAND



'Pacific Glory'

Planning is progressing well for this event which is just under a year away at time of writing. For those rosarians who attended the World Convention in South Africa, there was information in your registration bag and a presentation was made by Peter Elliott and Hayden Foulds as part of the lecture programme.

Further information is available on the New Zealand Rose Society website www.nzroses.org.nz and the WFRS website www.worldrose.org. Any specific questions can be directed to Peter Elliott, convenor, at gizmo@inspire.net.nz

Registration forms will be available in February 2013.

CONVENTION ROSE

At the end of 2011, the organising committee selected a seedling rose from well known New Zealand breeder Rob Somerfield to be the official convention rose. A competition was held to select a name during 2012 and the winning name was 'Pacific Glory' submitted by Derrol and Helen White who are members of the Northland Rose Society. A bed of 'Pacific Glory' has been planted in the Dugald Mackenzie Rose Garden in Palmerston North and has also been entered in the New Zealand Rose of the Year trials at the Rogers Rose Garden in Hamilton.

'Pacific Glory' was a Gold Star of the South Pacific winner at the New Zealand Rose Society trials in 2006 and was also the best rose on the day as judged by convention delegates to the Regional Convention in Adelaide 2008.

PRE- AND POST TOURS

Information on both of these was included in the July issue of the World Rose News and on the flyer. The tour operator for both of these will be Grand Pacific Tours.

The pre- tour starts on Wednesday evening 13th November in Auckland and travels south to arrive in Palmerston North on 22nd November. The provisional tour price is NZD \$2249 pp twin share.

The post tour leaves Palmerston North on Thursday 28th November and travels south to Wellington before crossing over to the South Island to end in Christchurch. A day will be spent travelling to Timaru to visit the Trevor Griffiths Rose Garden which was presented with the WFRS Garden of Excellence award at the South Africa convention. The provisional tour price is NZD \$1839 pp twin share.

CONVENTION IN PALMERSTON NORTH

Plans are coming together well for the six days of the convention in the City of Palmerston North. The National Rose Show at Arena Manawatu promises to be a highlight of the event and WFRS classes will be included in the show schedule. There will also be trade displays, a heritage rose display and much more.

Lecture programme

To date, Mr Thomas Proll (Germany), Mr David Kenny (Ireland) and Mr Doug Grant (New Zealand) have been confirmed as speakers for the lecture programme. Doug Grant's presentation will focus on Sam McGredy and his roses. More speakers will be confirmed shortly including some with a focus on Heritage roses.

Book promotions

The organising committee is aware that a number of authors may wish to sell their books at the convention next year. Due to limited space and time, the organising committee will be taking applications from authors on a 'first in, first served' basis. Authors need to contact Peter Elliott (gizmo@inspire.net.nz) with details.

A FAIRYTALE OF ROSES

18th World Rose Convention – Copenhagen 2018



Taken from the President's column in "Rosen Nyt" (Rose News)
the Danish Rose Society's member's magazine:

Congratulations!

The Danish Rose Society has won the competition to host a world rose convention – **The 18th world rose convention (WRC) with our bid - "a fairytale of roses"**.

On 14 October the editor of "Rosen Nyt" and Vice-chairman of the Danish Rose Society, Jens Otto Pedersen and I presented the "fairytale" to the delegates during the 16th WRC in South Africa. In doing so, we have secured the first World Rose Convention for Scandinavia. The convention itself will take place in Copenhagen - 28 June – 4 July 2018. The pre- and post programme will ensure that all Denmark and our neighbours will be garnished with roses.

The WRC is held every 3 years and in 2015 Lyon in France will host the 17th WRC. From a geographical point of view this will give Danish rose lovers a unique opportunity to participate. The home page for the 17th WRC in Lyon will soon hit the air. Naturally we will follow up on this in our magazine "Rosen Nyt", where we have introduced a new regular WORLD FEDERATION OF ROSE SOCIETIES column.

With this gift – "A Fairytale of Roses" – Copenhagen 2018 – to all rose lovers, I wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Inger Schierning
President Danish Rose Society

For further information see WFRS-website Events or What's New

REPORT ON WORLD FEDERATION MEETINGS

During the recent World Rose Convention in Sandton, South Africa, meetings of the Standing Committees were conducted, and a précis of the outcomes follows.

Awards

Chairman Ian Spriggs (Australia) presented a power point presentation of the 8 Garden of Excellence nominees and 8 Literary Award nominees. All nominees received a majority of votes, and were recommended to Council for approval.

Details of these Award Winners appear elsewhere in this World Rose News. Mr. Spriggs confirmed that responses to the ballot had been received from 30 Member Countries. The following roses were elevated to Hall of Fame status Rose Hall of Fame – ‘Sally Holmes’, Old Rose Hall of Fame – Rosa Gallica Officinalis and Rosa Chinensis Mutabilis.

Chairman 2012 – 2015
Mrs Monique de Clarens (France)

Breeders’ Club/Classification & Registration/ International Rose Trials

A combined meeting was held of these 3 Committees. Mr. Bernd Weigel (Germany) chaired the meeting.

A suggestion to open the Breeders’ Club to individual and associations of amateur breeders was referred to the Executive Committee.

Future Publications of Modern Roses – it was reported that future hard copy would be unlikely to be produced, as an up to date record is available online.

International Rose Trials – standardisation was progressing slowly and the introduction of potted rose trials was noted. People’s Choice Award certificates had proved to be popular and were available from the Executive Director. An opinion regarding the definition of OGR and Heritage Roses was sought from the Heritage Roses Committee. Introduction of a ‘Rose of the Year’ for the most successful rose in the European Rose Trials was being considered.

Chairmen 2012 - 2015

Classification/Registration Committee – Mrs. Helene Pizzi (Italy)

Breeders Club – Dr. Gérald Meylan (Switzerland)

International Rose Trials Standardisation Committee – Mr. Markus Brunsing (Germany)

Conventions

The following presentations were made

- i. Mr. Alain Meilland, the Convention Co-President detailed the programme for the 2015 World Rose Convention in Lyon, France.
- ii. Mr Peter Elliott, Convention Convenor outlined the activities planned for the New Zealand Regional Convention in Palmerston North during 2013
- iii. Mr Bernd Weigel, President of the German Rose Society similarly shared details of the Heritage Regional Conference to be held in Sangerhausen during 2013

- iv. Denmark Rose Society President Mrs Inger Schierning and Vice President Mr Jens Otto Pedersen presented a comprehensive and professional bid to host the 2018 World Rose Convention.

Delegates approved the application. Congratulations were extended to Denmark and we look forward to receiving updated material.

Chairman 2012 - 2015
Dr. Gérald Meylan (Switzerland)

Heritage Roses/Conservation

A combined meeting of these 2 Committees was held. Chairman, Mr David Ruston (Australia) detailed the activities undertaken by the Heritage Group during the past 3 years, highlighting the very successful International Heritage Conference held in Sakura during 2012. A decision on the date to be used to distinguish roses under the OGR/Heritage Rose definition was referred to the Sangerhausen International Heritage Conference in 2013. Mrs Marijke Peterich, Chairman of the Conversation Committee advised that the Rose Location Data Base was to be reviewed by the incoming Conservation Committee. The next International Heritage Rose Conference would be held in Sangerhausen during June 2013.

Chairmen 2012 - 2015
Heritage Roses Committee - Mr. David Ruston (Australia)
Conservation Committee – Dr. Yuki Mikanagi (Japan)

Promotions

In her report, Chairman Mrs. Sheenagh Harris (South Africa) expressed concerns regarding - i) In many publications received by both the President and Executive Director there is little or no mention of the World Federation or its activities. ii) Stressed that articles concerning the Federation should be reproduced in the Member Country's local newsletter. Vice Presidents were asked to follow this up.iii) Language remains a major issue within the Federation.

International Challenge Classes. Certificates of Excellence had been requested by a number of Members and produced by the Executive Director. The availability of these Certificates would be advertised in the World Rose News. Friends of the Federation – 16 donors had contributed in excess of £1000 towards the implementation of the Federation's aims. Donors forms available on our website. Sponsorship to be investigated.

Chairman 2012 – 2015
Mr Steve Jones. (United States of America)

Publications

Chairman Mrs Helga Brichet reported that during the past 3 years World Rose News had been distributed electronically at a huge saving to the Federation. Thanks were expressed to retiring Editor Mr Richard Walsh (Australia) who implemented the transition.

Huge interest in the Rose Trial results available on the website. The Heritage Roses Committee ENewsletter – 'By any other name', edited by Fiona Hyland (New Zealand) will be available online via our website and other Heritage Rose Society sites.

Editor, World Rose News – Mrs. Sheenagh Harris (South Africa)

Web Mistress and Rose Directory Editor – Mrs. Ethel Freeman (Canada)

Chairman 2012 – 2015
Mrs. Helga Brichet. (Italy)

Shows Standardisation

The inclusion of International Challenge Classes at Shows had increased. Certificates of Excellence were well received. International Judging Panel had been established with 20 International Judges registered. Applications are to be processed through individual Member Country to the Chairman of this Committee. Cost of £15 includes issue of appropriate judge's badge. Member Countries encouraged to include 'Potted Roses' in their show schedule. New Committee Members nominated from 8 countries, and the remaining 4 to be sought from Member Countries who conduct rose shows.

Chairman 2012 – 2015
Mrs. Elizabeth Schleicher.

Council

A minutes silence was observed for:

- Ralph Moore (USA)
Gold Medal 1988
- Frank Benardella (USA)
Vice President (North America) 1994-2000
- Prof Josef Sieber (Germany)
Rose Pin 1994
- Susan Begg (Argentina)
Past President 1988 - 1991, Rose Pin 1991, Gold Medal 2005
- Jacqueline Humery (France)
World Rose Award 2003
- Esther Geldenhuys (South Africa)
Vice President (Africa) 1991 - 2000, Rose Pin 2000, Editor of World Rose News
- Prof Gianfranco Fineschi (Italy)
Founder of the Il Roseto Botanico 'Carla Fineschi', Caviglia, Italy
- Pat Dickson (Northern Ireland)
Gold Medal 1991

Reports from the Standing Committees were adopted.

Finances - Proposed budget was approved

Subscription rates for 2012/2015 were set as follows:

- Member Countries - £70
- Associate Members - £30
- Breeders' Club - £70

The generous donation from Maison Piaget of £5000 pa over 4 years was acknowledged with gratitude.

Regional Convention in China during 2016 was approved.

Recommendations from the Awards Committee for Garden of Excellence Awards and Literary Awards were approved.

Malcolm Watson
Executive Director

Election of Office Bearers 2012 -2015

President – Mr Steve Jones (United States of America)

Immediate Past President – Mrs Sheenagh Harris (South Africa)

Treasurer – Mrs Diane vom Berg (Australia)

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Dr. Jacqueline Kalley (South Africa)
- Australasia
Mr. Peter Elliott (New Zealand)
Mr. Kelvin Trimper (Australia)
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Mr. Takamasa Tsuge, (Japan)
- North America
Ms. Jolene Adams (United States of America)
Mr David Elliott (Canada)
- South America
Mrs. Rosario Algorta de Carrau (Uruguay)

The contribution made by the following retiring Officer Bearers was acknowledged during the Convention:

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Vice Presidents –

- Dr. Stefan Wagner (Romania)
- Prof. Maurice Jay (France)
- Mian Zafar Iqbal (Pakistan)
- Mrs. Nilda Crivelli (Argentina)

Standing Committee Chairmen

- Awards - Mr. Ian Spriggs (Australia)
- Classification and Registration - Mrs. Gerta Roberts (United Kingdom)
- Conservation - Mrs. Marijke Peterich (Bermuda)
- International Rose Trials Standardisation - Mr. Bernd Weigel. (Germany)
- Shows Standardisation - Mr. Ed Griffith (United States of America)
- Editor, World Rose News – Mr Richard Walsh

The full minutes will be distributed once they have been approved by their respective Chairman.

Malcolm Watson
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Argentina	Rose Society of Argentina
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Bermuda	Bermuda Rose Society
Canada	Canadian Rose Society
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Czech	Czech Rosa Club
Denmark	The Danish Rose Society
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France	Société Française des Roses
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Iceland	Icelandic Rose Society
India	Indian Rose Federation
Israel	The Jerusalem Foundation
Italy	Italian Rose Society
Japan	Japan Rose Society
Luxembourg	Luxembourg Rose Society
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New Zealand	New Zealand Rose Society
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Slovakia	Slovakia Rose Club
Slovenia	Slovenian Rose Society
South Africa	Federation of Rose Societies of South Africa
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Sweden	The Swedish Rose Society
Switzerland	Gesellschaft Schweizerischer Rosenfreunde
USA	American Rose Society
Uruguay	Asociación Uruguay de la Rosa

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Laperrière, Massad and Reuter are missing.

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