



**KIA ORA**  
**ROSES DOWN UNDER**  
**The Kiwi Experience**



**'Pacific Glory' (SOMlinone) - The official rose for the Convention**

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## EDITORIAL

As 2013 draws to an end, we can look back on a very active year in the calendar of the World Federation of Rose Societies which has included two Regional conventions. These important and enjoyable events and more are well recorded in the three issues of World Rose News produced this year. Early in 2014 we can look forward to reports from our eleven Vice Presidents covering activities in their particular area.

The most recent convention – Roses Down Under – the Kiwi Way, was a well organised, enjoyable and happy convention with beautiful roses, glorious scenery and friendly and hospitable hosts. I would like to add my thanks to the quiet and unassuming convener, Peter Elliott together with his hard working wife, Elizabeth, the Manawatu Rose Society and untiring Hayden Foulds for a most memorable convention.

I would also like to thank the many contributors who have not only made my job easier but have given variety to the publication. My sincere gratitude goes to the publication team, Steve Jones, Ethel Freeman and Malcolm Watson, ably led by our chairman Helga Brichet for their patience and meticulous proof reading.

I like to think distribution by the member countries to their members is increasing but I continue to hear from people who do not receive it and was distressed to hear recently that somebody thought WRN was too long and therefore she deleted it! We can only do our best to please members by keeping you abreast of all the exciting happenings in the rose world.

My best wishes to each and every one of you for a safe and enjoyable holiday season and may 2014 be yet another year filled with the love of roses.

Sheenagh Harris  
Immediate Past President  
and World Rose News Editor



**PRESIDENT  
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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**December, 2013**



I hope everyone is having a great time as we steer into the holidays and 2014. Even though it is winter here and the roses are going dormant, other rosarians are celebrating the summertime down under with their roses in full bloom. We had a bit of snow at the house this month which is rare for our area but not unheard of. Five days later and we still have snow in patches.

It has been a whirlwind time for us the last few months. After our trip to China, we spent 45 days on the road traveling to Australia and New Zealand, the latter to attend the WFRS Regional Convention in Palmerston North. Susie and I accepted the offer to tour Australia before the convention to lecture, see gardens, judge rose shows, attend events, and visit our friends down under, in addition to excellent food and wines. We had a wonderful time traveling around six of the six states in Australia. Our travel was co-ordinated by WFRS Vice President Kelvin Trimper and his wife Melanie. We appreciate all of the individuals who opened their homes to us and chauffeured us around.

The crowning event during our Australia tour was the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The Rose Society of New South Wales and the hosting of the 2013 Australian Rose Championships in Penrith, just outside of Sydney. Glynis and Doug Hayne did a great job coordinating the events for the weekend. The Mayor of Penrith, Ross Fowler, opened the weekend events with a reception for us at the city council. Because of early warm weather, the rose show was not as big as expected, but the quality was still very good. The Grand Champion was a spray of 'Paris 2000' shown by Ted and Meryl Morphett, and the latter won all three of the special WFRS Challenge classes.

Susie and I also judged at the rose shows in Adelaide and Barossa. Both were wonderful events and the roses were very good quality. The latter show was held in a wonderful location at the Barossa Chateau in Lyndoch and it was nice to see the support from local television station, Channel 9 News who donated the top awards. We really enjoyed traveling around Australia and visiting with rose societies, groups and individuals.

Afterwards we arrived in New Zealand for the pre-tour and 32 of us toured the north island seeing gardens and attending cultural events. Peter Elliott, Hayden Foulds and the Manawatu Rose Society members did a great job of coordinating all of the events and speakers. The speakers covered a wide range of topics and were very enjoyable. The gardens we visited were wonderful and in full bloom, especially the Dugald MacKenzie and Hamilton Rose Gardens. At the former, David Kenny won the Gold Star of the South Pacific for KENTrooper and at the latter Rob Somerfield won the New Zealand Rose of the Year for 'Wild Cherry'.

We held an Executive Committee meeting while at Palmerston North and with only seven voting members in attendance, we did not have a quorum. Those present included Immediate Past President, Sheenagh Harris, Vice Presidents Jolene Adams, David Elliott, Peter Elliott, Ahmed Khan, and Kelvin Trimper. In Malcolm and Ruth Watson's absence, my wife Susie took the minutes of the meeting. We discussed several items including a new scorecard for international rose trials, an on-line entry form for test roses, elections, and upcoming conventions. WFRS International Rose Trial Standardisation Chairman Markus Brunsing did an excellent job working on the former two items in conjunction with the Breeder's Club. Kelvin Trimper mentioned that Adelaide is seeking to put in a bid for the 2021 World Convention to be held in Adelaide. I am also pleased to report that we have ten new members of the Friends of the Federation, including one life member.

Our next convention will be the regional in Barcelona, Spain in May. So make sure you register for this convention! The registration form is available on their website. In November is a second regional in Hyderabad, India. More information will be available soon.

Steve Jones

## WFRS REGIONAL CONVENTION, PALMERSTON NORTH, NEW ZEALAND



**'Pacific Glory'**

This excellent regional convention, convened by Peter Elliott and the Manawatu Rose Society was the fourth WFRS Convention to be held in New Zealand in forty-two years. The first was a World Convention held in Hamilton in 1971 – Roseworld '71 when more than 600 delegates attended. The tenth World Rose convention – Roseworld '94 – was held in Christchurch in 1994 with more than 1000 delegates. In 2004 the Auckland Rose Society convened a WFRS regional convention in Auckland. At Roses Down Under – the Kiwi Experience there were 218 registrants from 19 countries which included loyal support from 125 New Zealanders.

### **PRE-CONVENTION TOUR** - David Elliott (Canada) (photographs – David Elliott)

Crenagh and I left Vancouver on 10<sup>th</sup> November and arrived in Auckland New Zealand early on 12<sup>th</sup> November having lost a day due to crossing the date line. In spite of being a day earlier than the Pre-Convention tour required, both Peter and Felicity Holmes from Bermuda and ourselves were met at the airport and transported to the hotel where arrangements had been made to get our room early. We spent the day touring the Museum of Transportation and Technology. On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November we went to the Parnell Rose Garden and the adjacent Nancy Steen Rose Garden. Though these were on the schedule for the following day we felt that we would prefer to spend longer there. The Parnell Rose Garden is owned by the city of Auckland and is a collection of modern roses set on a ridge overlooking the sea. We had first visited it in 2005 and found it in better condition this time though there was some evidence of poor pruning practice over the years. Discussion with the rosarian responsible, revealed that he was new in the garden and was aware of this and was trying to improve things. The Nancy Steen Garden is a collection of Heritage roses, many from her own collection. Nancy Steen was an early advocate for Heritage Roses in New Zealand.



**Entrance to Nancy Steen Rose Garden**

At the Meet and Greet that evening, we found that there was a good representation from Europe, except England; the USA, including WFRS president Steve Jones and his wife; Susie and others. Old friends were greeted and acquaintance made with others.

For some, the morning came too early with breakfast scheduled for 7:30am and departure by bus at 8:30 am. The day started at the Sky Tower which gave us spectacular views over Auckland. From there we travelled to the Auckland Botanical Garden for an all too short visit. Having been there prior to the International Heritage Rose Conference in Dunedin in 2005 we were able to help others to find the rose garden areas.



**Auckland Botanical Garden - rose garden – ‘Wedding Day’**

We then returned to Auckland and the Parnell Rose Garden where we were able to see the difference between *Rosa* ‘Bloomfield Abundance’ and *Rosa* ‘Spray Cecile Brunner’ of which there were specimens in close proximity. The remainder of the day was free. Some chose to take the bus back to the hotel and others made their own way back to the hotel, the Sky Tower providing a convenient landmark.

The next day started early again and the coach was loaded and ready to leave by 8:30am. Transportation was being provided by Grand Pacific tours, an Australian based company which operates only in New Zealand. Their driver was very knowledgeable and provided commentary whilst driving. We travelled south from Auckland heading for Hamilton. The rose highlight of the day was to be the Te Awamutu Rose Garden where we were welcomed by Members of the local rose society. This garden contains over 2500 rose bushes with more than 50 varieties. Te Awamutu was the home of the hybridizer Pat Stephens who produced, amongst others, *Rosa* ‘Stephen’s Big Purple’ known in NZ as *Rosa* ‘Big Purple’.



**Te Awamutu Rose Garden**



**‘Stephen’s Big Purple’**

We travelled on to visit the Glow Worm Caves near Waitomo. A series of limestone caves with a large population of glow worms which provide spectacular light shows, not however for the claustrophobic! We were guided through them by knowledgeable Maori guides who added to the interest. After lunch we were driven to the Otorohanga Kiwi House and Native bird park. As Kiwi are nocturnal we could only see them in near dusk conditions but it was good to see the New Zealand national bird. Then on to Hamilton for a three night stay.



Our first morning in Hamilton was free and in the afternoon we were driven to Roger's Rose Garden in Hamilton Gardens for the Dalton's Waikato Rose Show. This show is one of the largest in New Zealand and was held in a building close to the rose garden which many of us also took the chance to visit.

For dinner that night we were hosted by the Waikato Rose Society who were most gracious and it was an enjoyable evening. Sam and Jillian McGredy were guests of honour.

We returned to the Hamilton Gardens and its rose garden the following day for the X-Site Group Pacific Rose Festival. Time was available to view the trial garden and the tour participants had been invited to judge the roses on trial. Roses were assessed for qualities such as health, floriferousness, novelty and scent. It was a privilege to meet Sam McGredy at the Hamilton Rose Trials and hear him speak both there and at the dinner in Hamilton.

**Dalton's Waikato Rose Show – 'Joan Monica'**



**Rob Somerfield's award  
winning 'Wild Cherry' in Roger's  
Rose Garden, Hamilton**

**New Zealand Rose of the Year  
2013**

Day 6 of the tour was a transfer day from Hamilton to Rotorua. First we visited the private garden of Margaret Liddell set in the country amongst olive orchards and farmland. From here we travelled as tourists to Hobbiton the open air set created for the films The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit and then on to Rotorua. Before reaching our hotel we had some time in the Government Garden Grounds and its rose garden.



**Margaret Liddell's garden**

The next day started with a cable car ride and a buffet breakfast in the Cableway Restaurant. After breakfast some took advantage of the toboggan run whilst Crenagh and I rode the cable car down to look at the Rhododendron plantings at the lower end of the cable car.



From here we travelled to the Agrodome for a most interesting show - examples of a number of sheep breeds, a performance by a sheep dog, and a demonstration of sheep shearing. In the afternoon we travelled to Te Puia to see the Geothermal activity that Rotorua is known for. This was followed in the evening by a Maori Hangi and concert ending with an excellent dinner.

**Maori Lady**

In the morning the bus took us to the Rotorua Museum. Set in the Government Grounds this building dates from the earliest days of Rotorua with later matching additions and was built as a hospital for the treatment of World War I veterans and we saw some of the original facilities. After this we had a free afternoon. Some of the party shopped for souvenirs and with assistance from the Coach Captain visited the Polynesian spa and others took a helicopter ride over the surrounding area. Crenagh and I chose to walk and found the municipal nursery which was open to visitors. It had many interesting plants in it many of which were for sale to the public. From here we walked the trails which followed the lake edge through the native bush.

The next day we left Rotorua and travelled to Napier on Hawks Bay along the Thermal Explorer Highway. Our first stop was a thermal power station, all we could see from the lookout was a mass of pipes and some steam. From here we travelled to the Huka Falls on the river which empties from Lake Taupo and flows north to Hamilton and the Tasman Sea. The falls are more of a long shoot made spectacular by its size and the amount of water. Though it has been shot by Kayakers this is illegal due to the danger.

We continued to Lake Taupo for a brief stop beside the lake. Crenagh and I had visited Taupo in 2005 and knew of the rose garden from that time. Unfortunately at that time we had approached it from the other side. Due to the lack of proper direction from the tour guides it took us all some time to find it though it was very close to the coach park. In the afternoon the coach continued to Napier for the last night of the tour. Napier was destroyed by earthquake and subsequent fire in the 1930s. The subsequent rebuild was well coordinated as to architecture and the result is an interesting 'Art Deco' town centre and we were proudly shown it by local guides. In the afternoon we and others walked the shore line of Hawks Bay and in the evening there was a dinner to complete the Pre-Tour as the next day's drive took us without pause to Palmerston North and the Regional Convention.



Napier

This 10 day pre-tour was well organized by the organizing committee and Grand Pacific tours. From being welcomed at Auckland airport to the smooth running throughout we were made to feel welcome throughout. It was a pity that there were no more New Zealanders than the guide and driver on the tour but there was a range of European and North American participants. Some days might have had rather more tourist site than roses which some may have preferred. Overall a good tour and great company.

**REGIONAL CONVENTION – PALMERSTON NORTH** — Dawn Eagle (New Zealand), Rachael Chalmers (New Zealand) and Sheenagh Harris (South Africa) Photos, unless otherwise stated - Sheenagh Harris

Most of the rosarians who were registered attended the Meet and Greet function on Friday night, 22 November – the first official event on the programme. This was held in the Arena, a huge hall which was more familiar as an indoor sports arena. This hall was also to be the venue for the Rose Show the following day, and on the Friday night it looked very bare, with many tables covered in black, and very few roses to be seen. Some of the people attending commented on this, wondering how it would look the next day.

The waitresses bringing out the plates of finger food were swamped before getting very far, and the wine and orange juice flowed as everyone met with old friends and were introduced to new faces.



(photo – Dawn Eagle)

A kapa haka group from Te Kura Kaupapa Maori O Manawatu - a total immersion local Maori school, entertained and the cameras, particularly of overseas rosarians, worked overtime. There were some short speeches of welcome and most people left the hall so the keen exhibitors could get to work displaying their roses.

The judges assembled at 9.15am the next morning, and the sight which greeted them was a huge contrast to the previous evening, with roses everywhere and an overwhelming fragrance filled the air. The judging panels were large, each one containing at least one overseas judge, and some panels were hard pressed to finish their judging in the time they had because of the large number of entries involved.



(photo – Dawn Eagle)



Many of the judges and stewards took the opportunity after judging to have lunch at the café set up in the centre of the hall, and have a good look at the commercial stands along one side of the hall and the display of Peter Bamber's rose stamps before the official opening of the Show at 2pm. The rose show had been well publicised in the area and the public were there in good numbers, although it was never crowded because the venue was so large.



**Peter Elliott calls on the Vice Mayor of Palmerston North to Open the Rose Show.**

**Seated – Deputy Mayor Jim Jefferies, Eileen Wilcox, Steve Jones and Lois Tabb**



**Floral Display by Palmerston North Floral Art Club**

Buses were organised to collect registrants from their various Convention hotels on Saturday evening to the Convention Dinner which was held at the Awapuni Racecourse. It was a buffet dinner and with so many people attending it took a long time for everyone to get their food, but while they were waiting a lady entertained on a keyboard and sang. Once the meal was over the trophies won at the rose show earlier in the day were presented, and some of the more energetic rosarians danced the rest of the night away.



During the evening, the New Zealand Rose Award was presented by the New Zealand Rose Society President, Eileen Wilcox, to the President Emeritus, Glyn Saunders of the Wairarapa Rose Society in Masterton.



The President of the World Federation Steve Jones, presented the Convention Convener, Peter Elliott, With a World Federation of Rose Societies Silver Commemorative Medallion.



(Photo – Inger Schierning)

Sunday morning saw a happy contingent - refreshed after dancing the night away - loaded on to three buses for a visit to Peter and Elizabeth Elliott's garden on a life style block a few kilometres out of Palmerston North, where the pigs, sheep, goat, alpacas, chickens, geese, ducks, peacock, aviary birds, cats and their dogs were of great interest. This delightful garden was full of surprises, which included Peter playing his grand piano. It had hidden shaded areas with a pond and lookout, full of shade loving treasures.

**David Elliott, Les Krake, Peter Elliott and Sheenagh Harris**

Then up to the Te Apiti Wind Farm to see the amazing wind turbines close up. This area of wind turbines can produce 90 megawatts of electricity – enough to power 46,000 homes. Then away to the Palmerston North Community Leisure Centre for a welcome lunch.

After lunch the coaches took everyone to the Dugald Mackenzie Rose Garden for the presentation of the NZ Rose Society Trial Ground Awards for 2013. The Gold Star of the South Pacific was won by KENTrooper, a russet red shrub rose with single flowers bred by David Kenny of Ireland, and as he was attending the Convention was there to accept the award in person. The Nola Simpson Novelty Award was given to 'Bright as a Button' (CHEwsumsigns), bred by Chris Warner. This is an unusual floribunda with striking pink flowers and a deep pink centre. There was plenty of opportunity to walk around the roses on trial and the public rose garden, and most were relieved to have the opportunity of a quiet night with nothing organised after such a busy day.



**KENTrooper** (photo – Markus Brunsing)



**'Bright as a Button'** (photo – Sheenagh Harris)

## **A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE CONVENTION LECTURES - Melanie Trimper (Australia)** (photos - unless otherwise stated – Melanie Trimper)

The WFRS Regional Convention Lecture Programme, held on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> November in Palmerston North, featured a diverse and entertaining line up of New Zealand and International speakers, many experts in their particular field and all of them knowledgeable and articulate. The presentations not only provided an abundance of information but were thoughtfully illustrated with superb photographs. The New Zealand Rose Society has an outstanding track record for staging WFRS events having now hosted two World Rose Conventions and two Regional Conventions. Lecture Convener, Hayden Foulds, was commended during the conference by many delegates who thoroughly enjoyed the excellent lecture series.



(photo – Sheenagh Harris)

**Eileen Wilcox**, President of the New Zealand Rose Society, moderated the first session of the lecture programme

**Steve Jones (USA)** presented a history of the American rose industry, starting from the 1700s, and shared stories of the early rose introducers and famous rose hybridisers through to modern times. Steve's favourite was Cpt. George C. Thomas, who bred 'Bloomfield Abundance' and 'Dr. Huey' and he praised Ralph Moore who bred 326 roses. His well researched speech detailed the lives and personalities of Americans who became giants of the industry.



**John Ford (NZ)** paid tribute to his aunt and friend, Nola Simpson (1930-2011). John showed his great admiration for this special lady who was a rose culture expert, successful exhibitor, respected rose judge and amateur rose breeder who produced some great roses. Her most famous roses include 'Hot Chocolate', 'Reflections', 'Copperlights', 'My Way' and the miniature 'Stephanie'. Her life's work was recognised with many honours and awards including the T.A. Stewart Memorial Award and a Lifetime Achievement Award from the RNRS. John concluded that Nola's legacy will live on and her wonderful roses will grace many gardens into the future.

**Kelvin Trimper (Australia)** gave an insight into the workings of Rose Societies, using N.Z. and Australian success stories as examples. Kelvin highlighted the various activities including promotions, member-only activities, effective use of the media and new information technology. He also demonstrated the tremendous value of partnerships which have provided significant financial benefits to Rose Societies to promote the rose, outlined where improvement is needed and suggested some new collaborations and strategies for the future.





**Doug Grant (NZ)** reflected upon the life and roses of his great friend and mentor Sam McGredy IV, fourth generation of Northern Irish rose hybridizers. Sam is responsible for creating some of the world's greatest roses. He and his family migrated to New Zealand in 1972 where he set up his rose hybridizing business. Doug described many of Sam's successful roses, including the hand-painted such as 'Regensberg', the striped, the fragrant and the many magnificent Floribundas such as 'Sexy Remy' and Climbers like 'Handel' and 'Dublin Bay'. Sam also played a major role in the implementation of the Plant Breeders Rights Act and was a keen supporter of the Trial Grounds. We heartily agree, "Thank you Sam McGredy".



**Sheenagh Harris**, Immediate Past President and Editor of WRN was moderator for the second session of the lecture programme

**Thomas Proll (Germany)** gave us a passionate and information-packed presentation covering the history of W. Kordes and Sons, the breeding programme, current production methods, the emphasis on highly disease resistant roses and examples of rose trial winners. He also commented on changes of fashion - with the 'nostalgic' shape still a popular trend. Some great roses to watch out for are 'Dwarf Fairy' (UK); 'Beverly' (2007) aka 'Perfume Passion'; low-growing 'Rotilia' aka 'Red Finesse' (UK) and, in particular, 'Gräfin Diana' (HT) aka 'Dark Desire' (USA) to experience the magnificent scent of this rose.



**Fiona Hyland (NZ)** encouraged the audience to value and conserve old roses and named many examples from missionary and pioneer days. Fiona has set-up a National Register of heritage roses with 1200 roses listed and undertaken categorising rose families, for example, the memorial roses which include 'Anais Segalas'. Her search has taken her, and other enthusiasts, across the country hunting down lost roses in cemeteries and along roadsides. The reality is there are many threats facing these delightful old roses and faltering or failing to continue the conservation process will no doubt result in lost roses.

**David Kenny (Ireland)** gave a comprehensive run down on Amateur Rose Breeding in Ireland and the UK. Entertaining from the beginning, David introduced these charismatic men and their roses which included Len Scrivens with 'Baby Love' and 'Pretty Lady'; Frank Cowlshaw with his 'Rhapsody in Blue'; the jovial Peter James produced the beautiful 'Eyes for You' and John Sheridan hit the jackpot with 'Sheila's Perfume'. David has enjoyed breeding some successful roses of his own including 'Riverdance', 'Newsflash' and 'Lullaby' to name just a few.





**Ann Chapman NZ** is a rose grower, historian, researcher and accomplished author. Her outstanding presentation was a personal journey looking at significant NZ rose breeders and rosarians such as Trevor Griffiths, Nancy Steen and Ken Nobbs. She happily shared her love of old world roses, gave an historical perspective, explained categories and highlighted their qualities. The Alba roses are among Ann's favourites. Her story exploring New Zealand's missionary pioneers, and the roses named for them, was a highlight.



**Wendy Trimper (Australia)** was moderator for the third session of lectures

**Jolene Adams (USA)**, with 50 years of rose growing experience, gave a wonderfully researched and fascinating history, from the pre-cursor to roses up to modern times. Jolene's eloquent and articulate presentation highlighted the history of the rose in NZ and she featured some world famous rose breeders and rose production companies such as Alister Clark, Sam McGredy IV and Ralph Moore and ended with praise for New Zealand's current rose breeders Doug Grant, Bob Matthews, Rob Somerfield and Mike Athy who were an "inspiration".



**Bob Matthews (NZ)** has spent a lifetime involved with roses. Bob spoke from a professional viewpoint on the evolution of the NZ rose growing industry. He touched on the popularity of the rose in NZ, the exciting 1970s when Sam McGredy IV arrived and introduced many wonderful new varieties and royalties started, progress regarding virus and virus trials, the success of trial grounds and publicity. Some of Bob's successful roses are 'My Mum', 'Diamonds Forever' and 'Cup Fever'. He said that a small rose industry in NZ is enjoying success and on-line selling is a trend.



**Merv Trimper (Australia)** was moderator for the last session of lectures

**Anthony Tesselaar (Australia)** drawing on 20 years of experience, commented on the nursery industry in NZ, Australia and elsewhere. Anthony gave a detailed description of the strategy, planning, rigorous testing, launch and sale of the hugely successful Flower Carpet, ground cover rose which has sold 80 million plants to date. It was the largest single plant promotion in history across much of the world. He and his wife are constantly studying the new direction roses are taking, what sells and why.



## **PANEL DISCUSSION 'WHERE ROSES ARE HEADING'**

**Chairman: Hayden Foulds (NZ)**

The Panellists consisted of **Matthias Meilland (France)**, **Murray Radka (NZ)**, **Rob Somerfield (NZ)** and **Richard Walsh (Australia)** answered questions from the audience on a wide range of topics. These subjects included rose trials, the future of roses and the risk of losing historic cultivars with an emphasis on the worth of heritage roses and the importance of rose conservation.



Hayden Foulds, Rob Somerfield, Matthias Meilland, Murray Radka, Richard Walsh

At intervals between lectures, presentations were given advertising forthcoming WFRS conventions:

Matthias Meilland for **ROSES IN THE SUN, Barcelona – Spain - 2014 – WFRS Regional**

Ahmed Alam Kahn for **HYDERABAD 2014 – India – WFRS Regional**

Matthias Meilland for **LYON ROSES 2015 – France – World Convention**

Zhao Shiwei for **BEIJING 2016 – China - Regional**

Inger Schierning for **WONDERFUL COPENHAGEN – Denmark – 2018 – World Convention**



**Monday 25 November** - Twenty-three **Friends of the Federation** met for dinner in a private dining room at the Hotel Coachman where an evening of good food, fun and laughter was enjoyed by all. Nine rosarians signed up for the **Friends of the Federation** in New Zealand making a total of 68.

## Tuesday 26 November -

After the lectures and panel discussion delegates boarded coaches to visit 3 privately owned gardens in Palmerston North followed by afternoon tea at Highden Manor Estate.

### John and Christine Ford's Garden -



Uzma and Ahmed Alam Kahn admire John Ford's rose 'Southern Beauty'



'Royal Amethyst'

### Helm Park - Gordon and Ruth Koberstein's Garden -



**Bruce and Ingrid Lambie's garden and vintage car –**



**1930 Chrysler 77 Roadster**



**Chrysler Cocktail bar!**

**Hayden Manor Estate**



**Hayden Manor**



**Matthias Meiland admires a beautiful specimen of his Grandfather's rose 'Peace'**

**Wednesday 27 November** – The last day of the convention in Palmerston North was a fun day which started with a drive through the magnificent Manawatu Gorge for a visit to the Sileni Winery in Hawke's Bay where we arrived in pouring rain. Here we had the opportunity to taste a number of wines from this state of the art winery and enjoy a good meal.



Beatrix Halter, Mireille Steil and Markus Brunsing enjoy a delicious meal in the comfort of the Sileni Winery dining room while the rain pelted down outside.

After lunch delegates were taken to see the large park-like garden and Feijoa Orchard of Georgina and Gary Campbell, in Hawkes Bay. The visiting rosarians, unperturbed by the rain, feasted on this colourful garden with a collection of about 2000 roses. All those present enjoyed Georgina's well kept secret of a visit by none other than Sam McGredy, himself. A delicious and very welcome tea was served in the shelter of the barn.

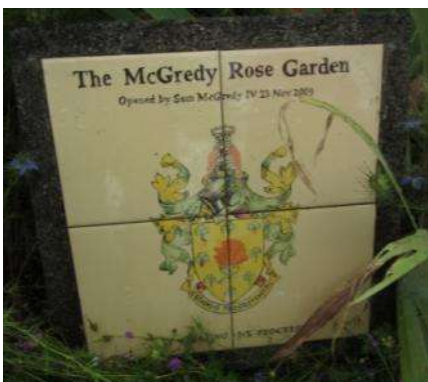
At the closing dinner in Palmerston North the WFRS flag was passed from Peter Elliott of NZ to Matthias Meiland for Barcelona.



Cheops, named after the Great Pyramid in Egypt, covers approximately 4 acres of park-like garden



Photo Supplied by Georgina Campbell



Georgina Campbell and Sam McGredy's 'Eye Paint'



**Sam McGredy talks to Hayden Foulds, George Foulds and Paul Barnett**

(photo – Charles Foulds)



**A 'mound' of roses at Cheops**



**Inger Schierning and Sam McGredy**

### **THREE GENERATIONS OF ROSE LOVERS**



(photo – Marga Verwer)

**Charles Foulds, Hayden Foulds and George Foulds in the barn at Cheops – home of Georgina and Gary Campbell**

**POST CONVENTION TOUR** Inger Schierning (Denmark) (all photos Sheenagh Harris except where otherwise advised)

Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup> of November was the beginning of the post-convention tour and we continued our trip through New Zealand with 38 people. Our first destination was a very pretty rose garden in the centre of Levin. A light drizzle was no obstacle. Everyone took many pictures of the beautifully maintained rose garden where the majority of the roses were European, except for some by Sam McGredy. Thomas Proll, head of the breeding programme at Kordes Rosen in Germany, was pleased to see this garden with many roses from Kordes. In the presence of the volunteer gardeners, the Lord Mayor, Brendan Duffy gave a talk about the legendary Nola Simpson. Nola 's nephew John Ford had the honour of unveiling the name of the rose garden as "Nola Simpson Rose Gardens"



**'Starry Eyed' (Colin Horner)**



Next stop was the Southward Car Museum. What a collection! There was enough time for the enthusiasts to have a good look at all of them. Those not so interested in antique cars could enjoy morning tea and coffee.



The following 2-3 hours, the bus drove through the beautiful and fascinating New Zealand landscape with rolling hills, lush green valleys and crystal clear rivers, heading down to Wellington and our hotel for the next 2 nights, the James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor.

The bus driver gave us a guided city tour and a quick stop at the Hobbit Museum. If you didn't know what a Hobbit is, you know after visiting New Zealand. Wellington is the capital city and the Parliament Buildings and the Beehive are some of Wellington's best known landmarks, along with the harbour, Te Papa museum and the hills.

### **The Beehive**

Our 7-storey hotel was right in the centre, exactly above the main street. A direct elevator took us to the street level where shops contained everything the heart desires and only 50 metres from the waterfront with cafes and restaurants and a vibrant nightlife.

The next morning, the whole group went by elevator down to street level, to take the Wellington Cable Car to the Wellington Botanic Garden. There are several of these Cable Cars in the city to bridge the difference in levels.

The Botanic Garden was established in 1868 and covers 25 hectares. It's a unique landscape of protected native forest, exotic trees, plant collection and seasonal display of bulbs and annual plants. The middle is a real forest with beautiful, enormous tree-ferns. We found hydrangeas and rhododendrons flowering at the same time as the roses! In Northern Europe, rhododendrons flower in spring and roses and hydrangeas flower in summer and autumn.

Within the Botanic Garden is The Lady Norwood Rose Garden, opened in 1953, with more than 300 varieties of roses. There are 110 formal beds each containing a different cultivar, from new roses to old favourites. Other beds include climbers, David Austin roses, patio and standard roses. There are also trial beds where new cultivars are assessed. The whole morning was free to explore the garden by ourselves.



**Lady Norwood Rose Garden**

Next to the Lady Norwood Rose Garden is the Begonia House with tropical plants, a shop and the Picnic Café. We had lunch on the terrace with the most breathtaking views of the overwhelmingly beautiful roses. The rose 'Troika' syn.'Royal Dane' was 1.5 m tall. Troika was bred in 1971 by my old friend Niels Poulsen. In Denmark Troika grows to be 80cm.



**'Troika' syn. 'Royal Dane'** (photo – Inger Schierning)



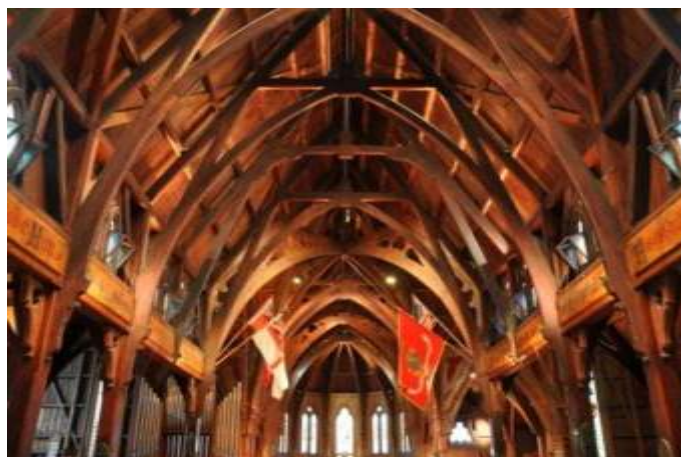
**'Leonardo da Vinci'** (photo – Inger Schierning)

The bed with 'Leonardo da Vinci' bred by Meiland in 1993, was the most impressive.

Heading back towards our hotel we walked along the Memorial Trail at Bolton Street Memorial Park. This is the old Wellington cemetery (1840-1892) combined with a lovely heritage rose collection. We arrived back in the main street by bridge over the Wellington Motorway. The afternoon and evening were free to explore the city. It was nice to have some time on our own. Traveling with rose friends, you are never lonely.

Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> of November we left North island on the interislander ferry to cross the Cook Straits to South Island. Before that we visited the Te Papa, New Zealand National Museum. After a guided tour, with a stream of information about Maori and earthquakes, we were free to explore and examine the museum's many exciting topics. One of the rooms illustrated the immigration to New Zealand from other nations. The first major immigration came from Denmark around the year 1870. At the Pre-Convention tour we drove through a fairly large town called Dannevirke. The city sign was a huge Viking with a helmet with horns and the streets had Danish family names.

The Inter islander ferry was delayed for 3 hours due to stormy weather. This gave us time to visit one of New Zealand's heritage places and one of the finest examples of timber Gothic Revival architecture in the world - old St. Paul's from 1853 was the Cathedral church of Wellington until 1994.



**The wooden vaulted ceiling of St. Paul's Cathedral** (photo- Markus Brunsing)

Then the bus took us up to Mount Victoria lookout. What a spectacular 360 degree view over Wellington. Many photos were taken here before we returned to the Islander ferry terminal. Fortunately the weather was calmer when we began the 3 hours crossing to the South Island. Some of us enjoyed every minute of this passage outside, with the camera ready for action! When we reached South Island and the shelter of Marlborough Sound, the sun broke through and we enjoyed the beautiful scenery and the last hour of the boat trip through the fjord towards the port of Picton.



Crossing from North Island to South Island

A new bus with a new driver waited on the dock and soon we arrived at the very nice Scenic Hotel Marlborough in Blenheim for 2 nights.

Sunday the 1<sup>st</sup> of December was a busy day. Four gardens and a winery to visit. All situated around Blenheim. The first, Dave & Sue Monahan's garden, **Upton Oaks**, was modern styled, with different 'rooms' separated by hedges. Symmetry, but also stone walls with roses, trees, and even some colour in the planting. And everything laid out around a beautifully restored colonial house.



'The Fairy'

The second garden, Elaine Shepherd's, **Shepherd's Nook**, was a more informal styled garden. This garden was full of surprises, ornaments and beautiful colour combinations with the plants. Elaine grows many varieties of hostas in pots and says they grow best this way. Her hostas were certainly very beautiful. The front garden was a riot of colour with David Austin roses.



(photo – Markus Brunsing)

The third garden, Tom Morrison's, **Green Acres**, was huge and showed a great love for gardening with roses as he had reserved a large plot to indulge his passion - lots of climbing roses, along an arbor, but also trained low along supports; an orchard with seats in it and both modern and old roses.



'Bleu Magenta'



'New Dawn'

NOW it was time for a wine tasting at the Wither Hills Winery followed by a tapas lunch. Tea and coffee was served with a lot of different sweets - we had way too many! This was evident when we arrived at Lynley Neal's garden shortly afterwards. A New Zealand/English afternoon tea table with salmon and cucumber sandwiches, home baked scones, muffins and cakes - enough for a small army, served on the finest bone china was waiting for us. Many of Lynley's friends from the rose society were there to greet and to help us.

**Lynley Neal's** garden is a smaller private garden in a residential area. The sun shone from a cloudless sky and it was warm. A huge tree in the middle of the garden served as a giant umbrella and our caring hostess had set up chairs so we could sit in the shade and enjoy the garden and sumptuous tea. Lynley walked between the large rose bushes with those most eager to learn. She told us about her many beautiful roses. The name tags on the roses in this garden were greatly appreciated. Somebody was heard to say, "how nice, finally someone who understands our need to know the name of the rose."



(photo – Markus Brunsing)

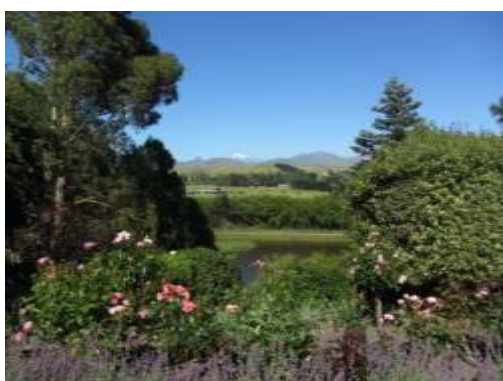


(photo – Inger Schierning)

Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December we traveled to our final destination Christchurch. First stop was a very special garden: **London Hill**, 1 hour south of Blenheim, almost in the middle of nowhere. Dennis and Barbara Burkhart moved to London Hill in 1998. Beds of roses, lavender and catmint have been developed amidst old, established trees at London Hill Gardens. Exposed each year to the full range of climates, the garden reveals how havens can exist in the harshest environments.

In the heart of the Flaxbourne District, London Hill is named after the 19th century ship, *London*. Leased by the New Zealand Company, it brought many early settlers from England to New Zealand. To celebrate this historic link, sailing ship and sea concepts are promoted in the London Hill design. Joined by narrow pathways, different levels in the garden represent decks of the ship, while the rolling, uneven land surrounding it can be likened to the sea.

Magnificent views are afforded throughout the garden, especially from the lookout on top of Pudding Hill, with lake views and the sight of New Zealand's ninth highest mountain, Mount Tapuae-o-Uenuku (snow capped) rising 2885 metres above sea level. Some of us made it to the top of Pudding Hill and got great photos.



Tapuae-o-Uenuku – snow capped in the distance



Note the anchor on the slope

We continued the tour through the stunning Marlborough countryside and the costal drive to Kaikoura where we enjoyed a traditional lunch for this area – white bait sandwiches!



The landscape changed when we approached Christchurch. I understand why it's called Canterbury Plains. Our hotel for the next 3 nights was the Cotsworld Hotel. A charming hotel in Tudor style. Christchurch is known as the most English looking city outside England.

Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December began with a visit to the Antarctic Centre. Here we got a fascinating insight into the nature and living conditions on the South Pole /Antarctic. We experienced a polar storm with a combination of wind to 25 miles per hour and minus 18 - but only for few minutes. Winter coats were provided to prevent colds. After seeing the penguins being fed, there was time to explore the well-equipped shop with high quality goods. Many were tempted to buy gifts to take home.

Then we had a guided tour of Christchurch. We saw the devastation wrought by the earthquake of 22nd Feb. 2011. The entire centre is under reconstruction. I remember the many beautiful old houses in Tudor style, which are now almost gone from the centre. Our driver described vividly about the conditions to live with daily earthquakes. There had been a series of small earthquakes 14 days before we arrived. Scary!

Next stop was Christchurch Botanic Gardens, lovely, with an afternoon of delightful summer weather to indulge in the beautiful park and rose gardens with both old and modern roses. Fortunately the Botanic Gardens were untouched by the earthquake.

Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> of Dec. was our last day and we were looking forward to going south to Timaru to visit the South Canterbury Rose Society and the world famous Trevor Griffith's Rose Garden. Again it was a beautiful summer day with bright sunshine. The nature of the Canterbury Plains was very different from elsewhere in New Zealand. It resembled in many ways Denmark with green fields and black and white cows, apart from the crowd. We saw several thousand cows in a mile long queue heading to the lush green fields to pasture. Amusing to see the same queue as we drove home, now heading home to be milked. There is no doubt that agriculture and dairy play a major role in this country.

After a few hours pleasant drive we reached our destination and a cozy reunion with many members of the South Canterbury Rose Society. We had met the previous week at the convention in Palmerston North. It was also a nice reunion with WFRS Vice President Peter Elliott. He had taken a flight to Timaru for this day. We were served morning tea with homemade goodies and the talk went merrily.

Then on to the Botanical Gardens where we were led by Daphne Whitford-Smith to see an interesting collection of species roses. So back again and now morning tea was replaced with lunch and more delicious food. Well-stocked and expectant, we walked the short distance to the stunning Trevor

Griffith's Rose Garden. All our high expectations were met, and it was a pleasure to participate in the official programme.

Last October during the WFRS' 16<sup>th</sup> World Rose convention, ROSAFRICA, when Sheenagh Harris was World Rose President, the Awards Committee honoured the Trevor Griffiths Rose Garden with the WFRS Garden of Excellence Award. Naturally Sheenagh Harris was asked to unveil the plaque.

TV and the press were waiting and The Lord Mayor, Damon Odey gave a speech about the city, the joy of roses and the pride of this rose garden. Peter Elliott talked about the WFRS and introduced "His dear friend Sheenagh Harris" –

She said:

**"OLD ROSES ARE SOUGHT AFTER FOR THEMSELVES  
FOR THEIR UNPARALLELED BEAUTY,  
THEIR UNEQUALLED COLOURS,  
THEIR SUBLIME FORM,  
THEIR ABILITY TO SURVIVE AND IN MOST CASES FOR  
THEIR HAUNTING FRAGRANCE."**

"The words of Trevor Griffiths, whose name is synonymous with beautiful Old Roses from his book Memory of Old Roses."

Sheenagh then made a very beautiful speech ending with:

"On behalf of the WFRS, I am honoured to have the great pleasure, to unveil the plaque of the WFRS Garden of Excellence – best wishes to all those who work here for all you do in the name of that most beautiful of flowers, the rose.  
Thank you."

Again we were treated to tea and cakes. No wonder someone took a nap in the bus going back to Christchurch. Our grateful thanks to Daphne Rissman and the South Canterbury Rose Society.

The convention organisers planned an enjoyable last night at the hotel with an excellent meal, music and even a sing-song. Throughout the post-convention tour we were well cared for by Charles Foulds. It was the last gathering and time to say goodbye after three intense weeks in adventurous New Zealand. This well-planned and richly detailed convention has been a major inspiration for me towards WRC 2018 in Denmark. The organizers have been very generous to share their experience. A must for anyone who is considering organizing a convention !! New friendships are formed and maybe we'll meet again for new rose experiences in a few months at the WFRS regional convention In Barcelona.



**Peter Elliott and Sheenagh Harris at the unveiling of the plaque of the Garden of Excellence at Timaru** (photo - Claudia Hacker)



**'Wedding Day' in Timaru on Caroline Bay** (photo – Inger Schierning)

# THE PRESIDENTIAL TRAVELS DOWN UNDER

Steve Jones - USA

## A Yank Down Under

As did my predecessor, when I was elected President of the WFRS, I was asked to tour Australia and visit their rose societies by the National Rose Society of Australia. Since we had a regional convention in New Zealand, Susie and I agreed and arranged to travel just before the convention. The main event in Australia was the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Rose Society of New South Wales (NSW). NSW is the third Australian rose society to hit the centennial mark with the Rose Society of Victoria in 1999 and the Rose Society of South Australia in 2008, which Susie and I attended. All three are among the oldest rose societies in the world.

Our trip would cover six Australian states, and would feature gardens, lectures, presentations, show openings, interviews, judging, etc., and cover 30 days in Australia and then 15 days in New Zealand for the pre-tour and convention before heading home for the holidays. We first arrived in Sydney, Australia for the NSW 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. We stayed with dear friends Doug and Glynis Hayne of Emu Plains. We visited the Blue Mountains the day before the dreadful fires started, which could be seen from the Hayne's house and was about 6km away. It was difficult preparing for the rose show and celebration with all the fires raging. Susie and I along with Tony and Sue Stallwood of Queensland helped set up the show and prepare for the weekend's events.



The first evening of the celebration we were invited to the Penrith City Hall for a reception with the City Council Mayor Ross Fowler. It was a pleasant event with food and drinks. I was asked to say a few words and thanked the city and staff for hosting the convention, and the Haynes for being in charge. Here we met Fiona Scott, the parliament member that Prime Minister Tony Abbott said had "sex appeal" and was voted as one of Australia's Top 100 sexiest women. She also happens to be a member of the rose society.

**City Council Mayor Ross Fowler**

The venue for the rose show was the Penrith Paceway. Due to early hot weather, most of the roses in the area were on the backside of their first bloom flush. Even though there weren't as many rose entries as planned, we still had a high quality show. I judged with Western Australian President Vivienne Etter and Grace Warren from Queensland. The Grand Champion went to a spray of the shrub rose 'Paris 2000' as shown by Ted & Meryl Morphett. The latter also won all three of the WFRS challenge classes.



After the judging I officially opened the show along with Glynis and Mayor Fowler. The rose show went on for two days and featured many speakers and vendors.

**Ted and Meryl Morphett's WFRS  
Award winning bowl**



That evening we had the Gala Dinner at the Penrith Panther Club. The show awards were handed out and the event included Glynis and I cutting into a cake with "100" on it. The floral arrangements on the tables and in the room were well done and very festive.



**Glynis and Doug Hayne  
with the '100' cake**

I was asked to be the keynote speaker. After barely starting, the featured singing group moved through the room with the lead singer dressed as Marilyn Monroe and carrying a cupcake with one candle on it singing "Happy Birthday Mr. President" as only Marilyn can. For those who didn't know, in about two weeks I was turning 60 and Susie's mom always sang happy birthday to all of us as Marilyn. It was a fun part of the evening. Of course I forgot where I was in my talk and decided to sit down, which was a good thing as it was a long day.

The next day was the AGM meeting where I was asked to attend as an observer. It is interesting how each state rotates the Presidency. Glynis is the current President and Kelvin Trimper was elected to take over from her as President. The top awards were announced as we were asked to keep quiet on the Australian Rose Award that went to Max Marriner of Victoria, when it will be presented in about three weeks time. Kelvin won the Steward Award, as did his dad many years prior.



**Back Row: Tony Stallwood, Malcolm Watson, Carl Ellefsen, Dean Stringer, Kelvin Trimper, Steve Jones, Doug Hayne, Colin Hollis, Laurie Newman, Peter Burton, Paul Hains**  
**Front Row: Sandy Beverley, Mary Frick, Glynis Hayne, Jim Cane, Veronica O'Brien**

After the meeting we boarded a bus headed to the Roxborough Rose Garden. Unfortunately the garden was not in the best of shape. Many roses were not named, it seemed half the roses were Dr Huey (understock) and the gardeners were not careful when spraying Round Up® as most of the roses had damage. We then visited Swane's Nursery with their nice demonstration rose garden. The farewell dinner was that evening at the Paceway overlooking the racetrack. It was not a farewell for many of us as we would see them again the next day for tours and throughout the rest of our Australian trek.

The next day featured tours of Camden Park Estate, the Australian Botanical Gardens in Mt. Annan, and the Floral International in Leppington. In the latter it was sad to see the imports from Kenya are killing the local florist rose industry and they will be eliminating rose production in the near future. They are making amends by growing other flowers in demand. At the botanical gardens, we were among the first groups to tour the newly opened seed bank, where they plan to collect seeds from every Australian native plant. The Camden Park Estate was home to one of the earliest sheep farmers John MacArthur, and had an interesting garden of various plants including a small rose garden. I was interested in the old boilers they still had to use to heat the greenhouses. They grew a lot of orchids as well.

The next day we were off to Brisbane. Paul Hains, the new President of the Queensland Rose Society, picked us up at the airport. We stayed with Rosetta and Adrian Day in their beautiful Queenslander home. Paul was our chauffeur and drove us to his garden of about 400 roses and others. Paul is an up and coming hybridizer and it was interesting to see the direction his programme is going. He is an exhibitor so a good show rose is always key. Paul won several awards for his seedlings at the NSW Rose Show. Next we traveled to the wonderful private garden of John & Marcia Rivett called Jonica Gardens. Tony and Sue also met us there. There are a few roses but it is a gardener's dream. It covers about two acres and has a chapel for weddings where they had a surprise for us as it was our 14<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary that day. They had a bottle of sparkling wine and flutes set up for us. That was sweet of them. That night eight of us dined at Cha Cha Char, a steak restaurant on the river. It was a great meal with excellent wines and friends.

The next day we travelled to the garden of Angela & Wayne Sully appropriately named Rosehill. Angela is an exhibitor and mostly has exhibition roses of all types. Her current garden of around 400 roses is on a slope so they bought a new property down the street to build a new house and garden. Nothing is wrong with her current garden, it is great! Here I spoke to about 30 members of the Gold Coast Rose Society (GCRS) during morning tea. We had a fun time visiting and discussing roses. We followed that up with a visit to the home of GCRS President Terry Burke and his wife Cheryl, who spent days making us a fabulous lunch. Terry grows a lot of exhibition roses and orchids. His yard is a collection of about 600 roses and has under plantings and covers the side of a hill, which I took note of for our place back home. He also has a great collection of tree ferns and one area looks like you are walking in a rain forest. That evening we went to the Summit Restaurant on Mt. Coot-tha to have dinner and speak to the Queensland Rose Society. There were about 34 people in attendance.



The views of the city of downtown Brisbane from there were amazing. The next day we were off to Adelaide where we were picked up at the airport by WFRS Treasurer Diane vom Berg with whom we would be staying off and on during our eight days there. The following day was the SA rose show at the Burnside Church. I judged with Gavin Woods and Susie with Dean Stringer. There was a good turnout of exhibitors and the quality was very good. It was tough picking the top awards. The floral arrangements were excellent as well and graced the main chapel area. As always, I was amazed at the number of visitors from the public to see the show and vendors. After the judging, Patron Liz Scarce arrived and fondly remembered me as the "mad American". We both assisted in handing out the awards and I officially opened the show. We met Liz Scarce and her husband in 2008 and it is sad to learn that he will be stepping down as Governor as his term expires in August 2014.. The top award for overall champion went to a cycle of bloom of 'Irresistible' by Peter and Brenda Burton.

**Malcolm Watson, Liz Scarce, Steve and Susie Jones**



**Adelaide Rose Show**



The next day we met up with Kelvin to interview with the local radio station, Five aa, on the Michael Keelan Show.

**Kelvin Trimper, Steve Jones and Michael Keelan at the radio station**

Afterwards we headed to Renmark to visit the gardens of David Ruston. Kelvin was our guide for the next few days. I have known David for a while, but never visited his famed rose garden. When we arrived, David was out in the garden cutting away a path from the overgrown plants. We walked over to the main building and had lunch at the café there, served by David's niece Ann, who is a Senator in Parliament and off during their hiatus. David's garden has several areas. The largest is the cut flower section. He also has an extensive collection of tea roses and found roses, one that the heritage rose group are concerned about saving if something should happen to David.



**Anne Ruston, David Ruston, Susie Jones, Kelvin Trimper and Steve Jones in David Ruston's garden at Renmark**

The ramblers were mostly in bloom and you had about one kilometer of non-stop ramblers and other roses in bloom. Kelvin and I interviewed with a local reporter about roses and the Renmark Rose Festival which was winding up after two weeks. Here people open their gardens to visitors from all over. We visited the gardens of David and Jennie Nattass, Danny and Donna Hoffman, and Fleur Carthew. The Hoffmans are exhibitors and they have a large number of roses, and Fleur has a lot of old garden roses. We visited the David Ruston monument in Renmark before being treated to dinner at a local restaurant on the river. We spent the night at David's.

The next day we headed to the Clare Valley, home of some of the best riesling wines in the world, and the home of Walter & Kay Duncan. On our way to Walter's we stopped at several excellent wineries and wine tasted. The Duncan's garden is summed up in one word, wow! One of the best private gardens I have ever seen. They have roses on all sides of the house and out buildings. Plus his archway of climbing Souvenir de la Malmaison was legendary. You just wanted to stay all day outside in the garden. His collection of old garden roses and shrubs is amazing and all were just slightly past peak bloom. We stayed at their B&B which was wonderful. The story on the main house is the bricks were moved from the old family home. It is a beautiful house as well. During our stay we were all interviewed by the local newspaper about roses and the upcoming event where they open the gardens to visitors, and the entrance fee is a donation to the Flying Doctors, a rescue organization. The next day we headed back down to Adelaide and stayed with Kelvin and Melanie Trimper. Their private garden has about 2000 roses. I love the way they treat shrubs and large roses as pillars. Mel has one of the largest David Austin rose collections that I have ever seen. Needless to say I spent a lot of time outside taking photos. That evening we attended the Adelaide National Rose Trial Dinner. The Weeks rose 'Sparkle and Shine' won the gold medal and will be introduced by Swane's Nursery under a different name.



This night featured the 'Peter Brock Rose', which was named for a famous stock car racer, and the introducer of the rose, Daniel Knight, presented a cheque for \$10,000 to their charity, Variety, The Children's Charity, from rose sales. It was a pleasant evening to get to meet with many of the rose introducers in Australia.



**Finbarr O'Leary receiving the Marion de Boehme Memorial Award with 'Sparkle and Shine'**

The next day we and Diane visited the beach at Glenelg and two cemeteries where I found a lot of rose art and roses planted among the graves. My favourite was a carved rose on the grave of George William at St. Marys. It must have taken a long time to create and the detail was remarkable.



Kelvin took us to Knight's Roses where they had a red carpet waiting for the three of us. Knight's is one of the largest rose sellers in Australia. We got to see the processing plant and the roses growing in the fields of the newer and future introductions.



Afterwards we headed to Birdwood to see the garden of Tony and Jan Hanna, and the garden of their daughter Alex across the road. We were met there by Dean Stringer, Lex Day, and the Burtons. Tony has a real nice exhibitor's garden where Alex has a large cottage garden which I also plan to put in back home.

**Tony Hanna, daughter Alex and Jan Hanna**

From there we had a private tour of Seppeltsfield Winery. Melanie had worked there for several years and arranged the tour. Kerrie, our guide, even came in on her day off. Our favourite part was tasting a 100 year old port, which is like liquid gold. Most of the wines from here were very good to excellent. As a souvenir, Susie and I bought ports made from the year of our birth. They take the order, collect and filter the wine from the barrels, then place the bottle in a nice box with a certificate showing what you bought is authentic, then deliver it to you. They had ports dating back to 1878.

The following day was the milestone, my 60<sup>th</sup> birthday, and we were going to celebrate! The main chores were to go to the fish market for some fresh prawns and oysters. The fish market was pretty amazing with all types of fish and shellfish. Next was to stop at the meat market for dry aged steaks. When we got back, we raided Kelvin's cellar for the wines that night. There were eight of us including renowned wine expert Ian McKenzie. It was a wonderful evening; the best way to celebrate a milestone. We went through 13 bottles of wine and port although two of the bottles were a bit past their prime. The best were a 1971 Penfold Grange and a 1953 Penfold Club Port from Kelvin. Thanks to Kelvin and Melanie for putting on such a great party!



But with all the fun was work; well rose work. In the morning we had morning tea with the Director of the Adelaide Botanical Garden and RSSA Vice Patron Stephen Forbes and the volunteers who work in the rose garden. The gardens look so much better than our last visit in 2008 because of their dedication and hard work.

**Diane vom Berg, Steve Jones,  
Stephen Forbes and Kelvin Trimper**

Then we headed to the Barossa Valley to get ready for the Barossa Rose Show the next day. We got to stay in the suite at the Barossa Chateau in Lyndoch, which is full of the original furniture from one of the first settlers in the area, HJ Thumm. It was gorgeous! That evening the other rosarians who were either judging or exhibiting had a barbeque in the hotel section along with Chateau owners Mark & Mandy Creed. The Creeds and Mary & Ian Frick with the local society members did a great job of organizing and hosting the rose show. It was fun to kick back and visit, of course with plenty of Aussie wines. The next day we arrived at the show and what a venue. The theme was the Chelsea Down Under, and we were greeted by a large floral display showing Australia and highlighting the state of South Australia, and many large arrangements made by David Ruston who was also there. The show was at peak for many exhibitors and the room was packed with blooms. Susie and I judged with Tony Hanna. The Grand Champion award went to Merv & Wendy Trimper for their collection of five stages. I opened the show along with Channel 9 News person, now Monique Bowley who towered over me, and the Patron Margaret Lehmann. It was nice to see the Channel 9 News as a supporter of the rose show and they sponsored the top two trophies. The show had several youth classes and it was fun handing out the awards to the kids. After the opening was tea in the grand ballroom, which was an amazing place, full of priceless antiques.



**Floral flag for the Barossa Rose Show**



**Barossa Rose and Flower Show**

**Merv and Wendy Trimper receive the Grand Champion award**

The next day we were off to Perth and were picked up at the airport by Sandy Beverly and we stayed with Vivienne and Rudi Etter at their house/nursery called Swiss Rose Garden Nursery. It was a hot day there, well in the 90s and very humid. We really got to experience the nasty flies and learn the Aussie wave. Despite the heat, Viv invited several members of the local rose society to afternoon tea to meet with us. We met with several long time Western Australia members including Patron Connie Ryan, Vice Patron Hastie Adams and his wife Shirley, and Alma Harris who is 95 year young and still shows her roses. The next day we visited Araluen Botanical Gardens. Here we had morning tea with the heritage rose group who were surprised to know I am as much of a heritage rose person than modern as they were my first rose loves. We met with Di Durston who is the current WFRS Heritage Rose Committee chairman and docents George & Jacqui Davies. They have a good collection of heritage roses here in the park and you can see them at [araluen-roses.org](http://araluen-roses.org). Then we went to Kings Park overlooking the city. What a great place. We had a personal tour of the gardens by fellow rosarian and docent Robyn Cooper and her brother Ian. We love all types of plants and were impressed with the protea collection. Robyn said Kings Park is the largest park in the world. I believe it as we only covered a small part of it.



**Alma Harris and Susie Jones**

The next day we flew to Launcetown, Tasmania for some R&R, wine tasting and of course, visiting gardens. We rented a car and stayed at a hotel downtown. The next day Robyn May picked us up and took us to Entally Estate where we met with about 20 members of the Tasmania heritage rose group. Entally has a nice collection of heritage roses in formal and informal garden settings. Afterwards the group, who included several from Hobart, a three hour drive, went to Josef Chromy Winery for a fabulous lunch looking over the hills and vineyards. Afterward we visited Swarthmore Estate with their collection of roses, hawthorns, and many other plants and fruit trees.

The next day we went on our own and sightseed and wine tasted along the Tamar River, and had some wonderful Tassie wines. Flying to our last destination the next day to Melbourne, we were greeted by Rose Society of Victoria President Veronica O'Brien and her husband Tom. They took us over to the Victoria State Rose Garden in Werribee where we visited five years ago and were rained out, and guess what? Rain again! We met with the rose curator and the head volunteer and heritage rose enthusiast Joan Broadstock. Afterwards Tom dropped us off at the home of Dr. Bruce & Joyce Chapman of Beaumaris. Bruce, at 85, just retired from hybridizing. He created some of the finest roses in Australia including 'Amazing Grace', 'Joyce Abounding', and 'Flemington Racecourse'. Bruce is in great shape, he still plays tennis one day a week and is a 71 year member of the famous Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club.

The next day was the Victoria Rose Show where I judged with Ian Spriggs and Susie judged with Bruce. The grand champion was 'Tineke', shown by Cedric Foster who is in his mid-80s. Veronica announced Max's award and made sure his wife and family were present. Somehow, the secret was kept and Max was shocked and very gracious. I opened the rose show along with Veronica. There was a good turnout by the public. The next morning I was interviewed by Jane Edmanson and Darren James on the morning garden show on 3AW683 News talk radio. I was on for about 45 minutes answering rose questions and giving a plug for the rose show that was on its second day. I was surprised how many people showed up because they heard me on the radio. I helped work the show that day. They found me because of my accent or lack of. Kelvin often said I made the perfect Aussie until I opened my mouth.



**Victoria Rose Show**



**Veronica O'Brien presents Max Marriner with the Australia Medal**

The next day we drove out to the Yarra Valley, another well-known wine area, and visited the home, nursery, and growing fields of John Nieuwesteeg. Veronica and Tom met us here. John's father started the nursery and developed a downy mildew resistant rootstock. Afterwards we had a fantastic lunch at Tokar Estate, where their sangiovese and blends were king.



**Bruce Chapman and John Nieuwesteeg discuss new roses**

The next day we went to Mornington Rose Garden for the dedication of the Don Gordon Garden Room. His son and grandson gave speeches about Don and his involvement with the gardens. The mayor and most of the city council of Mornington were present. The rose gardens are laid out in individual beds fanning out from a gazebo in an ocean theme. Ian Spriggs and I met with the designer, Barry Johnson, who also designed the rose garden at Morwell, a WFRS Garden of Excellence winner in 2009. I am sure Mornington will be a future winner as well.

The next day we ended our Australian trip and flew to the New Zealand Regional Conference in Palmerston North, which will be covered in other articles. Even though we spent a lot of time in Australia, we wished we had more time. But the memories and visiting with friends was worth a lifetime; ones we will never forget. We want to thank Kelvin and Melanie, the RSA, and all who carted us around and opened their homes to us. You are the best!

## **Beijing Regional Convention Meeting**

Beijing - Steve Jones – USA

Before attending the 8<sup>th</sup> China Flower Expo and the unveiling the WFRS Award of Garden Excellence in Zijing Park in Changzhou, China, we met with representatives from China to discuss the combined WFRS Regional Convention and 14<sup>th</sup> International Heritage Rose Conference planned for Beijing, China in 2016. WFRS representatives included past WFRS Presidents Helga Brichet and Gérald Meylan, who is also the WFRS Convention Chairman, WFRS Executive Director Malcolm Watson and his wife Ruth, WFRS Vice-President for Far East, Takamasa Tsuge and my wife Susie.

The meeting took place at Nanhaizi Park in the Daxing District of Beijing. This park was once the hunting area for Chinese emperors during the Ming and Qing dynasties. They turned part of the area into a wild animal park to protect the elk-like deer called the milu, that the emperors used to hunt. The park is quite large, over 160 acres covering a large lake and wetlands.

The Chinese were represented by the Chief Director and Vice Chiefs for the convention, He Rui and Ma Xiaosheng, Chairman of the Local Congress Zhang Xiaolin, city representatives Ma Fuwei and Liu Chungui and China Rose Society President Zhang Zuoshuang and Secretary General Zhao Shiwei. The meeting was divided into introductions, welcome address by Mr He, a report on the progress of the convention planning, schedules, and open discussion.

Since this was to be a joint convention, much of the discussion was over tours and lectures to accommodate both the WFRS and Heritage Rose groups. The tentative dates are May 18-24, 2016 with pre- and post tours. It was decided not to run parallel track programmes but to have lectures on each subject for each day so those interested in all types of roses can attend all lectures. We will try to have two speakers on heritage roses and two other subjects per day. However, since we are in China, home to most of the wild species roses, many of the talks will most likely centre around China roses and their history. The plan is to have speakers in the mornings and garden tours in the afternoons. There will also be daily tours available for the not interested spouses. For the pre- and post tours, there will be various options, some will centre around the areas where wild roses are known to grow, while the others will concentrate on China gardens or culture. We felt this arrangement was the best fit for both of our groups.

The Chinese also plan to have a new rose museum built in addition to improving one rose garden and creating another one at the park. The plans are ambitious, but I am confident they will succeed and we will have a wonderful convention.

After a wonderful lunch at the park, they escorted us through the park where we got to see many of the milu and other animals in addition to the various gardens before returning to the Beijing Botanical Gardens and our hotel.



**Ma Fuwei, Liu Chungui, Zhang Zuoshuang, He Rui, Gérald Meylan, Zhang Xiaolin, Steve Jones, Helga Brichet, Takamasa Tsuge, Malcolm and Ruth Watson, Susie Jones, Zhao Shiwei and Ma Xiaoshang**

## **WFRS GARDEN OF EXCELLENCE AWARD**

**Zijing Park, Changzhou, China**

Steve Jones – USA

After the grand opening of the 8<sup>th</sup> China Floral Expo at Wijan Park in Changzhou in the pouring rain, we moved to the Zijing Park Rose Garden in the afternoon. The Zijing Park Rose Garden was honoured by being awarded the WFRS Garden of Excellence at the World Convention in Sandton, South Africa, in October, 2012.

On September 28, 2013, members of the WFRS, American Rose Society (ARS), officials from Changzhou City, China Flower Association (CFA) and members from the public braved a wet afternoon for the official unveiling of the plaque. Members of the WFRS included past presidents Helga Brichet of Italy and Gerald Meylan of Switzerland, Executive Director Malcolm Watson and his wife, Ruth and WFRS Vice President for Asia, Takamasa Tsuge, and my wife Susie.



**Malcolm Watson reading the garden evaluation**



**Liu Hong, moderated the proceedings**

The ceremony was moderated by Liu Hong, Secretary General of the CFA. Zheng “Jenny” provided the translation to English and Chinese. The first speaker was Mr. Yang Li, the Jiangsu Province Party Secretary. Next was WFRS Executive Director Malcolm Watson who read a précis of his evaluation of garden. ARS Vice President Pat Shanley read a proclamation from ARS President and WFRS Vice President for North America Jolene Adams. The final speaker was Professor Zhang Zuoshuang, President of the China Rose Society.

At the conclusion, the rain had stopped and the umbrellas were put away. Madame Jiang Zehui, sister of the former President of China and Chairman of the Communist Party, who is President of the CFA and a well known environmentalist, and I unveiled the plaque, which was placed into a carved out stone. Next we met in the rose garden for a ceremonial planting of a large species rose in the heritage rose section of the garden. Afterwards we walked around the park enjoying the roses before attending the farewell dinner hosted by the Changzhou Gardening & Greening Management Bureau. It was also Susie’s birthday so we surprised her with a cake and flowers. All of the events were well organized and a great time was had by all.



**Ceremonial Planting of a Rose**

# THE 8<sup>TH</sup> CHINA FLOWER SHOW

Malcolm Watson - Executive Director (Australia)(Photos – Malcolm Watson)

During October, I was privileged to be invited to China to participate in the presentation of the WFRS Garden of Excellence Award to the Zijing Park in Changzhou.

As the unveiling of the plaque by President Steve Jones and Ms. Jiang Zehui, President of the China Flower Association, was to take place later in the day, our group was also invited to attend the opening of the 8<sup>th</sup> China Flower Show in the Wujin District, Changzhou City, West Lake Tai. The exhibition, staged in an area of nearly 20 acres, included a main exhibition hall, science museums, nature museum, art gallery and would be open for 30 days.

Unfortunately the weather was not kind to the organisers, with rain falling steadily throughout the preceding night and morning. As always, the organisers had contingency plans in place, and throughout the night a canopy was installed over the stage on which the officials were seated. Each of the invited guests was provided with raincoats upon arrival.



I felt very disappointed for the organising group, however a very successful opening proceeded undeterred. Ear phones were provided to listen to the speeches, which were simultaneously translated into English. A huge television monitor had also been installed so that everyone amongst the huge crowd attending would be able to view the opening. Once the formalities were completed, we were escorted to small trains for travelling around the park. We viewed beautiful garden displays featuring over 30 countries, and toured the history and science museums.

The displays were all incredibly well done, and throughout the park structures made from plant material had been erected. The main Exhibition Halls featured exhibits from over 1300 companies, beautiful flowers from around the world. We were thrilled to see the Australian exhibit and meet some company personnel.

We had been extremely well looked after during our short visit, and appreciated the opportunity to experience, once again, these magnificent Flower extravaganzas.



Our brief but very enjoyable visit came to an end too soon, as it was time for the group to travel to Zijing Park to be part of the Awards Ceremony. Fortunately, we returned to the Flower Festival at a later time, and were able to view the exhibition halls at a more relaxed pace, and view the exhibits in greater detail.

# THE 8<sup>TH</sup> CHINA FLOWER SHOW

(photos – Steve Jones)



Mme Jiang and Steve Jones



The Blue Room



Theme Garden



**Theme Garden**



**China Rose Society**



**Rose Bouquet**



**Dyed roses**



**Jazz**

# The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Birth of Mr. Seizo Suzuki

Takamasa Tsuge - Japan



(Photo Rose Culture Institute)

Mr. Seizo Suzuki (1913-2000) was a legendary rosarian. His achievements were outstanding for the benefit of rose lovers in Japan. He bred 129 varieties in his life and some of them had received awards in the International Trials, such as 'Seika' the South Pacific Gold Star Award, N.Z. 1972, 'Kanpai' Gold Medal at Premio Roma 1982 and 'Kosai' AARS 1988. Mr. Suzuki was Also an enthusiast about preserving species of roses and his collection was inherited by Mr. Katsuhiko Maebara, president of the Rose Culture Institute. The collection, has eventually become a key component of the Sakura city Kusabue-No-Oka Rose Garden. In addition, Mr. Seizo Suzuki played an important role in making the right of the breeder into a law and the law was enacted in 1978.

"Mr. Rose" is a nickname for Mr. Seizo Suzuki, named by The Timaru Herald in New Zealand in its welcome column when he visited Mr. Trevor Griffiths in 1986.

Ceremony, Seminar, Exhibition and Celebration Party were held for two weeks at the Sakura Museum, near his hometown. Hundreds of rosarians participated in the events. The motto of The celebration is "Rose Dreams to be Handed Down to Future Generations"

On 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2013, at the memorial ceremony, Mr. Alain Meilland was the main guest speaker and he gave us an unforgettable remark, through their friendship for decades.

What a gentleman...

His vision became his passion.

His vision has been naturally making friends with foreigners in different directions.

His passion was plants and specially roses.

In order to make friends with foreigners, he travelled and visited the world to invite them to visit Japan and him.

He cooperated with rose societies and participated at rose trials in Japan...But also abroad.

His vision and his basic idea have been to fulfil his passion, to obtain recognition in Japan.

"Patents" for Japanese varieties and foreign varieties.

An achievement.

His wish: Japanese rose varieties to the world, foreign rose varieties to Japanese rose lovers.

His vision and passion achieved, yes, you deserve your name: Mister Rose.

# The life of Seizo Suzuki, 'Mr. Rose'

Keisei Rose Nurseries Inc.

2013 is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Seizo Suzuki's birth. Seizo Suzuki (1913-2000) was born in Tokyo, Koishikawa. His parents loved gardening and it influenced the boy enough for him to enter a horticultural school in Tokyo. After the graduation, he trained himself at several nurseries before starting his own rose nursery 'Todoroki Baraen' in 1938 at age 25.

In private life, he married Haruyo Suzuki in 1940. Shortly after he started his dream work, the second World War broke out. He was drafted as a navy medical orderly. Throughout this extremely difficult time, he protected his precious roses (300 varieties) with great help from his wife Haruyo. It is because he never lost his passion to spread roses from Japan to the world and also from the world to Japan.

After the war finished, he started his real mission for roses. He opened the first rose exhibition at Shiseido Gallery in Tokyo in 1948 and sent his rose to Hamburg rose trials with the result that his variety 'Amanokawa' (Milky Way) won a Bronze medal in 1956.

The big turning point for Seizo was participation in the foundation of Keisei Rose Nurseries in Chiba. This nursery was founded in 1959 to introduce good quality roses for Japanese people to enjoy. There, he worked as a breeder at the research station. His many year effort in breeding started to pay off: white and red HT 'Seika' (Olympic Torch) won Gold Star of the South Pacific in New Zealand in 1971. It was his first rose at Keisei and named in connection with Tokyo Olympic in 1964. Another big award was for the red HT 'Kanpai' at Rome for Gold Medal in 1982.

There are more, however, the highlight of his rose breeding is the red HT with yellow reverse 'Kosai' ('Mikado' as US commercial name) for AARS in 1988. This is the first AARS by a Japanese breeder and only variety still now.

Other outstanding roses by Seizo Suzuki:

'Hanamigawa' (Ferdie in Europe) 1986

'Kiboh' (Gypsy in Europe) 1986 Gold at The Hague and Monza

'Kagayaki' 1970 Silver at The Hague

'Hojun' 1981 (its perfume was studied to create fragrance 'Rosarium' by Shiseido)

His talent was extended in various ways. Not only studying roses including species, but also he designed many rose gardens. His passion for roses and outstanding personality made many friends and circles in and out of rose fields. Those relationships included international rose breeders and rosarians and politicians in his era such as Ichiro Hatoyama, Japanese Prime Minister of that time, who loved roses and was a good customer of Todoroki Baraen.

Seizo worked passionately to educate people with growing roses. As a breeder, he also worked actively to set up plant protection law in Japan. (In 1978, the Plant Variety Protection and Seed Act was established in Japan, which is the base of Japanese PBR system) Through these activities, his influence in the rose industry is enormous.

His work at Keisei Rose Nurseries continued until his 80's. In 2000, he passed away because of renal failure at the age of 86.

His long life contains the most difficult time for Japan and the world especially in the early stages, but not any hardships or age could take away his passion for roses. He made a remarkable contribution to the rose cultures in Japan and the world. It made his nickname 'Mr. Rose'.



### **A TRIBUTE TO NELSON MANDELA**

President Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela an international icon, known and recognised by the whole world died on 5 December, 2013 at the age of 95. He was not a rosarian but had a rose named in his honour and his vision of a united democratic, peaceful and joyful country could equally be a goal for everybody, rose societies included. He was able to show the world how people of different race, religion, gender and culture can live together in harmony and work together for a productive future.

We give thanks for his immense contribution which benefited nations beyond the borders of South Africa and was celebrated by most countries of the world when they paid tribute to Madiba at the two functions held recently to honour his life.



(photo Ludwig Taschner)

**'MADIBA' KORandpunk**

named by Ludwig Taschner to honour President Nelson Mandela in 1996.

## **A message from President Emeritus**

### **Lily de Gerlache de Gomery**



**'Lily de Gerlache'**

Dear friends of the roses,

I would like to thank you all warmly for all your kind attentions and flowers you sent me for my 90th Birthday, as well as your collective wishes in the WFRS newsletter of August.

Furthermore, the visits I received during your passing through Belgium touched me so much! I was really glad to meet our new president of the WFRS, Steve Jones, and his wife Susie and I was very pleased to see many of my dear old friends again: Malcolm, Akira Ogawa, Helga & Rosario, Gérald Meylan & Alain Meilland! So many good memories...

I am in good health and I often think about you. I wish you all my best wishes for a wonderful year 2014.

Kind roses regards to all of you!

Lily de Gerlache de Gomery



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## **DIARY OF EVENTS**

<b>8 – 15 May, 2014</b>	WFRS Regional Rose Convention – Barcelona, Spain.
<b>29 November – 2 December, 2014</b>	WFRS Regional Rose Convention – Hyderabad, India.
<b>26 May - 1 June, 2015</b>	WFRS 17 <sup>th</sup> World Rose Convention – Lyon, France
<b>18 – 24 May, 2016</b>	WFRS Regional Rose Convention – Beijing, China WFRS 14 <sup>th</sup> International Heritage Rose Conference – Beijing, China
<b>28 June – 4 July, 2018</b>	WFRS 18 <sup>th</sup> World Rose Convention – Copenhagen, Denmark

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## **THE NEXT ISSUE OF WORLD ROSE NEWS**

**will be the end of February, 2014  
and will cover reports from the  
WFRS Vice Presidents and  
Chairmen of Standing Committees**

# ROSES IN THE SUN

European Regional Convention in the beautiful City of

**BARCELONA**

11 to 14 May, 2014

<http://www.roseconventionbarcelona.cat/EN/index.php>



## PRE-CONVENTION TOUR

Thursday 8 May – Registration and welcome

Friday 9 May - Participation in the Concurs Internacional de Roses Noves de Barcelona

Saturday 10 May - Rose Exhibition and town of Reus

Sunday 11 May - National Rose Competition - Exhibition in Sant Feliu de Llobregat and rose garden

## CONVENTION PROGRAMME

Sunday 11 May - Welcome reception

Monday 12 May - Opening ceremony, Lectures and garden visits

Tuesday 13 May – Lectures and garden visits

Wednesday 14 May – Lectures and Closing ceremony



National Art Museum in Montjuïc Park

## POST CONVENTION TOUR

Thursday 15 May – Valencia – Visit the town of Valencia

Friday 16 May – Alicante – Visit to the garden

Saturday 17 May – Madrid - Visit to the Ramón Ortiz Rose Garden

Sunday 18 May - Madrid- Visit to the Botanical Gardens and Retiro Park





# lyon **roses** 2015

Lyon celebrates The Rose - May/June 2015

la ville en **rose**

# **Provisional Programme for the 17th World Rose Convention**

## **Lyon 2015 – France**

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### **Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> May - All day**

Delegates arrive in Lyon or return from pre-convention tours.

First contact with the registration desk in Palais des Congrès (Lyon district 6).

### **Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> May**

Registration desk open from 9am to 3pm.

4pm-6pm - Opening ceremony.

6pm-8pm - Visit the 3 rose gardens of the Tête d'Or Park: Botanical, Historical and International rose gardens.

8pm-10pm - Dinner.

### **Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> - Optional visits**

Morning - Optional sightseeing of Lyon (tours 1 or 2).

Afternoon - Optional sightseeing of Lyon (tours 3 or 4).

All day - Sightseeing of Cluny, a Roman art city 70km North of Lyon. On the way rose garden visits: Clé de la Rose, Bionnay Castle and Morisot Garden. Beaujolais evening party with local products and regional red and white wines.

### **Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> May**

Morning - Lectures (programme no.1).

Afternoon - Sightseeing Lyon (tours 1, 2, 3 or 4).

All day - Garden Rose Trials at the Tête d'Or Park open to the delegates.

Late afternoon: Results of rose trials and meeting with the breeders.

### **Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**

Morning - Lectures (programme no. 2).

Afternoon - Sightseeing Lyon (tours 1, 2, 3 or 4) or Rose Festival inside Lyon open to delegates and to general public.

### **Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> May**

Morning - Lectures (programme no. 3).

Afternoon - Rose Festival inside Lyon (follow up).

Evening - Festival final: Show with ballet dancers dressed with roses and with glamour, models dressed in new rose design clothes.

### **Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> June - All day in Saint Galmier (France)**

Morning - Lectures (programme no. 4).

Afternoon - Sightseeing of Saint Galmier (70km West of Lyon), with the well known Badoit mineral water spring, gambling casino and race course... Visit of rose gardens and Chamboeuf village from where the Meilland family comes.

Learn more about Saint Galmier and about the rose garden of Saint Galmier.

Evening - Closing Ceremony and Banquet in Lyon.



Parc Tête d'Or and Convention Centre



Parc Tête d'Or and Rose Trials Garden

## Pre- and Post Convention Tours

### Pre-Convention Tour - 2 optional visits of 2 days

- Alps with Chamonix and Mont Blanc... Fantastic view on a glacier valley.
- Provence with Avignon, Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Grignan... Sun, olive oil, lavender fields, wines, roses and old cities.

### Post-Convention Tour - 3 optional visits of 3 days

- Paris with visits of rose gardens: l'Haÿ les Roses (roseraie du Val de Marne), Bagatelle park and Malmaison Castle.
- Pays de Loire: with visits of rose gardens (Jardin des Plantes at Orléans, la Beaujoire at Nantes, Roseraie Loubert at Angers) and Loire valley castles (Chenonceau or Chambord).
- Geneva (Switzerland), Baden-Baden (Germany) and Saverne (France): 3 cities where roses are important with well known rose trials in stately resorts.

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Australia	National Rose Society of Australia
Austria	Österreichische Rosenfreunde in der Gartenbau-Gesellschaft
Belgium	Société Royale Nationale 'Les Amis de la Rose'
Bermuda	Bermuda Rose Society
Canada	Canadian Rose Society
Chile	Asociación Chilena de la Rosa
China	Chinese Rose Society
Czech Republic	Czech Rosa Club
Denmark	The Danish Rose Society
Finland	Finnish Rose Society
France	Société Française des Roses
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Iceland	Icelandic Rose Society
India	Indian Rose Federation
Israel	The Jerusalem Foundation
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New Zealand	New Zealand Rose Society
Northern Ireland	Rose Society of Northern Ireland
Norway	Norwegian Rose Society
Pakistan	Pakistan National Rose Society
Romania	Asociatia Amicii Rozelor din Romania
Russia	Russian Association of Rosarians
Serbia	Royal Serbian Rose Society
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Slovenia	Slovenian Rose Society
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