



SIX GARDENS IN JAPAN RECEIVE WFRS AWARD OF GARDEN EXCELLENCE IN ONLY TEN YEARS



KEISEI ROSE NURSERIES

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EDITORIAL

The third and last issue of WRN for 2016 comes to you on the eve of departures to South America for the Regional Convention in Uruguay. Once again rosarians of the world will be gathering in the name of the rose to learn more about this very special flower through lecturers from seven different countries, to visit rose gardens and to enjoy the company and camaraderie of rose friends. For those members unable to attend this exciting convention, it will all be described and illustrated in the next World Rose News early in 2017.

There has been a poor response to requests for a title and photographs for the 50 year book – please put your thinking caps on and let us have your ideas. Also send suggestions for a name for the rose to be baptised in Copenhagen in the name of the WFRS for the 50 year anniversary. See the image of this beautiful golden rose on page 24 and be inspired to give it a name.

Enjoy the beautiful pictures of the wonderful rose gardens in Japan. It is amazing to think this little country has produced so many WFRS Award of Excellence Gardens in such a short period of time.

Once again I thank the contributors from different countries for their contribution to World Rose News, the publication team for their advice and proofreading and take this opportunity of wishing all our readers safe travelling and all that is good over the Christmas season and into 2017.

Sheenagh Harris
World Rose News Editor



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

November, 2016



**PRESIDENT
2015 - 2018**

Congratulations to Sheenagh Harris and all the contributors of World Rose News. Each edition is rich in content with reports on various World Federation of Rose Society events and activities and other interesting stories. I also extend my thanks to those who are contributing to our Facebook page. Please continue to post your updates.

Melanie and I enjoyed a wonderful trip to Europe in June. We arrived in the south of France on the first day of summer to start our vacation taking in six countries over the next 23 days.



We enjoyed a tour of the Meilland rose farm and new roses, located near Le Cannet-Des-Maures, before travelling to Monaco for the Potted Roses Trial. This well organised trial, held in the Princess Grace Rose Garden is important as increasing numbers of roses are sold as established plants in pots. First prize and People's Choice Award winner was 'Mademoiselle Meilland' (MEInostair). H.S.H. Princess Caroline presented the trophy, donated by WFRS Patron Yves Piaget, at a gala dinner at the Hotel Hermitage.

Matthias Meilland with the winning rose in Monaco

In Belgium our delightful host, WFRS Vice President Henrianne de Briey, escorted us to see some beautiful gardens, including the National Botanic Garden of Belgium and its world-class Herbarium, the magnificent Coloma Rose Garden at Sint-Pieters-Leeuw and Hex Castle with its formal Renaissance garden and landscaped grounds. We also visited Lens Rose Nursery near Brugge.

Kelvin Trimper with Henrianne de Briey in the Botanic Garden in Brussels





Having had a great time in Belgium, we travelled across to England where our guide, WFRS Past President Ken Grapes, escorted us around Queen Mary's Rose Garden in Regent's Park and Kew Gardens as well as St. Albans in Hertfordshire where we had productive discussions with the Royal National Rose Society. I look forward to seeing increasing numbers of English rose enthusiasts at future WFRS events.

Ken Grapes and Kelvin Trimper in Queen Mary's Rose Garden

At Albrighton, the display gardens of David Austin Roses were simply superb and we could have spent more days in the UK in these and other gardens which are internationally renowned.

Back across the channel to Paris in time for the Bagatelle Rose Trials which were first held in 1907 and are now one of the most prestigious rose trials in the world. An international jury of 88 rose experts judged 95 new varieties. The rose garden was looking lovely, despite the wet weather. The winners in the trial were certainly disease resistant! Two of the top prizes awarded were Best Rose to Rateau for a Floribunda (EVEtricol) and Best Landscape Rose to Lavender Meidiland.

We then drove by car to Geneva in Switzerland, where we were hosted by Past President Dr. Gerald Meylan who celebrated his 50 years of Rose Trial involvement. It is a shame the Geneva Rose Trials have ceased but hopefully a new site for a Rose Trial in Switzerland can be found. We travelled to the end of Lake Geneva to present a WFRS Garden Award to the beautiful Au Diable Vert Rose Garden in Bex on 18 June. In a pretty setting with a backdrop of the Swiss Alps, this delightful, well-maintained garden is definitely worth a visit.



It was great fun exploring Switzerland and after a traditional Swiss meal and relaxing evening with Yves Piaget, we headed off to see the WFRS award winning garden in the picturesque town of Saverne in Northern France.

Alain Meilland, Helga Brichet and Kelvin with volunteers in the Saverne Rose Garden

Approaching our last destination, we focussed on the breathtaking scenery driving through the Black Forest to reach the historic town of Baden Baden, in Germany. It was another opportunity to catch up with friends and participate in the Rose Trials. The result proved to be a triumph for German rose breeding and the Kordes family who won the majority of awards including the top three trophies. I felt this was very fitting – given the tough year the Kordes family has had with the passing of Wilhelm Kordes III.



Rose Novelty Garden Beutig, Baden Baden



Alexander Kordes, Kelvin Trimper, Ute Kordes, Thomas Proll and Markus Brunsing at the awards presentation in Baden Baden

We had a marvelous time in Europe and all too soon commenced our long flight back to Australia. Our European adventure would not have been possible without the kindness of our friends and WFRS officials and we sincerely thank them all for helping out with transport and accommodation.

WFRS news includes a number of key initiatives which are well underway. The Publications Committee is producing a book to celebrate our 50th Anniversary which will be held in Denmark, where preparations for the 18th WFRS World Convention are well advanced. Please note the dates, 28 June – 4 July 2018, to ensure you don't miss this milestone event.

We also have Regional Conventions in Uruguay, in November 2016, and Slovenia in June 2017, which offer exciting and informative programmes. Bids have also been received from two countries to host Regional Conventions in 2019 and 2020. More detail will emerge in future editions of WRN. I also encourage all countries to consider nominations for the Literary and Garden Awards as applications close in the next 12 months.

Once again, I encourage any of you who wish to assist the WFRS in any capacity to send your details to our Executive Director, Derek Lawrence. We have many roles and responsibilities and will be grateful for any offers of assistance to enable us to continue to promote and share information on our favourite flower, the Rose.

Kelvin Trimper
President WFRS

(photos – Melanie Trimper)

WFRS REGIONAL ROSE CONVENTION and 14th INTERNATIONAL ROSE CONFERENCE POST CONVENTION TOURS CHINA – May, 2016

CHINESE CULTURAL TOUR – Beijing - Xi-an – Guilin – Shanghai

TEXT AND PHOTOS – Veronica O'Brien (Australia)

On our descent into Xi-an, I noticed many blue roofs which stood out among the skyscrapers which are all rather subdued colours of grey and beige.

Our focus in Xi-an was, of course the **Qin Terracotta Warriors** and rightly so, this amazing collection of soldiers, horses and carriages which is displayed in pits is quite a sight. Some are completely re-assembled and lined up in neat rows, others are still in pieces and it is an ongoing process. This Mausoleum of the First Qin Emperor is one of the greatest archaeological discoveries in the history of the world.



Big Wild Goose Pagoda which was included in the World Heritage List in June 2014 can be found in the Da Ci'en Temple. It was built to preserve Buddhist scriptures and we, like many others flocked to see it even in the rain. Unfortunately, we were not able to photograph in the temple, as is customary.



Shaanxi History Museum, the building of this museum was commenced in 1983 and completed in 1991 a lovely modern building to show many aspects of national traditions and local culture.



The Bell Tower is in the centre of Xi'An city, at the intersection of four main streets. It is the best preserved Bell Tower of all the bell towers in China. Xi'An was an important Military city of the Ming Dynasty.



The City Wall is illuminated at night and is quite a sight but make a visit in daylight and walk the wall for the best views of the city.

The flight from Xi'An to Guilin took more than two hours so you will gather we covered vast distances in China. **Guilin** is a garden city famous for its green hills and clear water and wonderful landscape worth visiting for this alone. **Reed Flute Cave** is one of many in the area it is in the north-western suburbs 5 km from the city centre. The depth of the cave is 240 metres and it runs for 500 metres and is lit with coloured lights to enhance the scene. It is understandable that it has the name The Artistic Palace of Nature.



Jingjiang Empire City is in the very centre of Guilin and the Royal Residence is a comprehensive tourist attraction which combines colleges, scenic spots (Solitary Beauty Peak) history and architecture with photos of the rulers of the time.



The **Lijiang River** wound its way through the amazing green landscape and numerous peaks in the Xijiang River System of the Pearl River Basin. It is 164 km long and the riverbed is pebbles which means the water sediment is minimal and the water is clear.

The boat ride on the Lijiang River was very restful. We were served a hot meal and were able to move about and take photographs from many aspects which showed the wonderful peaks to advantage. From the wharf we walked through the town being badgered by many sellers who all had the very best bargains for us but we were more interested in getting to the accommodation and avoiding the showers of rain.



Lanie Houston, Veronica O'Brien and Coleen Houston from Australia and Josef Thomas from Czech Republic sheltering from the rain



Delegates were invited to see the home of a local citizen. It may have been old but it was not lacking in appliances. There was a large television, electric cooking pots as well as a handheld shower in a tiny bathroom off the courtyard. In spite of her lack of English our hostess was animated and clearly enjoyed having visitors.



Snake wine was offered and was of interest but not many were keen to taste it.

Yuyuan Gardens was the private garden of the Ming Dynasty. It demonstrates the architecture and design style of a classical Chinese garden and is another pearl of southern gardens. **The Jade Buddha Temple** on Anyuan Road Putuo District in Shanghai is a well known temple all over the world. Even though it is situated in the flourishing downtown area it is a quiet haven in a busy neighbourhood. **Bund** on the Huangpu River in central Shanghai is surrounded by towering buildings such as Zhengda Plaza, Shanghai Financial World Centre Jinmao Building and the Oriental Pearl Tower. A quiet walk by the River is the perfect place to contemplate the wealth and splendour of Shanghai.

I think it would be fair to say the Chinese Cultural trip of Xi'An, Guilin and Shanghai was a great success.

BEIJING CULTURAL HERITAGE TOUR

Text and photos: Gunnar Midtgaard Krag and Jens Otto Pedersen (Denmark)

After the Regional Rose Convention and the International Rose Conference had ended on Monday 23rd of May we – together with 40 other delegates – went for the three day Beijing Cultural Heritage Tour. Having looked at thousands and thousands of roses and having heard lectures about roses for several days, we were now looking forward to seeing more of the cultural heritage of Beijing and the surrounding area. We were not disappointed – on the contrary. After being in the Daxing area for three days, it was good to see more of the centre of Beijing. On the morning of the 24th of May we were all taken to one of the Convention Hotels and boarded a bus together with our luggage for the day which ended at the Jianguo Hotel Qianmen in Yong'an Road situated in the centre of Beijing. We had a new guide, Michael, for these three days. Poor Michael was set on a difficult task, because all the information about the 42 delegates and our departure days and flights had not been passed on to him. That gave him and us much trouble, but he sorted out all the problems and we had three wonderful days.

The first stop was Tian'anmen Square and the Imperial Palace (The Forbidden City). Tian'anmen Square is enormous. To the south Mao's Mausoleum, to the west The Great Hall of the Representatives of the Chinese Republic, to the east The National Museum and to the north the Imperial Palace. The size of the square was awe striking. There were thousands and thousands of tourists.



Jens Otto and Gunnar (and Mao!) on Tian'anmen Square



The Imperial Palace



In the Imperial Palace we went from one spacious yard to another and from one imposing and wonderful building to another. The whole palace with its hundreds of buildings is situated on almost 6 hectares and is laid out in the most harmonious way. The striking feeling was harmony and beauty. There were millions of details on the buildings to look at - the fantastic yellow tiled roofs, the brilliant colours of the decoration and the marble stairways up to the halls and it was all put together in the most agreeable way. That was a great experience.

Fantastic yellow tile roofs and the brilliant colours of the decoration on a building which is part of the Imperial Palace

Lunch that day was the best meal we had in Beijing - it was taken in a small restaurant in the embassy area. From there we travelled to Prince Gong's Mansion in the other direction of the city.

Prince Gong's Mansion is one of the few private palaces that has survived. It is in many ways built and laid out in the same way as the Imperial Palace with one courtyard after the other with beautiful halls and buildings in the middle and along the sides of the courtyards, but on a smaller scale. The mansion had a garden of 3 hectares surrounding it. It was very impressive. All too soon we had to go to the hotel and go out for dinner.

The second day we went 50 to 70 km. outside of Beijing to the north west, to the graves of the emperors of the Ming Dynasty, the Ming Changling and to the Great Wall at Mytianyü. That was a marvelous day with those two fantastic historical sites. On our way up to the Ming graves, we drove through plantations of cherries. It was just the time for ripe cherries. There are 13 graves from the Ming Dynasty, and we saw the most famous one with the beautiful porch and the gate building and walked from there up the Sacred Way with the marble sculptures of animals along the road up to the central hall of the burial site. The Sacred Way was a great experience. It was fantastic to walk alongside the sculptures of those big animals and sacred figures. Behind the sculptures, the most beautiful trees of weeping willows flanked the road. The whole site exuded an air of peace and sacredness. At the end of the road was the Great Hall.



The Sacred Way with marble sculptures of animals



The Great Hall was one of the most beautiful buildings we saw. Inside was an exhibition of many of the finds from the graves - exquisite examples of clothing with marvelous embroidery belonging to the emperor and the empress and jewels of many kinds.

Behind the hall was a taller building, a kind of tower from where there was a marvelous view of the whole place. The actual burial mound is behind this tower. Handsome trees of every kind surrounded the buildings. The Chinese have a fine sense for bringing trees and buildings together in harmony. Then we drove to a restaurant for lunch. The place was not only a restaurant but also a boutique of jade articles.



After lunch, we went to the Great Wall at Mutianyu. This was a place where many tourists come. You have to walk a lot before you come to the cable cars that take you up to the wall. However, it is worth all the effort. It was quite surrealistic to stand on the wall and look in both directions and see that big wall winding up and down the top of the mountains. You have to see it for yourself to understand how exceptional it is. The wall itself made of large stones must have been a difficult task for the men who built it. I sent them some thoughts. How was it possible to build such a wall?

In the morning of the last day, we went to the Imperial Academy, where the civil servants of the Chinese Empire were educated over a period of 800 years, the oldest building dating from 1287. There was a particularly beautiful courtyard with very old trees, some of them were dead, but still looking green because they were covered by ivy-looking plants. The central building was a sort of pavilion where the emperor once a year came to deliver a speech to the students at the academy. There was an old painting of that scene in the room of the pavilion. Then we went to the temple of Confucius. There was a marble statue of him in front of the temple building. The building was full of many exciting old music instruments to use during the worshipping of Confucius. During our visit, hundreds of young school children came dressed up like the students of former times. Perhaps a kind of re-educating the young people of China today? The Academy and the Confucius Temple were situated in a hutong with many interesting front doors. Here were the homes of many wealthy Chinese people.



Memorial Arch in the Imperial Academy



Entrance to Confucius Temple



After lunch we went to the Capital Museum. A great new building of six floors with many exciting exhibitions of the past of Beijing and the Beijing area. Everything was quite new and arranged after the most modern museum principles. This was very interesting and a good end to our three days tour in and outside of Beijing. After dinner we said goodbye to our fellow travelers hoping to see them again in Copenhagen in two years.

Capital Museum

The last morning – before we had to leave for the airport – we went for a walk in Taoranting Park to experience Chinese everyday life. Different groups of people all over the park were dancing different dances – some with an instructor, others just by themselves, doing exercises, singing, playing traditional instruments, practicing Chinese characters or giving each other massages. Energy, joy of life, relaxation and room for all made the walk that morning in the beautiful park (there was of course also a rose garden) an unforgettable almost emotional farewell experience. That, and the enormous amount of trees, roses and other flowers that filled Beijing – even along 6-laned highways through the city – will be in our minds for a long time.



Dancing in Taoranting Park



City of Beijing

A ROSE GARDEN TOUR IN JAPAN 2016

Text: Akira Ogawa (Japan)

Photos: Akira Ogawa and Yuki Mikanagi (Japan)

Of all the member countries of the WFRS, the two in the Far East, China and Japan, are so remote from the others that there are not many opportunities for rose lovers outside the area to visit and enjoy roses and rose gardens, except on the occasions when important international rose events are hosted there. In May this year, two important WFRS rose events were held in Beijing, China: the Regional Rose Convention and the International Heritage Rose Conference. Katsuhiko Maebara, the Chief Executive Director of the NPO Rose Culture Institute, an associate member of the WFRS, considered this a good opportunity to invite rose loving guests from distant countries to Japan, and organized a rose garden tour in Japan after the events in Beijing. Responding to his invitation, seventeen guests from abroad came to Japan to take part in this garden tour. Thirteen Japanese rose lovers joined the group, filling up the quota of thirty.

The programme started on Sunday, 29th May, with the welcome party in **Kusabue-no-Oka Rose Garden (The City of Sakura Rose Garden)**, which was presented with an Award of Garden Excellence at the World Rose Convention in Lyon last year. Our guests spent the quiet evening hours in this garden, looking for rare roses in its collection of 1,050 species and varieties, and enjoying a light meal prepared by volunteer workers who daily take care of the roses in the garden. The mayor and high officials of the city attended the party and welcomed our guests.

On the morning of the next day, Monday, the 30th, the group took a bus and visited Kusabue-no-Oka again. Unfortunately, it was a rainy day, and the festive event scheduled in the morning was cancelled, but our guests strolled in various sections of the garden, guided by the Japanese tour group members and volunteers working in the garden.



Kusabue-no-Oka Rose Garden

The next visit was to the rose garden of **Keisei Rose Nurseries** located near Kusabue-no-Oka, one of the largest rose nurseries in Japan, dealing in rose varieties raised there as well as those imported from major rose nurseries abroad. The roses were at their best in the garden displaying various varieties of modern roses and old garden roses, as well as the collection of species roses from different areas of the world, besides those native to Japan. Our guests strolled, under umbrellas, and admired huge plants of roses giving dozens of flowers, particularly David Austin roses which have grown to sizes rarely seen in most European countries. This garden was also presented with a WFRS Award of Garden Excellence at the World Rose Convention in Lyon in 2015.

Keisei Rose Nurseries



KEISEI ROSE NURSERIES



The bus ran through several wards of Tokyo Metropolis, and took us to the rose garden of the **Jindai Metropolitan Botanical Gardens**, another WFRS Garden of Excellence (2009), located in the west of the Metropolis. The roses there were past their prime, but still the plants, some more than half a century old, were pushing forth fresh stems, giving beautiful flowers. Some of our guests took interest in the way the climbers were trained on low shelves, so the flowers can be seen from above. This garden also has the trial beds of the Japan Rose Concours, the international rose trials given by the Japan Rose Society. Our guests found some new JRC prize winning roses in the display garden and admired the novelty of the flowers on some of their plants. Outside the rose garden, a contest of bonsai azaleas was being held. Huge plants of multi-coloured azaleas planted in small trays drew sighs of admiration from our guests.

JINDAI METROPOLITAN BOTANICAL GARDENS



The last destination of the day was **Yokohama English Garden**, a newly opened garden not far from Yokohama Station designed by Mr. Takashi Kawai, a garden expert also known for many new varieties he has raised. When our bus arrived at the garden, evening was just falling, and it was a pity we were unable to fully admire the exquisite colour combinations of roses and other plants. Still our guests enjoyed different sections of the garden, listening to Mr. Kawai's explanation and finding plants rarely seen in other gardens. We stayed at a hotel in a high rise building near Yokohama Port that night.

Yokohama English Garden

On Tuesday, 31st, our bus left the Yokohama hotel at 8:30, headed for Hakone, one of the most popular hot spa resort areas in Japan, and arrived at the **Hakone Botanical Garden of Wetland**. Our main purpose of visiting this garden was to see *Rosa hirtula*, a species rose which grows into what we might call a tree, whose habitats are limited to small areas around Mt. Fuji. Fortunately we saw several trees of this rose giving pretty, pale pink flowers. We strolled in this unique garden, enjoying some other species roses, and a large number of wild plants which naturally grow in wetlands.



Hakone Botanical Garden of Wetland

Then we moved to **Akao Herb and Rose Garden**. This garden was also presented with a WFRS Award of Garden Excellence in 2015. It was designed by Mr. Nobuo Shirasuna, a garden designer representative of Japan, and was opened on hilly terrain close to the Pacific Ocean. It is made up of several smaller gardens, each with its unique features. We left the bus at the top of the hill, and guided by Mr. Shirasuna, came down along the meandering paths, enjoying interesting designs and brilliant colour schemes of each garden. The gardens include one planted with rare species and old garden roses from China and India, a garden featuring an excellent combination of colours of roses and other flowering plants and also a garden which amazed us with huge pillars and arches covered with brilliant coloured flowers of climbing roses. All our guests enjoyed this fanciful garden which the designer describes as “the world of a beautiful rose symphony”. We stayed in the nearby hotel and enjoyed a delicious dinner in a comfortable hall, where Ms. Inger Schierning gave a slide presentation of the World Rose Convention to be hosted by the Danish Rose Society in Copenhagen in 2018.



Akao Herb and Rose Garden

AKAO HERB AND ROSE GARDEN



On the morning of Wednesday, 1st June, we took a Shinkansen train at Atami Station, then took a bus at Gifu-Hashima, and came to the Flower Festival Commemorative Park in Kani City, another WFRS Garden of Excellence (2003). Dr. Yoshihiro Ueda, a noted rose researcher and the president of Gifu Horticultural Academy, guided us through the vast rose garden which boasts a collection of over 7,000 different varieties and species of roses. It takes a lot of time and energy to view all the sections of the garden, each with its own theme and design, but our guests had a wonderful time there, finding rare varieties, and admiring unique designs of different sections. From Kani, we took a long bus ride and came to the hotel newly opened by Kyoto Station, where we spent our last night together.



Flower Festival Commemorative Park Gifu

Thursday, 2nd June was the last day of our tour. Our bus left the Kyoto hotel at 8.30 in the morning, ran through Osaka City, and arrived around ten o'clock at the Municipal Hamadera Park in the south of Osaka Prefecture. Mr. Tsuji, the chief gardener, explained the integrated pest management (IPM) programme it is running and guided us through the rose garden in the park. On the IPM programme, the garden is maintained without using chemical pesticides. Instead, it uses, for example, yellow

lights to repel moths and pheromone traps and indigenous natural enemies to catch insects. The varieties planted in the garden are all selected from the list of disease resistant roses. There are some other interesting features: species roses native to Japan are planted in places so designed as to remind us of their natural habitats; modern roses are planted in beds distributed in the areas which look like terraced paddy fields often seen in the countryside of Japan. We hope our guests took an interest in those unique features of Hamadera Park Rose Garden.

MUNICIPAL HAMADERA PARK



Modern roses planted in an area like terraced paddy fields



Wild roses planted in an area which reminds us of their natural habitat

After lunch in a nearby restaurant, we moved further south, and arrived at Hanasaki Park English Rose Garden - the only garden in Japan featuring David Austin roses which opened several years ago on a hillside on the southern border of Osaka Prefecture. Unfortunately, the spring flower season was almost over in this garden located in one of the warmer areas of the country, but still we enjoyed the pretty flowers left on large plants of Austin Roses, walking through various sections of the garden, guided by Mr. Makoto Hiraoka, the chief publicity officer of the David Austin Roses in Japan. It was certainly a nice display garden where we could see nearly all the English Roses, old and new, strolling on broad paths through flower beds.

HANASAKI PARK ENGLISH ROSE GARDEN



Some of our guests said goodbye there to the rest of the group members and headed for Kansai International Airport, from where they left Japan to their home countries. The other members moved to Shin-Osaka Station, took a Shinkansen train there, and returned to Tokyo, and then to a hotel near Narita Airport, around 10 p.m. There the tour group broke up and the members said goodbye to each other, hoping to have another opportunity to enjoy roses together in the near future.



The group of WFRS rosarians who toured Japanese rose gardens with Katsuhiko Maebara, Akira Ogawa and Yuki Mikanagi

TEXT: Dr Gérald Meylan (Switzerland)

A woman with short, wavy brown hair, wearing a green long-sleeved top and a red vest, is seated at a table. She is holding a large, vibrant bouquet of pink and white flowers, which she is smelling. She is wearing a gold watch and a ring. In the background, other people are seated at the table, and a large potted plant is visible.

The godmother of this rose, Hélène de Franssu, joins me in wishing that the 'HENRIANNE DE GERLACHE' rose will procure much joy in our gardens.

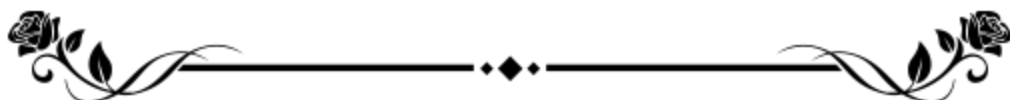
BEIJING ROSE MUSEUM



Did anybody make out who the Presidents are in the picture below?
Zhao Peng (China) came to the rescue with the following names –



Kelvin Trimper (2015-), Steve Jones (2012-2015), Sheenagh Harris (2009-2012), Gérald Meylan (2006-2009) - Tommy Cairns (2003-2006), Ken Grapes (2000-2003), Helga Brichet (1997-2000), Ethel Freeman (1994-1997), David Ruston (1991-1994), Lily de Gerlache de Gomery (1968-1971)(1981-1983) - Douglas Butcher (1971), Ray Allen (1971-1974) – Frank Bowen (1974-1976), Fred Ziady (1976-1979), David Gilad (1979-1981) – Richard Balfour (1983-1985), Vincent Gioia (1985-1988), Susan Begg (1988-1991)



DIARY OF EVENTS

7 – 9 November, 2016	WFRS Regional Rose Convention - Punta del Este, Uruguay
12 – 14 June, 2017	WFRS Regional Rose Convention – Ljubljana, Slovenia
28 June – 4 July, 2018	WFRS 18 th World Rose Convention – Copenhagen, Denmark
21 - 28 October 2021	WFRS 19 th World Rose Convention – Adelaide, Australia

Please send your suggestions to Derek Lawrence for a name for the rose that will be baptised in Copenhagen in 2018 for the World Federation of Rose Societies. This superb and most fitting golden rose was bred by Rosa Eskelund, Denmark.



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- 1979 Argentina - Rose Society of Argentina
- 1968 Australia - National Rose Society of Australia
- 2000 Austria -  sterreichische Rosenfreunde
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- 1968 Belgium - Soci t  Royale Nationale 'Les
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- 1988 Bermuda - Bermuda Rose Society
- 1968 Canada - Canadian Rose Society
- 1988 Chile - Asociaci n Chilena de la Rosa
- 1985 China - Chinese Rose Society
- 1985 Czech - Republic Czech Rosa Club
- 1968 Denmark - The Danish Rose Society
- 1997 Finland - Finnish Rose Society
- 1968 France - Soci t  Fran aise des Roses
- 1968 Germany - Gesellschaft Deutscher
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- 1968 Great Britain - Royal National Rose Society
- 1997 Greece - The Hellenic Rose Society
- 2008 Hungary - Hungarian Rose Friends Society
- 2007 Iceland - Icelandic Rose Society
- 1983 India - Indian Rose Federation
- 1968 Israel - The Jerusalem Foundation
- 1968 Italy - Italian Rose Society
- 1968 Japan - Japan Rose Society
- 1979 Luxembourg - Luxembourg Rose Society
- 2012 Monaco - Soci t  des Roses de Monaco
- 1968 Netherlands - Nederlandse
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- 1968 New Zealand - New Zealand Rose Society
- 1981 Northern Ireland - Rose Society of Northern
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- 1991 Pakistan - Pakistan National Rose Society
- 1991 Romania - Asociatia Amicii Rozelor din
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- 2007 Russia - Russian Association of Rosarians
- 2008 Serbia - Royal Serbian Rose Society
- 1994 Slovakia - Slovak National Rose Society
- 1998 Slovenia - Slovenian Rose Society
- 1968 South Africa - Federation of Rose Societies
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- 1991 Spain - Asociaci n Espa ola de la Rosa
- 1994 Sweden - The Swedish Rose Society
- 1968 Switzerland - Gesellschaft Schweizerischer
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- 1968 USA - American Rose Society
- 1985 Uruguay - Asociaci n Uruguaya de la Rosa

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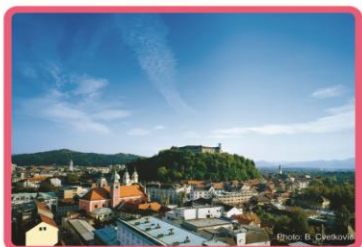
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BOURBON ROSES AT THE KOSTANJEVICA MONASTERY, SLOVENIA

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18TH WORLD ROSE CONVENTION

COPENHAGEN - DENMARK

28 June – 4 July, 2018



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The preliminary programme for the 18th World Rose Convention has been available on the website since Lyon Roses 2015.

There is a 6 day pre- tour and a 7 day post tour in Denmark which are identical except the post tour is 1 day longer. There is also an alternate to the pre-tour based in Copenhagen.

6 DAY PRE- TOUR - Thursday 21st June

6 -7pm: Registration at Tivoli Congress Center, Copenhagen.
Overnight accommodation on 21 June is not included in the price.



Two beautiful gardens to be seen on the tour

Day 1 - Friday 22nd June

Every day of the pre- tour, local rose groups from the Danish Rose Society will meet and greet delegates with coffee/tea and refreshments.

7.30 - 8.45am: Registration at Tivoli Congress Center, Copenhagen.

8.30am: Coaches depart from Tivoli Congress Center for Torben Thim's nursery in Løve. The nursery was founded by the legendary Valdemar Pedersen, breeder of historic roses.

Leaving the island of Zealand, we cross the Great Belt Bridge and arrive on the island of Funen. First stop will be [Poulsen Roses](#), leading global breeder and developer of roses and clematis. Here we will also have lunch.

After the tour of Poulsen Roses, we head for the small island of Als, where we will visit a private garden and enjoy a traditional Danish dinner served in the garden.

Night at [Scandic Hotel in Sønderborg](#)

Day 2: Saturday 23rd June



Private gardens on Als

During the morning, we will visit two private gardens on Als before leaving for the mainland of Jutland. Lunch will be served on the way. Visit the royal gardens at [Grasten Palace](#)

Grasten Palace used to be the summer residence of HM Queen Margrethe II's parents, Queen Ingrid and King Frederik. After Queen Ingrid's death, the palace passed to HM The Queen, who continues the tradition of using Grasten Palace during the summer for family gatherings.

Heading north, we make a stop in the historic town of [Christiansfeld](#) – for a taste of the town's charm and famous gingerbread. Christiansfeld was appointed a UNESCO World Heritage site in 2015.

Check in at [Hotel Kolding Fjord](#), Kolding, where dinner will be served. Hotel Kolding Fjord will be your base for the following three nights.

Day 3: Sunday 24th June

Day trip to Ribe, the oldest town in Denmark on the west coast of Jutland.

Following a guided tour of Ribe Cathedral, which dates back to the 13th century, we will stroll through the narrow, cobbled streets of the medieval city, enjoying the many varieties of climbing roses that

decorate the walls of the old town houses. We end our morning tour in Ribe's rose garden in the centre of the town, where we have lunch.

Leaving the city centre, we visit two private rose gardens on the outskirts of Ribe, followed by a visit to the unique [Wadden Sea National Park](#) along the west coast of Jutland.



Returning to Ribe, we dine at one of the town's charming restaurants before heading back to Hotel Kolding Fjord.

Day 4: Monday 25th June

Visit [The Geographical Gardens](#) (WFRS Award of Garden Excellence) in Kolding.

After the tour of the botanical gardens, we head to a private garden at Trappendal, the home of Jens Otto Pedersen and Gunnar Krag, where we will have lunch.

After lunch we visit the museum of [Koldinghus](#), Jutland's last royal castle. For more than 700 years, the castle has played a key role in Danish history - as part of its border defence, a royal residence and seat of local representatives of the Danish central government. [Koldinghus](#) is now primarily a museum of cultural history.

During the summer of 2018, [Koldinghus](#) creates a special exhibition of jewellery from the royal houses of Europe. Dinner and overnight stay [at Hotel Kolding Fjord](#)



Day 5: Tuesday 26th June

Departing from Hotel Kolding Fjord, we head north to the historic site of Jelling, home of the Viking kings and known as the place 'where Denmark was born'. The guided tour of the [Jelling Monuments](#) will uncover the fascinating story, inscribed on the two famous runic stones, of the victory of Christianity over the Norse gods and the first kings in the world's oldest monarchy. The Jelling Monuments are included on UNESCO's World Heritage list.

Hotel Kolding Fjord

The tour continues to rose breeder [Knud Pedersen's nursery](#) in Harlev. Lunch will be served in the nursery gardens.

Visit to HM The Queen's summer residence, [Marselisborg Palace](#) in Aarhus.

The palace gardens include a rose garden with a unique collection of historic roses, given to HM The Queen as a gift and planted during the mid 1970s. The gardens also include a private garden with herbaceous borders, a vegetable garden, an orchard, woodlands with ponds and mature trees – as well as a collection of sculptures, many of which have been designed by The Prince Consort, who, like HM The Queen, is very artistic.

Check in at [Hotel Radisson in Aarhus](#) – which will be your base for the night, and you have the evening on your own in Aarhus, Denmark's second largest town.

Day 6: Wednesday 27th June

Before starting our journey back to Copenhagen, we visit two English-inspired gardens in the Aarhus area. First that of gardener, writer, publisher and TV presenter, [Claus Dalby](#) followed by the gardens at Kollerup Manor, owned by the Selshau-Mark family.

Lunch will be served on board the [Molslinien](#) ferry to Zealand.

The final stop on the trip back to Copenhagen will be a private rose garden in north Zealand.

Approximate arrival time in Copenhagen will be 5:00 pm. The bus stops at Tivoli Congress Center. From here, you will make your own way to your hotel for check in.

PRE- TOUR PRICE PER PERSON IN SHARED DOUBLE ROOM:	7.450 - DKK
PRE- TOUR SINGLE SUPPLEMENT	2.000 - DKK

POST TOUR PROGRAMME

Day 1 (Thursday 5th July) to the end of day 6 – the programme is the same as above.

Day 6: Tuesday 10th July Day trip to North Jutland.

Leaving Aarhus, we head north for [Den Jyske Rosenpark](#) in Aalestrup – a rose park with more than 225 varieties of roses and 10.000 roses in total

Next stop is the famous [Garden in Hune](#), where Anna Just and her husband Claus Bonderup have created their beautifully composed version of an English romantic garden. It was the meeting with Anne Just and the Garden at Hune 20 years ago that led to the TV series *Garden Dreams* by Claus Dalby.

We lunch in Blokhus, a famous Danish seaside resort on the coast of the North Sea.

Heading south from Blokhus, we visit the town of [Mariager](#), which inaugurated their new rosarium in 2015. Although small, the garden boasts 800 different roses.

Dinner is in the charming little town at the Mariager fjord. After dinner, we return to Aarhus Radisson Hotel.

Day 7: Wednesday 11th July will be the same programme as Day 6: **Wednesday 27th June.**

POST TOUR PRICE PER PERSON IN SHARED DOUBLE ROOM:	8.950 - DKK
POST TOUR SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:	2.500 - DKK

PRE- TOUR ALTERNATIVE - comprises 3 separate day tours based in Copenhagen. Overnight accommodation is therefore **NOT** included in the prices quoted.

Each day is a cultural tour of Copenhagen and will take you sightseeing in and around Copenhagen, visiting historical and cultural sites and one day will include the southern part of Sweden. Every morning a local guide from the Danish Rose Society will meet and greet delegates.

(A) MONDAY 25 JUNE - Price Per Person 700 DKR

7.30-8.45am: Registration at Tivoli Congress Center (TCC), Copenhagen.

9.00am: Coaches depart from TCC for a sightseeing tour of Copenhagen followed by lunch in Nyhavn. <http://www.visitcopenhagen.com/copenhagen-tourist>

After lunch we visit Christiansborg Palace on Slotsholmen (Castle Island) in the middle of Copenhagen. The canals of the Danish Capital wind their way around the heart of the kingdom. The Danish Parliament (Folketinget), the office of the Danish prime minister, the Queen and the Danish Supreme Court all operate from within the confines of the palace. Evening on your own.

<http://kongeligeslotte.dk/en/palaces-and-gardens/christiansborg-palace/explore-christiansborg-palace.html>

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(B) TUESDAY 26 JUNE - Price Per Person 650 DKR

Early morning – time to be advised - Registration at TCC. Shortly after leaving Copenhagen and the island of Zealand, we cross the Öresund Bridge to Sweden heading for the charming town of Simrishamn on the south-east coast (1½ hour drive) and hometown of Mia Grondahl.

Mia is giving a lecture on Tuesday 2. July at “A Fairy Tale of Roses” 2018 with fascinating stories of found roses along the coast of Sweden. Mia will show you many wonderful hidden gem gardens. Torben Thim and Mia will be your guides all the way. Coaches will return to Copenhagen in the early evening. Evening on your own.

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(C) WEDNESDAY 27 JUNE – Price Per Person 975 DKR

Registration at TCC.

8.30: Coaches depart from TCC heading for Roskilde (30 minutes by coach) to visit Roskilde Cathedral. It's a unique and beautiful medieval Cathedral. More than 40 kings and queens of Denmark are buried inside the church. The Cathedral was inscribed on the UNESCO world heritage list in 1995.

<http://www.visitroskilde.com/en-int/roskilde-cathedral-world-heritage-gdk619579>

Next visit is the Viking ship museum at Roskilde Fjord
<http://www.vikingskibsmuseet.dk/en/about-us/>

You will enjoy lunch cruising on Roskilde Fjord on M/S Sagafjord before heading back to Copenhagen
<http://sagafjord.dk/english/>

Approximate arrival time in Copenhagen will be 15.30 pm. The coach stops at Tivoli Gardens and at TCC. We recommend you enjoy a visit to Tivoli Gardens. The Entrance fee is included. We suggest that you spend an afternoon and/ or evening of adventure in the Tivoli Gardens
<https://www.tivoli.dk/en/>

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Donations, with the exception of "Friends for Life", cover the period until the conclusion of the World Rose Convention in 2018.

A FRIENDS FUNCTION IN AUSTRALIA – A NEW INNOVATION



In conjunction with the 2016 National Rose Society of Australia's (NRSA) AGM Weekend hosted by the Rose Society of Western Australia, a WFRS 'Friends of the Federation' event was organised. At the conclusion of the NRSA 'Meet & Greet' on Friday 7th October 2016, a small group of 'Friends of the Federation' met for an informal 'Friends Supper' at the White Salt Restaurant, Sorento Beach, Western Australia. With a relaxed atmosphere there was much camaraderie and, of course the main topics being roses and WFRS Rose Conventions, both past and future. The event was so much enjoyed that WFRS 'Friends of the Federation' will be a regular addition to the NRSA AGM Weekends.

Kelvin Trimper, Diane vom Berg, Mary Frick, Kim Humphries, Jim Cane, Malcolm Watson, Gavin Woods and Ruth Watson

The next WFRS 'Friends of the Federation Supper' to be held in conjunction with the 2017 NRSA AGM Weekend will be held in Melbourne, Victoria. All WFRS 'Friends of the Federation' are welcome so if you are not already a WFRS 'Friend of the Federation', download an application form from the WFRS website www.worldrose.org send payment to WFRS Treasurer, Diane vom Berg and come and join us.

Mary Frick - WFRS Friend of the Federation Representative, Australia