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'Pink Meidiland'  
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## EDITOR'S MESSAGE

The Kalmar Regional Convention is finally here! I am finishing up this edition of *World Rose News* early so Susie and I can attend the Convention and Post Tour before ending up at the Rose Trials in Belfast, Northern Ireland. If you haven't signed up yet for the Convention, there is still time. For more information, please visit the website, [nordicroses2024.com](http://nordicroses2024.com).

We also have updated information on the World Rose Convention in Japan with a new post-, post-tour to the lovely garden island of Hokkaido sponsored by the Sakura Rose Society.

We also offer several Vice President Reports in this issue.

My photograph for this issue is 'Anna de Diesbach', one of my favorite old garden roses. I have won many show awards with this rose. Two plants adorn each side of the driveway gate leading to our property.

Enjoy!

Steve Jones, Fiddletown, CA, United States



'Anna de Diesbach' (HP, Lacharme, 1858)

*Note: All photos and articles are by the Editor, unless otherwise noted*

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Do you receive our sister publication  
*by any other name?*

This publication is from the WFRS Conservation & Heritage Rose Committee and covers species, old garden, and historical roses and the efforts to collect and save them.

The latest edition is available at this link:

[bit.ly/BAON29](http://bit.ly/BAON29)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



2022-2025

June 2024



Photo: Diane vom Berg

Diane vom Berg

Dear Rose Members:

It is winter now in Adelaide and a few blooms remain on our roses after a very dry Autumn.

Our commitment to the Rose recently established a Scholarship Scheme, through the generosity of the Friends of the Federation, and is now offered. Member Countries are invited to nominate a candidate to receive a Scholarship to attend a WFRS Convention. We are delighted to report this Scheme has achieved the granting of a scholarship to an applicant from China to attend the Sweden Convention and we look forward to welcoming her to Kalmar in July. Our Executive Director will email Member Countries with the criteria for applying for this scholarship for any future conventions.

Our global sponsorship agreement with FELCO greatly assists the WFRS. The company is a worldwide leader in the production of high precision professional secateurs and pruning tools. It is pleasing to see many Member Countries promoting this association.

It was a pleasure to attend the WFRS Award of Garden Excellence unveiling of the plaque in the International Rose Garden, Adelaide Botanic Garden in April. Amongst the invited guests were Sandra Turner, President of the National Rose Society of Australia and Gavin Woods, WFRS Vice President Australasia and President of the Rose Society of South Australia.

The Rose Society of South Australia is often in attendance at Garden events to promote the Rose, in April we were present in Clare, where a recent release, a very fragrant deep pink Hybrid Tea Rose, 'Amazing Mum' was the most popular on display that day.

I look forward to our next Convention in Sweden in July, 2024 and I encourage members to consider to attend a future Convention. Thank you to the hard working Nordic Rose team for the organisation of this upcoming Convention. A note for your diary, the next World Rose Convention, "Roses for the Future" will be held in Fukuyama, Japan 18<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2025. All details can be found through the links on the WFRS website, and don't forget to register your interest to receive regular updates.

The Rose Trials throughout Europe began in May and will continue through the summer. I am about to depart for Europe to participate in a number of the trials before heading to Kalmar.

The rose gives joy, friendship and peace throughout the world and we will again be reminded of this when many of us meet once more to share our interest of the Rose at the upcoming WFRS Regional Convention and International Heritage Conference.



Left: 'Amazing Mum', Right: Dedication of the WFRS Garden of Excellence Award to Adelaide Botanic Garden, Sandra Turner (l), President National Rose Society of Australia, Gavin Woods (m), WFRS VP Australasia and President Rose Society of SA, Diane vom Berg (r), President WFRS.



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



**Derek Lawrence**

June 2024

Dreaming is an intrinsic part of being a gardener – we're creative, imaginative beings by nature. All rosarians have dreams and projects to aim for. Maybe of designing a magnificent rose garden, creating an eventual highly acclaimed variety? Becoming a champion rose exhibitor or writing a rose book which reaches international literary status? Whatever your age or situation, it's good never to lose this inspiration. It'll surely keep you well and truly motivated.

In many respects, roses are a great escapism. What is more heartening than returning to the sanctuary of your beloved rose garden in the height of summer, after enduring a rather stressful day in the office. You are greeted by your favourite cultivars, who literally command your immediate attention. Many fill the air with a gorgeous fragrance, which will enthrall you and add sense of calm to the day. Visiting flower shows or horticultural events can fire your imagination further. Fellow gardeners and, indeed, rosarians are always very generous with their time; willing to share their knowledge, wit and wisdom. Over the years at WFRS conventions, I have witnessed new lifetime friendships and genuine bonds being formed between delegates. If you have never participated in one of the Federation's events, I thoroughly recommend that you attend. It'll get your creative juices surely flowing!

We are all acutely aware that our remarkable planet is currently experiencing immense challenging times, which is most unfortunate. As rosarians we must be thankful that we're tuned into these fascinating attributes and fully appreciate the infinite charms of the genus *Rosa*, which sustain us on a daily basis. As for the future, we can only dream that the rose will continue to make its enduring presence a better and peaceful world for us all to enjoy.



*'Peace' (photo courtesy of author)*

## ROSE NEWS

*From the Executive Director:*

We welcome a new Associate member to our ranks, the Huntington Library, Art Museum & Botanical Gardens, San Marino, California, USA.

*Editor: For those who have not been there, they have a wonderful collection of all types of plants, rose garden, famous artwork and one of the largest botanical and rare book libraries in the world.*

### **Excerpts from Nordic Roses on the Kalmar Convention:**

Our first guests to arrive will be those of you attending the pre-tour in Finland, arriving in Stockholm early in the morning on July 1.

The program for you on that day will be several choices in the beautiful capital of Sweden, followed by an afternoon at Prince Eugens Waldemarsudde.

The home & garden of the famous artist Prince Eugen is known as the most beautiful art museum in Sweden. There will be a name-giving ceremony at Waldemarsudde of a rose named after the Swedish pop group ABBA, accordingly, with champagne at the castle terrace. Guided walks in the garden and art collection of Prince Eugen will follow.

### **Meet & Greet**

On July 2 The Green Guide bus will take you from Stockholm to Kalmar, which will be a journey of about 6.5 hours. There will be breaks for restrooms, coffee & lunch.

The main tour starts on July 2 with a Meet & Greet at 6 pm. We are happy to welcome all delegates to the main tour starting in Kalmar.

For those of you who haven't reported food preferences such as vegetarians, vegans or allergies, please do as soon as possible to: [info@nordicroses2024.com](mailto:info@nordicroses2024.com)

When checking in at your hotel in Kalmar, you must present your passport or visa documents.

The registration for the conference is available at Calmar Stadshotel on July 2 from 3 pm to 5 pm. Additionally, you can register at Kalmar Congresscenter starting at 4 pm before the Meet & Greet event.

### **Excursion to Skåne in the South**

On the 4th of July, we are going on our lovely excursion to Skåne. You will be guided by experts, such as Lars-Åke Gustavsson, horticulturists and botanists at the Agricultural University of Alnarp, rose experts at Fredriksdal and Sofiero in Helsingborg, and rose experts at the Awarded Rosarium in Jönköping. On the evening of the 4th of July, we will enjoy a wine tasting with a Swedish winemaker at our hotel in Helsingborg.

A new green industry, the wine industry, is emerging in Sweden. In recent years, more and more vineyards have been set up, especially in southern Sweden, on Gotland and Öland, and wine production is moving from a previously small-scale activity among amateurs to a professional industry with big ambitions.



Vines can withstand heat, wind and drought, but they can also withstand cold. A winter temperature down to minus 20-25 degrees for a couple of weeks is no problem for vines. The increase in summer temperatures in Sweden in recent years and the resulting longer season for the grapes to ripen has meant that the conditions for wine production here are entirely different. In fact, it can even be an advantage to grow wine in Sweden, especially for white sparkling wines, where you want grapes with high acidity. You will hear Tina Berthelsen from [Lottenlund Wine Estate](#) talk more about this.

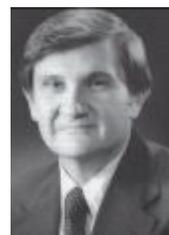
We will finish our evening with a dinner together. We need you to preorder the food. Since it is the 4th of July, we have decided to go American this evening. You will choose either the pulled beef hamburger or the vegetarian alternative (Halloumi or Greek grilled cheese).

### **Miscellaneous**

At the moment, we have had some lovely summer days with really warm weather in Sweden, but we know this can change for rainy days, so please be smart when packing and bring some outdoor clothes as well.

For those attending the Gala dinner on 6th July, the gala dress code is casual smart.

In Sweden, credit cards are accepted almost everywhere. However, you can bring a small amount of cash if you prefer.



Word came to us recently that Vince Gioia, former President of the American Rose Society and one of four WFRS Presidents from the USA, passed away earlier this year. An attorney by trade, he served as WFRS President from 1985-1988. Our condolences to his family. (Photo from ARS Annual 1983)



Welcome to the  
WFRS Regional Convention &  
Heritage Roses Conference Sweden  
2-6 July, 2024

The Swedish Rose Society is very proud to host a rose experience in the shimmer of the famous Nordic light. In the month of July, the roses are at their most beautiful peak in the Nordic countries and the line between day and night is barely visible.

# Pre Tour

*June 25 – July 1*

## Welcome to Finland



The land of 1000 lakes and many unique rose gardens.

### Program

**Tuesday, June 25**

Arrival in Stockholm and board ferry to Finland on a night cruise through the archipelago.

**Wednesday, June 26**

Visit Ruissalo Botanical Garden in Turku and an archeological exhibition of old Turku.

**Thursday, June 27**

Sight-seeing in old central Helsinki and visit in private garden Meilahti Rosarium.

**Friday, June 28**

Visit Hataanpää arboretum and sight-seeing in Tampere. Steamboat cruise on the lakes.

**Saturday, June 29**

Transfer to Vaasa. Visit Kvarken World Heritage Site. Dinner at Berny's in the archipelago.

**Sunday, June 30**

Visit Stundars Homestead Museum and a private rose-garden. Board ferry to Stockholm.

**Monday, July 1**

Arrival in Stockholm and your hotel at Djurgården. City tour and afternoon mingle at Waldemarsudde, the lovely rose garden and art museum of Prince Eugen.



### General information

The same bus will be used for the whole trip in Finland.

Weather is usually quite agreeable in the Nordic countries with temperatures around 20 degrees centigrade during the day. Rain showers are possible.



# Main Tour

July 2 – July 6

## Welcome to Sweden



Friendly and innovative, yet historical, with a beautiful countryside.



We will welcome you to the historic city of Kalmar during the five-day event and make excursions to Skåne and the National Gene Bank, hosting the trials of found roses according to Sweden's Agricultural University in Alnarp.

Also visits at Sofiero in Helsingborg, Solliden Palace and Rosenlund in Jönköping. Take part in lectures with focus on sustainability and how our old roses can tell stories for future generations of rose lovers. In our fascinating Pre tour to Finland with so many lovely and interesting roses and Post tour to Norway you will find amazing rose collections between the lakes, fjords and the mountains.



## Program

### Tuesday, July 2

Welcome to the medieval city of Kalmar with a Meet & Greet at Kalmar Congress Center.

### Wednesday, July 3

Morning lectures in Kalmar Congress Center. Keynote speaker Lars-Åke Gustavsson presents the POM project.

Visit to Öland. The Swedish Royal family celebrates their summer vacation here and we will visit their beautiful castle garden.

Afternoon Tea and opportunity to experience a bright summer evening.

### Thursday, July 4

Excursion to Skåne and Agricultural University Alnarp for a visit to the Nordic Gene Bank for Cultural Heritage Roses. Also visit to Fredriksdal Rosarium in Helsingborg.

*Alternative program with lectures, guided city & park walks for those who remain in Kalmar.*

### Friday, July 5

Visit to Sofiero Castle Garden before departure for Rosenlund Rosarium in Jönköping. Evening at Leisure in Kalmar.

*Alternative program for those who stay in Kalmar, excursion to Jönköping.*

### Saturday, July 6

Closing day with lectures, rose festival at the town square and music event at Kalmar Castle including the Gala Dinner.

Registration opens on August 25, 2023 – More info at [Nordicroses2024.com](https://Nordicroses2024.com)

# Post Tour

Welcome to Norway



July 7 – July 14

A spectacular tour in the land of the fjords with love for nature & roses.

## Program

### Sunday, July 7

Departure from Kalmar to Gothenburg for visit at "Trädgårdsföreningen" and guided tours in the Rosarium. Evening at leisure.

### Monday, July 8

Departure for Oslo. Lunch and visit to the famous Vigeland Sculpture Park. Check-in at amazing Wood Hotel by Frich's in Brumunddal, the tallest wooden building in the world.

### Tuesday, July 9

Departure for Ringebu in Gudbrandsdalen where we will visit an old garden with a great collection of old roses as well as Ringebu's famous stave church from the 13th century. Continuing into Norway's fantastic mountain world.

### Wednesday, July 10

Departure to Molde, known as Norway's City of Roses since the beginning of the 20th century. Guided tour of the city, check in at Alexandra Hotel.

### Thursday, July 11

Departure along the unique fjord landscape to Aalesund, named Norway's most beautiful city with its fine Jugend architecture. Tour of the city and dinner at the famous fish restaurant, XL Diner. At midnight we will sail on the Hurtigruten to Bergen.

### Friday, July 12

Arrival in Bergen, Norway's second largest city and a heritage city. Afternoon at Leisure to enjoy the city with its cozy streets and squares, surrounded by seven mountain peaks.

### Saturday, July 13

Excursion with Hardanger fjord cruise to Baroniet Rosendal, a baroque castle that lies between mountains and fjords and has become famous for its rose garden and landscape park. Gondola ride to the skyscraper Ulriken for dinner with a view.

### Sunday, July 14

Visit the Arboretum in Milde with Norway's largest collection of roses. With its unique location it is described as one of the world's most beautiful rose gardens. Closing lunch.



Registration opens on August 25, 2023

More info at [Nordicroses2024.com](https://Nordicroses2024.com)



the Green Guide

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WFRS 20<sup>th</sup>

# WORLD ROSE CONVENTION 2025 in FUKUYAMA



18th - 24th May 2025,  
A New Future Begins in  
Fukuyama

June 2024

Dear Rose Friends:

The season when the beautiful roses have bloomed in Fukuyama has passed for this year, and we are now less than a year away from the World Rose Convention 2025 in Fukuyama where you can see this beautiful sight. We are diligently continuing our preparations to ensure that we can offer all delegates an exceptional experience.

The online registration page for the Convention will open on 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2024. On this page, you can apply for your preferred day tours, pre/post-tours, and accommodations. Furthermore, please note that amendments can be made to your application even after it has been submitted, up until the registration deadline.

We strongly recommend that those interested proceed with registering for participation, even if only tentatively.

In this article, we will once again present the program and provide detailed instructions on how to register the Convention.

## Welcome party

Date: 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2025

We will provide a wonderful opportunity for a meet and greet beneath Fukuyama Castle, a landmark of Fukuyama City, in a cocktail party style. Delegates will experience the commencement of the Convention while enjoying Japanese-style hospitality, all while gazing upon the illuminated castle.



## Opening Ceremony

Date: 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2025

At the Opening Ceremony, which will be attended by the delegates and citizens of Fukuyama, the convention will be officially declared open. Within the ceremony held at Fukuyama's renowned concert hall, powerful performances will take place.



## Lunch Party

Date: 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2025

After the opening ceremony, we will provide lunch boxes in a beautiful park where roses bloom in a pyramid-like shape. This park is not only the venue for the Rose Expo but also close to the "Rose Park", which has been awarded the WFRS Award of Garden Excellence, making it perfect for a leisurely stroll.

## Lectures

Date: 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2025

Fifteen lectures are prepared at Fukuyama New Castle Hotel, located near the Fukuyama station.

You can learn the latest and interesting studies about roses, particularly about the roses of Japan and Asia, from famous scholars and specialists from around the world.

For more information please check our website.

<https://en.wrc2025fukuyama/lectures>



## Day Tours

Date: 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> May, 2025

During the Convention, you can visit the most attractive rose gardens among more than 400 in the city. You can also explore unique Japanese landscapes and visit the venue of Fukuyama International Townscape Rose Trials.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> May, a full-day tour is scheduled, where you will visit Hiroshima City, located 100km away, and explore attractions such as the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum and the Botanical Garden.

Day tours must be applied for concurrently with convention registration, and you are asked to select four out of the five tours available.

For more information please check our website.

<https://en.wrc2025fukuyama/registration/>



## Fukuyama street Dining

Date: 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2025

There will be a program where you can interact with locals amidst festival stalls lining the downtown shopping streets, offering a unique Japanese experience.

You can even wear a casual summer kimono called Yukata, making it a memorable night.



## Pre-Tours and Post-Tours

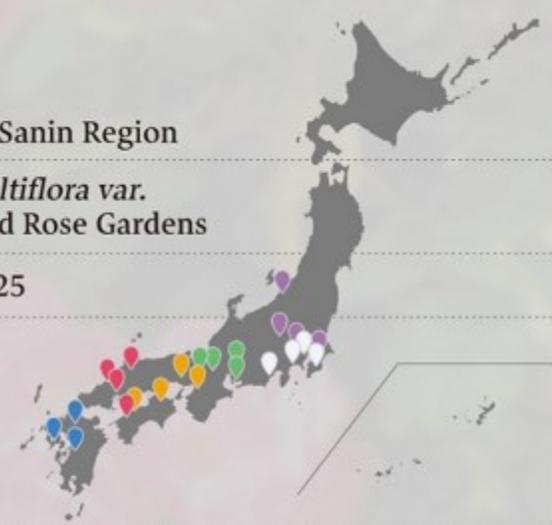
Before and after the Convention, there are three tours each lasting six days. As departure and destination locations vary for each, please verify the information carefully and choose your preferred tour.

During the Pre-Tours, you will explore the western side of Japan, mainly enjoying the nature of Japan and wild rose habitats.

In the Post-Tours, you will experience unique Japanese scenery, like the Buddhist temple of Kyoto, and visit renowned gardens selected for the WFRS Award of Garden Excellence consideration.

Each tour has limited capacity, so we recommend registering early if you are interested in one particular tour.

Application for these tours will open on 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2024, same day with the start of convention registration.



**Pre Tour 12-17th MAY**

- 1 Miyajima Mountain Rose (*Rosa sambucina*), Seto Inland Sea, and the Japanese Gardens of the Sanin Region
- 2 Tour of the Kuma River Tsukushii Rose (*Rosa multiflora* var. *adenochaeta*) Colony, Scenic Spots in Kyushu, and Rose Gardens
- 3 Tour of Osaka's Rose Gardens and Osaka Expo 2025

**Post Tour 25-30th MAY**

- 4 Tour of Gardens in the Ancient Capital of Kyoto and Rosa & Berry Tawada, Gifu World Rose Garden Tour
- 5 Echigo Hillside Park Fragrant Rose Garden and North Kanto Rose Garden
- 6 WFRS Outstanding Garden Award-Winning Rose Garden and Hakone, Mt. Fuji Area Tour

## Hotels

The main hotel for the Convention is located just a 2-minute walk from the Fukuyama station, which will likely be your arrival point. This hotel will serve as the venue for Lectures and the Farewell Dinner. The Convention offers you a range of hotels, all conveniently located and spanning various price ranges.



Reservations for any of these hotels can be made directly through the convention website. The details will be announced at a later date.



## Restaurants

Near the hotels and Fukuyama Station, you'll find a diverse array of restaurants, offering a wide range of cuisines including sushi, yakiniku (Japanese BBQ), izakaya (Japanese-style pub), Italian, Chinese, and more. Each establishment prides itself on its unique flavors and serves delicious dishes. Meal prices vary, with options ranging from budget-friendly meals around ¥1,000 to upscale dining experiences costing around ¥5,000. You can select according to your budget.

Upon your arrival next year, we will furnish you with a list of recommended restaurants, encouraging you to explore and find your favorites. If you have any dietary restrictions or allergies due to religious or personal reasons, rest assured that we will endeavor to offer tailored guidance to accommodate your needs.

## Language

If you have any concerns about language, English-speaking staff are available at the convention venue. Hotels and restaurants also have English-speaking staff to help you.

In addition, some staff can communicate in other languages as well. We are trying to ensure that you have a trouble-free stay during your time in Fukuyama.

## Access to Fukuyama

Fukuyama is a conveniently located city, accessible by bus from the nearest airport in just one hour, and it also has a Shinkansen (bullet train) station.

\*For those participating in Pre-Tours, please confirm the location of the departure airport.

For those participating in Post-Tours, please confirm the location of the airport where the tour will conclude.



## Registration

Registration for the Convention opens on 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2024. You have the option of a "Full Day Pass" (granting access to all convention programs) or a "One Day Pass" (for participation on a selected day). Also available is the "Accompanying Person Pass" for those unable to attend lectures but interested in joining delegate tours. Please be aware that one "Accompanying Person Pass" is available per delegate, allowing participation in the same tours.

Early Bird (First application) Full Day Pass

The fee: JPY 100,000 (about £500).

Inclusions: Opening reception, Lunch Party, Lectures, Day Tours, lunches, Fukuyama Street Dining, shuttle bus, Rose Expo FUKUYAMA 2025.

\*Other types of registration fees are detailed on the registration online page.

\*Payment for early bird registration must be settled by January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 17:00 (JST).

The registration is completed online by answering simple questions. You can modify your information until payment is made, so please visit the website first.

Registration online page: <https://en.wrc2025fukuyama/registration/>

\* QR Code will be available on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2024 (scheduled).



## Cancellation & Refund

### \*Cancellation & Refund for Registration and social program(s)

Before and on Mon., 6 <sup>th</sup> January, 2025 (17:00, JST)	Full refund
After Mon., 6 <sup>th</sup> January, 2025 (17:01, JST) and Before and on Mon., 31 <sup>st</sup> March, 2025 (17:00, JST)	50% of registration fee
On and after Mon., 31 <sup>st</sup> March, 2025 (17:01, JST)	No Refund

We are updating the latest information about the Convention on the official website. (<https://ja.wrc2025Fukuyama.jp/newsletter/>).

Please access the convention website and subscribe to the mailing list.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Fukuyama, the city where a million roses are flourishing.

Sincerely,

*Yukiko Shimura*

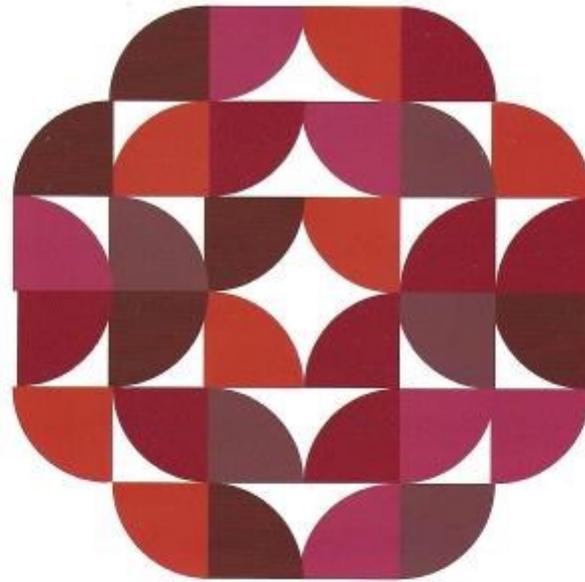
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WFRS 20th  
WORLD ROSE  
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2025

in FUKUYAMA

**Roses for the Future**

*A New Future Begins in Fukuyama*

**Create, Excite, and Shine Together!**

**18<sub>(Sun)</sub>–24<sub>(Sat)</sub> May 2025**

# Pre-Tour 1: Miyajima Mountain Rose (*Rosa sambucina*), Seto Inland Sea, and the Japanese Gardens of the Sanin Region

DAY1 **MONDAY 12 MAY 2025** STARTS FROM HIROSHIMA

Departure Location: Hiroshima City  
Nearest airport: Hiroshima Airport  
Nearest bullet train station: JR Hiroshima Station  
Start Time: Please check into the designated accommodation hotel by dinner time, as we will have dinner prepared for you.

DAY2 **TUESDAY 13 MAY 2025** WORLD HERITAGE SITE: MIYAJIMA

## ***Rosa sambucina* native to Miyajima**

This rose is the wild rose native to Japan, notable for its leaf size and shoots length. It thrives in sloping forests along riversides, with vigorously extending shoots that entangle and crawl up trees using sharp, hooked prickles. The flowers are relatively big, forming expansive, corymbose inflorescences that resemble a spectacular white waterfall cascading down the forest surface during full bloom. In Miyajima, you can see giant *Rosa sambucina* climbing up the trees. Their flowering season peaks around mid-May.

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DAY3 **WEDNESDAY 14 MAY 2025** CRUISE IN SETO INLAND SEA

## **Cruise in the Seto Inland Sea (Sightseeing Cruiser, Sea Spika)**

The deluxe highspeed sightseeing cruiser SEA SPIKA offers a journey around the islands of the Seto Inland Sea. This half-day route from Hiroshima Port to Setoda Port showcases the scenic beauty of this area. Passengers can enjoy the unique charms and beauty of various islands, along with the opportunity to interact with local islanders, a perspective only possible from a cruise.

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## **Yoshiumi Rose Park**

Located on Oshima Island along the Setouchi Shimanami Kaido, Yoshiumi Rose Park was established in 1993 and spans an area of 2.8 hectares. The park features a collection of 400 varieties, totaling about 3,500 rose plants. These include Joséphine de Beauharnais's rose collection, and a wide range of species from old roses to modern roses. Within its expansive grounds, the park offers relaxing spaces such as a lawn area for visitors to enjoy.

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### Tottori Prefectural Flower Park (Tottori Flower Gallery)

This park offers a panoramic view of Mt. Daisen, with beautifully arranged flowerbeds and diverse floral displays. It includes a 1 km covered corridor, allowing visitors to explore without an umbrella even in rainy weather. Attractions within the park include the Flower Dome, European Garden, Valley of Flowers, Herb Garden, and Fog Garden. The Rose Garden within the European Garden blooms with 900 roses of 190 varieties from mid to late May.

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### Adachi Museum of Art

Renowned for its gardens, the Adachi Museum of Art has been named the best garden in Japan annually since 2003 by the "Journal of Japanese Gardening". Spanning 16 hectares, the site includes a karesansui garden, a moss garden, a pond garden, and a white sand and green pine garden. The museum's collection features modern Japanese paintings by masters like Yokoyama Taikan and Uemura Shoen, with approximately 20 works by Taikan displayed at any time.



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### Yuushien Garden

Located on Daikonshima Island in Shimane Prefecture, known for its tree peony production, the 4-hectare Yushi Garden features a pond and circular garden. The garden encapsulates the topography of the Izumo region, including valleys, rivers, lakes, and the Sea of Japan's waterscape in Okuizumo. It houses 250 varieties of tree peonys and offers year-round viewing of tree peony flowers. The island is also a ginseng-growing area, and visitors can enjoy local cuisine incorporating ginseng in the garden. The park is recognized with a three-star rating by the French tourist guide Blue Guide.



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### Fukuyama Castle

Fukuyama Castle, built in 1622 by Mizuno Katsunari, the first daimyo of the Fukuyama domain, stands out as the only castle in Japan with an iron-plated north wall. This feature, unique to Fukuyama Castle, was designed to strengthen its northern defenses. The castle, a fine example of early modern castle architecture, originally featured a multi-leveled tower with 5 tiers and 6 floors, and an attached smaller keep. Though it was designated a National Treasure in 1931, the castle was destroyed in a 1945 air raid and later rebuilt in 1966. On its 400th anniversary in 2022, the castle was restored to its original appearance, including the unique iron-plated north wall, top-floor windows, and crenels.

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## Pre-Tour 2: Tour of the Kuma River Tsukushii Rose (*Rosa multiflora* var. *adenochaeta*) Colony, Scenic Spots in Kyushu, and Rose Gardens

DAY1 **MONDAY** 12 MAY 2025 STARTS FROM FUKUOKA

Departure Location: Fukuoka City

Nearest airport: Fukuoka Airport

Nearest bullet train station: JR Hakata Station

Start Time: Please check into the designated accommodation hotel by dinner time, as we will have dinner prepared for you.

DAY2 **TUESDAY 13** MAY 2025 GARDEN TOUR IN FUKUOKA

### Uminonakamichi Seaside Park

Situated on a narrow peninsula across the bay from central Fukuoka, this national park spans approximately 350 hectares. It offers seasonal flower views and an opportunity to interact with animals like squirrel monkeys, capybaras, and kangaroos in the Animal Forest. The park includes a rose garden in its flower area and museum, showcasing 1,200 roses of about 220 varieties. The park features a Modern Color Rose Area and a Fragrant Rose Area.

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DAY3 **WEDNESDAY 14** MAY 2025 NATURE TOUR OF KUMAMOTO

### *Rosa multiflora* var. *adenochaeta* along Kuma river

The *Tsukushi Ibara*, a native wild rose of Japan, thrives along the Kuma River riverbanks in Kumamoto Prefecture. This variety, *Rosa multiflora* var. *adenochaeta*, blooms mid-May, turning the riverbanks pink. Originally threatened by overharvesting, local conservation efforts have helped restore its habitat.

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DAY4 **THURSDAY 15** MAY 2025 NATURE TOUR OF NAGASAKI

### Miyama-Kirishima (*Rhododendron kiusianum*) Colonies on Unzen Nita Pass

During spring, the mountains are covered in pink Miyama-Kirishima, a small-flowered azalea variety, marking the start of Unzen's colorful flower season. The flowers bloom from late April in the Unzen Jigoku area, reaching their peak in mid to late May in the Unzen Nita Pass.

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DAY5 **FRIDAY 16 MAY 2025** GARDEN TOUR IN NAGASAKI

**Huis Ten Bosch**

This theme park, recreating a Dutch town in Sasebo, Nagasaki, is the largest in Japan. It includes four rose gardens: the Grand Rose Garden, the Flower Plaza, the Rose Canal, and the Palace Rose Garden, covering about 1 hectare with approximately 2,000 varieties and 10,000 plants. The Canal of Roses and the White Rose Garden are particularly noteworthy for their stunning displays.

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DAY6 **SATURDAY 17 MAY 2025** ARRIVE IN FUKUYAMA

After breakfast, we will travel to Fukuyama City, arriving around noon.

# Pre-Tour 3: Tour of Osaka's Rose Gardens and Osaka Expo 2025

## DAY1 MONDAY 12 MAY 2025 STARTS FROM OSAKA

Departure Location: Osaka City  
Nearest Airport: Kansai International Airport  
Nearest bullet train station: JR Shin-Osaka Station  
Start Time: Please check into the designated accommodation hotel by dinner time, as we will have dinner prepared for you.

## DAY2 TUESDAY 13 MAY 2025 EXPO TOUR

### Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai

The Osaka Expo is a World Expo event set to be held from April 13 to October 13, 2025, on Yumeshima, an artificial island in Osaka Bay. This event will bring together over a hundred countries to address global issues under the theme "Designing Future Society for our Lives," divided into sub-themes: "Saving Lives", "Empowering Lives", and "Connecting Lives". The expo will feature thematic pavilions showcasing innovative applications in Internet of Things, Big Data, Robotics, Artificial Intelligence, Renewable Energy, and Biotechnology, promoting the concept of "Society 5.0".

<https://www.expo2025.or.jp/en/>

## DAY3 WEDNESDAY 14 MAY 2025 GARDEN TOUR IN OSAKA

### Hamadera Park Rose Garden

Located in Hamadera Park along the Sakai City seafront, Osaka, this unique Japanese-style rose garden greets visitors with a terraced landscape reminiscent of Japan's natural scenery. It features Japanese wild roses in settings that mimic their natural habitats, such as Hamanasu roses (*Rosa rugosa*) on coastal sandy beaches and Ootakanebara (*Rosa acicularis*) roses in high mountainous environments.

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### David Austin English Rose Garden

Adjacent to Kansai International Airport in Sennan, Osaka, this garden showcases over 3,000 plants from the David Austin Roses collection, a renowned UK rose breeding company. Visitors can also purchase rose plants at the attached plant center.

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## DAY4 THURSDAY 15 MAY 2025 GARDEN TOUR IN KOBE

### Kobe Municipal Arboretum

Situated in the Rokko Mountains near Kobe's city center, this garden utilizes the natural environment to display approximately 1,200 species of woody plants. The hydrangea garden boasts 50,000 plants of 350 varieties, while the azalea and rhododendron garden features about 4,000 plants of 37 species.

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### Ritsurin Garden

As the largest garden designated as a Special Place of Scenic Beauty by the national government, this circular feudal lord's garden in Takamatsu Matsudaira clan showcases a clever design of ponds and mountains, offering a unique view at every step.

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### Yoshiumi Rose Park

Located on Oshima Island along the Setouchi Shimanami Kaido, Yoshiumi Rose Park was established in 1993 and spans an area of 2.8 hectares. The park features a collection of 400 varieties, totaling about 3,500 rose plants. These include Joséphine de Beauharnais's rose collection, and a wide range of species from old roses to modern roses. Within its expansive grounds, the park offers relaxing spaces such as a lawn area for visitors to enjoy.

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# Post-Tour 1: Tour of Gardens in the Ancient Capital of Kyoto and Rosa & Berry Tawada,

DAY 1-3 **SUNDAY 25 ~ TUESDAY 27** MAY 2025 HISTORIC KYOTO TOUR

Travel from Fukuyama to Kyoto by bullet train

## Japanese Gardens (Nanzenji, Kinkakuji, Ryoanji etc.)

These gardens represent the quintessence of traditional Japanese garden design, each offering a unique aesthetic and historical significance in Kyoto.

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## Kyoto Botanical Gardens

Located in northern Kyoto with views of Mount Hiei and the Higashiyama range, the Kyoto Botanical Garden is a scenic retreat that opened in 1924. It features a Western-style garden, an ornamental greenhouse, rose beds, and sunken flowerbeds. The northern half of the garden showcases native Japanese plants and a natural semi-timber forest, complemented by cherry and plum trees, as well as other traditionally cultivated Japanese plants.

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## Arashiyama, Sagano

Arashiyama offers breathtaking seasonal views of the Hozu River, Togetsu Bridge, and the surrounding mountains. The area is home to famous temples, traditional streets, and natural beauty, with attractions like the bamboo grove path and Tenryuji Temple.

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DAY 4 **WEDNESDAY 28** MAY 2025 GARDEN TOUR IN SHIGA

## Rosa & Berry Tawada

Nestled on a slope near Mt. Ibuki, Rosa & Berry Tawada combines roses and herbaceous perennials in its English Garden. The garden includes an English rose garden, an Asian rose garden, a kitchen garden, a conifer garden, and approximately 370 varieties of roses. Attractions include a train ride through a tunnel of climbing roses, and hands-on workshops for woolen accessories and baking.

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### **Gifu World Rose Garden (Formerly Flower Festa Commemorative Park)**

Renamed in 2021, this park in Gifu features one of the world's largest collections of roses, with approximately 6,000 varieties and 20,000 plants. It includes the Old Rose Garden with wild and old roses, and the Rose Garden with 13 themed gardens. The park also boasts the longest climbing rose corridor in Japan and has received WFRS award for its outstanding garden.

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### **Urakuen (National Treasure)**

Located east of Inuyama Castle, Urakuen features the national treasure tea house, Jo-an. The tea ceremony room and garden, relocated to Inuyama Castle in 1972, are renowned for their historical and cultural significance.

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Disbanding Location: Disband at JR Nagoya Station around noon.

Nearest airport: Chubu Centrair International Airport.

Nearest bullet train station: JR Nagoya Station.

# Post Tour 2: Echigo Hillside Park Fragrant Rose Garden and North Kanto Rose Garden

DAY1 **SUNDAY 25 MAY 2025** TRAVEL TO NIIGATA

Travel from Fukuyama to Niigata by bullet train and airplane.

## Northern Culture Museum

This museum showcases the architecture and heritage of the wealthiest farmer family in Niigata. The collection, amassed by the seventh and eighth family heads, includes approximately 6,000 art objects from Japan, China, and Korea. The architecture itself is a highlight, complemented by a garden designed by a gardener linked to Kyoto's Ginkakuji Temple.

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DAY2 **MONDAY 26 MAY 2025** GARDEN TOUR IN NIIGATA

## National Echigo Hillside Park, Nagaoka Fragrant Rose Garden

Located within the expansive National Echigo Hillside Park in Nagaoka City, Niigata Prefecture, this rose garden focuses on fragrance-specific rose varieties. It spans 2.4 hectares with about 800 varieties and 2,400 rose plants, categorized into seven fragrance groups. The garden has been a venue for the International Fragrant Rose Trials, showcasing award-winning roses and promoting the development of new fragrant rose varieties.

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DAY3-5 **TUESDAY 27 - THURSDAY 29 MAY 2025** GARDEN TOUR IN NORTHERN KANTO

## Nakanojo Gardens

In Nakanojo Town, Gunma Prefecture, this garden showcases a variety of seasonal landscapes, including a 'Rose Garden' with 400 rose varieties, a 'Spiral Garden,' and a 'Natural Garden' that emphasizes wild flora. The Nakanojo Farm, with its apple orchard and edible roses, offers a hands-on experience with these plants.

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## Shikishima Park Kadokura Techno Rose Garden

This 4.5 hectare rose garden in Maebashi City's Shikishima Park includes about 600 varieties of modern and old roses and English roses, featuring 7,000 rose plants. The garden's layout reflects a French-style sunken bed design, with roses grouped by their country of origin.

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## Ibaraki Flower Park

Opened in 1985 in Ibaraki Prefecture, this park centers around roses, the prefectural flower. It features about 900 rose varieties, including a Rose Terrace, Roses by Color, Fragrant Roses, and a Rose Tunnel. The park also includes a conservatory preserving rose varieties since its opening.

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## Bara-no-le (Kimura-kikaku, Shop and Garden)

Takunori Kimura, a leading Japanese rose breeder, showcases state-of-the-art breeding techniques at this shop and garden. His 'Rosa Orientis' brand focuses on disease-resistant roses suited to Asian climates. The roses are designed for four-season flowering and are well-adapted to hot, humid conditions.

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## The City of Sakura Rose Garden

This garden, initially established by Katsuhiko Maebara based on the rose collections of Seizo Suzuki, a leading Japanese rose breeder, is now located in Sakura Kusabue no Oka, a public facility in Sakura City. It focuses on preserving heritage roses as genetic resources, featuring 2,500 plants of 1,250 species. The 12th International Heritage Rose Conference was held in this garden. The garden has received the WFRS Award of Garden Excellence.

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DAY6 **FRIDAY 30 MAY 2025**

[Disbanding Location: Accommodation hotel in Tokyo. Includes breakfast.](#)

Nearest airports: Narita International Airport or Haneda International Airport

Nearest bullet train station: JR Tokyo Station.

## Post-Tour 3: WFRS Outstanding Garden Award-Winning Rose Garden and Hakone,

DAY1 **SUNDAY 25 MAY 2025** TRAVEL TO SHIZUOKA

Travel from Fukuyama to Shizuoka by bullet train.

### Acao Forest

This garden, built on a slope overlooking the sea, features 13 different themed areas highlighting roses and other seasonal flowers. The Soga Sengen Garden leads to various gardens including the Japanese Garden, the Ocean Garden, and the English Garden with 4,000 rose plants of around 600 varieties in total. The French Rose Garden and the Herb Garden are other highlights. The Coeda House, designed by a renowned Japanese architect, offers a café overlooking the Ocean Garden. The garden won the WFRS Award of Garden Excellence in 2015.

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DAY2 **MONDAY 26 MAY 2025** HAKONE ONSEN (HOT SPRINGS)

### Hakone Botanical Garden of Wetlands

Specializing in wetland plants, this botanical garden showcases 200 species from various Japanese regions, along with 1,700 other plant species, including rare foreign mountain grasses. Visitors can explore diverse ecosystems, from lowland to alpine wetlands. The native Hakone sanshoubara (*Rosa hirtula*) can also be observed throughout the park.

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DAY3 **TUESDAY 27 MAY 2025** GARDEN TOUR IN YOKOHAMA

### Yokohama English Garden

Home to 2,200 rose varieties, this garden is designed to exhibit Yokohama's climate-suited flora through self-guided tours. It emphasizes fragrant four-season roses and won the WFRS Award of Garden Excellence in 2018.

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### Jindai Botanical Garden

Tokyo's only botanical park, located in Musashino area, features 100,000 plants of about 4,800 species across 30 blocks. The rose garden, with 5,200 rose plants of 400 varieties, includes a symmetrical sunken garden mainly with modern roses, areas with wild and old roses, and beds for the International Rose Competition. The garden received the WFRS Award of Garden Excellence in 2009.

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### Keisei Rose Garden

Awarded the WFRS Award of Garden Excellence in 2015, this 3-hectare garden houses 10,000 rose plants of 1,600 varieties. It showcases a range of wild, old, and modern roses, including those bred by Keisei Rose Nurseries and varieties from international rose companies. The garden features a shaped sunken bed design with a variety of roses planted around a pond and in the naturalistic garden.

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Disbanding Location: Accommodation hotel in Tokyo. Includes breakfast.

Nearest airports: Narita International Airport or Haneda International Airport

Nearest bullet train station: JR Tokyo Station.

## A POST-POST-TOUR, THE WORLD ROSE CONVENTION FUKUYAMA IN JAPAN

To the visitors attending the World Rose Convention Fukuyama in May 2025, the Sakura Rose Society has planned a special 4-day tour called "Let's Enjoy the Greenery of Hokkaido Gardens!" immediately following the post tour of the World Rose Convention.

Hokkaido, an island of beautiful gardens suited to the climate and environment of the northern region, is also home to the natural habitat of HAMANASU (*Rosa rugosa*). Since you are visiting Japan, we invite you to enjoy a guided tour of carefully selected beautiful gardens in Hokkaido. You can enjoy local delicacies and wine. The itinerary for the tour is as follows:

31 May (Sat) Depart from Haneda Airport – Arrive in Sapporo Airport – IKOR NO MORI – Northern Horse Park (Lunch) - Rose Garden in Sapporo odori park - Hotel in Sapporo city

1 June (Sun) Hamanasu-no-oka Park in Ishikari – Hotel in Obihiro city

2 June (Mon) Tokachi Millennium Forest (Lunch) – Rokka no Mori – Manabe Garden – Hotel in Obihiro city

3 June (Tue) Iwamizawa Park Rose Garden (Lunch) – Depart from Sapporo Airport – Arrive in Haneda Airport

Maximum capacity: 30 people

Cost: JPY 220,000 (estimate)

\* The tour includes return flights between Haneda & Sapporo airport, bus transfers, 3 nights in deluxe hotels, 3 days with breakfast and lunch and entries to the gardens.

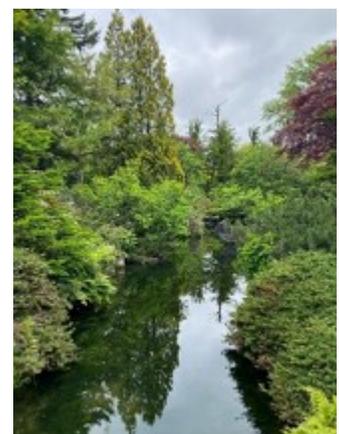
\* For more details, please check the following website:

[https://keiseitravel.co.jp/wp/en/blog/oneday\\_tour/posttour\\_hokkaido](https://keiseitravel.co.jp/wp/en/blog/oneday_tour/posttour_hokkaido)



Left: Northern Horse Park Botanical Garden, Middle: Hamanasu-no-Oka Park, Right: Hamanasu (*Rosa rugosa*)

On the first day, we will stay in Sapporo, the capital city of Hokkaido. You will visit the "Ikor" forest, meaning "treasure" in Ainu language. At the next stop, the majestic natural surroundings of Hokkaido, you will enjoy interacting with horses at the Northern Horse Park theme park.



Left: Tokachi Millennium Forest, Middle: Rokka no Mori, Right: Manabe Garden

On the second day, you will stroll through the Hamanasu no Oka Park, located where the Sea of Japan and the Ishikari River meet. You will enjoy a "*Rosa rugosa* flower walk" while feeling the sea breeze and the soothing wind of Ishikari Beach. You will stay at a hotel where you can experience the rare "Moor hot spring." Moor hot springs are characterized by organic matter derived from plants dissolved in the water. It's also known as the "beauty bath," leaving your skin feeling smooth and radiant.

On the third day, you will visit the Tokachi Millennium Forest, which will be registered as a national park in the summer of 2024. After a lunch break, you will visit the Rokka no Mori, stroll through the forest of Hokkaido's wildflowers such as Japanese wood poppy (*Glaucidium palmatum*). Finally, you will visit the Manabe Garden, known as Japan's first conifer garden, where we will admire Japanese gardens, Western-style gardens, and landscape gardens.

On the final day, we will visit the Iwamizawa Park Rose Garden. This garden incorporates varieties not commonly seen in regions like mainland Japan due to their excellent cold resistance.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Hokkaido Garden Island tour and visiting the beautiful gardens in Hokkaido together.

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## 20th WFRS WORLD ROSE CONVENTION - FUKUYAMA CITY PROGRAM OF EVENTS

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#### Saturday, 17th May

	Delegates Arrive	
09:00 - 18:00	58th Fukuyama Rose Festival in 2025 (Day 1)	Whole City
09:00 - 18:00	Rose Expo FUKUYAMA 2025 (Day 1)	Midorimachi Park
10:00 - 11:00	Grand Opening_58th Fukuyama Rose Festival in 2025 (Day 1)	Whole City
11:00 - 12:00	Grand Opening_Rose Expo FUKUYAMA 2025 (Day 1)	Midorimachi Park
- 16:00	Participants of Pre-Tour Arrive	Midorimachi Park
12:00 - 18:00	Registration Open	Hotel
16:00 - 17:00	<b>WFRS</b> Promotions Committee	Hotel
17:00 - 18:00	Tea Break / Light Meal	Hotel
18:00 - 20:00	<b>WFRS</b> Honours Committee	Hotel

#### Sunday, 18th May (Day 1)

	Delegates Arrive	
09:00 - 18:00	58th Fukuyama Rose Festival in 2025 (Day 2)	Whole City
09:00 - 18:00	Rose Expo FUKUYAMA 2025 (Day 2)	Midorimachi Park
08:30 - 18:00	Registration Open	Hotel
08:30 - 11:30	<b>WFRS</b> Executive Meeting No.1	Hotel
13:00 - 15:00	<b>WFRS</b> Publications Committee	Hotel
15:00 - 15:30	Tea Break	Hotel
15:30 - 17:30	<b>WFRS</b> Classification & Registration Committee	Hotel
18:30 - 21:00	Welcome Reception (includes Meal)	Fukuyama Castle

**Monday, 19th May (Day 2)**

09:00 - 18:00	Rose Expo FUKUYAMA 2025 (Day 3)	Midorimachi Park
08:00 - 08:45	Depart by bus for Opening Ceremony (15 minutes Drive (by Bus))	
09:30 - 11:30	Opening Ceremony (WFRS events, Traditional Fukuyama's Playing Koto)	Fukuyama Hall of Arts & Culture
11:30 - 12:00	Depart by bus for Lunch Party (5 minutes Drive)	
12:00 - 13:30	Lunch Party	Midorimachi Park
13:30 - 18:00	Delegates visit Rose Expo FUKUYAMA 2025	Midorimachi Park
13:30 - 18:00	Buses From Midorimachi Park to Hotel (Fukuyama Station)	
18:00 -	Evening Free / Optional tourist activities	
14:00 - 16:00	<b>WFRS</b> Heritage & Conservation Committee	Hotel
16:00 - 18:00	<b>WFRS</b> Awards Committee (with Coffee / Light Meal)	Hotel
18:00 - 19:00	Tea Break / Light Meal	Hotel
19:00 - 22:00	<b>WFRS</b> Convention Liaison Committee (with Coffee / Light Meal)	Hotel

**Tuesday, 20th May (Day 3)****Roses in Asia**

08:30 - 09:10	Lecture 1	Hotel
09:15 - 09:55	Lecture 2	Hotel
10:00 - 10:30	Tea Break	Hotel
10:30 - 11:10	Lecture 3	Hotel
11:15 - 11:55	Lecture 4	Hotel
12:00 - 17:30	Tour A or B (Sera English Garden / Rose beds in Fukuyama)	
18:00 -	Evening Free / Optional tourist activities	
17:30 - 18:00	Tea Break / Light Meal	Hotel
18:00 - 20:00	<b>WFRS</b> International Judges Committee (with Coffee / Light Meal)	Hotel
20:00 - 20:15	Tea Break / Light Meal	Hotel
20:15 - 22:15	<b>WFRS</b> International Rose Trials Committee / The Breeders Club (with Coffee / Light Meal)	Hotel

### Wednesday, 21st May (Day 4)

#### Roses for the Future (1) Conservation

08:30 - 09:10	Lecture 5	Hotel
09:15 - 09:55	Lecture 6	Hotel
10:00 - 10:30	Tea Break	Hotel
10:30 - 11:10	Lecture 7	Hotel
11:15 - 11:55	Lecture 8	Hotel
12:00 - 17:30	Tour A or B	
18:00 - 20:00	Fukuyama Street Dining	Shopping Street in the City Centre

### Thursday, 22nd May (Day 5)

08:30 - 17:30	Day Tour for Hiroshima-City (Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park / Hiroshima Botanical Garden)	Whole Hiroshima Area
18:00 -	Evening Free / Optional tourist activities	
18:30 - 21:00	WFRS Friends of the Federation Dinner (by invitation only)	

### Friday, 23rd May (Day 6)

#### Roses for the Future (2) Disease Resistance

08:30 - 09:10	Lecture 9	Hotel
09:15 - 09:55	Lecture 10	Hotel
10:00 - 10:30	Tea Break	Hotel
10:30 - 11:10	Lecture 11	Hotel
11:15 - 11:55	Lecture 12	Hotel
12:00 - 12:20	Presentation of the next Regional Convention	Hotel
12:20 - 13:30	Lunch	Hotel
13:30 - 17:30	Tour for Tomonoura	
18:00 -	Evening Free / Optional tourist activities	
19:00 - 22:00	<b>WFRS</b> Council Meeting	Hotel

**Saturday, 24th May (Day 7)****Roses for the Future (3) Other new techniques**

08:00 - 08:45	Lecture 13	<i>Hotel</i>
08:45 - 09:30	Lecture 14	<i>Hotel</i>
09:30 - 10:00	Tea Break	<i>Hotel</i>
10:00 - 10:45	Lecture 15	<i>Hotel</i>
10:45 - 12:15	BREEDERS PANEL (5 breeders/) The Chair: To Be Named	<i>Hotel</i>
12:15 - 12:30	Presentation of the Heritage Roses Conference	<i>Hotel</i>
12:30 - 13:00	Presentation of the 21st WFRS World Rose Convention	<i>Hotel</i>
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch	<i>Hotel</i>
14:00 - 16:00	Visit a local school and meet with the children	
14:00 - 16:00	<b>WFRS</b> Executive Meeting No.2	<i>Hotel</i>
18:00 - 22:00	WFRS Gala Convention Dinner and Awards Presentation	<i>Hotel</i>

## WFRS VICE PRESIDENT REPORTS

Ines Diaz De Licandro, Vice President, South America

During the time period June 2023—May 2024, South American rosarians have held many rose activities in each of the three main countries, Argentina, Chile and Uruguay. As Vice President for South America, I am pleased to report the highlights of the year as well my own activities, for which my objective was the regional promotion of the rose as well as to spread South American rose information and news abroad.

In May 2023, I was invited to the 23<sup>rd</sup> Rose Trial in Barcelona, where I was pleased to preside over the International Jury; a beautiful display of new roses and novelties as well as the gathering of many rose breeders and friends. I also paid a visit to the St Feliú de Llobregat National Rose Exhibition, meeting many of the local association members. This event is relevant because it attracts lots of people: children and expert rosarians and many villagers who love the rose. The rose show excels and they hold classes of cooking with roses, Ikebana, floral art, rose photo contest, painting, etc.



Concurs Internacional de Roses Noves Barcelona 2023 - Rose Festival at Sant Feliú de Llobregat

The Regional Heritage Rose convention held in Brussels during June was our next highlight. A delegation of several Uruguayans took part in this heritage rose event, which excelled from every point of view: lectures, gardens and rose collections, the christening of a new rose, and open air events in fabulous settings. On this occasion, I gave a lecture about Montevideo's 1912 Historic Rose Garden, the first one in South America, where I stressed its architectural and botanical importance.



Uruguayan delegation at the Regional Heritage Rose Convention Brussels 2023

The pre and post tours were also excellent experiences both for roses and rose gardens as well as for museums and firms visited, among which were FELCO and the House of Piaget premises and the unveiling of the Award of Garden Excellence at the Roseraie Château de Munsbach. Some of us took part later as members of the International Jury at the rose trials at Nyon, Baden-Baden and Saverne.

During the winter season, the three South American countries organized events to teach how to prune different types of roses, and instructors also showed people how to take care of their FELCO pruning sheers. When roses at the Palermo Rose Garden of Buenos Aires have been pruned, people are invited to see the process. Cuttings have been prepared during two weeks by the Asociación Argentina de Rosicultura (AAR) and were offered to interested people.

I took part of the special event organized for the pruning of rosebushes at the "Rosa de la Plaza de Dolores", in private gardens and in the main square of Dolores, Soriano. Neighbours and members of the Asociación Uruguaya de la Rosa (AUR) were present and many cuttings were given to interested people. 'Rosa de la Plaza de Dolores' is an unidentified hybrid which was considered a rose of "municipal heritage interest" during last August. The AUR Western Branch has commemorated this declaration with great joy as the achievement of many years of work for its preservation.

During the second half of 2023 I focused on activities for promoting the rose: I wrote articles for BAON and for the Indian Rose Federation, gave lectures in Mercedes and Punta del Este, Uruguay (“Some WFRS Gardens of Excellence”, “The Colour in Roses”) and in Buenos Aires, Argentina (“Multiflora and Wichurana Hybrids”). Many lectures were organized monthly by the AUR and AAR. Jimena McAllister gave a lecture about “The Long Process to Obtain a New Rose”, Graciela Pereira spoke about “Gardens in Australia”, Graciela Romero about “Diseases in Roses”, Marion Staehle about “Success with Roses; with soil and substrate good treatment”, and many more were enjoyed rose lovers in both countries. The annual Bulletin of AAR is remarkable, with many interesting articles as Mariano Saviello’s “Rose ‘Maréchal Niel’ and painter Frederick Childe Hassan”. International publications were also welcomed in the region including Viru and Girija Viraraghavan’s newly issued book *Roses in the Fire of Spring*.

In August 2023, the AUR celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a very touching meeting, where the oldest members of the Association were specially invited. The presence of Mercedes Drever de Villar, Josefina Herrán de Bordaberry and Ana Curotto de Basso was very touching. The history of the AUR was recalled among many enthusiasts both from the capital and its Branches. The event concluded with the sharing a delicious anniversary cake.



**Left: Mercedes D. de Villar and Rosario E. de Fazio (former President of AUR and former VP of the WFRS for South America, Right: Josefina H. de Bordaberry and Mercedes D. de Villar at the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the AUR.**

Spring events started in Argentina with a Plant Fair at the Buenos Aires Botanical Garden. The AAR was present on this occasion with a stand where miniature roses were offered for sale as well as other rose products.



**Garden Plant Fair in the Botanical Garden of Buenos Aires: AAR stand with former President Susana Ferrer.**



In October, I was invited to visit El Carmen Rose Garden in Brandsen, Buenos Aires Province. It is a fantastic XIXth Century “estancia” where new varieties are still being incorporated into the amazing rose garden collection. Later, on November 23, associates of AAR visited this magnificent rose collection and enjoyed a delicious Tea in the ancient estancia.

In the River Plate region, October is the peak of rose blooming so it is time for rose shows both in Argentina and Uruguay (Western region, Montevideo and Punta del Este). The AUR Western Branch named their rose show “Our Heritage” to commemorate the ‘Rosa de la Plaza de Dolores’.



Left: Punta del Este Rose Show, Middle: Author with Octavio Sciandro, Right: Montevideo Rose Show

At the Punta del Este Rose Show, rose samples and especially rose baskets, excelled. Unfortunately, a few weeks after the event, Mr. Octavio Sciandro, the President of the Branch passed away. It was a great shock for all Uruguayan rosarians. Octavio has been a life long rose lover and great enthusiast who has travelled all around the world to rose events. He will be very much missed.

Sometimes the weather is not the best for the rose exhibitors and wind was the protagonist on the day of Montevideo Rose Show. Exhibitors were still able to cope with the bad weather conditions and the displays were very beautiful. Ana B. de Mastroianni was awarded the Queen of the Exhibition trophy.



Left: Floral display Montevideo Rose Show, Middle and Right: Buenos Aries Rose Show

At the end of October, I visited the spring rose exhibition held in the Sivori Museum, in Buenos Aires, where many beautiful rose exhibits and arrangements were on show.

The Rose Festival organized each November by the Asociación Chilena de la Rosa (ACR) in the Parque Araucano Rose Garden is a very renowned event. I visited Chile for that event in November, when roses are exultant. I was welcome by the President of the ACR, Mrs Eliana Flores as well as those in charge of the Rosedal de Parque Araucano; Mrs. Deanne Goude and Mrs. Paula Hurtado. The ACR supports the Municipality during the whole year in order to maintain roses, beds and structures of the Rose Garden in excellent shape. The site is a perfect setting for their rose activities, which comprise of varied offers in order to attract people. For the 2023 event, the ACR worked together with students of the Design University so as to present a beautiful display and live show of roses in fashion, with the inspiration of Greek mythology. A plant market took place below the pergolas of the garden and many nurseries offered their products and roses to interested rosarians and the public.



Above Left: Parque Araucano with the Andes Mountains in back, Middle: Poseidon & Roses, Right: Rose Fashion  
 Below Left: More Rose Fashion, Middle & Right: Plant Sale at Parque Araucano



I gave an open-air lecture about challenges for the rose world together with Mariano Saviello from Argentina whom I invited to join me for this event. The main aspects that were stressed were ways to attract young people to the rose world, some climate change issues and the preservation of heritage roses in the country. The ACR has been involved with every aspect in the Rose Garden to maintain its excellence and plan for the incorporation of other classes of roses.

After a friendly dinner organized by the ACR at the Golf Club in Santiago de Chile, on the following day we set for Quillota, near Viña del Mar invited by Mrs Mónica Infante. Apart from an important plantation of avocados, the property has a gorgeous landscape garden comprising many classes of roses: Hybrid Teas, Polyanthas, Teas and Ramblers. Lunch consisted of a degustation of Chilean specialties and of course, a chilly Pisco sour.



Left & Middle: Eliana Flores, President of the ACR, showing the plaque late member Nora Fuenzalida de Pies, Right: two huge 'Mermaid' rose bushes are the "stars" of the Parque Araucano





Left: Mónica Infante and ACR members at her garden in Quillota, Middle: Coyhaique, Right: Native Rose

In November, the ACR visited “Native Rose”, a firm that was established in 2006 in the Maipo region for the cultivation of *Rosa damascena* and *Rosa centifolia*. After many visits and contacts in Germany, Turkey and Bulgaria, the firm had selected the best types of these roses for the production of rose essential oil, rose water and creams in an area that now covers nearly 40 hectares.

In December I drove nearly 2.500 km from Uruguay up to Coyhaique in Chile to visit the Asociación de Rosas de Coyhaique, the southernmost rose association in the world. Coyhaique is set in an extremely beautiful mountain region of the Andes (Aysén) where winters are very harsh so rose activities must concentrate mainly between November and February. Members of this association have been working hard to make a rose garden around the buildings of the Regional Museum of Aysén.

Coyhaique is a beautiful place and the rosarians are so friendly! We visited Mrs. Pamela Peede’s garden by the rushing River Simpson; we shared a lovely moment, with a delicious tea with homemade specialties. Puerto Aysén and Puerto Chacabuco are two nearby villages in the Chilean Pacific fjords, where climate is very rainy. Roses can be seen everywhere in Puerto Aysén gardens.



Roses are everywhere in Puerto Aysén



After Coyhaique, we drove to San Carlos de Bariloche where I visited a dear rose friend: her rose 'Nevada' captivated me!!

Over the end of the year, the 2-year course for Rose Judges organized by AAR has ended. A celebration took place to greet the 14 new Judges last March.

As WFRS VP for South America, I was invited to the Indian Madya Pradesh Annual Rose Exhibition, where we were glad to appreciate a beautifully organized exhibition, attracting lots of people, among which many young children.

During summer months the three countries organized their upcoming 2024 activities.

In Chile, Mr. Franco Botti, owner of Rosas Botti nursery gave a lecture at Parque Araucano Rose Garden and taught rose lovers how rose cuttings should be done. In Uruguay, the Board met last February and planned the whole-year of activities for the association.



Left: River Simpson, Coyhaique, Right: Author and Graciela Sympson and her 'Nevada' in Bariloche region

In April, members of AAR made a visit to “Santa Deolinda” nursery to visit the roses cultivated there by Luján Armagno and later, in May, Susana Ferrer gave a lecture about “Mythology and Roses” which captivated her audience. Uruguayans made visits to Mr. José Luis Marginet and to Mr. Luis Carrau garden, to learn about and see old garden roses. Preservation and geographical locations of found roses activities carried on during the year.

In May, my book *Rosas Patrimoniales de Uruguay—Legado de Generaciones* (Heritage Roses in Uruguay—A legacy of generations), telling about the history of the rose in Uruguay, the Montevideo Rose Garden, my personal research about heritage roses in the country during the last year, was published. It has been presented in Montevideo, in Dolores and in Colonia Valdense. Now, it is time to deal with the English version!



Left: Franco Botti's lecture, Middle: Ines' new book, Right: FELCO pruning demonstration

## WFRS VICE PRESIDENT REPORTS

Vivienne Black, Vice President Africa

### A CENTENARY ROSE ON THE ROAD

Imagine a '100 year old rosarian' embarking on a remarkable journey through the beautiful landscapes of South Africa, exploring the countries diverse and stunning rose gardens.

This seasoned expert, with a century's worth of knowledge and experience could only be Gwen Fagan.

Starting in Cape Town she made her way with Carolyn Kewley Past President of the Heritage Rose Society in South Africa and her carer Bridget Joshua down to KwaZulu Natal to visit the Midlands Rose Society where she was welcomed by Gail Birss (President of ROSA) and Gill Wilson of the Midlands Rose Society. With the help of Gwen's book *Roses at the Cape of Good Hope*, the Midland Rose Society Heritage Rose Garden was started in 2017. Many of the roses were identified with the help of Gwen's book. Over the past seven years 138 different varieties of Old Garden Roses and quite a few more which still are to be identified were planted in this outstanding garden.

Gail and Gill were honored to welcome Gwen to the garden on a lovely cool winters morning which was enjoyed by all the Midlands Rose Society members.

Two days later Gwen was able to meet 55 of the Midlands Rose Society members at the Beulah's Rose Farm situated in the Midlands, where she gave a wonderful talk on her life and how her love of roses began. She insisted on standing throughout her presentation for more than half an hour which amazed all the rose lovers. Members brought along her book which she was most happy to sign.



Midlands: Left: Gwen lecturing, Middle: Gwen, Gill Wilson & Gail Birss, Right: Gwen with Elizabeth Thornton Dibb



Next, the journey took them to visit the South African Rosarium in Bedford in the Eastern Cape. Gwen was welcomed by members of the Heritage Rose Society Kim van Niekerk and Debbie Johnston.

Gwen originally designed the garden over 15 years ago and she was an integral part of the reason the garden exists. The Rosarium is based on the collection of old roses depicted in her book *The Roses of the Cape of Good Hope*. The garden is designed to be a sanctuary for all genetics of the Old Roses found in South Africa.

In her 100<sup>th</sup> year Gwen was brought back to her beloved Eastern Cape by Carolyn and Brigit, making quite a team with all they managed to pack into a day. Gwen's resilience and tenacity is really only rivaled by her beloved Old Roses.

She firstly travelled 11.5 hours in one day to the farm Albertville in Bedford in the Eastern Cape, where they stayed, enjoyed large bowls of butternut soup and engaged in long talks about Old Roses. Gwen's knowledge is amazing and when she connected with her dear friend Wendy Kroon and renowned rosarian, Barbara Long, the old rose banter started in earnest.

Next day it was on to Wendy Kroon's family farm above the mountains in Graaf-Reinett which lies along the Sundays River, in the arid upland plateau area called the Groot Karoo, where a wonderful collection of old roses are grown on the farm.

Next onto Knysna on the Garden Route, a scenic region on the southern coast of South Africa. It is one of South Africa's most popular and interesting stretches of coastline, a temperate landscape of sandy beaches, indigenous forests, rocky shores and quaint



**Left: Gwen's book *Roses at the Cape of Good Hope*, Middle and Right: Bedford Heritage Rose Garden**

towns where you can do everything from savor fresh oysters to watching southern right whales at play.

The Knysna and Garden Route Rose Society members were introduced to Gwen in the beautiful garden of Rae Gilbert, Bosky Dell which is honored with the WFRS 'Garden of Excellence' award.

Rae Gilbert past Vice President for the WFRS and a known rose expert crowned Gwen with a beautiful garland of roses.



**Left: Gwen with Joanne Johnson President Knysna and Garden Route Rose Society (l) & her carer Bridget Joshua (r), at Bosky Dell, Right: Gwen with Author**

The final leg of the journey takes Gwen and her team to Paarl in the Western Cape where she spent the morning with Vivienne Black VP for Africa on the lemon farm De Hoop, where roses have been growing since 1809.

Throughout the trip our '100 year old rosarian' was not only on a quest for beauty but also on a mission to learn and share her knowledge of the queen of all flowers the rose.

Meeting fellow rosarians, gardeners, and enthusiasts who share their passion for roses and exchange valuable insights. Her journey was not only about admiring roses but also about fostering connections, inspiring the next generation of rose lovers and leaving a lasting legacy.

*(All photos courtesy of Author)*

## WFRS VICE PRESIDENT REPORTS

Doug Grant, Vice President Australasia

The rose scene in New Zealand is now settled down again after the disruptive years due to Covid and wild weather. For much of 2023, rosarians were dominated by the weather with those in the north and east of the North Island most affected. Rose events are now back to normal again.

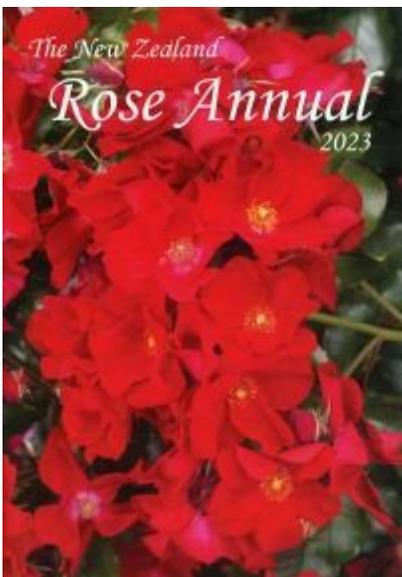
The 2023-24 rose season for New Zealanders started in Belgium with four members of Heritage Roses New Zealand travelling to the World Heritage Rose Conference. Mr Murray Radka presented a lecture on "Project Rescue - saving the heritage roses of Aotearoa".

In August the New Zealand Rose Society Council met and discussed further progress being made on initiatives that benefit rose societies and their members. Benefits to members include biological pest control options from Bioforce, gardening tools from Metrogreen and plant protection products from Grosafe.

The New Zealand Rose Society also continues to produce its own calendar. Photos for the calendar come from members submitted through a competition. The Calendar is a major fundraiser for local rose societies and a useful tool in promoting the rose society and membership benefits. The Facebook group 'Roses Aotearoa' continues to grow with people seeking out advice from experienced rosarians.

Rose Society Editor Hayden Foulds edits two publications for the New Zealand Rose Society members. The 2023 New Zealand Rose Annual was produced in September and the themes in that edition included shrub roses and rose breeding. The 2024 New Zealand Rose Review was published in February and remains an invaluable guide to new roses on the market in New Zealand.

In September, well known Heritage Rosarian Mrs Toni Sylvester passed away. Mrs Sylvester was one of the founders of Heritage Roses New Zealand in 1980. Over many years she made a significant contribution to Heritage Roses in New Zealand.



Left: NZRS Annual with 'Rebel Spirit', Middle NZRS Calendar with 'Gold Medal', Right: NZRS Rose Review with 'Spellbound'



In early November the New Zealand Rose of the Year competition was held in Hamilton. The overall winner was 'Skyla Rose' (Somlasky) bred by Rob Somerfield of New Zealand. This rose also won the Best New Zealand bred rose. Rob was also awarded the Best Floribunda rose for 'Centurion' (Somserlow).

The Best Hybrid Tea and the Children's Choice Award was awarded to 'ROMANZA® Glitz N Glam' (Evecolepi) bred by Jerome Rateau/Andre Eve of France. The Best Climbing Rose was awarded to Bob Matthews of New Zealand for his rose 'Lilac Temptation' while the Best Shrub rose was awarded to 'Candy Eyes' (Chewcoeye) bred by Chris Warner of England. The Most Fragrant Rose was awarded to 'Magnifi-scent' (Jalreddelicious) bred by Brad Jalbert of Canada.

A weekend later in November was the presentation of awards from the New Zealand Rose Society International Rose Trials in Palmerston North. The Gold Star of the South Pacific for the highest scoring rose in trial was presented to 'Mulberry Wine' (Somberry) bred by Rob Somerfield of New Zealand. Rob was also awarded a Certificate of Merit for 'Ginger Crunch' (Somtangor). Other Certificate of Merits were awarded to 'Phlox Meidiland®' (Meicascal) bred by Meilland International of France and 'Infinity' (Mattfin) bred by Bob Matthews of New Zealand.

The annual National Spring Rose Show and Convention for 2023 was hosted by the South Canterbury Rose Society. This was held in

Timaru in early December. This was the first National Show in the South Island in five years and there was a good number of entries from throughout the country. The Champion of Champions for Large Roses went to a large stem of 'My Mum' exhibited by Pauline O'Leary from the South Canterbury Rose Society. The Champion of Champion for Miniature type roses went to a large stem of 'Lucky Stars' exhibited by Irene Taylor of the Waikato Rose Society. Sheree Gare of the Waikato Rose Society won the award for the best exhibit in the special section class with an entry in the class "Wine and Roses". The next National Rose Show and Convention will be hosted by the Franklin Rose Society in Pukekohe from the 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024.



Left: 'Skyla Rose' New Zealand Rose of the Year, Middle: Best Exhibition "Wine & Roses" by Mrs Sheree Gare, Right: 'Mulberry Wine' New Zealand International Rose Trial -Gold Star of the South Pacific, Below Left: Janet Pike -NZRS Life Membership Presentation by Hayden Foulds, Below Right: Mrs Gay Martin, recipient of the Frank Penn Memorial Award for 2024 (Photos by Adrian Bullen and Gina Christensen, resp.)

Three Ranfurly Rose days, fun days for district rose societies, instigated by the late Sam McGredy, where able to be held in the autumn. The Lower North Island Ranfurly was hosted by the Hutt Valley Rose Society after an absence of two years due to weather and covid. The winning society was the Manawatu. The South Island Ranfurly was hosted by the West Coast Rose Society in Greymouth with the North Otago Rose Society winning the shield. The Upper North Island Ranfurly was hosted by the Matamata Rose Society with the Waikato Rose Society winning.



The 2024 New Zealand Rose Society Annual General Meeting was held in Christchurch in May with a good attendance of rosarians from around New Zealand. Mrs Lois Tabb continues as Patron, Mr Hayden Foulds (Manawatu) continues as President with Mrs Bev Fletcher (Waikato) as Vice President. Mr Adrian Bullen (Franklin) returned to the NZRS Council as Vice President. Mrs Janet Pike (Waikato) remains as Immediate Past President. Ms Di Duncan (Auckland), Mr Doug Grant (Franklin), Mrs Daphne Rissman (South Canterbury) and Mr Hamish Cheetham (Gisborne and East Coast) remain on the National Council. On the administrative side Mrs Rachael Chalmers and Mrs Elizabeth Murphy continue as secretary and treasurer.



At the Annual General Meeting Life Membership of the New Zealand Rose Society was conferred upon Mrs Janet Pike. Janet was a past President of the Society, a long time member, rose exhibitor and judge.

The recipient of the Frank Penn Memorial Award for services to a District Rose Society was Mrs Gay Martin of the Feilding Rose Society. Mrs Martin has been a long time rose society member who willing shares her enthusiasm and knowledge of the rose with rosarians and members of the public.

The award for the best large newsletter went to Canterbury Rose Society Editor Mrs Tania Boerlage and the award for the best small newsletter went to Westland Rose Society Editor Mrs Judy Marsh.

On the Heritage Rose scene, Heritage Roses New Zealand Inc has a new National Executive headed by President Anne Morris from Auckland. There will be a National Heritage Conference in Cromwell in the Central Otago region of the South Island from 28<sup>th</sup> November to the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024.

*(Unless otherwise noted, all photos for this report were by Hayden Foulds, save for 'Skyla Rose' By Author)*

## 2024 WFRS INTERNATIONAL TRIALS

TRIAL	Country	Date
<i>Shreveport</i>	U.S.A.	April 27,2024
<i>Monaco</i>	Princ. of Monaco	May 2, 2024
<i>Barcelona</i>	Spain	Canceled
<i>Madrid</i>	Spain	May 17, 2024
<i>Rome</i>	Italy	May 18, 2024
<i>Bologna</i>	Italy	May 25, 2024
<i>Tokyo</i>	Japan	May/October
<i>Lyon</i>	France	June 7, 2024
<i>Hradec Kralove</i>	Czech Republic	June 15, 2024
<i>Nyon</i>	Switzerland	June 15, 2024
<i>Baden-Baden</i>	Germany	June 18, 2024
<i>Saverne</i>	France	June 19, 2024
<i>Paris</i>	France	June 20, 2024
<i>Kortrijk</i>	Belgium	June 21, 2024
<i>Nagaoka City</i>	Japan	May/October
<i>Den Haag</i>	Netherlands	July 4, 2024
<i>Belfast</i>	Northern Ireland	July 19, 2024
<i>Glasgow</i>	Great Britain	Canceled
<i>Warsaw</i>	Poland	Aug 24, 2024
<i>Le Roeulx</i>	Belgium	Sept 6, 2024
<i>Hertfordshire</i>	Great Britain	Sept 12, 2024
<i>Orleans</i>	France	Sept 13, 2024
<i>Rose Hills</i>	USA	Not scheduled
<i>Adelaide</i>	Australia	Oct 21, 2024
<i>Gifu</i>	Japan	May/October
<i>Hamilton</i>	New Zealand	Nov 10, 2024
<i>Palmerston North</i>	New Zealand	Dec 1, 2024

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Australia (1968) - National Rose Society of Australia  
Austria (2001) - Österreichische Rosenfreunde in der Gartenbau-Gesellschaft  
Belgium (1968) - Société Royale Nationale 'Les Amis de la Rose'  
Bermuda (1981) - Bermuda Rose Society  
Canada (1968) - Canadian Rose Society  
Chile (2000) - Asociación Chilena de la Rosa  
China (1997) - Chinese Rose Society  
Czechia (1994) - Czechia Rosa Club  
Denmark (1994) - The Danish Rose Society  
Finland (1997) - Finnish Rose Society  
France (1979) - Société Française des Roses  
Germany (1968) - Deutsche Rosengesellschaft e.V.  
Great Britain (2018) - The Rose Society UK  
Greece (1997) - The Hellenic Rose Society  
Hungary (2008) - Hungarian Rose Friends Society  
Iceland (2007) - Icelandic Rose Society  
India (1968, 1982) - Indian Rose Federation  
Israel (1975) - The Jerusalem Foundation  
Italy (1968) - Italian Rose Society  
Japan (1968) - Japan Rose Society  
Luxembourg (1983) - Luxembourg Rose Society  
Monaco (2012) - Société des Roses de Monaco  
Netherlands (1976) - Nederlandse Rozenvereniging  
New Zealand (1968) - New Zealand Rose Society  
Northern Ireland (1982) - Rose Society of Northern Ireland  
Norway (1988) - Norwegian Rose Society  
Pakistan (1992) - Pakistan National Rose Society  
Poland (1981, 2017) - Polish Rose Society  
Romania (1992) - Asociatia Amicii Rozelor din Romania  
Russia (2007) - Russian Association of Rosarians  
Slovakia (2023) - Rose Society Maria Henrieta Chotek  
Slovenia (2000) - Slovenian Rose Society  
South Africa (1968) - Federation of Rose Societies of South Africa  
South Korea (2018) - South Korea Rose Society  
Spain (1992) - Asociación Española de la Rosa  
Sweden (1994) - The Swedish Rose Society  
Switzerland (1976) - Gesellschaft Schweizerischer Rosenfreunde SA  
United States (1968) - American Rose Society  
Uruguay (1985) - Asociación Uruguaya de la Rosa

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