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From the President

Dear fellow rosarians:

I hope everyone had a great flush of bloom this spring. My roses seemed to bloom later than usual. As I write this article (May 20, 2005) the bushes are in full bloom and so wonderful to enjoy and give to family and friends. I attended both the Greater Atlanta Rose Show and the South Metro Rose Show. Both had



beautiful blooms and exhibits. Congratulations to all of our members who participated. It is such a wonderful learning experience each time I attend. I always leave having seen a new variety I want to add to my garden. We need to set our sites on preparation for our own show on October 15th at the Georgia Botanical Gardens in Athens. Bobbie Reed and Karen Radde have agreed to serve as chairs. They will be calling on the membership to contribute their time and talents so please consider undertaking a job when asked.

If everyone is looking for a break from working in the garden there are several great opportunities in June. We have been invited along with the South Metro Rose Society to the annual GARS Picnic at Fernbank Museum in Atlanta. The garden is lovely and it will be a day for wonderful fellowship with other rosarians. The festivities will begin at 11 a.m. on Saturday June 25th. Roses Unlimited in Laurens, SC is having an open house on Saturday June 11th. It will feature hybridizers from India who breeding varieties that perform well in the heat. We seldom have the opportunity to meet international rosarians. Laurens is only 2

½- 3 hrs. from Atlanta. It would make a wonderful day trip. Roses Unlimited features many hard to find OGR's, shrubs and HT's so you would also have the chance to add to your garden on the trip. Finally we take a break from hardcore rose subjects to have some fun at our June meeting. Louise did a great job on the rose trivia contest at the Spring District meeting in January. She now reprises her role as MC of a new trivia contest at this month's meeting. Please come and participate. We will be playing on teams with all levels of questions.

See you at the June meeting!

Susan

Dates to Remember

June 7: GGRS monthly meeting, 7 pm, Gwinnett Justice & Admin Center.

June 25: Greater Atlanta Rose Society Picnic – All other area societies are invited. Fernbank's Staton Rose Garden.

July 5: GGRS monthly meeting, 7 pm, Gwinnett Justice & Admin Center.

June Meeting Update

Tuesday, June 7th

Gwinnett Justice & Administration Center

With the warmer temperatures we are experiencing, summer seems just right around the corner. It is time to start having picnics, drinking your favorite beverage to quench your thirst, trying to stay cool and using sunscreen frequently. This month's program will kick off the summer season. We will be playing in teams a trivia game created by Louise Stafford. Those who have had the opportunity to play Louise's trivia games at

other events know how much fun her games are. After the game there will be pictures of the Shreveport National Convention and Rose Show, as well as some other things. So please take some time from your busy schedule to join us for refreshments, fellowship and participate in the program.

Picnic At Fernbank

The Greater Atlanta Rose Society is inviting all other area societies to enjoy their picnic this year. It will be on June 25th at 11:00. The Robert L. Stanton Rose Garden is on the grounds of the Fernbank Museum of Natural History. The museum is located at 767 Clifton Road in Atlanta. The garden is actually in the NorthEast corner of the intersection of Clifton Road and Ponce De Leon Avenue. Bring a side dish to share. It might also be a good idea to bring chairs and walking shoes. You will not want to miss a tour of the garden.

Mr. Stanton began the garden in 1983. Today it boasts over 1300 roses. The garden is one of the few test gardens for the American Rose Society and for the All-America Rose Selection.

So do plan on coming to the picnic. This will be a great chance to meet some other Atlanta rose growers and to see some beautiful roses.

Fernbank Directions

From North Atlanta: Go south on I-75/I-85/GA400 to downtown Atlanta. Take exit 248C Freedom Parkway (GA 10 East). Go 1.7 miles to Ponce de Leon Avenue and turn right. Go 1.7 miles to Clifton Road and turn left. Go 1/10 mile to the Museum entrance and turn right. The first right is the rose garden parking lot

From the Snellville Area: Go west on Stone Mountain Freeway Hwy 78. This road will become Scott Boulevard as you enter the Decatur area. Scott Blvd eventually merges with Ponce de Leon Avenue. Travel on Ponce de Leon until the intersection with Clifton Road. Turn right onto Clifton. Turn right into

the drive to the Fernbank Museum. Take the first right into the parking lot behind the rose garden.

Shreveport Spring ARS National Convention

By Mary Peterson

The events of the Spring ARS National are becoming a fond memory to be filed away with the other memories of conventions past.

Being in Shreveport in late April was a treat indeed with green foliage, leaves and grass gracing gardens and parks. Beautiful blooming roses in private gardens and the American Rose Society's gardens lifted the spirits and satisfied the rose loving soul.

In addition to the show and programs, the special added feature was the rose themed quilt show that graced the Whitaker Hall of Honors in the Klima Center at the American Rose Center. Thirteen quilts came in from across the nation from north to south and from sea to shining sea.

I suggested a quilt show for the convention over a year ago and Marilyn Wellan, President of the ARS thought it was a great idea and appointed me to be the chairman of the quilt show. Undertaking a project like this had it's own peculiar difficulties, but with the help of husband, Larry and good friend, Kathy Wyckoff, we were able to showcase the 13 quilts to their maximum effect.

It took the two judges 2.5 hours to point score the 13 quilts and on that basis, ribbons were awarded and Best in Class determined. There were 4 classes which were determined by size.

In the Full size category, Carmen Schultz of Mazomanie, WI won the Best in Class with her lovely quilt, 'Climbing Roses On A Starry Night'. In the Wall size category, I won the Best in Class with 'Roses From Grandma's Attic Window'. The Crib size category was won by Kathy Wyckoff and Laura Coy of Seattle, WA with 'Roses From

the Garden' a unique blend of quilting and machine embroidery. In the Club quilt category the Nashville Rose Society under the direction of Janet Shew won the Best in Class with a crazy quilt loving offered as a tribute to Bob Whitaker aptly named, 'A Joy Forever'. In addition to the official judging, the convention attendees were also encouraged to judge the quilts and vote for their favorite entry that we called the People's Choice. This quilt was Karen Mahshi's of Concord, CA, 'Welcome To My Rose Garden'.

Four of the quilts were donated to the ARS and were sold following the show in a silent auction. The sale garnered \$1025.00 for the 'American Rose Magazine' and new computers.

Marilyn Wellan hopes that a quilt show will continue to grace our Spring National conventions but it will be up to someone in Seattle to serve as the next chairman. Hopefully we will have even more rosarians interested in making and exhibiting a rose themed quilt at our next Spring National convention.



Our very own "blue ribbon" entries from Bobbie Reed and Eloise Butler. Congratulations!

An Interesting Spring in the Garden

Dr. Susan Clingenpeel
Bethlehem, GA

It has been an unusual spring in Georgia. We had sudden hot weather in late February and early March followed by a very cool, wet spring. My roses were later than usual and I was beginning to wonder if they would ever bloom. I had powdery

mildew (massive amounts) on a huge climber of American Pillar. It is the only bush in the yard that had it and it is the first time I remember ever seeing powdery mildew in the spring. The week prior to the Atlanta show we had day temperatures in the low-mid 60's with nighttime lows in the 40's most of the week followed by 80's the Thursday and Friday prior to the show. Being the true rosarians that we are, everyone complained about the weather but we managed to have a fairly large, pretty show all factors considered. The cool weather has provided the chance for several roses that I do not consider strong spring roses (due to their aversion to heat) to produce exceptional bloom. As I write this on May 20th my roses are at peak bloom. What has perplexed me however is that cultivars which are usually bloomed out prior to the main peak (Veilchenblau, Ballerina) are still sitting loaded with buds and no blooms. I have not purchased one new mini this spring (amazing) and have completed my final rose bed with 14 HT's grafted onto fortuniana. I will be interested to see if the fortuniana are worth the hype. My HT's on regular rootstock are large and vigorous and I have no complaints. I am just passively following the exhibitors in the South who swear fortuniana is the only way to grow HT's. I will keep you posted with the outcome/

The following is a brief summary of hits (many unexpected) in my garden this spring:

Dancing Flame- wins the award for best surprising bloom. I have one plant of this mini that is in its second year. It was quite boring last year and produced nothing that I would look at twice. This spring it has been exceptional. I cut 10 bloom for show all with wonderful form and color. I am beginning to think most of Robbie Tucker's roses take at least 2 years to mature. This one has been worth the wait. Bloom size is perfect for a rose classed as a mini. I was just reading show results from all over the country on

Roseshow.com and D.F. seems to be winning all over.

Charismatic- the MinFl has been very pretty with excellent form and consistency. It gets a slight nod over Foolish Pleasure for best David Clemmons bred rose.

Foolish Pleasure- it has produced very pretty bloom this spring and appears similar in coloration and form to Tiffany Lynn. I like the bush growth habit (less leggy, better-spaced foliage) than Tiffany Lynn. My only complaint is that some blooms get way too big and when this happens the form is loose.

Butter Cream- I liked this MinFl it in its first year and our relationship has progressed to love in the second year. It is very pretty and very consistent. I have been pleased with how it has held. I have a very small plant (first year) of the seed sister **Peter Cottontail**. The initial form on it is beautiful. Sandy Lundberg and I discussed at the Atlanta show that at times (at least this spring) we are having a very difficult time distinguishing the two blooms from one another. As a rule **Butter Cream** is a more pure cream while Peter Cottontail often has a hint of pink. Definitely label the blooms if you are taking both to a show.

Day Breaker- I have a secret passion for floribundas (maybe I consider them oversized MinFl's). This one is a favorite. It is a lovely orange blend that attracts everyone's attention. It has been disease resistant in my yard with very glossy foliage. Very good form for those of you looking to add a floribundas to grow for a palette entry. It does not spray too often and therefore good to use in the one-bloom-per stem Fb class.

Affirm- I am certainly not a grower of the latest and greatest HT's but this is a newer variety that I planted last year and I am really enjoying it. It is similar in appearance to Andrea Stelzer (medium solid pink) but a less leggy grower. It holds a very long time with consistently good form.

Lemon Meringue – A new climber from J and P that I ended up winning as door prize a year before its public release. So far hasn't climbed a great deal (may be due to location) but it has very large yellow flowers that hold when cut forever. There are not many good yellow climbers and I certainly would consider this one if you are looking for one for your garden.

Christopher Marlowe- A new Austin with a most unusual burnt orange (copper) with a yellow petal base. There is no other Austin with this color combo that I am aware of. It has a very nice fragrance and is growing well in its second year. The color will either be loved or hated- there is not much middle ground with this one.

La Marne- I had to include 1 older rose that is new to me. This Polyantha was planted last year and it has bloomed its heart out all spring. It doesn't get sprayed much and seems very disease resistant. It has glossy foliage and a lovely bright pink Polyantha formed bloom. My husband even commented on what a "pretty little rose it was".

The above are just some surprises for me by no means do they upstage my tried and true favorites i.e. my perpetual hall of famers (Bee's Knees, Conundrum Irresistible, Moonstone, Olympic Gold etc.).

I would love to hear anyone's comments on cultivars that are new that they have liked this spring.



Susan and her daughter Madison at the South Metro Rose Show where they took Queen and Mini Queen! Congratulations!

GGRS Officers and Rose Help Line

The following GGRS officers and Consulting Rosarians (CR) are available to assist you with your rose questions.

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The Greater Gwinnett Rose Society, which is affiliated with the American Rose Society, meets at the Gwinnett County Justice and Administration Center, 75 Langley Drive, Lawrenceville, on the first Tuesday of most months. Membership is open to anyone interested in growing roses. Annual dues are \$15 for one person or \$20 for two people at the same address. Membership benefits include the newsletter; meetings with informative speakers and programs; and conversations with some really nice rose-growing people! Contact any officer for more information, or come to a meeting.

Renewal: All memberships are now due in January. If there is an error in your mailing address, please notify **Don Schwarz;** 3388 Lennox Ct.; Lawrenceville, GA 30044

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Additional Rose Resources

American Rose Society, PO Box 30,000, Shreveport, LA 71130, phone 318-938-5402. Annual dues are \$37 or \$34 for those 65 or older; a three-year membership is \$100. Associate membership for the spouse of a regular member is \$10. Membership benefits include the *American Rose Magazine*, the *American Rose Annual*, and the *Handbook for Selecting Roses*. **For a limited time, new members may join at a reduced rate of \$32 per year, and will also receive a free rose from Nor'East Roses.**



The **American Rose Society** also publishes four specialty quarterly bulletins: *Rose Exhibitors' Forum*, *OGR & Shrub Gazette*, *Mini News*, and *Rose Arranger's Bulletin* (\$15 for REF, \$10 each for the other three), to help you explore the world of roses. Website: www.ars.org

The **DSD Bulletin** is the 2003 Gold Medal-winning quarterly publication of the Deep South District of the ARS. Subscriptions are \$10 per year, or \$25 for 3 years. Mailing address: Jim & Kay Harrell, 121 Shore Rush Circle, St. Simons Island, GA 31522. DSD email: DSDbulletin@Fairmarsh.com DSD Website: www.angelfire.com/al3/arsdtd

Dues Are PAST Due!

If you have not already done so – please remember to pay your dues. Dues are \$15 for one person, or \$20 for two or more persons at the same address. Elevated dues levels are always welcome.

If you have any questions about your membership, please contact the GGRS treasurer, Don Schwarz, 3388 Lennox Court, Lawrenceville, GA 30044, 770-979-4237, berdks@mindspring.com.

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