

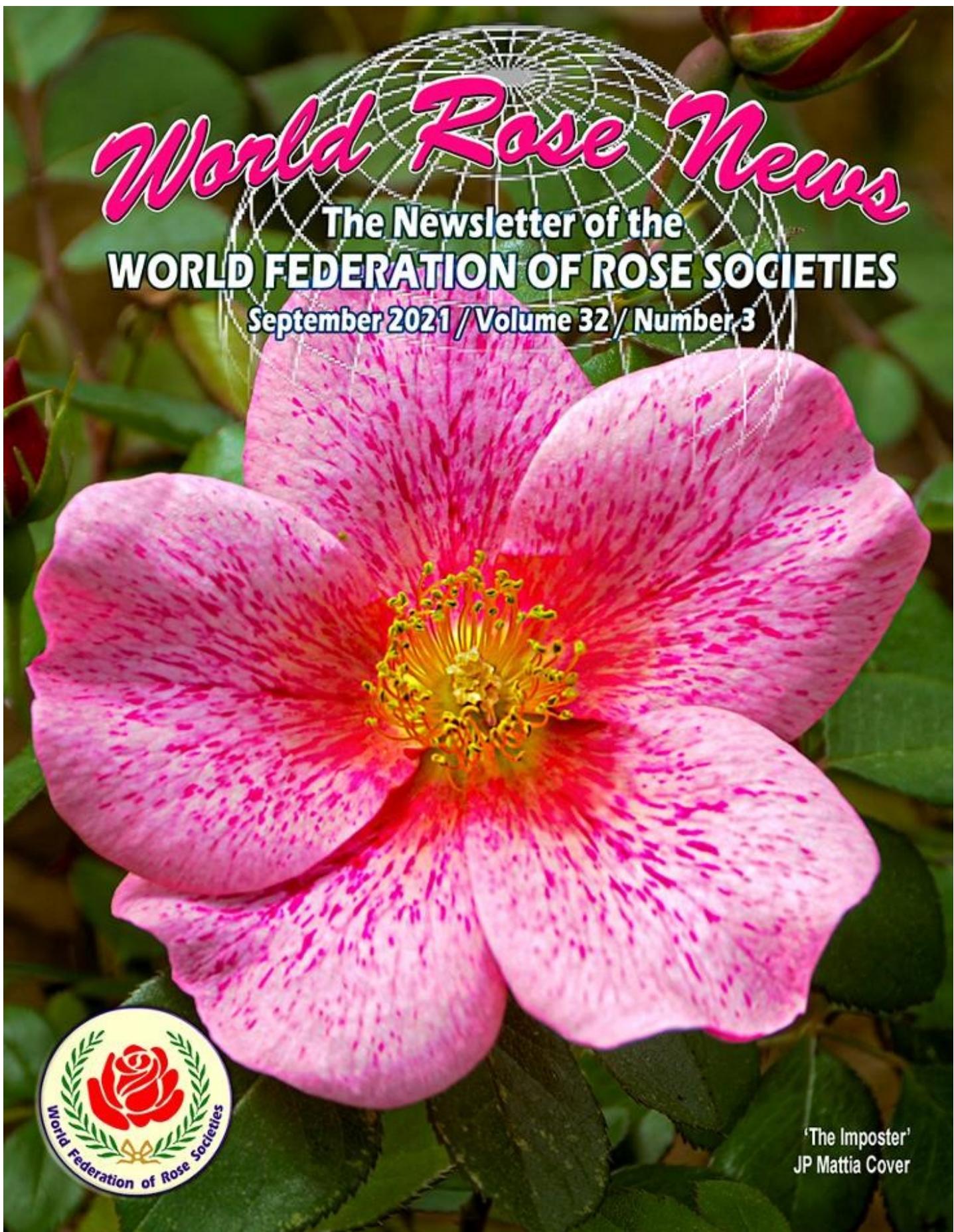
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'The Imposter'
JP Mattia Cover



EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Some of our member countries are finally opening up with the covid vaccine being more widely available while others are being hit hard with new variants. Fall is fast approaching and the leaves are starting to turn colour in the Northern Hemisphere, while the Spring shows will be starting in the Southern Hemisphere. A busy time for all.

My photograph for this issue is 'Altissimo', a 1966 Large Flowered Climbing rose from Delbard-Chabert. This rose is also known as (DELMUR), 'Altus' and 'Sublimely Single'. It is a top exhibition rose here in the United States.

Our cover rose for this issue by John Mattia is 'The Imposter' (MEIrosclém), a 2007 pink blend Shrub from the House of Meilland.

Please note the end of October is the last day for submitting your ideas for the 2022 WRC Name The Rose!

In this edition, we are featuring more "Secret Gardens" from all over the world, reports from WFRS Vice Presidents, and several updates on the World Rose Convention 2022, Adelaide, Australia.

Enjoy!

Steve Jones, Fiddletown, CA, United States



'Altissimo' (1966, LCI)

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

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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.

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www.worldrose.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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Photo: Henrianne de Briey

Henrianne de Briey
WFRS President

Dear Rose Friends:

Here in Europe, we are at the very end of our international rose trial period. As borders in Europe were opened again it was a real pleasure for me to attend most of them.

Just coming back home from the second anniversary of the Warsaw International Rose Trials, I must say I have never attended an international rose trial with such cold weather (8° Celsius), but the general atmosphere with rose friends coming in from Germany, Belgium, Slovenia, and the Netherlands was really warm and we were all pleased to meet our new rose friends from the Botanical Garden in Warsaw.

It is now time for me to prepare to attend the 19th Rosa National Rose Convention in South Africa at the end of October 2021. The event is hosted by the Knysna Rose Society under the umbrella of The Federation of Rose Societies of South Africa (ROSA). I am really enthusiastic to meet our rose friends again in the spectacular garden setting of Knysna and to see the beautiful new varieties bred by Ludwig Taschner. In 1968, South Africa was one of the pioneer countries around the table in London that helped create the WFRS.

In Australia, the 19th WRC organising committee is working hard to produce an incredible World Rose Convention in 2022. Even if there are still some challenges for us to face, we must stay very positive about attending this beautiful part of the world full of roses and iconic places in large numbers.

The dates for our 15th International Heritage Rose Conference are now scheduled from 2-15 of June 2023, including pre and post tours. More on the conference later.

As life is coming back to normal, I really encourage you to think positively going on and to register for these great rose events on your calendar.

With my very best rose regards.



Warsaw Rose Trial Gardens (photo courtesy Henrianne de Briey)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Derek Lawrence

The rigours of 21st Century living can often compel us to seek some form of relaxation or escapism. Whether it's through a turn-paging novel, a toe tapping musical at the theatre or becoming engrossed in the latest TV detective series – we all need to find some refuge.

When I was in my early teens, I discovered that books can transform you into another world. On scouring the book shelves at the school library, I stumbled across a rather antiquated edition of Daniel Defoe's novel '*Robinson Crusoe*'. With a certain amount of excitement and intrepidity, I delved into the musty pages. By the vision of the author's imagination and quill, I instantly found myself on a magical, windswept island. I was hooked into this new world, and didn't want to leave. It was the first time I'd dipped my toes into a literary adventure.

The desire to become a castaway on a remote desert island was recreated by the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) in 1942, with the first ever radio broadcast of '*Desert Island Discs*', which has become a perennial favourite and a British national institution, ever since. The presenter invites a special guest into the studio to select eight pieces of music that they would desire to take as a castaway on a deserted island.

As rosarians, if we found ourselves in the unlikely situation of being a castaway, and could only take one rose cultivar to paradise island, what would we choose? Not an easy task, I know, when you consider the multitude of varieties commercially available. This is testimony to the infinite skills and wisdom of the hybridiser. However, for this fleeting moment of time in composing my message, the rose that I'd choose would be the gorgeous China yellow rose, 'Lady Hillingdon'.

During springtime she emerges with handsome purplish growth as daytime hours gradually increase. By high summer, her blowsy yoke-yellow blooms emit an exquisite perfume. This charming lady gives me undiluted pleasure, as I sit admiring my garden on a warm summer's evening.

I wonder what you'd select? No variety is perfect, but some have this ability to captivate our hearts and take us into another sphere.



'Lady Hillingdon' in author's garden

ROSE NEWS

From the Executive Director

RETIREMENT OF NIMET MONASTERLY-GILBERT & ALAN GILBERT

One of the privileges of being Executive Director of the WFRS is being granted access to work with remarkable personnel whom demonstrate sheer passion for the rose and remain consummate professionals throughout their tenure. Such fine qualities have been exemplified by the outstanding efforts of the couple who tirelessly produced the heritage and conservation journal, '*by any other name*'.

Nimet Monasterly-Gilbert and Alan Gilbert became the duly appointed elected Editors of '*BAON*' at the 17th World Rose Convention, held in Lyon France, during May 2015. Their commissioning coincided with the formation of the newly-combined WFRS Conservation & Heritage Committee.

Undaunted by the prospect, Nimet and Alan literally rose to the challenge to ensure that the high standard from this renowned international publication was not only maintained, but further enhanced to meet the demands of an expanding audience. One of their initial moves was to contact my Office to request that '*BAON*' be circulated to the entire Membership and supporters of the WFRS.

From Issue number 12 to their current concluding edition their unstinting enthusiasm and fervent genuine aims for the continued global effort to secure the preservation of imperilled species and heritage roses has been diligently affirmed. Past editions are archived in the Conservation & Heritage section of the World Federation of Rose Societies website. These journals will serve future generations not only as valued works of reference, but act as testimony to their great work.

We are confident that the benchmark that they have reached will continue in future editions of this highly regarded publication.

On behalf of the President and the entire Membership, I wish to express our heartfelt gratitude.

We wish Nimet and Alan a richly deserved, healthy and joyous retirement.

Arboretum Volčji Potok, by Matjaž Mastnak, Slovenia

In 2017, Arboretum Volčji Potok was a venue of World Federation of Rose Societies' Regional Rose Convention in Ljubljana. The Arboretum Volčji Potok's rose gardens have been developed since then. If you visited the place earlier, now you have an opportunity to see the difference. We invite you to join our virtual tours on the platform HeyGo. After the short introduction to the park, Matjaž Mastnak, the rose expert from Arboretum Volčji Potok, will reveal interesting stories about the roses that we keep in our Arboretum. Spoken language will be English.

Live talks will be aired throughout the next few months. Visit the website for dates.

Join us on <https://www.heygo.com/tours/arboretum-volcji-potok-rose-gardens-with-1000-rose-varieties>

On each tour Matjaž Mastnak will show you other roses and reveal other rose stories.

Heygo is the platform for live-streamed tours all around the world. You can interact with your guide and other travellers through the chat. You can create postcards to remember your trip and share with friends. Virtual tours are for free, but you can show your appreciation with a tip. All you have to do is to sign up and join us on virtual tour.

From May to late autumn, you can admire over 1000 varieties of roses blooming in Arboretum Volčji Potok. The collection of roses covers both historical roses and modern disease-resistant varieties. You can also see wild and semi-wild roses, large rose shrubs, a collection of hybrid musk roses and hybrid rugosas and many climbing roses. In the rose beds, the most numerous is the group of floribunda roses, followed by the most adored garden roses, the hybrid tea roses and grandiflora roses.

The website for the garden is www.arboretum.si/en.



'Ballerina' arch at Volčji Potok

Congratulations!

The Editor would like to congratulate Derek Lawrence, our Executive Director, on passing his written and practical exams to become a qualified Accredited National Rose Judge.

Keep a lookout!

The organizers of the World Rose Convention 2022 will be sending out a special survey on the convention.

The survey will be sent out by the AOG as a letter from our President, Henrianne de Briey, and will have a **hyperlink** at the end of the letter – press on the hyperlink and it will take you to the online Survey. For more information, see the convenor's update on page 15.

2ND EDITION OF THE CONCOURS INTERNATIONAL DE LA ROSE NOUVELLE DE NYON IS A HUGE HIT

By Jean-Luc Pasquier & Hester Macdonald, Photos ©Michel Perret, ADN Ville de Nyon, with permission

The second edition of the Swiss trial was a huge hit with breeders, the juries and invitees. It took place on 26 June 2021, having been delayed, like several other European competitions, due to poor spring weather. Despite 87mm of rain having fallen in the 7 days before the competition, the roses were in superb condition.

The competition is globally unique, it is a “zero treatment” trial, with no biological or chemical treatments permitted. This is to reflect the increasing awareness of rose growers and gardeners for zero treatment plants, and the efforts of breeders to meet these needs.

For this second edition, the first roses arrived in March 2019, for the park, ground-cover and climbers, and the second arrivals were in March 2020 for the remaining categories. The roses were watered, were weeded by hand, and were fed with compost. The excellent and dedicated team at the Services des Espaces Verts et Forêts (parks, gardens and forests) of the Ville de Nyon (SEVN) did an incredible job maintaining the rose garden, and continue to do so, as the roses for 2022 are already in place and thriving.



Drone photo of the rose garden and judging

Under the auspices of the World Federation of Rose Societies, the judging is undertaken by the Permanent Jury, who assessed the roses up to 14 times, plus an international jury on the day of the competition. Both juries are staffed with professionals, experts and keen amateur growers, who are delighted to participate in the trial. The Présidente of the Jury was Monique de Clarens, member of the permanent jury of Bagatelle, member of the commission of roses for the SNHF, member of the international jury for Barcelona, Madrid, Rome, Lyon, Baden-Baden, Le Roeulx, Monaco, Belfast (and previously Geneva), and Chairman of the WFRS Awards Committee from 2012 to 2018.

The points were awarded according to the WFRS standard, 30 points for the plant, 30 points for flowers, 30 points for disease and pest resistance and 10 points for fragrance. There is also a separate permanent jury for fragrance, containing several “noses” who visited on multiple occasions while the roses were in flower over the 2 or 3 years.

Medals were awarded according to the points, 73 points and over for a gold medal, 68 to 72 points for a silver medal and between 63 and 67 points for a merit certificate. The Rose d'Or is the variety with the most points, in any category. The Coupe du Parfum is awarded by the fragrance jury.

The organisation of the trial is managed by a sub-commission of the Société Romande des Amis des Roses et d'Horticulture, with significant support from the SEVN.

90 new roses, 30 breeders, 13 countries!

The first edition in 2020 included 88 varieties, with 27 breeders and 13 countries. 2021 has proved even bigger with 90 new roses, 30 breeders and 13 countries! With an incredible 127 varieties in the trial for 2022, the organising committee has now instituted restrictions on how many roses can be entered by each breeder, from 2023, as space is limited in the rose garden.

The winner of the Rose d'Or is awarded to the rose with the highest overall score, and was won in 2021 by 'Circle of Life®' bred by Rosen Tantau in Germany.



Rose d'Or Winner: 'Circle of Life®'

The winner of the Coupe du Parfum was won by the 'ORAgidel' rose (no commercial name as yet) bred by Roseraies Orard, France. It was described by the "noses" as containing "excellent rose notes, geranium, iris, violet and powder."



Coupe du Parfum Winner 'ORAgidel'



Left: Scan for full rose trial results, Right: New label for garden

A new label

The trial has given rise to a new label “Nyon Zero Traitement” (shown above) that is available to be used by any medal winners, on their marketing, communications, or in store. It is intended to support the breeders in their efforts to create disease and pest resistant roses, and to help consumers choose roses that match their zero treatment expectations.

A new rose!

The trial day was crowned by the baptism of a new rose, the lovely SWEET FRIENDLY ‘Christina Meylan’ named for the wife of Gérald Meylan, Commissaire of the Trial. Gérald, as many of you will know, is a WFRS Past President, and has helped to create, supported or organised, rose trials across the world. After 55 years of active involvement in rose trials, he will be retiring, and the rose is a thank you to his wife “Thanks to Christina, I have had the chance to live this passion, and the honour is due to her.”

The rose is a Meilland creation, part of their FRIENDLY range, and it perfectly matches the values of the Nyon trial. It is floriferous, nectar-rich, fruits abundantly to provide a wildlife food source in winter, and is very resistant to pests and diseases. It is ideal to add to any garden or park, to support biodiversity and add a touch of beauty wherever it is planted.



Left: Baptism of the rose ‘Christina Meylan’, From left to right: Alain Meilland, Jean-Luc Pasquier, Christina Meylan, Gérald Meylan

Right: Jean-Luc Pasquier does the baptism honours with Christina Meylan (middle), Gérald Meylan (right)

BREEDERS CLUB

To Breeders, members of the WFRS Breeders Club

Dear Friends,

The meeting of the Breeders Club and the 2nd International Rose Trials of Nyon went off extremely well - we enjoyed wonderful conditions for the occasion and both Christina and I were thoroughly spoilt with a beautiful present.

I had announced some months ago, that, after 55 years in the world of roses, and particularly in the organisation of rose trials, I would like to take the opportunity of the Nyon trials to step down and hand over the organisation to a younger team. My new free time could then be spent looking after and making our own garden more beautiful, whilst at the same time continuing my passion for roses.

Under the influence of the dynamic President of the Breeders Club, Jean-Luc Pasquier, and with the complicity of two of your breeders, Arnaud Delbard and Alain Meiland, you have illuminated this passing of the baton in a masterly fashion. The plate with your names will have a special place in my office and accompany me with tremendous pleasure in my future undertakings in this new stage in my life. The varieties of roses chosen by you and planted next winter in our garden by Jean-Luc Pasquier will be a fantastic witness to your incredible work for the development of the Queen of Flowers.

The variety named after Christina is a delightful nod from Alain to the everlasting support of my wife during my entire activities for the benefit of nature, the environment and in particular roses.

As I am about to turn an important page of my life, all your acts of kindness are a wonderful demonstration of the friendship which has developed in our different contacts and with that of roses.

Sitting in front of my PC as I write to you, I am filled with deep and grateful feelings towards you. Thanks to you and your warm welcome, kindness, professionalism and support, I have been able to live exciting years and I would like to express to you my deepest thanks from the bottom of my heart.

A new stage is just beginning and I am firmly convinced that with your continual support, all the activities dedicated to the rose within the World Federation of Rose Societies and International Rose Trials, will have a great future.

With my renewed thanks, I wish you every success for all your activities.

LONG LIVE ROSES AND THE BREEDERS!

Gérald Meylan

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Editor's note: I would like to thank Gérald for his many years of dedication to the rose, the Breeders' Club and the World Federation of Rose Societies, and wish him and Christina well in their retirement, although I don't think anyone can really retire from the things we truly love.

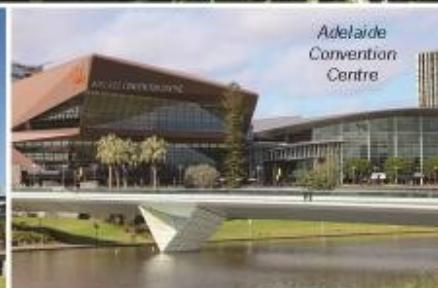


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2022 WFRS WORLD ROSE CONVENTION - ADELAIDE, AUSTRALIA



THE 2022 WFRS WORLD ROSE CONVENTION ‘NAME THE ROSE’ COMPETITION (NEW CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES)

Have you ever wanted to name a rose? Rosarians around the world are invited to invent a suitable name for the Australian bred rose selected as the official Convention rose to be promoted at the 19th WFRS World Rose Convention in Adelaide. The 2022 Convention is named ‘Celebration ‘22’ and will be a massive celebration of all things roses!

From 27 October to 3 November, 2022, the National Rose Society of Australia (NRSA) and the State of South Australia with the support of its five State Rose Societies, will welcome rose enthusiasts from around the world and across Australia to participate in the World Federation of Rose Societies’ World Rose Convention. This special occasion is held every three years and has only been hosted in Australia on one previous occasion in 1988.

The NRSA and the 2022 World Rose Convention Organising Committee commissioned a search for an as yet unreleased Australian bred rose to be named and promoted as the official Convention rose. Australian rose breeders were invited to enter their roses for judging in the trials conducted by the National Rose Trial Garden of Australia to be in the running.

A beautiful Floribunda rose (codenamed ‘*Brunmarj 4092*’), bred by Bruce Brundrett was chosen as the Convention Rose.

This impressive rose produces clusters of medium-sized, delicate pale pink flowers. It has a very circular form with many symmetrical rows of small petals and a slight fragrance. The bush grows to 1m and has attractive, healthy foliage and good disease tolerance and repeat flowering.

Looking for the perfect name – Name the Rose Competition

The competition is open to all Rose Society members worldwide. Potentially the rose name chosen may capture the sense of occasion and the coming together of rose experts, amateurs and friends or perhaps it will be named for the characteristics of the rose or for someone special, the possibilities are endless.

For the person who comes up with the winning name, he or she will receive a free rose and help preside over the launch of the rose during the Convention.

To Enter the Competition:

- Entrants are invited to submit up to three names each.
- Entries close on 31 October, 2021.
- Gavin Woods will act as Competition Convenor; all entries to be emailed to gbwoods@adam.com.au.
- The winning entrant will be advised early in 2022.

Conditions of entry will include a release to allow free and unfettered use of the name selected. The successful entrant will be required to maintain secrecy of their success and the name until officially announced.



Photos: Gavin Woods

Gavin Woods
2022 World Rose Convention Committee
Vice-President, National Rose Society of Australia Inc.

For further information contact Gavin Woods, Email gwoods@adams.com.au



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LECTURE SERIES

Meet our Australian and International Speakers (Part 2)

PROF. CHRIS DANIELS BSc (Hons), PhD, DSc, FAICD

"Australia's Unique Fauna and Flora and the Impact of Humans"



Chris Daniels is Chief Executive Officer of the International Koala Centre of Excellence and Chief Strategic Adviser to Cleland Wildlife Park. He is also Adjunct Professor of Biology in the School of Pharmacy and Medical Sciences at UniSA and Adjunct Professor of Zoology at Adelaide University. In 2020, he was appointed Presiding Member of the "Green Adelaide" Landscape Board for the South Australian Government. He is recognised for his environmental leadership activities centred around wildlife conservation and connecting people with nature.

Australia is the driest and hottest inhabited continent in the world. Our unique flora and fauna have evolved over millions of years in changing climatic conditions. More recently our Indigenous flora and fauna have been impacted by foreign settlers who have significantly altered the natural landscape for farming, mining, forestry and the establishment of our settlements and cities.

Professor Chris Daniels is a renowned, internationally acclaimed, Urban Ecologist and author. For over 20 years, he has entertained and informed audiences with his knowledge, wit and skill – commentating on Australia's unique fauna and flora and their interaction with man-made environments or man-made decisions. In August 2021, an independent jury convened by *The Advertiser* (South Australia's major daily newspaper) voted Chris second in the State's 50 most influential Environmentalists.

This keynote address will introduce the audience to Australia's unique habitat and the animals and plants that call Australia home and also explore the changing human impacts on the natural environment.

PAUL HAINS

"100 years of Australian Rose Hybridising"



Paul Hains is most well-known internationally for the creation of the new WFRS Website in 2018 and for establishing Facebook for the WFRS. He is well recognised for his leadership, having held positions at every level in rose societies, from local to international. Paul has received the two highest honours awarded in Australia for his outstanding contribution to the rose, the Australian Rose Award and the TA Stewart Memorial Award. He has also received the WFRS Literary Award for his first book, *Growing Roses in Subtropical Climates*.

Twice elected as National President in Australia, Paul has been a guest speaker or presenter on five continents, including WFRS World Rose Conventions and WFRS Regional Conventions. He was also a regional president for six years, overseeing many administrative changes to the societies.

Paul is also an avid rose breeder with a collection of new roses introduced in Australia over the last decade. Many of these are used as fundraisers for charities. One of his roses 'Toni', named for his wife, will soon be released overseas. He has maintained an active interest in hybridising and will be able to provide some first-hand insights into the exciting growth and developments in Australian rose breeding over recent decades.



'Toni' (photo by Paul Hains)

SUE ZWAR

"David Ruston and his role in putting Australia on the world rose map"



Sue Zwar is a passionate gardener who, with her husband John, has spent the past 45 years developing an extensive garden in Coonawarra, a premium wine area in the South East of South Australia. This garden now covers about 3.5 hectares with a large variety of trees, shrubs and heritage roses. She has also developed and maintains a variety of public rose gardens around nearby Penola and Coonawarra.

Sue was instrumental in organising the South East Branch of the Rose Society of S.A. and was the inaugural Secretary. She and John also organised and ran the eleventh National Heritage Rose Conference in Mount Gambier in 2012. She is a Life Member of the Rose Society of South Australia.

Sue was born in Renmark, also the birthplace of David Ruston OAM, and in 2008 she and David embarked on writing a book about his life which took over two years in the making. This close liaison with David reinforced Sue's awareness of how important David was to the rose world through his encyclopaedic knowledge of all garden plants, especially roses, and his willingness and generosity in sharing this knowledge.

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THE WORLD FEDERATION OF ROSE SOCIETIES 19TH WORLD ROSE CONVENTION

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



The World Federation of Rose Societies World Rose Convention is planned to proceed in Adelaide, Australia from **27 October to 3 November, 2022**. It is acknowledged that the COVID-19 Pandemic is creating many challenges for international travel to Australia and around the world. At this stage, the Australian Government has stated that it will consider opening its borders to other countries when at least 80% of Australia's population (aged 16 and older) is fully vaccinated, and this feels like a beacon on the horizon.

Currently **75%** of our population, over the age of 16, has had one dose of vaccine and **50%** are fully vaccinated. We hope to achieve the 80% criteria by the end of December or early next year.

What we don't know yet is whether our government will open its borders to every country or just some. We also assume everyone who is already vaccinated from countries where there is an agreement in place can enter Australia, without the need to quarantine. However, they may require a COVID test upon entering our country.

We also don't yet know which airlines will be flying into and out of Australia. Qantas Airways, our national airline, has indicated that it will resume some international flights in the middle of 2022.

So, what does this imply for the World Rose Convention. At this stage, we hope we can proceed with a "face-to-face" convention, as planned, with before and after tours offering an incredible range of holiday experiences – we know you are going to love seeing these iconic places and some beautiful gardens.

Now putting in place a contingency, if COVID prevents some delegates from attending in person, we may organise an "online" participation as an option which will connect you using technology to the Opening Ceremony, Lecture Series and WFRS Awards Dinner. This attendance will require a registration and payment of a fee as global connectivity of a high quality streaming service is expensive from Australia. This is a common practise for many current international conferences.

For those attending in person, we hope to have a registration fee finalised by December, 2021 and will commence taking bookings in January. We recognise this is later than we would wish, but it is the best outcome we can manage in these uncertain times.

For more information relating to the convention and to be kept informed and receive regular updates visit the website and join the mailing list www.wrc22.aomevents.com.au.

In order to finalise the planning for the World Rose Convention, the organising committee has produced a **Survey** with questions relating to your attendance; registration costs; online participation and the tours. This interactive, electronic Survey will be sent by Australia's Congress Organiser, **All Occasions Group**, to all who have registered an interest and are on our mailing list. **We request** your response by 5 November 2021 as the final plans for the Convention depend on your answers.

In the meantime, continue to be positive and hope we can all get back to normal as soon as possible.

Kelvin Trumper AM

Chairman

2022 World Rose Convention Committee

UPDATE FOR 19th WFRS WORLD ROSE CONVENTION

TOURS AROUND AUSTRALIA

It's time to explore some of the exciting tours and locations offering an incredible range of holiday experiences – we know you are going to love seeing these iconic places and some beautiful gardens! October is a great time to visit - the spring weather is moderate in Adelaide with an average October daily temperature usually around 24°Celsius (75.2°F).

PRE-CONVENTION TOUR – SYDNEY AND BLUE MOUNTAINS, NEW SOUTH WALES

SATURDAY 22 OCT. 2022 – THURSDAY 27 OCT. 2022



You are booked for a Sydney Harbor Cruise!

Sat. 22 Oct. - Day 1: Arrival of delegates in Sydney. Meet and greet at airport. Private group transfer to hotel. Dinner at hotel. Accommodation Hyatt Regency Sydney.

Sun. 23 Oct. - Day 2: Early arrival of remaining delegates; informal day, visit to the Royal Botanic Gardens, Rose Garden and Calyx; visit Opera House.

Mon. 24 Oct. – Day 3: Travel by coach to the **Blue Mountains**. Garden visit TBA. Evening Welcome Cocktail Party at the award-winning *Fairmont Resort & Spa, Leura* in the **Blue Mountains**, New South Wales and accommodation for two nights.

Tues. 25 Oct. – Day 4: Garden visit to Everglades House and Gardens featuring 5.2 hectares of gardens constructed in the 1930s; sightseeing in the World Heritage area of Blue Mountains. Return to Hotel for dinner.



Accommodation: Fairmont Resort & Spa, Blue Mountains in NSW



Scenery in the Blue Mountains

Wed. 26 Oct. – Day 5: Visit the Australian Botanic Garden at Mt Annan, a large Botanical Garden specialising in native plants. A highlight of the visit to Mt Annan Botanical Garden will be a guided tour of the Australian Plant Bank and presentation by an international guest researcher speaking on '*Roses under the Microscope*'. We are grateful to the NSW Government through Destination NSW for some sponsorship towards this tour. Return to Sydney. Enjoy the **Captain Cook Afternoon/Evening Cruise** on Sydney Harbour.

Thurs. 27 Oct. – Day 6: Transfers from hotel to airport. Flight to Adelaide.

(Included in tour cost - Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner).

ATTEND THE 19TH WFRS WORLD ROSE CONVENTION

Adelaide, South Australia

THURSDAY 27 OCT. 2022 – THURSDAY 03 NOV. 2022

Delegates arrive on 27th October, registration opens and the program commences with a Welcome Reception at 6.30pm.

The **Adelaide Convention Centre** is conveniently located in the city with at least 15 hotels within one kilometre and several are just across the road. The Official Convention Hotel is **The InterContinental Adelaide**, North Terrace, only 100 metres from the Convention Centre. Visit the website for more details and note the special room rates for delegates - www.wrc22.aomevents.com.au

POST CONVENTION TOUR – SOUTH AUSTRALIA AND VICTORIA

Coonawarra, Mount Gambier, Treloar Roses, Great Ocean Road to Melbourne

FRIDAY 4 NOV. 2022 – TUESDAY 8 NOV. 2022

Fri. 04 Nov. - Day 1: **Adelaide to Mt. Gambier** with a visit to '*Camawald*' private garden and wine tasting at Patrick of Coonawarra. Accommodation at The Barn, Mt. Gambier (two nights). The award-winning Barn is an outstanding location surrounded by 5 acres of English style gardens with great food and wine.



Accommodation: The Barn, Mt. Gambier, South Australia

Sat. 05 Nov. - Day 2: Highlights will be visiting private gardens and the historic Glencoe Shearing/Woolshed built in 1863 now a museum.

Sun. 06 Nov. - Day 3: Travel from **Mt. Gambier** to **Lorne** on the **Great Ocean Road**. A journey on the Great Ocean Road remains one of the world's great road trips. We'll stop at the Twelve Apostles rock formations near Princetown.



Great Ocean Road

These statuesque limestone pillars, up to 50m high, look as if they are floating away from the 70m high cliffs. Visit **Treloar Roses**, established over 55 years ago, the largest rose grower in Australia. This family business, now third generation, is situated in the coastal town of Portland, Victoria. Arrive in Lorne and enjoy some free time. Accommodation: Mantra Lorne.



TRELOAR ROSES in Portland, Victoria – Display Gardens



City of Melbourne (Photo Shutterstock)

Mon. 07 Nov. - Day 4: Depart **Lorne** travel to **Melbourne** and visit the Victoria State Rose Garden at **Werribee**, a WFRS Award winner. With over 5,000 roses covering 5 hectares, this is one of the gems to see in Victoria. Head to **Flemington Racecourse** to view the famous display of roses (To be confirmed). Accommodation: Novotel Glen Waverly (two nights).



Victoria State Rose Garden at Werribee - Photo Susan Meyers

Tues. 08/11/22 - Day 5: Travel to **Morwell Centenary Rose Garden** and **Mornington Botanical Rose Gardens**. Both are WFRS Garden of Excellence recipients. Farewell Dinner at a restaurant/hotel TBA. (Breakfast, lunch and dinner included). ([Next morning check-out from hotel](#)).

POST-POST TOUR No. 1 – DISCOVER TASMANIA

WEDNESDAY 9 NOV. 2022 – SUNDAY 13 NOV. 2022



City of Hobart, Tasmania

Visit **Tasmania** and discover this slice of paradise where the locals promote Tasmania's spectacular scenery, wildlife, gardens and wonderful gourmet produce.

Wed. 09 Nov. - Day 1: Arrive in **Launceston** and visit the famous **Woolmers Estate**, Longford, for lunch. This World Heritage Listed Estate was established in 1817. It consists of an 82-hectare property, including a manor house, the **National Rose Garden of Tasmania**, outbuildings, convict cottages and formal gardens. Next stop **Oatlands**, an important historical village on the shores of Lake Dulverton. Arrive in **Hobart** and dinner at the Hotel. Accommodation: Wrest Point Hobart (Five nights).



Woolmers Estate Rose Garden, section featuring 'Westerland' Climber

Thurs. 10 Nov. - Day 2: Tour of the UNESCO World Heritage site of **Port Arthur** on the Tasman Peninsula. It was a 19th Century convict settlement and now a museum. Ruins include the huge penitentiary and the remaining shell of the Convict Church, built by inmates. This is a famous part of Australia's early pioneer history. Then visit the **Tasmanian Devil Unzoo** where you can come face to face with a real Devil!

Fri. 11 Nov. - Day 3: Coach to the Ferry. Ferry ride from Hobart to **Mona Museum**. Ferry to the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens and lunch. Attend Hobart Horticultural and Rose Show.

Sat. 12 Nov. - Day 4: Free morning to explore **Hobart**, a walk around the wharf and Salamanca Markets is recommended. Visit to Rose Show is another option. In the afternoon visit Coal River Valley for lunch. Free time to walk around the historic town of Richmond settled in 1823.

Sun. 13 Nov. - Day 5: Visit **Bruny Island**. This is a famous seven course gourmet Full Day Tour run by highly regarded tour operator Pennicott - enjoy oysters, fine wine, good food including lunch, cheeses, honey, chocolates and Whiskey from local producers. It takes just 15 minutes on the Ferry to get to Bruny Island. On all the different stops there is famous food. Savour their produce and hear the stories behind the harvest. At every stop sit back, relax and enjoy a fully inclusive experience. Throughout the day you'll see incredible scenery. The light bush of the northern island gives way to the dense rainforest and diverse wildlife in the south.

Tour Ends and **Mon. 14 Nov.**, transfer to Airport. (9th to 13th breakfast, lunch and dinner included.)

POST - POST TOUR No. 2 – NORTH ISLAND OF NEW ZEALAND

WEDNESDAY 9 NOV. 2022 – SUNDAY 13 NOV. 2022

Kia Ora, a warm welcome awaits those who travel to **New Zealand** for the Post-Post Tour following the World Rose Convention in Adelaide. The New Zealand Rose Society is looking forward to welcoming visitors to New Zealand again as part of a WFRS event. In fact, it will be 51 years since New Zealand hosted the first World Rose Convention in 1971.

Wed. 9th Nov. - Day 1: **Fly Melbourne to Auckland**

Transfer to Hotel (suggest the Parnell Hotel and Conference Centre) Dinner at hotel.

Thurs. 10th Nov. - Day 2: **Auckland**

Visits to Parnell Rose Garden, Eden Gardens (lunch) and Van Lier (cut flower rose growers), Dinner with Auckland Rose Society members. Dinner venue at hotel or nearby.

Fri. 11th Nov. - Day 3: Auckland to Hamilton

Visits to Auckland Botanic Gardens, Woodlands Estate (lunch) Wairere Nurseries (garden centre with a speciality for roses) and Amore Roses.

Stay at Novotel Hamilton Tainui. Dinner at Hamilton Gardens Café.

Sat. 12th Nov. - Day 4: Hamilton/Te Awamutu

Visits to Te Awamutu Rose Garden, then to Hamilton Gardens for lunch, guided tour and Waikato Rose Show. Dinner with members of the Waikato Rose Society at Novotel Hamilton. Presentation/Lecture by Rob Somerfield, one of the leading Rose Breeders in NZ speaking on his roses and rose breeding.



Rogers Rose Garden

Sun. 13th Nov. - Day 5: Hamilton/Auckland

Depart for Auckland for return to Australia or home via Auckland or to extend stay in New Zealand.

Itineraries may be subject to change and further conditions may apply. The Itineraries and costs will be published in Dec. 2021 when Registration opens.

(All photos courtesy of the respective companies, government travel websites, or Melanie Trimper.)



A Walk Around the Heritage Garden, Sevenhill, South Australia

By Kay & Walter Duncan

It is quite a drive from Adelaide to the Clare Valley and many often wonder, will this trip be worth it? But when you get into the heart of the valley, you get a sense of something different. A different feel. A sense of nature, of vines and gum trees, and then you have 'The Heritage Garden'.



Left: Front of the Duncan main house with 'Mme Gregoire Stachelin' on right, Right: Archway with 'Climbing Souvenir de la Malmaison'

Our garden is set in the beautiful region of Gillentown, close to Clare but yet a world away. We are on a corner with almost twenty acres to play with and this allows us wonderful access to most of our property. You can enter from Gillentown Road through a gorgeous old pedestrian gate enhanced by picket fence, into a lawn walk covered with 20 arches of 'Climbing Souvenir de la Malmaison'. These are a favorite of Walters and a 'must have' when planning the garden just 20 years ago. Walking through these arches gives a special feel immediately of an era long gone and of what you might find here? To your left and right, behind the arches, start the profusion of old world rose bushes. Many old favorites with once flowering tendencies, producing a profusion of bloom in the spring. Amongst them are: 'Mme Isaac Pereire', 'Kathleen Harrop' on a pole, 'Carabella', (and in summer) eight feet high 'Mme Alfred Carriere' bushes, 'Trier 2000', 'Greensleeves', *R. nitida*, 'Cramoisi Superior', 'York and Lancaster' with its lovely red hips in Autumn, and 'Sombreuil' to name a few.

Turning left at inside the gate the path is nearly hidden by a 20 year old weeping Mulberry tree, given by David Ruston as a wedding gift to us both. From there you might glimpse the echiums, Russian sage, Aster and 'Mermaid' sending up her arching canes to help keep our secrets inside our fence.

Along the southern boundary we now have a row of 12 feet high by at least 10 feet wide yellow *R. banksiae* roses. These are particularly beautiful in bloom and readily screen the garden too.

If you take the path to the right at the bottom of the arches it will lead you past an Australian Claret Ash tree, bred in our own Adelaide Hills. This is surrounded by pavers and a seat which has sweet yellow Crocuses peeping out in Autumn. Silver Birches help hide the garden from the road and create a gracious backdrop. But continue on this path with the oldies on your left, and you will see the David Austin roses doing their best to bloom abundantly with some hindrance from the huge Gum on the edge of our tiny creek. We especially enjoy 'Graham Thomas' and 'Golden Celebration' with their yellow blooms to brighten this part of the garden.



Left: Old garden rose section with rose arches behind, Right: *Rosa banksiae lutea* hedge

Many other old favourites, such as 'Winchester Cathedral', 'Abraham Derby', 'William Morris' and 'Gertrude Jekyll' give so much pleasure in their blooming months. The 'Children's Rose' also in this bed, put on a great show in the spring.

If you keep walking the path will open out into a large expanse of lawn with a scattering of birches and a lovely flowering Prunus. Near the southern boundary we have built a shelter for weddings which borders the lawn walk and is enhanced by a row of short growing white Agapanthus, filled in with small clumps of Alyssum. And to the west of the wedding pavilion is a large bed of the small suckering spinosissima shrub rose 'Altaica'. The expansive lawn creates the setting for our home which was built by us both as owner builders in 2000. We pulled down Walter's parents' home on the southern edge of the city of Adelaide and trucked all the materials up here to Gillentown. We then set about recreating our home, using all these materials and some new ones. We subcontracted the trades and coordinated all the jobs and by the end on 2001 we were able to move into our home together and start creating our piece of paradise.

But as always, the garden had huge priority.



Left: Pedestrian entrance, Right: Crabapple Walk

Poplars were planted along the creek to define the edge of the garden, alas, it has stretched beyond these tall pillars. One can wander back across the lawn and sit awhile in the wedding pavilion to soak up the feeling of the space or imagine the brides that have made huge commitments and changed their lives from that special time in our garden.

Part of the southern boundary is flanked by Olive trees, some loosely clipped and others more tightly as you get closer to the house. And if you do enter from the lane, you would find clipped balls of olives leaning onto the house driveway and defining the area between the Bed and Breakfast cottage and the main garden.

Low stone walls create a step from the lawn to the house and they are filled with more roses and perennials. Climbing 'Lamarque' adorns the front verandah, and after the spring flush sends her tendrils weeping down from the lacework. On the northern side of the house, we have planted perennials and climbing 'Mme Alfred Carriere' and also towards the north western corner, one more

favourite 'Mme Gregoire Stachelin' and under her the beautifully fragrant rose 'Autumn Damask' perfumes our back verandah.

A small Birch grove helps define the northern lawn from the front spaces and entices one to see what might be beyond their weeping branches. More plantings of roses, 'St Patrick', 'Café', 'Gold Bunny', more 'Golden Celebration' and 'Bonica' with the climbing 'Edna Walling' sending up tall canes and then drooping white clusters of bloom appearing just after the first flush of other spring roses. Behind these are some varieties of Philadelphus and a gorgeous crabapple 'Royal Raindrops' with a hint of red foliage.



Left: Summer House, Right: Veggie garden

If you continue west you will find yourself under the shade of the nearly 100 year old Walnut tree. A major feature for us providing the much needed shade in summer. In this shade we sometimes plant annual foxgloves, delphiniums and also perennial hellebores for some winter colour.

Heading further west will lead you from the shade of the walnut, past the chook house to another walkway. This time we have used the crabapple, 'John Downie'.

Keep walking through the Crabapples and you will discover the veggie herb beds, filled with veggies and some flowers that tend to self seed. Poppies, Artichokes, Asparagus, Rhubarb and lots of herbs are divided through the middle with a tightly clipped small hedge of Euonymus, and yet another London Plane tree provides another refuge in the heat of summer, with a rustic simple seat.

Let your eyes guide you north and you will find a newly erected bridge into another 'new' extension of the garden. This creates another axis into a park, but we won't go there yet. Well take you there another way...later.



Left: 'Crepuscule' growing on Bed & Breakfast house, Right: Hedges of Guillot roses

Returning back down the Crabapple walk, take a turn to the right in the small break in the trees and lo' and behold this will bring you to another huge area of roses. This time they have been bred by the French house of Guillot. These roses were planted as a trial bed when Walter had his nursery and were watched closely to see if they would survive our weather conditions, the depth of their perfume and their ability to be disease resistant. All these properties proved to be more than satisfactory...in fact they are wonderful. The yellow of 'Gene Tierney', the delightful pink buds of 'William Christie', 'Sonya Rykiel', 'Paul Bocuse' and 'Versigny'

along with many more, create a perfume to behold. On a fresh spring morning as the sun rises...there is nothing better! In the centre of the Guillot roses is a decorative metal arch clambering with 'Climbing La France'. This is such a feature of this rose bed.

On the southern side of the Guillot Rose garden, a wall of white *R. banksiae* roses helps filter the dust from McCord Lane, but if you continue walking east and back towards the main house, you will discover more pillars with the ever favourite 'Pierre de Ronsard'. He is such good value. He has a profusion of blooms in the spring and tries his hardest to continue blooming all year, with minimal care. To the right of these pillars, we have planted a smoke bush 'Cotinus'. This large bush is appealing for its reddish leaves and the feathery flowers that look like smoke. A mixture of other trees fill this area, but especially appealing are the Linden trees that form an archway on the path as you walk towards the pergola. You will pass some original rose bushes that were here when we bought this property and we have left them in the same position, letting them be free and easy and they duly reward us in the early spring with delightful blooms. The Australian bred Alister Clark rose, 'Climbing Lorraine Lee', one of the first to flower, and soft pink of 'Blush Noisette', always a reminder of the hardiness of the rose!

As you step down towards the lawned area the leaves of the Glory Vine and another Wisteria shelter you from the sun and help give the feeling of re-entering an oasis. The cottage that we rent out as a Bed and Breakfast is nestled in the garden, half hidden by crabapple and pomegranate trees and to your left is the delightful summerhouse more recently added in 2011. It is a delightfully peaceful spot where one can study the plan of the garden or reread the many English gardening magazines that so inspire us all or just have a glass of Clare Valley wine and some good South Australian cheese.

Once you have had a break, head back out under the old Walnut tree. This time head over another Wisteria sinensis clad arbour, over the bridge and into the gravel garden. Here in the early spring before the leaves come out on the Claret Ash, is a mass of Grape Hyacinths. Such a treat at the end of winter. This part of the garden, inspired by our visits to Italy, is very simple. Encompassed by a curved Laurustinus hedge, within this gravel garden you can find two clipped conifer topiarized balls each side of an old garden seat, that has been restored and repaired many times. And also, a lovely old well head that we just had to bring back from the Cotswold's on one of our trips to the UK. It's another quiet space, hot in the summer but delightful on a cold winter's day to catch a bit of sun to warm your bones.

Out through the gates of the curved Laurustinus hedge you will see the Quince orchard. Approximately 200 evenly spaced trees put on a specular show when they are in blossom and then their fruit gives us joy again, going into delicious South Australian quince paste that we love to eat with our cheeses. There is also stone fruit orchard and summer veggie garden, helped along by the bees in our new 'flow' hive. Hopefully we can keep ourselves in honey all year round.

And to add to our delight we have added a 'moon gate' hand built with local stone in the shape of a circle as an entrance into the Labyrinth and our park, filled with oaks and elms and a Gingko or two. And this year 2021 we will be planting up the labyrinth with dwarf Pennisetum rubrum to define the meditative walk. I think it will look lovely with the soft pink flower heads blowing in the breeze as one tries to steady themselves in this ever changing environment.

We do hope you get to visit us during the 19th WFRS World Rose Convention and enjoy the spaces that we have created with such care. Or come and stay in our cottage and fully immerse yourself in the garden. Safe travels to the Clare Valley.

Kay Duncan
The Heritage Garden
In the Beautiful Clare Valley
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SECRET GARDENS

La Bonne Maison

One of my favorite “Secret Gardens” is in Lyon, France, La Bonne Maison, the home of Odile Masquelier and her husband. The garden is located on a high hill overlooking the city of Lyon and offers amazing views. Any person who is interested in old garden roses knows of this garden. The garden was highlighted in a 2001 book by the same name, written by Odile herself, which has had several reprints. I had the privilege of visiting the garden on two separate occasions, the first in 2005 and the second in 2015.

The following was written by Odile about her garden.

HISTORY OF THE GARDEN

When we moved into 99 Chemin de Fontanières in 1966, the two and a half acres essentially comprised a big orchard, a sizeable kitchen garden to the east, a gravel courtyard to the north, and a lawn to the south, all tightly enclosed within surrounding walls.

Over the next ten years, most of our efforts went to the building of low walls and steps creating lawns to link the different levels and to limit erosion.

In 1975, a trip to Scotland opened our eyes to another garden conception: the softening impact of pastel tones, greys, whites, and above all, the historic roses bearing old French names.

This marked the beginning of hedges, planted to cut the north and south winds which blow through the Rhône valley with a withering effect.

Slowly, in spite of difficulties and setbacks, the first Heritage Roses came from England, an old nursery in Angers (gone today), from Germany, etc. Arches ordered from a local blacksmith were set up one after the other; the big porticoes were settled at the entrance of different gardens. Today, over 600 cultivars and species of labeled roses flourish from early April for the first species until the frost.



Left: Ramblers climb up the walls of the house, Right: the Mixed Border and lawn against one of the walls

Research into the archives and library of the Tête d'Or Botanical Garden in Lyon, correspondence with the curators of private and botanical gardens in the USA (Brooklyn Botanical Garden, NY, Huntington Botanical Garden, CA), and with the Madrid Real Botanico, we exchanged grafts and seeds, all of which combined to give La Bonne Maison an interest for passionate amateurs.

In 1987, the garden was first opened to the public and in 1989 became, within the 1901 law statutes, the non-profit ‘Association des Roses Anciennes de La Bonne Maison’ with the object of preserving and researching old roses.

STRUCTURE OF THE GARDEN

There are 9500 square metres of garden space enclosed within the walls of the property. The property clings to the southern side of a Lyon hillside, where the Rhône once slowly dug its bed, leaving behind alluvial deposits. The slope, which used to be furrowed by violent storms, is now segmented by low walls and lawns that link the different levels together to give a bigger feeling of unity, while still preserving the uniqueness of each garden space.

The 65 arches are distributed over 5 pergola tunnels and mark some of the paths or entrances to different garden areas. These are the path pergola, the yucca garden pergola, the orchard pergola, the well pergola, and the secret garden pergola.



Left: Secret Garden, Right: Lawn with pear trees and hostas in front

A big hard packed path bisects the upper and lower ends. Under the sun one walks along a big border of irises and poppies, while in the semi-shade, one will be met by the herbaceous, botanical and tree peonies.

February already sees an important bulb collection blooming under shrubs and trees and bearded irises join them at the end of April.

Then the ramblers and species roses entangled themselves and overwhelm the cedars, cypresses, paulownia, Judas tree, sophora, and prunus. Some very old pear trees are tenderly maintained and cut back as there are so many other props. Clematis (110 varieties) are just as enthusiastic and some, such as '*Clematis armandii*' and '*Cl.spooneri*', climb up to more than 20 metres high.

Today, our compost, which is made with all of the garden waste, is spread over the garden all year long together with an organic fertilizer.

In the last 25 years, there have been no weed killers, fungicides, or insecticides used in the garden.

DISTINCTIVE FEATURES AND MAIN POINTS OF INTEREST

February-March: Spring Flowering Shrubs: *Corylopsis*, *Prunus*, Magnolias, Hellebores, and bulbs: *Galanthus*, *Cyclamens*, *Crocus*, *Iris reticulata*, *Narcissus*, and Species Tulips.

April: Awakening of the Mixed Border. Tulips, Peonies, the first Chinese Ramblers, Persian Roses, Scottish Roses, and the first of the Species Roses.

May: Herbaceous Peonies, the Mixed Border, Clematis. Iris & Poppies. Roses: Noisettes, Teas, and Species Roses followed by the Gallicas, Albas, Centifolias, Damasks, and Bourbons, and the giant Asiatic Ramblers.

June: Clematis, Mixed Border, *Hemerocallis*, Hosta Border, first Hydrangeas, Lilies, and Summer Bulbs.

July: Hydrangea Border, *Hemerocallis*, Hosta Border and the first hips of Species Roses.

September: Perennials, *Colchicum* and *Cyclamens*, Ramblers' Hips, and the Hosta Collection.



Left: Path leading down to the new garden and view of the city of Lyon, Right: lawn with irises in front and *Chamaecyparis lawsoniana* in back

October –November: Autumn Foliage, Cyclamen and Colchicum, and Rose Hips.

The garden is open from 09:30 until 13:00: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and from 10:30 until 13:00 on Saturday. It is open for groups by appointment only.

RATES

March, April, May, June, September, October: 10€ per person.

Member Card for the year: Single 30€; Couple 40€.

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(All photos by the editor.)



Above: Rose beds, Right: Garden path pergola



WFRS VICE PRESIDENT REPORTS

Inger Schierning, Denmark - Vice President Europe I

My Vice President report is inspired by three events that can be linked to the 18th WRC in 2018 and all include the baptism of a rose for celebrities.

Thank you to World Rose News for the invitation to contribute to the September 2021 issue as Vice President of Europe 1.

I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to the Editor and everyone who has contributed to make the *World Rose News* able to continue to bring wonderful rose stories - even though the pandemic challenged our way of life and put it on standby (hold) for almost two long years.

It has been a comfort to delve into the many wonderful memories we have from being together 3 years ago at the 18th World Rose Convention, "A Fairytale of Roses", 2018 in Denmark, when hundreds of rose lovers from more than 34 countries around the globe, gathered to take part in the comprehensive programme, which also included extensive celebrations of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the WFRS.

As President of the Danish Rose Society and convenor of the 18th WRC, I will forever be deeply grateful that we were able to conduct a successful convention in Copenhagen with pre- and post-tours around Denmark and Sweden. See video and photos: www.WRC2018.dk

The many enthusiastic letters of thanks delighted us all. Many local members who opened their gardens especially for the event, continue to correspond with participants from far away.

Everyone who has participated in a regional or a world rose convention has had unique experiences when meeting with local members and hosts, which is far beyond what the programme describes. That's one of the many reasons that Rose lovers gladly travel long distances to be part of the WFRS events.

I would like to begin with a unique event that the delegates experienced on the post tour around Denmark in 2018.

It was July 10th and a warm summer day where we were to visit a gem of a new rose garden located in Mariager, one of Denmark's smallest market towns today, known as the 'City of Roses' since 1912.

Many poets called Mariager "the world's most wonderful little town". However, the idea of the 'City of Roses' was brought to life long ago by a district doctor who loved roses.

He took the initiative of planting approximately 250 roses along the city's streets. The rose population has increased considerably, and today Mariager can undoubtedly call itself the 'City of Roses'.

The desire to promote Mariager as the 'City of Roses' has advanced in a lot of ways over time. However, it first occurred when Mariager's rose expert, Eskild Skau, took the initiative to include part of the former agricultural fair located on the outskirts of Mariager, to form a rose garden as a rosarium.

As WFRS "Ambassador", I was happy to help the city council to initiate the plan by showing potential sponsors the "Presentation" of the 18th World Rose Convention "A Fairytale of Roses" 2018, and also the promise to include a visit to the rosarium during the WRC post-tour for the international delegates from around the world. That offer decided the matter – both personally and as WFRS officer, I am happy and proud of the result.

The entire construction phase was carried out exclusively by volunteers, and Eskild Skau was responsible for purchasing the many roses and preparing planting plans and signs for each and every rose.



The Rosegarden - Mariager DK



The Rosegarden - Mariager DK

Mariager Rosarium (photos courtesy of Mariager Rosarium)



Mariager Rosarium (photos courtesy of Mariager Rosarium)

Eskild Skau wrote in the WRC 2018 program:

"It has been the intention to lay out a garden with as many different roses as possible in the given space. The vast majority of gardens and parks around the world show only historic roses in rosariums, whereas newer varieties are often shown in rose gardens in mass plantings. At Mariager we have chosen to let tradition and renewal go hand in hand and have created a garden that presents the glory of the world of roses from the very beginning to the newest introductions. At the entrance, you are welcomed by two new Danish climbing roses, highly prized for their beauty and fine fragrance: 'Our Last Summer' bred by Rosa Eskelund and 'Grand Award' from Poulsen Roses. At their base is Rosa Sancta, possibly the world's oldest rose. It was found in an Egyptian Pharaoh's tomb dating from 60 AD in the form of a rosary of roses in full bloom. Within the time span of these 2000 years, the garden has a beautiful display consisting of 22 themed beds framed by a perimeter of climbing roses, shrubs and bushes. All roses in the garden are labelled with name, breeder and year of introduction. No other plant has so much cultural history as the rose does. Roses have always been the subject of cultivation and admiration, and their names mark royal families, famous people, wars and much more. Many rose names relate to a location or city. 'Mariager Rose' is a good example. Viewed from the entrance, the garden has been laid out as a rosarium which takes you on a journey back through time, through the many sections of the rose kingdom beginning with the most recent and ending with the oldest varieties and the species roses from which they all originate."



Left: Mariager Rosarium: Playground with 'Flammentanz', Right: Monastery next door (photos courtesy of Per Bracher)

Mariager is also known for a beautiful monastery church dating back to 1448. The church is built on a small hill close to the new rosarium. Our bus stopped at the church and we were met by the Rose Man, Eskild Skau. He entered the bus and gave a warm welcome speech and handed all of us, a booklet with the plan of the rose garden with the name of each and every rose and where to find them and much more.

Before visiting the rosarium we were invited to have a look inside the majestic church with its very impressive French organ, built by Bernard Aubertin. Here we were met by the organist and composer Michael Ustrup. He had composed a piece of music especially for us. It was quite fantastic to be seated in the beautiful church and listen to the talented organist playing only for us - a wonderful welcome to experience the new rosarium.

In June 2017, Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II of Denmark officially visited the new Mariager Rosarium under the expert guidance of a very proud Eskild Skau. Now four years later, many more roses are planted, and they have grown to form a truly unique gem of a rosarium, with adequate signage on all roses and open to visitors all year round.

In July 2020, a new rose was given to honor the Rosarium. The rose is a HT with a lovely strong old garden rose scent, bred by Roses Forever. Eurovision Song Contest winner Emelie de Forrest, born and raised in Mariager baptized the rose and gave a concert.



Left: Roses from a local rose princess to Her Majesty Queen Margrethe of Denmark

Right: Eskild Skau had the honour of guiding Her Majesty the Queen through Mariager Rosarium (photos courtesy of Merete Møller)



Left: A new rose, 'Emelie de Forest', bred by Rosa Eskelund arranged to be baptized, Middle: Emelie de Forest baptizes her rose with champagne, Right: Rosa, the breeder and Emelie, the godmother (photos courtesy of Jens Staun)

Many good forces must work together to create a successful World Rose Convention. Our planning began several years before our bid was presented in South Africa in 2012. Without the tireless help we received from WFRS and experienced former convention hosts, it would have been impossible for us to create a successful and unique World Rose Convention.

Sheenagh Harris was the WFRS President and Convenor of the 16th WRC "Rosafrica" in 2012. Eight months later, Sheenagh came to stay with me, and together we traveled around Denmark and visited relevant people and locations for the further planning of WRC2018. We cannot thank her enough for her tireless efforts and selfless help with every conceivable detail in the planning all the way to the opening of 18th WRC 2018. We would love to have honoured her with a very special rose – but Girija and Viru Viraraghavan of Viru Roses in India came first with an absolutely wonderful rose. They described the rose and the reason for choosing Sheenagh Harris here:

From Girija Viraraghavan of Viru Roses, India:

Rose: 'Sheenagh Harris', Codename VIRRICH, ('Winter Sunset' x 'Golden Threshold') x 'Strike It Rich', continuous flowering shrub.

"Sheenagh Harris is one of our good and longtime friends in the rose world, and who has done so much for the rose, not only in S. Africa, but across the world, as President of WFRS. Being on so many international committees she has been a flag bearer for the rose. This is a rose which we call one of our 'free form roses'. Roses belong to the world of romantic dreams, not the world of cruel rationality. We cannot have roses fitting into artificial divisions like HTs, floribundas etc., to which they have to conform."

We are stifling the beauty of the rose, or overlooking the fascinating diversity available in the rose family, by insisting on fitting them into rigidly preconceived ideas of ideal forms, as though the Elizabethan ruff is what is beautiful and not the entrancing beauty of the face above!



'Sheenagh Harris'

We believe in what we call 'free form' roses. And we always felt that these free form roses would be very appropriate in your country which has the most beautiful wild flowers in the world.

As the rose lover progresses in her/his appreciation of the various forms of the rose flower she/he realizes that the single rose is indeed the most beautiful – a symbol of simplicity and grace in our uncertain world.

When you see Rosa gigantea in the early morning, it gives you the same feeling as when you view Botticelli's painting of 'Venus Rising from the Sea'. Instead of the sea, here the dark night has gone, as the poet Tennyson said 'the black bat night has flown' and we marvel at the rose adorned by glistening jewels of morning dew, as it rises from the shadow of the night into the light of the new dawn. It was indeed a very happy circumstance that our hybrid gigantea strain had produced a very striking

single rose, a repeat flowering shrub with beautiful foliage. This rose, codenamed VIRRICH because one parent is Strike It Rich, has warm colors like the colors of evening in a way reflecting the warm glow of Sheenagh's personality. We know that she has said that she likes single roses and we too are fascinated by their beauty."

It is a great pleasure for me on behalf of the WRC 2018 team and all her friends here to congratulate Sheenagh and send all our deep felt thanks to Girija and Viru for creating such a lovely rose for Sheenagh Harris.

The 3rd rose baptism I would like to tell you about, took place in Kalmar city in southeastern Sweden. It was scheduled to take place during the Nordic Rose Society (NRS) conference in 2020. Every two years, a 3-day NRS Conference is held in Iceland, Finland, Norway, Sweden and Denmark in shifts. All 5 Rose Societies are members of WFRS and the last NRS rose conference was included in WRC2018, where the programme for the next NRC, with the Swedish Rose Society as host was presented. The pandemic postponed all plans. First, until this year and now again until 2023, which is the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Nordic Rose Society.

Creativity and ideas were not postponed. The extra time has been diligently spent in collaboration with Kalmar Municipality to advise, design and plant a new rose garden with a distinguished location as a direct neighbor to Kalmar Royal Castle and the royal park.

President of the Nordic and Swedish Rose Society, Svein-Oddvar Osen, VP Christer Johnson and their team decided to defy the pandemic and create a rose event on July 3rd this year, which was the day agreed with the Swedish Royal House for the baptism of a beautiful new rose to be planted in the new rose garden in Kalmar City. The plans gained momentum and we managed to organize a rose webinar with the speakers who were planned for the postponed Nordic rose conference, and also several other speakers - a total of 10 lectures of 45 min. was sent on zoom on July 3rd to everyone who had signed up - with the opportunity to download the individual lectures and watch them when you had time.

The rose for the baptism is bred by Rose Eskelund, Roses Forever. Everyone who participated in 2018 in Copenhagen know her especially for the 3 roses which were named during the 18th WRC. First it was a rose for me 'Inger Forever', then a rose to celebrate WFRS 50th anniversary - a naming contest among WFRS members chose the name 'Friendship Forever'. The beautiful golden rose has also been chosen as the rose of the year 2021 in Sweden - and the 3rd rose was named 'Prince Henrik' after the recently deceased prince consort to HM the Queen of Denmark.

The Swedish royal family gave permission for the rose to be named 'Royal Estelle' after Her Royal Highness, Crown Princess Victoria's daughter, Princess Estelle. The royal family is normally on summer vacation in Kalmar, and has announced that they are looking forward to visiting the new rose garden.

I had the great pleasure of being in Baden-Baden as a judge on June 23, where 'Royal Estelle' deservedly got the most points and received both an honorary award, a gold medal and the highest award a rose can receive, "The Golden Rose" of Baden-Baden. Congratulations to Rosa, Roses Forever, Princess Estelle and to Kalmar City and its new Rose Garden.

In and around the city of Kalmar there are adorable and enchanting "secret" private rose gardens, which will be opened exclusively to the participants in the NRS 50 year rose conference in less than 2 years. I enjoy being involved in the planning as WFRS VP, and I know it's going to be a fabulous rose event. Kalmar region has so much to offer and maybe some day a WFRS **Regional Rose Conference** could be held in this beautiful, lush, green and botanically incredibly exciting region with islands along the Baltic Sea.

Before then, I really hope many rose friends will come to the 19th World Rose Convention in Adelaide, Australia. It is an absolutely unique opportunity for adventurous rose experiences beyond what one can experience in any other way.

The wait has been long, but now it is only one year until we will meet with friends from all over the world again.

I am really looking forward to meeting all the rose friends again next October in Adelaide.

PREPARING ROSES FOR HURRICANES

Mrs. Diana D. Antonition, JP, Bermuda - Vice President, North America

The last 18 months have certainly been very challenging for everyone around the world. Lockdowns and social distancing have pretty well eliminated group gatherings or in-person meetings – apart from Zoom meetings, that is! Travelling now involves a range of new restrictions and sanctions, extra forms to fill out, pre and post-arrival PCR tests, and mask-wearing is now the norm.

For those of us who are fortunate enough to have a garden, a Rose Garden, this is our little sanctuary. Our garden is a place to retreat and recharge, meditate and get back in touch with nature and leave the COVID world behind, even for a moment.

But life must go on. As we try to get back to “normal”, we must still deal with Mother Nature’s wrath. Living on the small Island of Bermuda, located in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean, we have to contend with Hurricane Season, which runs officially from 1st June -30th November.

Bermuda is situated within “Hurricane Alley”. Storms typically start as lows, usually originating off the west coast of Africa, and develop as they move into the central Atlantic or Caribbean Sea. The easterly trade winds then push hurricanes west toward Bermuda. Historically, our peak period for hurricanes occurs between early September and late October.

So what is a Hurricane?

A hurricane is made up of an Eye, which is the center of the hurricane. The eye itself is eerily calm, usually without any wind or rain, and may hang directly overhead for some 15-20 minutes. Its air pressure is low, and the sky may even be blue and sunny. Although risky, this lull may be an opportunity to step outside briefly to check for damage and to batten down further for the second and sometimes more powerful half of the storm. The Eyewall, considered the most dangerous part of the hurricane, produces the strongest winds, the heaviest rain, spontaneous thunderstorms and possible tornadoes. The outer Rainbands consist of rain-filled clouds that spiral outward, increasing the overall power and size of the system as a whole. These rainbands are the major cause of flooding, when the hurricane makes landfall.

According to the National Oceanic Atmosphere Administration or NOAA, a low becomes a hurricane as the storm proceeds through the following stages of development:

A Tropical Cyclone: When a storm initially takes form, it is classified as a low-pressure weather system with organized thunderstorms, but no fronts.

A Tropical Depression: A tropical cyclone that has maximum sustained surface winds of less than 39mph advances to a tropical depression.

A Tropical Storm: This classification is applied when the maximum sustained surface winds are 39mph or higher.

Category 1: Once the storm’s winds reach 74mph, it officially reaches hurricane status. When the maximum sustained winds are between 74-95 mph, it is a Category 1 hurricane on the Saffir-Simpson Wind Scale.

Category 2: Winds between 96-110mph advance the storm to a Category 2.

Category 3: A Category 3 hurricane is the first of what are called ‘major’ hurricanes, due to their greater potential to cause loss of life and significant damage. At this stage, winds range from 111-129 mph.

Category 4: When maximum sustained surface winds reach 130-156 mph, the hurricane reaches Category 4 status.

Category 5: Category 5 is the highest rating, and describes a hurricane in which wind speed reaches 157 mph or higher, causing catastrophic damage.

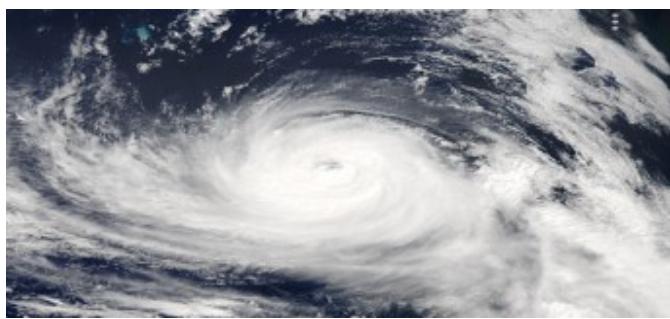


Image of Hurricane Fabian from space - September 2003

Since the mid-1500s, Bermuda has experienced roughly 186 storms, ranging from tropical systems to major hurricanes. Below is a list of some of the most notable hurricanes that have hit Bermuda in recent years:

September 25, 1987 – Hurricane Emily (Cat. 1) was a fast-moving hurricane, making landfall at dawn, bringing with her destructive winds and tornadoes. It was reported that 2,500 homes were damaged, many suffering severe roof damage.

August 6, 1989 – Hurricane Dean (Cat. 2) caused major damage throughout the Island and at the airport.

September 5, 2003 – Hurricane Fabian (Cat. 3) was recorded as being Bermuda's most destructive hurricane since 1926. Wind gusts exceeded 150 mph, while storm surge was estimated at 10 feet. Tragically, 4 people lost their lives.

September 19–20, 2010 – Hurricane Igor (Cat. 1) caused major power outages Island-wide.

October 12, 2014 – Hurricane Fay (Cat. 1) caused severe flooding at our airport, and winds over 100 mph left many roadways blocked with debris.

October 17–18, 2014 – Only five days later, Hurricane Gonzalo (Cat. 2) struck Bermuda, causing major damage to homes, boats and roadways. Loss of power also occurred throughout the Island. The 2014 hurricane season was the first during which Bermuda experienced two storms that made landfall.

October 13, 2016 – Hurricane Nicole (Cat. 3) hit Bermuda with winds as high as 136 mph, causing extensive power cuts and enormous damage to boats. Rainfall was recorded at 6.77 inches, making Nicole the wettest of all storms to impact Bermuda.

September 18, 2019 – Hurricane Humberto (Cat. 3) struck the Island with sustained winds recorded at 110 mph. Even higher winds affected the north-west portion of the Island, causing widespread roof damage, the downing of trees, major power outages and severe loss of crops.

September 14–15, 2020 — Hurricane Paulette (Cat. 2) brought wind gusts reaching 115 mph, causing major power outages throughout the Island.



Damage after Hurricane Fabian - September 2003 (photos courtesy of Bernews.com)

With some understanding of a hurricane's development and structure, and how such massive storms inflict damage on a small Island of 20.6 square miles (along with 181 smaller islands and islets), let's turn to the ways in which Bermudian rosarians prepare their rose gardens for the hurricane season. With today's satellite technology, storm tracking models and the use of Hurricane Hunters, it has become possible to predict a hurricane's path with considerable accuracy. This helps us to determine when, and to what extent, we need to take action.

In order to compile such valuable information, a request was sent to the Bermuda Rose Society membership, asking for everyone's most proven tips and recommendations for keeping hurricane damage to their roses to a minimum, as well as suggestions for encouraging stressed plants back to recovery, once a hurricane has passed.

Preparing for a Hurricane (typically 3-5 days before landfall):

Climbing roses: Trellises and pergolas should be checked for stability, and braced where necessary. Secure canes to frameworks as much as possible, using rope.

Secure bushes to strong stakes, to help prevent uprooting, using strips of strong fabric or rope. Avoid using wire, which cuts into the surfaces of canes. Stake shade cloth, burlap or other material around young plants with undeveloped root systems. During strong winds entire rose bushes have been uprooted and blown across the lawn and others partially uprooted and left lying down on the ground.

Bring potted roses indoors or move them to as sheltered a spot as possible, even inside cars.

Tall bushes: Strong or heavy canes should be pruned, to prevent breakage or excessive swinging in the wind, resulting in severe damage to main trunks at ground level and disturbance to root balls. However, take care to avoid excessive pruning, which itself causes roses considerable stress.

Take cuttings from the most vulnerable plantings, and store them indoors in water, in the event that parent bushes are lost altogether.

Care after the storm:

Using a hose, thoroughly spray all plants with fresh water to remove all traces of salt spray on foliage, remembering to rinse the undersides of leaves, as well. Repeat this process a few days after, to minimize salt-burnt foliage.

Immediately, prune out any obviously broken canes and stems, making clean cuts.

Return partially blown-over bushes to their upright positions, carefully working any exposed roots back into the ground. Use stakes to keep affected bushes upright while they become reestablished.

Two to three weeks after the storm, prune out any die-back below the dead wood to encourage the development of new growth, which usually appears within a few weeks. Repeat this process as required. (Some members have noticed die-back occurring as much as 3 months after a storm.)

Fertilize with an organic fertilizer specifically for roses, organic compost or any well decomposed manure product. A good handful of rabbit pellets dug into the soil boosts the health of roses, as well.

Blackspot may be treated with a diluted solution of Neem oil (follow manufacturer's instructions).

A tablespoon of Epsom Salts, watered in well around the bush, helps to promote new growth.

Many Society members have reported losses of 20% or more of their precious collections following hurricanes. This is one reason why the Bermuda Rose Society is committed to an ongoing propagation program throughout the year. Additionally, the Society grows and supplies roses for its highly regarded Repository Garden at Waterville. The propagation program further provides young bushes in pots for its annual fund-raising sales to the general public.



BRS President, Clare Russell, sheltering 400 Old Garden Roses and Bermuda Mystery Roses in her living room prior to the arrival of Hurricane Humberto - September 2019 (photo courtesy of Clare Russell)

Given the severity and increasing frequency of hurricanes that brush, or make landfall in Bermuda, the existence of The Bermuda Rose Society Repository Garden, a living museum of Old Garden and Mystery Roses, is ever more important. This garden was the idea of Dr. Charles A. Walker Jr., founder of the Heritage Rose Foundation, in 1988. In correspondence with The Bermuda Rose Society in February 2019, he said, "The Bermuda Rose Society has a tradition of fierce tenacity in the face of adversity. Over the years, storm damage to the garden has been just a temporary setback, one that offers an eagerly accepted challenge for even greater improvement....it goes from strength to strength. My role in the garden was merely to recommend; The Bermuda Rose Society deserves all the credit for making it an invaluable reality."



Damage to the south arbor at The Bermuda Rose Society Repository Garden at Waterville after Hurricane Humberto – September 2019



Damage to rose bushes at The Bermuda Rose Society Repository Garden at Waterville after Hurricane Humberto – September 2019 (all of the above photos courtesy of the author)

Over the years, it has been observed that certain rose varieties fare better than others during storms, regardless of where they grow in Bermuda. This could be due to their strong root systems in deep soil, their greater resistance to salt and wind, and their ability to recover more quickly, with less die-back. These varieties include 'Agrippina', 'General Schablikine', 'Parson's Pink', 'Smith's Parish', 'Alton', 'Mutabilis' and 'Vincent Godifff'. Most climbing varieties survive storms quite well because of their strong thick canes, provided they have plenty of support, whether grown through a tree, against a stone wall or on a sturdy pergola.

At the time of writing, we have just experienced a brush with Hurricane Larry with Hurricane Peter and Hurricane Rose brewing out in the Atlantic. 2021 promises to be another busy season with 13-20 named storms, 6-10 of which could become hurricanes, including 3-5 major storms.

Bermuda Motto: Quo Fata Ferunt -- "Whither the Fates Carry Us"

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Fall time is when rose hips develop and are ready to collect for those of us who hybridize (Rose 'Dorothy Rose')



Judging roses in 8°C weather in Warsaw, Poland, from left: WFRS President Henrianne de Briey, Franz Thomas, Marga Verwer, and Martin Vissers (photo courtesy Henrianne de Briey)