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## Coming Clean in the Rose Garden

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**W**hen someone asks why Miracle Grow is no longer working on their roses, I insist it's time to come clean. Most of us would feel rather uncomfortable admitting we encourage addiction. What we don't realize is that chemical fertilizers and sprays create a dependency that is costly and toxic. Because of the complicated relationship between plants and soil ecology, we have to feed our soil as much as we do our plants. Thankfully, there is a new movement in organic gardening that if done intelligently, will require less of your time and resources to create a healthy garden with longevity and aesthetic appeal.



**The soft color and healthy foliage of 'Perle d'Or' is complimented by Nepeta 'Walker's Low' and the vertical accents of Verbascum bombyciferum.**

If you are considering converting your garden over to an organic program, you must first consider if your plant choices are appropriate. The Cranford Rose Garden is a prime example in progress. When I was hired as the curator of this prestigious and historic collection in 2009, I coveted the mature specimens of old roses and regarded the modern beds as black spot-ridden static plantings that needed a good shovel pruning. Over the past several years, I have evaluated the performance of our roses to see which ones are best suited to our erratic seasons with consistently hot and humid summers.

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Dear SRS Members,

I know that most of you were at our Biennial Cocktail Party Benefit on June 30th and I'm very happy about that. It was a beautiful setting and wonderful to see so many people attending. A big financial success for the SRS! We owe a great debt to our hosts, Christl and Kenny Meszkat for opening their home and garden to us.

So many people worked very hard to make this event happen but I am most grateful to Helga Dawn and Lyn Hamer for taking the lead on this event. I think the success of the event is largely due to how diligent and unrelenting they are in their dedication to the rose society.

I would also like to thank Mimi Goldberg, Cynthia Brodsky, Dorothy Nigro, Laura Devinney, Gary Lawrance, Edward Roggenkamp and NancyJane Loewy for their hours of hard work. And a very special thanks to the executive committee, Nancy Rollins, Carol Kroupa and Cornelia Bostwick for helping to make this year's event really stand out.

In this issue of *Dune Rose*, we've included photos from the event but there are many more which can be viewed on our website. You will also find photos from the Rose Show, which was very well attended this year. The results of our annual rose competition are on the next page. I was very excited to see some of our newest members (Patty Kraus & Jack Pearson) competing and I hope their success will bring them back year after year.

Enough about the past; on to the future. We have three more wonderful events this season for you. The first, our Members Garden Party & Photography Competition is being hosted by one of our newest members, Jack Pearson. Jack's Water Mill garden is truly beautiful and not to be missed. Members are invited free of charge and if you bring a potential new member we will offer them a "hard to resist" membership deal. Wine and food will be served. Entries in the Photography Competition should be mailed by Friday, August 31st and this year's winner will see their work published in the Southampton Press.

Next is our garden tour to Brooklyn. We've arranged a great day in the historic Cranford Rose Garden at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. Sarah Owens, whose article appears on page 1, will be our guide through the garden she curates. The Cranford has a unique collection of antique and modern roses all grown organically. Space is limited so please reserve early. It's something to see.

We end our season, with the Annual Meeting, Luncheon and Lecture at the Meadow Club on September 29th. The board is working hard already on the 2013 schedule of events. We're hoping to surprise you with some new ideas. See you in the garden!

**Hal Goldberg, President**

## 36TH ANNUAL ROSE SHOW WINNERS

### Section I

**Queen of Show Trophy**  
Brad Bender (Let Freedom Ring)

**King of Show Trophy**  
Christl Meszkat (Gemini)

**Princess of Show Trophy**  
Larry Carnivale (Hot Princess)

**Best Hybrid Tea Spray Trophy**  
Brad Bender (Neptune)

**Grandiflora Duchess of Show Trophy**  
Christl Meszkat (Queen Elizabeth)

**Floribunda Susan D. Starr Trophy**  
Larry Carnevale (Judy Garland)

**Floribunda Spray Prince of Show Trophy**  
Helga Dawn (Eureka)

**Polyantha Spray Trophy**  
Jack Pearson (Verdun)

**Large Flowered Climber Trophy**  
Christl Meszkat (Joseph's Coat)

**Victorian Rose Trophy**  
Lyn Hamer (Rose de Rescht)

**Modern Shrub Charles A. Belensky Trophy**  
Huguette Hersch (Flower Carpet)

**Queen of Combined Shrub Trophy**  
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**King of Combined Shrub Trophy**  
Brad Bender (Oranges & Lemons)

**Princess of Combined Shrub Trophy**  
Joan Carl (Graham Thomas)

**Best of Show Perpetual Trophy, Allan K. Murray Trophy**  
Huguette Hersch (Flower Carpet)

**Sweepstakes Trophy**  
Christl Meszkat

**Section II**  
**Fragrant Rose Trophy**  
Brad Bender (Oklahoma)

**Showman's Trophy**  
Patty Kraus (Heritage)

**Rose in a Bowl Sean Rehill Trophy**  
Patty Kraus

**Open Rose Eleanore Riess Memorial Trophy**  
Joan Carl

**Rose Arrangement Dee De Niff Memorial Trophy**  
Brad Bender

**Section III**  
**David & Helga Dawn Trophy**  
Joan Carl (Yves Piaget Touch)

**Peter Haring Trophy**  
Hal Goldberg (Countess Sonje)

**Eleanora G. Johnson Trophy**  
Joan Carl (Carefree Beauty, Heritage, Graham Thomas)

**Jane Simonds Trophy**  
Brad Bender (Marilyn Monroe)

**Pauline Gerli Sullivan Trophy**  
Christl Meszkat (Mr. Lincoln Liebeszauber)

**Ruth Vandermade Trophy**  
Brad Bender (Sugar Mom)

**Mr. & Mrs. Martin Richards Trophy**  
Christl Meszkat (Apricot Nectar)

**Sheldon Goldberg Trophy**  
Christl Meszkat (Knockout)

## MEMBER'S GARDEN PARTY & PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

**O**n Sunday, September 9th at 3pm, we will hold our Annual Members Only Garden party at the beautiful home and garden of Jack Pearson. Jack's exquisite garden at 12 Huntington Lane in Water Mill features beautiful old and modern roses and a plethora of unusual plants and shrubs. Wine and food will be served and members are encouraged to bring guests and potential new members (discounted first time memberships will be available to new members.) It is also the site of this years Photography Competition. Detailed rules and procedures can be found online at <http://southamptonrose.org/new-articles/>

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Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Guests \_\_\_\_\_





The Competition



Nancy Rollins & Mimi Goldberg



Jack Pearson & Family



Christl Meszkat preparing her entries



Larry Carnivale



Dai Dayton



Helga Dawn & Dorothy Nigro





Carol Kroupa & Edward Roggenkamp



Jean Shafiroff, Christl Meszkat, Jane Indoe



Richard & Dorothy Nigro, Robert & Maureen Riggio



Mr. & Mrs. Geraghty



Mayor Mark Epley & Lydia Wallis



The Hosts - Christl & Kenny Meszkat  
in their beautiful garden



Dr. & Mrs. Robert Fear



Blythe Gewehr & Warren Hamer

# Coming Clean in the Rose Garden (continued from page 1)

Some of the most treasured and historic hybrid teas will remain such as ‘Mrs. Oakley Fisher’, ‘Virgo’, and ‘Lady Mary Fitzwilliam’. But there are many roses on the market, both old and modern, that can fill the garden with lush foliage year round without the sacrifice of romantic and charming bloom form. Some of my favorite shrubs include ‘Elina’, ‘Gentle Hermione’, ‘Cinderella Fairy Tale’, ‘Caldwell Pink’, and ‘Perle d’Or’.

Plant choice alone isn’t going to guarantee a successful organic garden. One of the most poignant moments of my career came when I saw a sign over a well-known garden designer’s desk that read “It’s the Soil Stupid!” Although not eloquent, it is

the absolute most important consideration in organic gardening. Most people don’t realize their soil is as alive as their plants and the relationship between the two is vital to the overall performance of their garden. Simply stated, beneficial bacteria and mycorrhizal fungi break down organic matter into a form that is available to the plants. Plants in return produce exudates from their roots that feed this community of microbes. If your garden relies on chemical fertilizer to receive nutrients, microbes will not thrive and thus the plants are not able to receive what they need to grow and bloom. Your plants will languish and become susceptible to disease unless receiving a fix of synthetically synthesized nutrients.

Many people declare in frustration “I’ve gone organic but my roses look worse than ever!” It takes several years to rebuild the soil’s ecology after going organic. When I plant a new rose in place of an expired one, I make sure to replace the soil (or at the very least heavily amend with compost). Adding 1-2” of compost on top of your soil before mulching along with an organic fertilizer such as Rose Tone inoculated with a blend of

beneficial microbes will help your plants thrive throughout the season. And for goodness sake, don’t tromp through your beds! Compaction from our well-intentioned efforts only creates an environment that is inhospitable to developing roots but also those coveted microbes and earthworms. Consider using a board to distribute your weight over the surface of your soil, especially in wet conditions.

Once your soil is thriving with beneficial microbes, your plants will reflect this by warding off disease and pests. Not that they will go away completely! By breaking the monoculture of roses and creating more diversity with companion planting, beneficial and predatory insects are able to colonize your garden and reach a balance with the bad guys.

Although the aforementioned tips are not the only considerations in organic rose gardening, by ensuring you have healthy soil and the right plants, your garden will be on its way to being a clean, healthy, and beautiful oasis.

*Editor's note: Sarah Owens, curator of the Cranford Rose Garden at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden is our guest speaker on September 29th and has invited us to view the garden she curates on September 15. Details of both events can be found online or on page 7 of this issue.*



**Perennials and summer flowering bulbs that share similar requirements as roses help create diversity for attracting beneficial insects and create a longer season of interest in the garden.**

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## Tour of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden's Cranford Rose Garden

Join us on Saturday, September 15, 2012, for a visit to one of New York's most beautiful public rose gardens, the Cranford Garden at the Brooklyn Botanical Gardens. We will be met by the garden's curator, Sarah Owens who will be available to answer questions and explain her approach to organic rose gardening

Your visit includes transportation on a deluxe Hampton Jitney coach, entrance fees to the Botanical Garden, guided Rose Garden Tour, time on your own to visit the Japanese Gardens, the Perennial Gardens, the Knot garden, and much more. Enjoy a leisurely lunch on your own, in the Garden Café.

The bus will depart from the parking lot behind the old Parrish Art Museum building in Southampton promptly at 8:00AM. The bus will make a pick-up in Hampton Bays at the LIRR Station at 8:15am.

We expect to depart Brooklyn at 3:30 pm.

### Please RSVP by August 20

**Saturday, September 15**  
**8:00 am Departure**  
**\$75 per person**

**Reply by August 20 to:**  
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**Member's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Guests** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please mail this form with payment  
(check, cash or credit card) or email details.  
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## CLASSES:

- I. Single Rose
- II. Rose Garden
- III. Freestyle – This can be an arrangement display, painting on photograph, collage, embroidery, etc.

## AWARDS:

First and Second Prize Ribbons in each class  
Best-in-Show Silver Trophy (For members only)

## RULES:

1. Classes are open to all members of SRS including professional photographers.
2. The photographs must be the work of the exhibitor, except for matting, mounting and printing. The Rose, Gardens, or creative subject may be grown by ANYONE.
3. Exhibitors may enter one photograph in each class.
4. Entries may be in black & white or color. Each entry must be 5" x 7" matted and labeled on the back with the exhibitor's name, the Class designation and the name of the rose/garden/subject featured.
5. Roses featured, must be identified by common and botanical names for each recognizable subject on the label on the back of the photo.
6. Cropping of image and enhancement for color or clarity by any method in the darkroom or by digital manipulation is allowed. Any other manipulation is allowed in Class III.
7. Class III – also allows manipulation such as removing a portion of the image, distorting, cutting, tearing or chemically changing the image.
8. Entries are due Friday, August 31 – and may be published in future issues of DUNE ROSE and the SOUTHAMPTON PRESS. Full attribution will be given to the entrant and the featured rose, garden or creative subject.
9. Entries will be returned if requested by entrant at time of submission.

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## NOTICES

### **DON'T MISS OUR FALL EVENTS:**

**Sunday, Sept. 9 (Rain Date Sept. 16), 3 p.m.**

Members Garden Party & Photography Competition.

Hosted by Jack Pearson

*No charge for members/\$20 for guests.*

**Saturday, September 15, 8:00 a.m.-6:00 pm**

Luxury Coach & Guided Tour of Cranford Rose Garden,  
Brooklyn Botanic Gardens. *\$75 per person*

**Sunday, September 29, 11:00 a.m.**

SRS Annual Meeting/Luncheon /Lecture

*Guest Speaker: Sarah Owens*

*For more information, visit our website:*

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