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## President's Letter



Jim Berkrot

Dear Members,

This year's Rose Show on June 11th was held at a new venue: the Southampton Arts Center (at the old Parrish Art Museum). Thanks to our esteemed judges this year, Lois Fowkes and Lillian Walsh, and thanks to all of you who exhibited your lovely roses. A special congratulations to all the winners! A complete list of awards appears on page 3. This year's show featured a boutique with exquisite jewelry, clothes and other items. Thanks to all the boutique vendors for taking

the time to travel from NYC with their beautiful merchandise. A huge vote of thanks to Rose Show Chair Diane Vahradian for all her hard work in coordinating such a great event.

Our next event is the annual Members Garden Party, on September 11, which this year will take place in the beautiful garden of Christl Meszkat. If you have not seen Christl's wonderful garden, by all means plan to attend this party! Guests of members are welcome to attend for a \$25 fee.

Rounding out our 40th anniversary season, our annual luncheon/lecture at the Meadow Club this year happens at noon on September 24th. The annual members' meeting precedes it at 11am in the same location. This year features another outstanding speaker, Peter M. Krask of PMK Floral Arts in NYC. Peter has been the resident floral designer of NBC's Today show for 16 years, and he has been recognized by the American Institute of Floral Design for Outstanding Contribution to American Floral Design. His work has been seen in such NYC locations as Rockefeller Center, The Rainbow Room, Macys Thanksgiving Day Parade broadcasts and Lincoln Center Theater, and has been widely published in *The New York Times*, *Martha Stewart Weddings*, *The Knot Book of Wedding Flowers*, and more.

Peter is known for his inventive sense of color and describes his style as classic with a contemporary twist. At our luncheon/lecture he will explore what it means to create beauty in any artistic endeavor, from painting to composing music to floral design and creating a garden. All artists deal with the same set of questions, in different ways. One essential element of floral design, and gardening as well, is working with color in all its nuances. Another is scale, and another is three-dimensional form. Peter will take us on a journey into the art of floral design and

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## Peter M. Krask Floral Designs



Two beautiful floral designs by this year's Luncheon/Lecture speaker, Peter M. Krask of PMK Floral Arts

# 2016 Rose Show Winners

*Here are the trophy winners from our 2016 rose show. Congratulations to all!*

## SECTION I: SPECIMEN CLASS

*Queen of Show*, Brad Bender, Hot Princess  
*King of Show*, Brad Bender, Ingrid Bergman  
*Princess of Show*, Helga Dawn, Touch of Class  
*Floribunda 1 bloom*, Huguette Hersch, Tequila  
*Prince of Show*, Christl Meszkat, Nicole  
*Climber*, Jack Pearson, Purple Splash

*Dowager*, Jack Pearson, Variegata  
*Victorian*, Lyn Hamer, Rose de Rescht  
*Classic Shrub*, Harvey Feinstein, Cape Diamond  
*Modern Shrub*, Michael Staples, L. D. Braithwaite  
*Best of Show*, Michael Staples, L. D. Braithwaite  
*Sweepstakes*, Jack Pearson

## SECTION II: SPECIAL SPECIMEN CLASS

*Fragrant Rose*, Jack Pearson, Love  
*Novice*, Rebecca Williams, Sunsprite

*Rose in a Bowl*, Michael Staples, L. D. Braithwaite  
*Open Rose*, John Doherty, The McCartney Rose

## SECTION III: COLLECTION CLASSES

*David & Helga Dawn*, Christl Meszkat, Tiffany, Gemini,  
Barbra Streisand  
*Peter Haring*, Harvey Feinstein, Earth Song  
*Eleanora G. Johnson*, Jack Pearson, Alchemist, Peace,  
Eglantyne

*Pauline Gerli Sullivan*, Brad Bender, Ingrid Bergman  
*Dorothy Nigro*, Brad Bender, Hot Princess,  
Paris de Yves St. Laurent  
*Sheldon Goldberg*, Harvey Feinstein, Knockout



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: Michael Staples and L.D. Braithwaite; Judge Lillian Walsh at work; Nancy Rollins and Harvey Feinstein

## 2016 Rose Show Photos



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Ready for judging; Roses and art on display; Christl Meszkat and Nicole; Winners and trophies

# My Favorite Rose

By Anne Halpin

*In this issue we welcome Dorothy Nigro to My Favorite Rose. A founding member of the Southampton Rose Society, Dorothy served as our first President, for two terms. It is especially fitting to hear her thoughts about her favorite rose as we celebrate our 40th anniversary.*

The SRS began with 20 members back in 1976 “and then,” recalls Dorothy, “it just grew.” Dorothy was an American Rose Society show judge until last year, and 10 years prior to that she judged only Long Island Rose Society shows to stay closer to home. Dorothy showed in our rose show for years and won many ribbons for her hybrid teas. One of our show trophies is named in her honor.

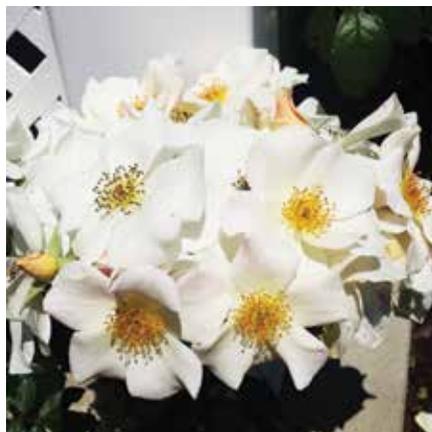
For many years Dorothy and her husband, Richard, had a home in Southampton, on the shores of Middle Pond. The property contained a large main house and a smaller guest cottage close to the water. Dorothy had magnificent rose gardens at both. Now retired, Dorothy and Richard live in a community in the Moriches area, with a small—but nonetheless beautiful—garden.

Dorothy’s favorite rose, if she had to choose just one, is the light pink large-flowered climber New Dawn because, she explains, “I’ve grown it at every house I’ve ever had.” At the big house in Southampton, New Dawn covered the children’s playhouse. One of Dorothy’s rose gardens was formal, and New Dawn covered an arch over a brick path at the entrance. Dorothy planted two New Dawns on either side of the arch and let them grow tall, and they covered the arch. “It was very lush,” she remarks. Through the arch, the brick path continued until it reached a pool and fountain with a stone sculpture of a boy. On either side of the path were semicircular beds of hybrid teas. “I had all different colors,” Dorothy recalls. The formal circular garden was encircled by a low boxwood hedge. On the other side of the property, in front of a higher hedge, was another bed of non-hybrid-tea roses--grandifloras, floribundas and David Austin roses--in many different colors.



New Dawn

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LEFT: Dublin Bay on Dorothy’s pergola; MIDDLE: Sally Holmes; RIGHT: Pergola with New Dawn

# From the Archives

*In celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Southampton Rose Society this year, we are sharing bits of SRS history in this special feature in Dune Rose. The material we present is courtesy of Lois Fowkes, an SRS founding member (and current member), past president and a judge for our 2015 and 2016 Rose Shows. Lois kept an album over the years which she has generously shared, and now in Dune Rose we are able to share excerpts with you. Many thanks to Lois for sharing this window into SRS history!*

## Organic Gardening Hints for Roses

(from the *Southampton Rose Society Annual*, vol. 1, no.1, April 1977 )

*This article appeared in the first ever Southampton Rose Society annual. Editor: Mrs. Joseph J. Scancarello; Co-editor: Mrs. Lee M. Oser, Jr.; Editorial Consultants: Mrs. Paul Cohen, Mrs. Arthur Boyer Schoen, Mrs. Robinson Simonds. SRS President: Mrs. Richard A. Nigro*

### DIAGNOSING THE PROBLEM:

Try to determine what is infesting your plants—look for bugs in, and around, the plants and in the soil for clues. If you catch a bug in the act, pick it off and squash it. If one rose leaf shows signs of black spot, for example, it can usually be prevented from spreading by picking off the leaf.

Before deciding that your garden is pest ridden, remember that many plant troubles are caused not by insects or diseases, but by malpractices, such as overwatering (rot), underwatering (wilt) and poor soil condition.

### PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE:

“An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure” is well worth remembering. Good watering practices can help prevent some diseases. Water the soil directly under your rose bushes, rather than the entire bush, to prevent mildew. Don't overlook the necessity of keeping your plants free from fallen dead leaves and diseased parts left on the ground. Compost or dig in all fallen leaves and mulches that have been in place for more than a season or two, to eliminate breeding places for insects and diseases.

Hosing with a stiff stream of water will dislodge insects that are high in trees, or flying, or in large

numbers, such as aphids clustered on the rose canes. Most of the washed-off insects will starve or die of exposure before they can get back to the plant. If kept under control, hosing will be adequate.

If insects occur in large numbers, however, you may have to turn to sprays for assistance. Try an old toothbrush dipped in oil spray to brush off scale type insects and determined insects that you can't budge with the hose. Birds are a help, too, providing they are the insect-eating species. The most beneficial kinds include titmice, chickadees, nuthatches, mockingbirds, thrushes, robins and bluebirds, wrens, waxwings, warblers and orioles. Frogs, toads, lizards and snakes are also insect predators of some value.

### INTERPLANTING:

This is perhaps the best TRUE organic route in gardening. It is simply a matter of complementary plantings in the garden—arranging natural plants to the best advantage of all. Garlic and chives planted among roses, for example, guard against black spot, mildew and aphids. Geraniums planted among roses or grapes are effective as a deterrent against Japanese beetles. And parsley near roses wards off rose beetles. 🌿

*Cultural information courtesy of Jackson & Perkins*

# 2016 Events Calendar

## **SOUTHAMPTON ROSE SOCIETY EVENTS**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 (Rain date SEPT. 18),  
4 PM**

### **Annual Members Garden Party**

*Location:* The garden of Christl Meszkat  
Southampton, NY 11968

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 11 AM**

### **Annual Members Meeting**

*Location:* The Meadow Club  
555 First Neck Lane,  
Southampton, NY 11968

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 12 PM**

### **Annual Luncheon/Lecture**

*Guest Speaker:* Peter M. Krask, PMK Floral  
Arts, NYC  
*Location:* The Meadow Club

## **HORTICULTURAL ALLIANCE OF THE HAMPTONS (HAH) MONTHLY LECTURES**

The HAH lectures take place on Sunday afternoons at 2 PM in the Bridgehampton Community Center on Montauk Highway in Bridgehampton

### **SEPTEMBER 11**

Scott Howe, *Geology, Natural History and the Art: The Parrish Museum's Landscape*

### **OCTOBER 16**

Marta McDowell, *All the Presidents' Gardens*

### **NOVEMBER 13**

Bruce Crawford, *Small Trees for the Home Landscape*

### **DECEMBER 11**

Dennis Schrader, *Tropical Immersion: The Costa Rica Garden Designed by Dennis Schrader*

## **LONG ISLAND ROSE SOCIETY EVENTS**

The Long Island Rose Society holds monthly meetings on the second Friday of each month at 7:00 PM from March to December. Meetings are held at the Plainview/Old Bethpage Public Library, 999 Old Country Road, Plainview. The annual Rose Show takes place in June at the Planting Fields Arboretum.

For information visit: [longislandroses.org](http://longislandroses.org).

## **PRESIDENT'S LETTER, *continued from page 1***

flower gardening. It is sure to be an enlightening trip. You can see an example of Peter's work on page 2 of this issue. Be sure to join us, and bring a friend or two! I look forward to seeing you there.

Tickets are \$100 each, for members and guests. You can purchase tickets through PayPal, or send a check or your credit card information to Southampton Rose Society, P.O. Box 1022, Southampton, NY 11969. If you are bringing guests, we will also need to have their names. Remember, the proceeds help to support the maintenance of the five public gardens we created and care for in Southampton Village.

Thanks to all our members for their support and for a great summer season. Looking forward to seeing you in September.

Best regards,



Jim Berkrot  
PRESIDENT, Southampton Rose Society



### MY FAVORITE ROSE, *continued from page 5*

Today Dorothy's garden is much smaller, but it still includes New Dawn. In their small backyard, just outside the back door, the Nigros have created a little paradise. There's a patio with a pergola over the top, and on each of the pillars supporting the top are climbing roses. New Dawn grows on one, Dublin Bay, a medium red large-flowered climber (and Dorothy's runner-up favorite rose) on another. Sally Holmes, a single-flowered white rose with a beguiling cluster of golden stamens in the center of each flower, and another of Dorothy's favorites, is also in residence. All of these roses earn high ratings in the 2016 ARS Handbook for Selecting Roses: New Dawn scores 8.4, Dublin Bay also 8.4 and Sally Holmes comes in at 8.8.

In beds around the perimeter are beds of bright pink Knockout roses. A newer discovery, Alnwick, a David Austin rose recently introduced and not yet rated by the ARS, grows in tubs and wafts the intoxicating fragrance

of its full, cup-shaped pink blossoms (which the plant tag describes as "good old rose scent with a hint of raspberry") across the patio.

Caring for the roses is not complicated. Dorothy fertilizes by applying Osmocote in a ring around the base of each plant, and supplements with Miracle-Gro. She hasn't had pest or disease problems in the garden. She doesn't cut back the climbers for winter, instead allowing them to grow tall. "I let them keep growing and weave themselves in and out of the pergola," she explains. "I'm hoping New Dawn will climb up and over the top" as it did in her Southampton garden.

A pleasanter place than the Nigros' garden to sit on a warm summer day is hard to imagine. Along with the roses, there's a salad garden—tomatoes, cucumbers, lettuce and herbs grow in pots and hanging containers. The Nigros' tiny paradise is proof that downsizing doesn't mean living without a garden . . . or roses. 🌹