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THE DAYS OF WINE AND ROSES



by Bob Weitsen, SRS Member '03

For Christmas 2007, our daughter Lara and her boyfriend Bob gave us a rather unique gift. They, being wine enthusiasts, thought we would enjoy a tour and tasting at one of a dozen wineries on the east end of the island. We narrowed our choice down to two, Duckwalk and Wolffer. We opted for Wolffer, not only because their wines have been served at SRS fundraisers, but also we happen to be very fond of their chardonnay.

One beautiful spring afternoon the four of us drove the sixty or so miles from Commack to Sagaponack. Upon entering the Wolffer parking lot, we were extremely impressed by the main winery building. This magnificent edifice could easily pass for a luxurious villa in Tuscany. We were introduced to the general manager and began our escorted tour. The patio and veranda used as the tasting area are exquisitely furnished and offer an unobstructed view of the perfectly planted parallel rows of vines. Next we descended into the basement of the building where all the wine making equipment is housed. We glimpsed huge stainless steel vats, oaken barrels, huge valves, miles of piping, grape pressers and finally corking and labeling machines. The whole operation was extremely impressive, considering that this was the first Lorraine and I had ever seen the tools used in the winemaking process.

Next, we were introduced to the grapes themselves. We walked numerous rows of grapes of merlot, cabernet, chardonnay, pinot noir and many others. Each and every vine was meticulously pruned and tethered to the wooden guides. I couldn't help but think how dedicated these grape growers are, considering we were pacing some of the most expensive acreage on the planet. How passionate and proud they must be for their livelihood, rather than sellout to developers. And at the end of each row of grapes, in all their aesthetic beauty, were rose bushes of assorted colors.

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SAVE THE DAY

JUNE 19	MEMBERS' GARDEN TOUR
JUNE 20	SRS ROSE SHOW
JUNE 24	BUS TRIP TO NY BOTANICAL GARDENS
JUNE 27	GRAND ESTATES AND GARDEN TOUR
JUNE 28	RML FOUNDATION CONCERT

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear SRS Members:

A very special rosy and warm welcome to our new members, Dea Million brought to us by Sally Stryker, and to Maureen Riggio.

Our May Breakfast Forum was absolutely fabulous. We, 54 of us, were so fortunate to have Peter Kukielski, Curator of the Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden at the New York Botanical Garden, as our guest speaker. Peter's presentation was magnificent. Peter sent us a thank you saying he had "so much fun meeting us fine folks" and a thank you for inviting him to our breakfast. He wants us to come visit him and promises to personally show us his beautiful gardens. Mimi Goldberg is arranging a bus trip to the New York Botanical Garden on Wednesday, June 24th.

Peter endeared us by first giving a glimpse of what brought him to this point in his life. He remembered watching his grandmother tend her rose garden and winning the annual yard of the year award. His mother told him every time he saw a yellow rose to remember it would be she speaking to him. Peter told us about many, many different roses: where they originated, possible diseases, one bloom versus many blooms, and other differences between roses. One of my favorite stories was Peter finding Central Park by accident shortly after moving to New York from Atlanta, Georgia and telling his friends about his find.

The Children's Educational Program in the SRS Rose Garden proved to be an experience for grown-ups as well as children. This adventure included learning about the SRS, the creation of the Rose Garden,

the various varieties of roses in the garden and how to plant a mini-rose bush. Take-home packets with the "Mini-Rose and How It Grows" booklet, coloring pages, rose stickers and a rose show starter kit were given to each child along with a mini-rose bush to plant at home. Special appreciation for making this day a grand success goes to Peter Bertrand, Joanne McEvoy-Samborn, Mimi Goldberg, Gloria Kaye and all those members who attended and encouraged our future rosarians.

Our Annual Member Awards will be presented at our October 10th Annual Luncheon Lecture. The location is yet to be determined. Our speaker will be Stephen Scanniello. Stephen is best known as a hands-on gardener who transformed the Cranford Rose Garden of the Brooklyn Botanical Garden into one of the world's most acclaimed rose gardens. Presently, he is maintaining and designing private gardens throughout the United States. He lectures, writes and serves as a judge for the international rose trials in Europe and the United States. Stephen is the recipient of many awards ... too many to list here. Please plan to attend our annual meeting. We will have a handout with Stephen's story of his accomplishments.

Love to all who love roses,



Carol Kroupa, President



ATTENTION 2008 TROPHY WINNERS

Please polish up your trophies and bring them to Gloria Kaye the day of the Rose Show, or call or e-mail her telling her when you can drop it/them off – 631.728.8175 or glorose555@aol.com.



BUS TRIP REMINDER!!!

Please remember to send in your check for the Bus Trip to Mimi Goldberg by June 10th. See Page 4 for more information. Questions? Contact Mimi at 631.204.0107.

READY, GET SET, GROW! A START-UP GUIDE

Things to Do in the Garden in June!

*by Rosalinda Morgan, President Emeritus of LI Rose Society,
2006 ARS Outstanding Consulting Rosarian, 2008 ARS Silver Honor Medal and Author*

With all the rain that we got recently, my roses are now covered with abundant growth, clean, deep green leaves, vigorous stems and are beginning to show buds. But the weeds are rampant as well. My garden looks like a field of oak seedlings.

So how do you control those weeds? The best way for now is to pull the small seedlings by hand. After that is done, it is important to keep on top of your weeding so it does not get out of hand. When you see those tiny weed seedlings sprouting, pick them out right away. Sometimes, when you pull the weeds, you don't get all the roots. Dandelion roots go very deep. Pull them out before the yellow flowers turn to seed otherwise when the wind blows, the seeds scatter all around and then the cycle begins all over again.


Roundup is a herbicide that does more damage to your roses than you would expect. It does not show right away but will show up later on. If you are using it in other parts of your garden to control weeds, take extra precaution to avoid contact with your roses. It can wipe out your entire rose garden if your roses get a mist of Roundup.

After weeding, put in 2-3" of mulch right away to discourage the weeds from sprouting again. I use cedar mulch on my rose beds. However, you can use pine bark nuggets, pine straw, or shredded oak leaves. The rose beds look much better with mulch and the mulch also helps the roses retain moisture. With mulch in place, I will not have to worry about weeds for awhile. Since I have several beds, without the mulch, I found myself constantly weeding. By the time I finished the last bed, the first bed was again in need of weeding.

Before I put the mulch on, I give my roses some organic material like compost and then I water them down. This helps the roses make the best of the organics. Good nutrition will make your rose leaf looking its best and the blooms of show quality. After the initial organics, you can then switch to chemical fertilizer. Feed in a small quantity frequently, rather than overfeed which can cause leaf burn.

Some hybrid teas produce one excellent bud and several side buds on long stems. If you want an excellent show bloom, disbud all the side buds. Now if you have a large candelabra of spray and want a beautiful spray, disbud the center. The remaining buds will actually get bigger and will fill up the hole left by the center bud that was disbudded.

I do not have black spot yet, but I saw that aphids and thrips are already doing damage. To get rid of aphids, use a strong water spray from your garden hose. Thrips are very small insects that lick the fluid from the tender petals of your rose blooms. If you have an infestation, cut the infested blooms and put them in the trash. You can also spray with Orthene or Bayer Advanced Rose & Flower insect killer. Do not spray your entire rose beds with insecticides because you'll kill off the beneficial insects that control the spider mites. Spray the soil with insecticides to kill the pupae form of thrips. If you have spider mites, repeated strong water spraying from the bottom upward will scare them away. They hate water.

Come later in June when the roses are in full bloom, pick some to share and save the best looking ones to enter the rose show. 





Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden Tour
Wednesday, June 24, 2009



THE SOUTHAMPTON ROSE SOCIETY
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU
TO VISIT THE
PEGGY ROCKEFELLER ROSE GARDEN
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2009

We are happy to announce that due to the marvelous reception our speaker received at the Members' Breakfast on May 9th, Peter Kukielski, curator of the Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden, has invited us to visit the New York Botanical Garden where he will be our unofficial guide. If you enjoyed Peter's lecture, you will love seeing this extraordinary garden, which has gone through a complete renovation, and is in full bloom.

A minimum of 36 participants is needed in order to make this one-day trip a reality.

Included is round-trip transportation via Hampton Jitney Coach, entrance fees to the garden, guided tour of the Rose Garden, free time to visit other areas of the Botanical Garden by a step-on/step-off tram, (don't miss the Rock Garden), and gratuities. The gift shop is also a must see.

- ♦ Bring a brown bag lunch and something to drink, or have lunch on your own in the garden restaurant or café.
- ♦ **Departure:** 8:00am from the Municipal parking lot, Southampton, behind the Rite Aid Drug Store
- ♦ **Cost:** Members and guests of members, \$75 per person
- ♦ **Checks are to be made to the SRS** and mailed to Mimi Goldberg, 760 North Sea Mecox Road, Southampton, NY 11968, **before, but no later than June 10, 2009**. If we do not have the required number of participants, your check will be returned to you.

Questions? Call Mimi at 631.204.0107

Response is kindly requested before, but no later than June 10th.

MEMBERS' GARDEN TOUR
Friday, June 19, 2009
11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Don't forget! The Members' Garden tour is on Friday, June 19th. You will be able to visit the outstanding gardens belonging to our members. Upon registering at the SRS Rose Garden, you will be given directions to the gardens. Please visit in the order given. You will begin your tour at Dorothy and Richard Nigro's, next on to Joy Cordery's, then Helga Dawn-Frohling's, ending with Joanne McEvoy-Samborn's where you will receive a light refreshment. Send in your response asap. It's something not to be missed!

SRS MEMBERS' GARDEN TOUR

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

REPLY BY JUNE 15TH

I, _____
plan to attend!

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CHILDREN'S EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM



MEMBERS' BREAKFAST



Adeline Christie, Mimi Goldberg and Joanne McEvoy-Samborn.



Dorothy Nigro and Bob Weitsen



Joy Cordery



The Days of Wine and Roses

(continued)

Not being master rosarians ourselves, we decided to investigate why the roses coexisted with the grapes. There are many schools of thought on the subject. Was it just tradition, or did the roses actually tell grape growers when trouble was approaching? In the past, roses were planted because they were susceptible to some of the same afflictions that could affect the grapes. Roses act as an early warning of mildew, which is a fungal disease. Rose bushes help the vineyard team to catch sight of the fungus disease in its early stage and take appropriate action. If mildew is allowed to set on the grapes, the fruit will not grow properly and will eventually split and rot. If the rose bushes were suffering, it was time to take preventative measures for the grapes. Another train of thought was that the roses were more fragrant and

tastier than grapes, and as such, would attract bugs, birds and micro organisms away from the vines.

Since not all wineries plant rose bushes, it must be assumed that the ones that do, do so for a combination of beauty, color and early warning signs. Wine making technology of today demands that the growers monitor the soil and grapes constantly and really don't need the roses. But, it is convenient for the viewing public, knowing the color of the wine that will be produced by the color of the roses at the end of each row of vines. And, my personal opinion is that the roses are there to train sommeliers. If you can detect the subtle differences in rose aromas, surely you can pinpoint the odors emanating from your cabernet sauvignon. The nose knows in both wine and roses!



SRS GRAND ESTATES AND GARDEN TOUR

There will be 4 estates on the tour. Some of these estates have never been open to the public before this event. Directions and information will be distributed upon registering at the SRS Rose Garden.

SRS GRAND ESTATES & GARDEN TOUR

SATURDAY, JUNE 27TH 12:30 – 4:30 PM

_____ members @\$50 and

_____ guests @\$75 each (\$65 in advance)

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ payable to SRS

Please charge \$ _____ to MC or VISA

Card No. _____

Exp Date _____ Security Code _____

Name _____

Phone _____

Billing Address _____

_____ Zip _____

Please reply to: Ms, Nancy Rollins

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(FRIDAY) | — MEMBERS' GARDEN TOUR
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| JUNE 20 | — ANNUAL ROSE SHOW
Rogers Memorial Library |
| JUNE 27 | — SRS FUNDRAISER GARDEN TOUR |
| SEPTEMBER 13 | — SRS ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY &
PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION AWARDS
Home of Ms. Mimi Goldberg |
| OCTOBER 10 | — ANNUAL MEETING/LECTURE LUNCHEON
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Author and Lecturer
President of Heritage Rose Foundation
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(GROW) Award |