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WHERE ARE THEY NOW!



by Harvey Feinstein, President Emeritus, SRS 1992-1997

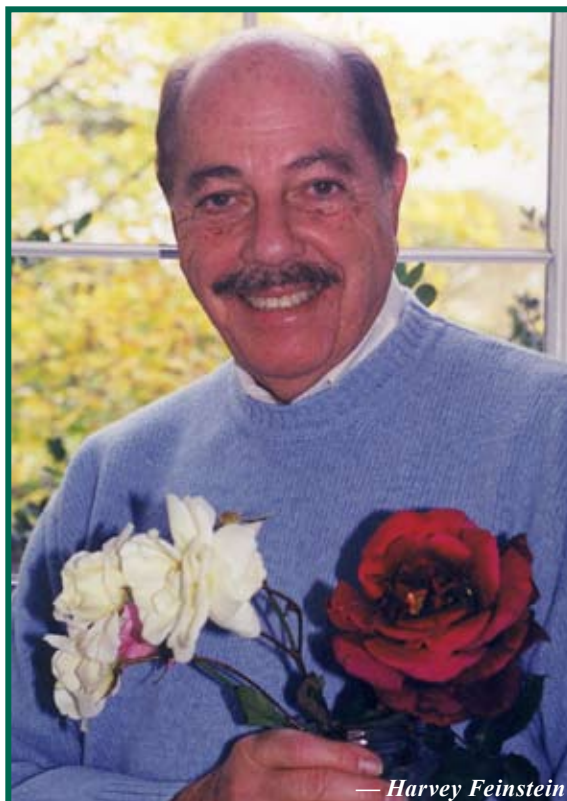
Harvey Feinstein, a resident of the Peconic Landing cooperative in Greenport, NY is known as “The Rose Guy” in his community. Opened in 2002, Harvey was the first person to move in. Amongst vineyards and rolling hills, the 142-acre development, offers independent living, and long-term health care when needed. As Harvey said, “the main draw is that you don’t face that uncertainty and anxiety of getting older”. He was recently interviewed by the Cooperative Business Journal, which has a nationwide distribution. It was his love of roses that inspired him to seek out a place like Peconic Landing. Harvey is president emeritus of the Southampton Rose Society, and served 7 terms as president.

“I’m living a life of independence with a sense of security. One day a few years ago, in early spring, I had worked on my roses from seven in the morning until just as the light began to fade in the afternoon.” He had 145 rose bushes in his Southampton garden.

“The next morning I couldn’t get out of bed, or even move. I thought I had a stroke. The lesson was I could die alone. I signed up for Peconic Landing the next day...or at least when I got the ‘ol legs moving.”

Harvey asked for and was granted some under-developed property at Peconic Landing and has planted a beautiful Rose Court, which all the residents enjoy. He has volunteers to help in the garden, and in spring there are concerts, lectures, and garden parties in the Rose Court. He continues to exhibit roses in the annual Southampton Rose Society rose show each June, and has taken home silver trophies and blue ribbons every year for the past 5 years.

“If you happen to be in Greenport in the spring, stop by and smell the roses.”



— Harvey Feinstein

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**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

Dear SRS Members:

Welcome to 2009! Another year that will witness the continued success of our SRS. Since this is my first President's Corner letter, I have the opportunity to thank Dennis Sheahan, our immediate past president, for his dedicated leadership this past year. Speaking of dedicated, I can not go on without mentioning the Board Members who are the heart of our society and all members who have stepped forward to assist with our projects. I'd also like to welcome new members Rob Allen, Peter Beales, Karen Lutz, Patricia Lynch, and Brian Mahoney.

As usual, we'll kick the year off with a Pruning Session on Saturday, April 18th at 10:30 a.m. in the SRS Rose Garden at the Library. Peter Bertrand will be on hand to give you tips to keep your roses healthy and abundant.

All members are invited as guests to our Annual Members' Breakfast, Saturday, May 9th at 9:30 a.m. at 75 Main, in the heart of Southampton. This is yet another opportunity to celebrate our friendships and shared love of roses.

If you have not previously attended our Children's Education Program please set the date, Saturday, May 23rd aside and come for a very special day. This is our third year and promises to be another success with over 50 children, plus parents, grandparents and friends attending. Each child will receive Peter Bertrand's hands on instructions on the planting and caring of mini-rose plants and a booklet to take home. Remember to register at the Library as participation will be limited!

Included in every issue of Dune Rose is our calendar of the year's events. I encourage all members to attend as many events as possible for their enjoyment and to support our members who have assumed committee responsibilities.

Love to all who love roses,

Carol Kroupa, President

**IT'S TIME TO PLANT & PRUNE
LEARN MORE**

**SRS Rose Garden – Rogers Memorial Library
Saturday, April 18th at 10:30 am**

Learn all the techniques for growing beautiful roses. Hands on demonstrations will be provided by Peter Bertrand.

Afterwards, light refreshments will be served in Cooper Hall!

Mark your calendar: Saturday, April 18th at 10:30 – SRS Rose Garden – Rogers Memorial Library.

**ATTENTION 2008
TROPHY WINNERS**

Please polish up your trophies and bring them to any SRS event prior to the Rose Show! You may call or email Gloria Kaye if you should need to drop them off at some other time – 631.728.8175 or glorose555@aol.com.

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

If you have not renewed your membership in the SRS, please contact Nancy Rollins at 631.287.4881 or by email chnarol@msn.com.



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

Welcome Spring!

by Rosalinda Morgan, President Emeritus of LI Rose Society,

2006 ARS Outstanding Consulting Rosarian, 2008 ARS Silver Honor Medal and Author

March came barreling in like a lion and greeted us with 12-14" of snow on the first and second day. By the weekend we hit 71° and the snow completely melted. This winter, with its long streaks of frigid temperatures, will eventually end. We will welcome the glorious sight and warmth of spring days when snowdrop, winter aconite, scilla and crocus start peeking through the ground and the songbirds will be chirping in our backyard again. Then it's time for us to get the garden ready for the season.

I walked around the garden one day and surveyed the damage of this very bitter cold winter and so far, I counted three casualties, dead as doornails. Some others have black canes up to 4 inches from the ground. These roses will still survive unless we get more snow the rest of the winter. As the weather warms up in our area, there are various tasks ahead of us.

So for now, what can we do to get ready? If you have not ordered your roses, I would suggest you do so in earnest. You might be too late. Most of the best varieties are taken. Don't be fooled by the beautiful pictures and descriptions from the catalogs. Refrain from being the first to order the new varieties. Wait and see how the roses fare in our area. Not all new varieties perform well in all areas in spite of what is said in the catalogs.

You can't go digging in the garden yet. It is too wet and soggy. If you dare do some digging now, the ground will become compacted. Better hold off for a few more weeks. The only thing I do now is to scatter some Epsom salts into the rose beds. Why Epsom salt? If you read the label on the box, it says Magnesium Sulfate. Magnesium Sulfate is a trace element that plants need to encourage new growth, promote greener leaf and bloom better. A handful

for Hybrid Teas and other big flowered roses will suffice. Miniature roses should get half the dosage.

Once the ground is workable, check the pH of your soil. Gather 1 cup of soil from 4 different areas in your garden. Put them in separate sandwich bags, label where you get them, and take them to Cornell Cooperative Extension Service and have the soil tested. Make sure they are still in business. There are talks that CCES is closing due to budget cuts. The pH should be between 6.0 to 6.7. Follow the recommendation of the Master Gardeners.

Now is also the time for equipment maintenance. If you did not clean up your tools last fall, now is the perfect time to clean up, oil and sharpen them. Then armed with your pruner, take a stroll through the garden. Check for plant damage and then prune broken branches and winter kill. You can also cut all dead and diseased canes. That's about all the pruning you can do for now. When the forsythia blooms, uncover your roses and begin spring pruning. Do not prune Old Garden Roses until after the first bloom. They bloom on old wood.

Clean the garden of debris, broken twigs, and weeds. Don't let the weeds go to seed. Keep the chickweed out of your garden beds. It grows and seeds during the cold months and seeds now are future weeds. So get rid of them before they proliferate. Remove all leaves remaining on the rose bush and clean the garden of old, diseased leaves. They are the depository of black spot spores and mildew. Clear mulch off the bed before the spring bulbs start to come up.

While you are out there in the garden, cut some stems of spring flowering shrubs for forcing indoors. Think spring!!!





MURDER BY ROUNDUP

by Maryjane Roe

"It takes very little spray drift to affect any plant and since Roundup is a nonspecific poison, it will damage or kill anything it comes in contact with."

— Jack Shoultz, SDRS Consulting Rosarian

You may not be aware of the dangers of using the commonly applied weed killer Roundup™ anywhere near your rose garden. This article is to alert everyone to the potential damage that you can inadvertently cause to your rose bushes with just one squirt of the deadly weed killer. In Victoria Paris's rose garden in San Diego, the roses are precious, gifts from friends and family, some transported from a former home. Last year's season produced spectacular growth and beautiful blooms. But this spring something changed. After the first bloom, which was magnificent, she noticed that the new growth (leaves and shoots) became stunted and weak. The red leaves turned pale and yellowish; the rose buds were tiny and discolored. They had installed a new irrigation system so her first thought was that she had been over watering. Next, she noticed that the buds that did open were malformed and of a different color.

The 'Ronald Reagan' rose, usually a deep velvety red on a long stem, was opening up miniature in size, pinkish and on a very short stem. 'Veterans Honor' was losing its leaves, the roses weren't opening and the leaves, once green, were now very dirty yellow. Horrified when all the new growth was stunted, leaves were yellowish and curled, and the new blooms were either not opening or opening small and discolored, she decided a call of distress was in order. She wrote to the *San Diego Rose Society*.

When Jack Shoultz, SDRS Consulting Rosarian, arrived to have a look, Victoria told him that her gardener had sprayed the grass but had assured her that there would not be any danger of damage to the roses. Jack saw the characteristic spiky needlelike growth of the new leaves and produced the

disheartening diagnosis: murder by Roundup. The poison had apparently worked its way into the soil or drifted onto the roses. Because the consensus was to try to save the roses rather than to replace them, Jack recommended an organic approach that would push the roses to develop their own defenses. This entailed removing all the affected leaves and new growth, then treating the soil with EnviroGrow™, mixing in 2 cups of Biosol organic fertilizer, and spraying the bushes with WORMagic® tea.

Victoria wasn't the first to experience the horror of losing roses to Roundup. SDRS Consulting Rosarian Sue Streeper reports that the rose society receives many calls of distress from people who have unintentionally destroyed or damaged their roses by using herbicides. Victor and Janet Lipp had been exhibiting roses for two or three years and were well aware of the dangers of getting Roundup on any living plant. Janet had a backpack sprayer that she had previously filled with a solution of Roundup to kill some weeds. Thinking that if she cleaned the sprayer carefully she could still use it to spray the roses, she vigorously scrubbed it with soap and water. Janet told Rose Ramblings, "I couldn't have cleaned it more carefully ... I re-washed and re-rinsed. I poured scalding water in the sprayer. I let it dry completely in the sun, hoping all traces of the poison would be made inert. When I was finally satisfied that all was OK, I mixed my spray solution, filled the tank and went to work." The eagerly awaited first bloom of the year was less than spectacular. The blooms appeared split and feathery, more like a chrysanthemum than a velvety petaled rose, and the leaves had yellowed.

I, too, had Roundup damage in my garden a couple of years ago. It was my own doing. I was spraying liberally for weeds among the rocks that were in the nearby landscaping and there was often a slight wind. I didn't know that the spray, even the smallest droplet, could travel. I did lose one rose that year and I didn't immediately realize what the problem was, but I began to suspect that Roundup had been

the cause when another bush nearby developed the same symptoms and was barely surviving.

Roundup (active ingredient glyphosate) can drift offsite during applications and, studies show that from 14-78% of it can go as far as 1,300 feet downwind. Research discloses that although Roundup may remain in the soil for up to a year, it is bound to soil particles and is not picked up by the roots. Therefore, no special soil treatment is needed to remedy its effects. A recent article in the American Rose suggested that symptoms of damage from Roundup may not even appear during the season of application. Furthermore, a few droplets drifting onto mulch can even cause green canes to be exposed when the mulch is brushed against them.

Roses are amazingly hardy, however. This spring my own bush that had been damaged by Roundup was back blooming and relatively healthy again. After taking to heart Jack Shoultz's advice, Victoria Paris's roses are mostly coming back, and the second new growth is looking better. She may still, however, lose one or two bushes. Says Victoria, 'I have been kicking myself... I listened to the gardener and in retrospect, shouldn't have. I understand my garden better than anyone.' Fortunately, the Lipps didn't lose any bushes and by the second or third bloom, the roses were back on track. "We all learn from

our mistakes," Janet told *Rose Ramblings*. "I hope I can save someone from making the same mistake that I made."

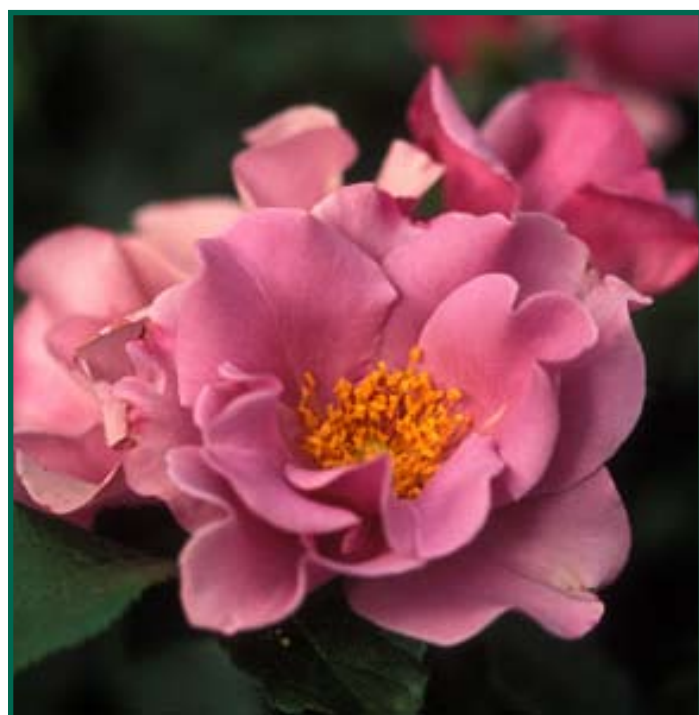


Beware of Roundup!

- ◆ If you have a gardener working in your rose garden, clarify with that person that Roundup is NEVER to be used on or near the roses.
- ◆ Be aware that drifting spray of Roundup used elsewhere in the garden is lethal to roses. If it must be used somewhere, the wind must be totally still (early in the morning is best, and it still is not a great idea).
- ◆ Figure out a method of benign weed control. Prepare the soil well in a large area around the roses. Mulch deeply at least once a year. Pull or dig weeds when they are tiny.
- ◆ If you must use an herbicide, dedicate one sprayer for that use only.
- ◆ Use a pre-emergent seed control on top of the soil in a clean bed before weeds come. The pre-emergents will not hurt the roses and they prevent weed seeds from germinating.

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HOW MUCH WATER DO ROSES NEED?

Roses appreciate lots of water. **Water generously**, at least 1 inch/week, preferably 2 inches/week during growing season. Water every 4-7 days during the summer when needed. Each bush needs about 4-5 gallons/week during the hot summer.

Roses get all their food either through their roots or their leaves (foliar feeding). The only medium for transporting food is water.

Infrequent deep watering is preferred to frequent light watering to help promote a deep root system. Deep root systems help the rose to survive both droughts, and winter freezes. Frequent, light watering causes roots to form very near the soil surface, making the plant more susceptible to summer 'baking' and winter freezes.

Try to **avoid getting the leaves wet** (which promotes disease) when watering late in the day. However, on hot days wetting the foliage can reduce transpiration and relieves heat stress.



A MOMENT IN SRS HISTORY

by Lorraine A. Weitsen

Cynthia Brodsky has mixed memories of her term as president of the SRS (2000-2001). She took over the reign as president just weeks after her dear husband's death. It was a godsend for her. Cynthia had to plow right in and begin working. Naturally this kept her very busy and assuaged her grief.

Cynthia states: "If it weren't for wonderful people like Nancy Rollins, Gloria Kaye, Spencer Dworkin and Adeline Christie, and others, I would never have survived." She also remembers meeting resistance about the Rose Garden being installed at the Library. There were issues about the location, the Cooper Building, and grading the property. She also felt other members were far more competent than she in planning the garden. Cynthia sums up her reign by saying: "I met wonderful people and I am damn happy to have been involved in such a worthy endeavor."



THE ROSE THAT TALKED BACK

A man sweeping a synagogue paused for a moment and wondered about the flowers lying about in disorder. "What waste!" he says to himself, knowing that just an hour before the roses had adorned the pulpit. Now it was over and they were waiting to be discarded. Leaning on his sweeper, he was lost in thought when the roses replied to him.

"Do you call this a waste? What is life anyway? Yours or mine? Rather it's a means of service. My mission was to create some fragrance and beauty, and as I have fulfilled it, my life has not been wasted. What greater privilege is there then to adorn a bride's way to her beloved? What greater privilege than to help glorify the moment when a bride and groom seal their faith in each other by entering the covenant of marriage?"

The little flower paused for moment and then continued, "Roses are like people. They live in deeds, not in time. My glory was brief, only an hour, but you should have seen the joy in the bride's face. I like to believe that I had something to do with it by creating a suitable setting for the moment of her happiness. So don't grieve for me. My life has been worthwhile."

Remember that it is not the length of life that a person enjoys that counts in the world, rather, real worth is measured in the amount of joy given to another person through the presence of a brief life..





BRIDGE GARDENS

by Richard Bogush, Bridge Gardens Manager, SRS Member

Do you like to deadhead floribundas, groom hybrid teas, prune grandifloras, tie up climbers and banish black spot and mildew? Bridge Gardens is looking for volunteers to help maintain its extensive collection of roses this coming season. Bridge Gardens has about 800 roses, mostly hybrid teas, grandifloras and floribundas, but they also have many antique roses and climbers.

If you can't get enough of roses and rose care and would like to help, please contact me, Richard Bogusch, Garden Manager, at 631.537.7440. Hours and job descriptions are flexible and very negotiable. A weekly commitment of a morning or afternoon would be ideal. In exchange, you'll receive a free season's pass to Bridge Gardens for you and a guest.



HANDS ACROSS THE GARDEN

The Horticultural Alliance is happy to invite members of the SRS to join them on their Day trips to the following gardens:

JUMP-START SPRING AT THE

Clark Botanic Garden, Lunch, and
The Martin Viette Nursery
Monday April 27, 2009 \$90 p/p

The Levien Garden in Cutchoque, and
The Peconic River Herb Farm
Monday, May 18, 2009 FREE

The Martha Stewart Garden
Bedford N.Y.

Tour includes lunch.
Monday June 1, 2009 (price TBA)

Tours are subject to available seating.

For more information Call Harvey Feinstein at 631.477.9799, or Bettina Benson at 631.728.1981.

MEMBERS' BREAKFAST FORUM

PETER KUKIELESKI, SPEAKER

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 9:30 – 11:30 AM
75 Main Restaurant
Southampton

REPLY BY APRIL 25TH

I, _____

Plan to attend!

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SRS 2009 PRELIMINARY CALENDAR

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| APRIL 18 | — PRUNING/ROSE CARE SESSION
Rogers Memorial Library/SRS Rose Garden |
| MAY 9 | — MEMBERS' BREAKFAST FORUM
Guest Speaker Peter Kukielecki
Curator, Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden at
The NY Botanical Garden |
| MAY 23 | — CHILDREN'S EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM
Rogers Memorial Library/SRS Rose Garden |
| JUNE 19
(FRIDAY) | — MEMBERS' GARDEN TOUR
Southampton, NY |
| 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
Guest Speaker Stephen Scanniello
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