



# DUNE ROSE

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Dear SRS Members:

I'm delighted to be serving as the new editor of the Southampton Rose Society's **DUNE ROSE** newsletter and am honored that the Board of Directors has asked me to serve in this capacity. My goal is to bring you six colorful, content-rich issues packed with helpful advice and interesting information about SRS events and its members. I welcome your contributions and suggestions.

So, why me, you ask? Up until now, I have not been a member of the Southampton Rose Society. I am not a Rosarian and cannot tell a Mr. Lincoln from a Hot Princess, or even a Floribunda from a Hybrid Tea. I don't know a thing about pruning, watering, spraying or fertilizing.

But almost three years ago, Adeline Christie set out to change that when she asked the Southampton Press to write a feature story about the first Children's Education Program at the SRS Rose Garden. As a part-time staffer at the time, I was assigned the story. With my then six-year-old daughter in tow, I went to this free community event, where I met Johnette de Frietas, Gloria Kaye, Peter Bertrand, and a host of other welcoming members who showed us how to plant a mini-rose and nurture it with banana peels and coffee.

My little Flynn and I went home that day and planted our budding mini-bushes in the fledgling Memorial Garden we installed for my beloved mother, who had recently passed away from cancer. My mother loved the beauty and fragrance of roses and had a special devotion to St. Therese, known for her "Shower of Roses." Planting these mini-roses in my mother's honor seemed especially fitting, and I admit I shed a tear while doing it.

Those hearty roses continue to bloom today, along with some others we have planted in my mother's memory. Although my garden is not worthy of any SRS Garden Tour, I look forward to becoming a better gardener and learning from all of you in the coming year.

In Roses and Friendship,

*Aimee Martin*  
Aimee Fitzpatrick Martin

## A KEEPSAKE ISSUE: DUNE ROSE IS NOW ELECTRONIC

In the last issue of 2009, we reported that the SRS Board had decided—after much consideration—to distribute **DUNE ROSE** electronically, beginning with this March/April 2010 issue. The decision was made in an effort to:

- ♦ contain SRS printing and mailing costs.
- ♦ save the environment.
- ♦ follow the lead of many other organizations and rose societies around the country who are "going green" by eliminating unnecessary paper.

At present, approximately 33 out of our 200 members (16.5% of our total membership) have reported that they do not have email access, so they will continue receiving hard copies of **DUNE ROSE** by mail. The new SRS email address is [SRS11969@gmail.com](mailto:SRS11969@gmail.com). Please make sure to add it to your email contact list so **DUNE ROSE** doesn't end up in your SPAM folder!!

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**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

Dear SRS Members:

Welcome to a new year and a new decade for the Southampton Rose Society! As we kick off our first 2010 issue of the **DUNE ROSE** newsletter, I'd like to extend a special welcome to our new officers: Aimee Martin, **DUNE ROSE** Editor; Elizabeth Kearns, Secretary; Gary Lawrance, Publicity Chairperson; and new Advisory Board members Lyn Hamer, Dorothy Nigro and Dennis Sheahan.

With this leadership in place, we expect to have another year that will witness continued success and growth of our beloved Southampton Rose Society.

I would like to thank our hard-working Board of Directors, Advisory Board, and Committee Chairpersons who are the heart of our Society, and to ALL of our members who have continually supported our many projects throughout the years.

We're delighted to welcome four new members to SRS: Dr. & Mrs. Phillip Freedman (Anna Mae) of East Hampton, and Ms. Elaine Bodtmann of Southampton and Sharon Wood of Southampton. We look forward to getting to know each of you this year.

Membership participation plays such an important role in the future of the SRS. Therefore, I encourage all members to attend as many events as possible this year. A calendar of our planned events is listed in each issue of **DUNE ROSE**. By attending these events, you will not only have a guaranteed good time—you will

also be showing your support for our members who have assumed committee responsibilities.

As you will see, we have a full line-up of events planned for 2010! One highlight is the new "Bring Home the Silver" workshop on June 12th at the Southampton home of Lee and Elliot Packman, which will be taught by the pros and help participants groom their roses so they can bring home the coveted silver trophies at the "Annual Rose Show and Art Competition," held on June 19th.

In addition, the Board is actively engaged in planning our most important fundraiser of 2010—the July 17th Cocktail Party and Auction at a very beautiful Southampton estate. Please save the date and offer to help the fundraiser committee. This is an opportunity for every member to assist in making this event an outstanding success. Hal Goldberg has graciously offered to chair the Cocktail Party.

As always, I welcome your ideas and suggestions  
Roses are forever,

Carol Kroupa, President

**PROS TO GIVE PRUNING TIPS**

The Southampton Rose Society kicks off its first meeting of the year with its annual Pruning and Rose Care Session on Saturday, April 17 at 10:30 am at the SRS Rose Garden on the grounds of the Rogers Memorial Library in Southampton.

A number of "pros," including Peter Bertrand and Johnette de Frietas, will be on hand to teach novices and seasoned rose-growers the proper techniques for pruning and training climbers.

The program, free and open to the public, is a great way to meet new rose lovers and reconnect with old friends. Refreshments will be served following the demonstrations. No reservations are needed. See you there!

**BOUQUET OF ROSES TO ROSALINDA MORGAN**

The American Rose Society has just awarded Master Rosarian Rosalinda Morgan a 2009 Certificate of Merit for her "Ready, Get Set, Grow" series, which appeared in **DUNE ROSE** last year.

Linda Kimmel, Chairperson of the ARS Newsletter/Bulletin Contest, and Steve Jones, ARS President, notified Rosalinda of this achievement. According to Mr. Jones, Rosalinda's "article was recognized as being one of the top articles in the country, an honor well deserved."

As many of you know, Rosalinda has moved to Charleston, S.C. and will not be writing for **DUNE ROSE** this year. We will miss having her share her eloquent words and gardening wisdom with us.



## PRUNING TIME: HOW TO MAKE THE RIGHT CUTS

by Nannette Londeree

An excerpt from January/February 2010 issue of *AMERICAN ROSE Magazine*



There seems to be some mystery about pruning roses along with lots of “rules” to do it correctly. If I’ve learned anything over the last decade, having pruned thousands of roses, it’s that roses are very forgiving. If you cut too high, too low, at an inward facing bud rather than an outward facing one, in the long run, it really won’t make a lot of difference. When the plant leafs out and it’s not the shape or size you want, cut it again to correct

it. Once you realize that there isn’t too much you can do wrong, it makes the job less intimidating and a whole lot easier. Here are some general rose pruning tips to help you get started:

**Time it right:** Most types of roses get pruned when they are dormant, generally in late winter. Old garden, once-blooming roses produce next season’s flowers right after they bloom, so don’t prune them in the winter or you’ll be pruning your spring flowers away!

**Dress for the occasion:** Wear hard finish clothing, like denim, which is more resistant to punctures from thorns and cover your arms with long sleeves. Wear strong, durable, flexible gloves; the type with gauntlets that cover the forearm provide extra protection. And wear glasses to protect your eyes.

**Use the right tools:** Have your shears and loppers oiled, adjusted and very sharp! By-pass type shears and loppers are best as they make a clean cut without crushing or bruising canes. A small pruning saw, preferably with fine teeth, is highly desirable for cutting large canes and getting into places that can’t be reached with shears or loppers.

**Plan ahead before you cut:** Decide how much of the plant you want to remove and the general shape / form you want to achieve. For most types of roses, you’d like to end up with a plant that has four – seven healthy canes in an open, vase-like form that promotes good interior air circulation. If in doubt about whether to remove a cane, leave it; you can remove it later in the season if needed. Once you get going, don’t let the “decisions” about what to cut make you tense or slow you down.

**Think about your safety:** Pay attention to where you’re placing your hands. Roses don’t stick you; you stick yourself on the roses! And confirm before you start that you’ve had a tetanus shot in the last 10 years.

### Making the cuts:

- ♦ Start with the largest portions of the plant you want to take out – it makes the job go more quickly.
- ♦ Remove any dead, diseased, damaged, weak or twiggy growth, canes that are crossing, and dense interior growth; also take out any suckers – those vigorous canes that emanate from below the bud union (the swollen junction on a grafted rose where canes originate).
- ♦ Cut to an outside-facing bud on upright bushes and to an inside bud on sprawling-form bushes (growth will generate from the bud in the direction that it is pointing).
- ♦ Cut back to good healthy wood – look for white or cream-colored pith (interior of cane).
- ♦ Make the cut about 1/4” above the bud, at an angle so that water drains away from the bud.
- ♦ Remove at least one-third to one-half of the volume of the plant, a general rule of thumb is to cut the main canes back to “knee to waist-high” or 18 – 36 inches, depending on the type of rose.
- ♦ Older, non-productive canes should be removed right down to the bud union.

**Clean up when you’re done:** It is not necessary to seal cuts - there is no evidence to show that unsealed cuts are harmful to roses. Remove all leaves from the pruned plant and dispose of them along with stems and canes from the area. (Don’t compost them since they can carry pests and disease.)







## GET CAUGHT IN OUR WEB

*by Adeline Christie, Website Chair*

If you haven't visited the SRS website in a while, we invite you to discover its exciting new enhancements, as well as a KIDS' SECTION devoted entirely to children. Be sure to check out:

- ♦ A PORTRAIT OF A ROSE GARDEN, the story of the creation of the SRS ROSE GARDEN, which appeared in the American Rose Society's ARS MAGAZINE. The article can now be viewed via links on the ABOUT US page and the HISTORY page.
- ♦ Photos of the 2005 ROSE PARADE Revisited can be viewed via a link on the HOME page and the HISTORY page.
- ♦ The ARTICLES page now has a "drop-down" box with the following categories to facilitate your search:
  - ♦ ABC's of Rose Culture
  - ♦ Photography Competition Rules
  - ♦ Annual Rose Show Schedule and Guidelines for Exhibiting Roses
  - ♦ History of Roses
  - ♦ Organic Approach
- ♦ 2010 EVENTS – Listing of all upcoming events
- ♦ KIDS' SECTION

The new KIDS' SECTION was implemented as an educational tool as well as a place for kids to have fun while learning. Recent additions:

- ♦ Coloring drawings by Nancy Rollins, which can be downloaded

- ♦ THE MINI-ROSE AND HOW IT GROWS booklet on how to plant and grow a mini-rose has been reformatted for downloading
- ♦ KIDS' ROSE ART EXHIBIT RULES
- ♦ "ASK NOW" Button – Kids can send in their questions about rose gardening and they will be answered by a consulting Rosarian.

Soon to be added are interactive games and puzzles.



## RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND RECEIVE ARS PERKS

It's that time of year again. If you haven't already renewed your membership, Nancy Rollins would like to hear from you. The Southampton Rose Society ended 2009 with 200 members, and as we enter the spring of 2010, we currently have 166 renewing members.

Membership rates are \$25 for students; \$50 for individuals; \$90 for a dual membership; and \$150 for patron members. For that contribution, members receive a host of benefits, including six issues of the DUNE ROSE newsletter; free admission to many SRS events; and a copy of the soon-to-be-published "Green Book," which includes comprehensive member contact information. Don't miss the chance to have your name included in the "Green Book" this year.

As an added perk, NEW members of the Southampton Rose Society will receive a FREE 4-month trial membership to the American Rose Society (ARS), our national organization. If you're a renewing SRS member, but not a member of the ARS, you can take advantage of the 4-month trial membership for only \$5.00.

Benefits of the 4-month trial ARS memberships (valued at \$86) are: 2 issues of American Rose magazine, free advice from consulting Rosarians, free or reduced public garden admissions, free online access to four quarterly bulletins, and discounts of up to 30% of merchant partners.

For more information, contact Membership Chair Nancy Rollins at [chnarol@msn.com](mailto:chnarol@msn.com) or 631.287.4881.



## THE THORNY WORLD OF COMPETITIVE ROSE GARDENING



Aurelia C. Scott, author of the 2007 book, "Otherwise Normal People: Inside the Thorny World of Competitive Rose Gardening," will be the guest speaker at the **SRS Annual Breakfast and Lecture Forum** on Saturday, May 8, at 9:30 to 11:30am at the Plaza Café at 61 Hill Street in Southampton.

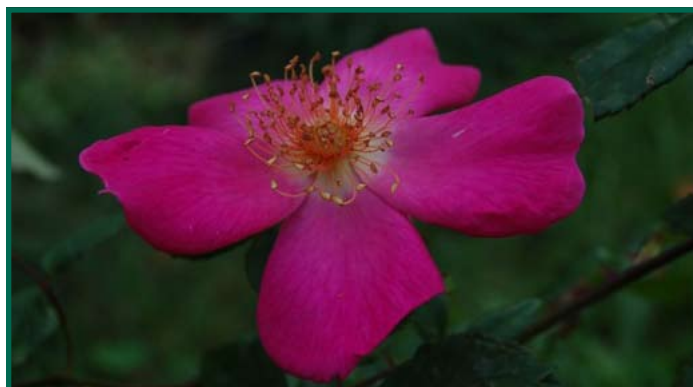
In 2004, Ms. Scott, a freelance journalist from Maine, tagged along with several of the gardeners competing in the American Rose Society's spring national show—and found the rich makings for a bestselling book.

In her review of "Otherwise Normal People," Carol Haggas of Booklist writes:

*"A rose is a rose is a rose, but don't try telling that to the hundreds of self-acknowledged 'rose-aholics' who wake in the middle of the night, pack up jury-rigged coolers and containers laden with pristine blossoms, and head off down the highway to compete in local, regional, and national rose exhibitions. Scott follows the most passionate of the bunch as they prepare gardens, prune canes, protect blooms, and pinch back buds, all in the hopes of taking home crystal bowls, silver candlesticks,*

*and, at the very least, blue ribbons proclaiming their prowess at growing some of Mother Nature's finickiest flowers. As colorful as the bouquets they propagate, Scott's Rosarians represent an ecumenical cross section of the American landscape: PhDs seek advice from long-haul truckers, first-generation immigrants compete against Mayflower descendants, and long-married couples bond over blooms. With a breezy, infectious enthusiasm, Scott offers a vividly engaging account of big-time rose competition and the seemingly average individuals who take leave of their senses in this addictively sensory pursuit."*

The annual breakfast and lecture, which is free for members and \$35 for guests, promise to be entertaining and enlightening. For reservations, email Nancy Rollins at [chnarol@msn.com](mailto:chnarol@msn.com) or complete the form below by April 25. Only a limited number of guest tickets will be available. In an effort to boost membership, guests can pay an additional \$15 and become members of SRS!



### MEMBERS' BREAKFAST FORUM

**AURELIA C. SCOTT, SPEAKER**

*Author of "Otherwise Normal People:*

*Inside the Thorny World of Competitive Rose Gardening"*

**SATURDAY, MAY 8, 9:30 – 11:30 AM**

**Plaza Café, 61 Hill Street, Southampton**

**REPLY BY APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup>**

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**Plan to attend!**

The cost is free for members, and \$35 for guests of members. (In an effort to boost membership, guests may pay an additional \$15 and become members of SRS!)

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**VISIT THE  
VILLAS AND GARDENS OF  
ITALY'S LAKE COUNTRY**

Harvey Feinstein is currently organizing his 16th annual visit to Italy and SRS members are invited along for the fun. This year's trip, which leaves JFK on September 30 and returns to NY on October 8, will tour the Villas and Gardens of the Italian Lake Country. The itinerary includes four nights in Lake Como and three nights in Lake Maggiore, with a stop in Switzerland.

The per-person price of \$3,655 includes round-trip airfare, accommodations in 5-star hotels, all meals, a 24-hour escort, private transportation, and all taxes and tips. All you have to do is pack your bags and camera and go! The trip is limited to 25 garden lovers, and deposits are due by March 30. For more details, contact Harvey at 631.477.9799, or on line at [feinharvey@yahoo.com](mailto:feinharvey@yahoo.com).



## AMERICA'S FIRST HISTORIC ROSE DISTRICT

*by Stephen Scanniello, Rosarian, Author, Lecturer, 2009 GROW Award Receptient*

There's a new destination in the Big Apple for the garden tourist. To get there you must take the A Train. It's up in Harlem where you'll find the first Historic Rose District ever created in America.

On a stormy Saturday in October 2009, dozens of volunteers defied the weather to plant more than one hundred roses in public spaces throughout West Harlem and southern Washington Heights. This was not just a neighborhood beautification event, but also a celebration of the horticultural legacy of the community. Every rose planted on this day was once grown in the country gardens and greenhouses of 19th century Harlem.

The seed for this project germinated when the Heritage Rose Foundation planted antique roses in Trinity Church Cemetery at 153rd St. and Broadway in April of last year. Documented in the New York Times, this caught the eye of Manhattan Borough President Scott M. Stringer. The Manhattan Borough President's office rallied community leaders, cultural institutions in the neighborhood, and the Heritage Rose Foundation to create the Historic Rose District. In order to make this garden project unique, the roses chosen had to have a historical connection to the neighborhood.



Trinity Church Cemetery, the heart of the project, opened in 1842 on land that was once owned by Richard Carman, a real estate tycoon who owned most of upper Manhattan. During a visit to Carman's garden (now buried beneath the approach to the George Washington Bridge) on August 9, 1841, Charles Hovey of Hovey's Horticultural Magazine praised Carman's roses, especially 'Rose du Roi' and 'Perpetuelle White Moss' [sic]. A few miles south in the gardens owned by John M. Bradhurst, a Manhattan apothecary and enthusiastic gardener, Hovey noted an exceptional collection of Bourbon roses.

Bradhurst and Carman both reside, today, in Trinity Church Cemetery. Their neighbors include: Daniel Boll, a French-Swiss nurseryman who sold roses from his establishment at 52nd Street and Bloomingdale Road

(Broadway) and George Folliott Harison, amateur hybridizer and creator of 'Harison's Yellow' – one of the most famous yellow roses ever introduced. 'Mme. Boll', 'Harison's Yellow', and numerous Bourbon and Portland roses, including Carman's favorite, 'Rose du Roi', were planted in October in honor of these nearly forgotten gardeners.



'Audubon' now blooms near the grave of John James Audubon, whose estate bordered the cemetery.

The following sites are also a part of the District: The Morris-Jumel Mansion (65 Jumel Terrace), Audubon Terrace (155th St. and Broadway); The Riverside Oval (Riverside Drive and 155th St.); Church of the Intercession (155th St. and Broadway); Broadway Mall (152nd St. – 153rd St. on Broadway); Jackie Robinson Park (145th St. and Edgecombe Ave.); City College (Amsterdam Ave., between 136th St. and 138th St.).

All of the roses planted were donated from nurseries, public gardens, and private individuals. A complete list of our donors can be found on the website of the Heritage Rose Foundation. ([www.heritagerosesfoundation.org](http://www.heritagerosesfoundation.org))

This is just the beginning. The enthusiasm for this project is sweeping up and down Broadway and cross town from the Hudson to the Harlem rivers. The next planting is April 24, 2010 as a part of New York City's commemoration of the 40th anniversary of Earth Day. So far, there are a dozen new sites lined up for roses. Our goal is to plant 200 additional heritage roses.

Volunteers are welcome and if you can't join us for the April planting, donations would be gladly accepted. Information about the next planting and how to donate will be posted on the Heritage Rose Foundation website. All aboard, get on the A Train and come on up to the Historic Rose District of New York City. Don't forget to stop to smell the roses.





## ROSES OF SYMPATHY

### Donald Kaye

by Adeline Christie, SRS President Emeritus 2006 & 2007



Our deepest sympathy goes out to our dear friend Gloria Kaye on the loss of her beloved husband Donald, who passed away February 15th after a long battle with pancreatic cancer. To his friends, Donald was many things, but if you asked him which title he preferred, it would be Captain. His love of the sea made him a natural-born fisherman. He took pride in his fishing charters,

and taught his clients not only the joy of fly fishing aboard his boat, FLY FISH, but respect for everything in the sea.

What many of you don't know is that Donald was a well-known writer among sportsmen, and many of his articles and columns on the art of fly fishing appeared in local and national publications. Donald was also an accomplished pianist, and he was the spark at any party if there was a Steinway in the room.

As Jane Indoe noted, "I loved his sense of humor. He was a wonderful fisherman. His musical talent was legendary. He gave so much to SRS and will be greatly missed."

Dorothy Nigro commented, "His was a generous spirit coupled with a wry sense of humor."

Helga Dawn-Frohling fondly remembered, "Without Donald, our rose show would not have run as well as it always did. He photographed the events and always gave generously of his time and energy."

And Nancy Rollins and Mimi Goldberg reiterated the phrase heard most often that Donald did so much for the SRS and will be terribly missed.

As Dennis Sheahan said, "Let us all celebrate this wonderful life and take joy in knowing he is playing the piano and singing in our hearts forever."

I, for one, will always remember Donald's acerbic wit. He could be depended upon whenever the SRS was in need. He was loyal and totally devoted to his beloved Gloria, his family and fellow seamen, and the preservation of all the creatures in the sea, as anyone, who fished with him, can attest. Donald's success in life and in overcoming all the challenges he faced throughout his illness was due to the constancy of Gloria's loving support and magnificent care. Our hearts and prayers go out to her.

*"His straw hat was far on the back of his head and he sank down into the bow with the pull of the line as he felt the fish turn. You work now, fish, he thought. I'll take you at the turn. The sea had risen considerably. But it was a fair-weather breeze and he had to have it to get home. 'I'll just steer south and west,' he said. 'A man is never lost at sea and it is a long island.' THE OLD MAN AND THE SEA*

### Virginia Lawson

by Cornelia Bostwick and Dorothy Nigro

Virginia Lawson, one of the core founding members of the SRS, died in early February at the age of 100. She was the Treasurer from the inception of the SRS in 1976 to 1997.

She was a woman of many talents, having been a school teacher, a homemaker, and an avid gardener specializing in the cultivation of roses. As SRS Treasurer, she guided our finances with a deft hand and as a gardener she encouraged everyone to be a Rosarian. She will be remembered fondly as a feisty and determined advocate for preserving the environment.



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## SRS 2010 PRELIMINARY CALENDAR

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| APRIL 17<br>10:30AM         | — PRUNING/ROSE CARE SESSION<br>Rogers Memorial Library/SRS Rose Garden  |
| MAY 8<br>9:30AM             | — MEMBERS' BREAKFAST FORUM<br>Guest Speaker: Author Aurelia Scott<br>Plaza Café, 61 Hill Street, Southampton                    |
| MAY 22<br>10:30AM           | — CHILDREN'S EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM<br>"How to Plant a Mini-Rose"<br>Rogers Memorial Library/SRS Rose Garden                       |
| JUNE 12<br>10:30AM          | — "BRING HOME THE SILVER" WORKSHOP<br>Garden of Lee and Elliott Packman<br>115 South Magee Street, Southampton                  |
| JUNE 19<br>7:30AM-4:00PM    | — 34 <sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ROSE SHOW/ROSE ART COMPETITION<br>CHILDREN'S ART EXHIBIT<br>Rogers Memorial Library                   |
| JULY 17<br>6:30-8:30PM      | — SRS BIENNIAL COCKTAIL PARTY FUND RAISER<br>Southampton Estate   |
| SEPTEMBER 12<br>3:30-5:30PM | — SRS ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY &<br>PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION AWARDS<br>TOUR OF MEMBERS GARDENS<br>Home of Christl and Kenneth Meszkat |
| OCTOBER 9                   | — ANNUAL MEETING/LECTURE LUNCHEON<br>Guest Speaker TBA  |