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RECONNECT WITH FRIENDS AT BREAKFAST FORUM GUEST SPEAKER: AURELIA C. SCOTT

The SRS *Annual Members' Breakfast and Lecture Forum* is always a great way to reconnect with rose-loving friends who've been away for the winter and to welcome new members into the SRS fold. This year's event will be held on **Saturday, May 8, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Plaza Café** at 61 Hill Street in Southampton.



Aurelia C. Scott, author of the 2007 book, "Otherwise Normal People: Inside the Thorny World of Competitive Rose Gardening," will be the guest speaker.

In 2004, Ms. Scott, a freelance journalist from Maine, tagged along with several gardeners competing in the American Rose Society's spring national show—and found the rich makings for a bestselling book. Her engaging journey into the underbelly of rose exhibitions will leave attendees wondering, "Are those hobbyists bloomin' nuts—or simply having more fun than the rest of us?" Hearty laughs are guaranteed.

The event is free for members and \$35 for guests of members (only a limited number of guest tickets will be available). Keep in mind that if you bring a guest, they can join the SRS on the spot for only an additional \$15.

You can register online at southampton-rose-society.org, email Nancy Rollins at chnarol@msn.com.



SRS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

At press time, the Southampton Rose Society has a blossoming membership, now at the 182 mark. We are pleased to welcome new members Ms. Catherine Queally of Cold Spring Harbor, Ms. Diana Schwenk of Southampton and Ms. Peggy Kane of East Hampton.

Membership Chair Nancy Rollins has put the finishing touches on this year's edition of the Green Book, the SRS Membership Directory and you should have already received your copy in your mailbox.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear SRS Members:

How we long for a beautiful pink May after such a long snowy white winter!

May, along with all its beauty, brings our **Annual Members' Breakfast Forum** at the Plaza Café on May 8th. Our guest speaker is Aurelia Scott, a freelance journalist and author of "Otherwise Normal People." This title sounds just like us! For reservations, email Nancy Rollins at chnarol@msn.com. Members may also register for the breakfast at our website. Register soon as seating is limited. Breakfast is free for members and \$35 for guests. An additional \$15 entitles guests to their first year of SRS membership.

Bring your children, your grandchildren, and your neighbors' children to the free **Children's Educational Program, "How to Plant a Mini-Rose,"** on May 22nd at the SRS Rose Garden at the Rogers Memorial Library. Each child will receive a mini-rose and the booklet, "The Mini-Rose and How It Grows." To register, email me at rosegarden13@optonline.net, register online, or sign up in the children's section of the Rogers Memorial Library.

I encourage you to visit our SRS website, southampton-rose-society.org and visit the new Kids'

Section. You will be amazed! A huge "Thank You" goes out to Adeline Christie for all her hard work overseeing our expanding website.

Now that DUNE ROSE is being sent to members electronically, here's a good thing to commit to memory: the password to get on our website is SRS1015.

Mark your busy summer calendars for our **2010 Cocktail Party and Silent Auction Fundraiser**, set for July 17th at a beautiful estate in Southampton. The elegant evening promises to be a resounding success if every SRS member attends--and brings guests!

Many articles pertaining to roses refer to an "abiding and unbridled passion" and this is certainly true of our SRS Board and Advisory Board members! Please support our Southampton Rose Society programs!

Roses are forever,

Carol Kroupa

Carol Kroupa, President



JUST FOR KIDS: HOW TO PLANT A MINI-ROSE

A love of roses was instilled in the hearts of many SRS members at an early age. Since children grow up to be future Rosarians, the Southampton Rose Society will offer a free **Children's Educational Program** on **Saturday, May 22, at 10:30 a.m.** at our beloved SRS Rose Garden (on the grounds of the Rogers Memorial Library).

Now in its 4th year, this successful program has grown from 12 children to more than 40 attendees last year. Rosarian Peter Bertrand will be on hand to show children how to plant a mini-rose bush in their own gardens. Each participant will receive a free mini-rose to take home, along with an instructional booklet, "The Mini-Rose and How It Grows."

After the lesson, children will be treated to juice and cookies. The program is free and open to the public, but reservations are required.

To register, call Carol Kroupa at 631.726.9575, email her at rosegarden13@optonline.net, register online at southampton-rose-society.org, or in person at the children's section of the Rogers Memorial Library.



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

Easy Rose Gardening

by Harvey Feinstein, PT, DRA, ARS/BMH

Rose gardening is becoming easier than ever. People are looking for low maintenance gardens with easy-care plants and winter-hardy roses. They are also demanding above-average resistance to insects and disease. All of this, of course, must come with beautiful color and the return of old-fashioned fragrance.

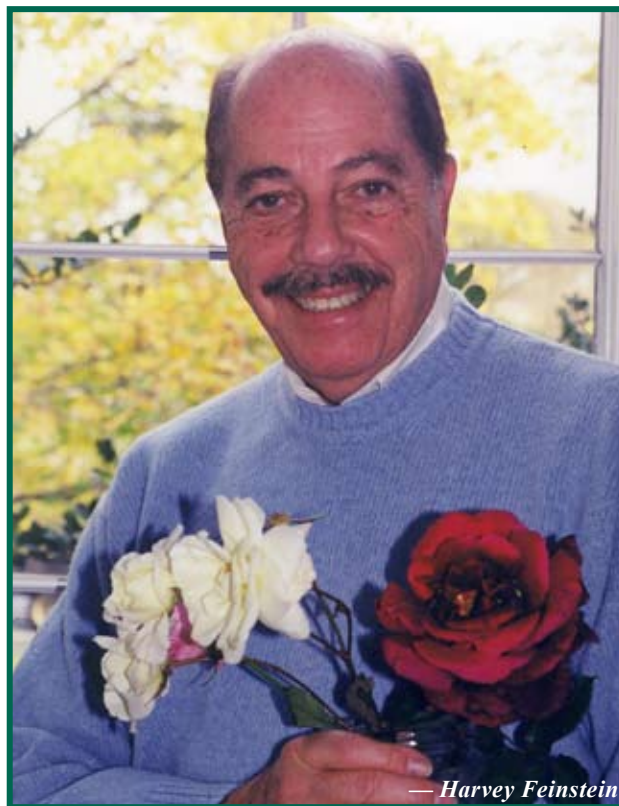
Wild roses that you used to see growing by the roadside, or suddenly springing up in a patch of woody plants in your own garden, were usually the work of some bird who ate one seed too many and maybe did his “stuff” while flying over your house. Hardy old garden roses always had the ability to resist more disease than the prima donnas we have been planting in our gardens for the last few years.

Rose breeders have been able to incorporate these genes into Modern Shrubs, which explains the phenomenal growth of this new variety of rose, also called Landscape Roses. If you have been attending our pruning sessions--and following up with the information provided about how to prepare the rose hole, fertilize and water the new plant—then you are one step ahead of the game. As you’re reading this in the “Merry Month of May,” I offer a few tips on what new roses you might consider planting in your garden, and how to tend to them.

- ♦ Before we go any further, we must contend with the dilemma of deer. I have found a product that is almost fool proof. It’s called Liquid Fence © and doesn’t harm the deer or pollute the atmosphere. The only drawback is that it stinks! For your nose, however, the stink lasts only 10 minutes, but the smell will stay with the deer for two weeks, and once smelt, they don’t come back. Buy the large concentrate size and use it at a rate of 8 oz. per gallon of water. It’s enough to make 16 gallons of water. It’s long lasting, rain resistant, dries odorless, and also discourages rabbits.
- ♦ Most roses need to be sprayed. Sorry, but there is no getting around that. Good news, though... the new Knockout Series of roses do NOT need to be sprayed. They self dead-head, are

shade tolerant, and will grow profusely in the landscape, around the pool, or by the patio. They are not a cutting flower, but so what? They look wonderful in the garden. There are six new varieties in colors of the rainbow. As for the other roses in your garden, I suggest just one type of spray: Immunox ©. It’s a 21st century product and an all-in-one insect-and-disease repellent concentrate. I spray once every two weeks after a good watering or rainfall because you don’t want to burn the leaves. Spray in the early morning when the dew is on the bush, never in the evening.

- ♦ About this time, your roses would love some Epsom Salts. Put just a handful around each bush, then after the first flush of bloom, and maybe one more dose around the first of August. Continue watering your garden all season, and if you have container plants water every day. Then sit back, have a glass of wine, and admire your handiwork.



—Harvey Feinstein

FROM SOUTHAMPTON TO ESTONIA: SRS WEBSITE ATTRACTS WORLDWIDE VISITS

by David Alexander, President, Opal Computing

The latest “Dashboard” statistics that monitor SRS website traffic have arrived and they are quite impressive. So far this year, the SRS website has showed 953 visits from January 1 to March 28. A high mark of 65 visitors was reached on Tuesday, March 16--clearly due to an announcement by SRS that the first electronic issue of DUNE ROSE had been published. That spike indicates that a variety of types of publicity, including free listings on Long Island event and community service websites, could increase SRS site usage, and could lead to increased membership and event attendance.

One thought-provoking statistic is the fact that our site was visited by people located in 29 different countries. The most active visitors came from the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, Germany and France (in that order), ranging from 866 U.S. visits down to 8 French visits. We also had “hits” from rose lovers based in the Netherlands, Bolivia, Estonia and Hungary.

Those using the site with the most attention, as shown by the number of pages viewed per visit, were visitors from the U.S., the UK and Germany. As expected,

visitors from Long Island are using the site to research upcoming events (6.43 pages viewed per visit), but it is also interesting that the UK had a high number of pages viewed per visit (4.00), indicating a strong interest in roses.

These are promising numbers since the rose season has not even begun!

When you’re searching the website, keep in mind that not only articles that bear re-issuing from past DUNE ROSE newsletters can be found on the website’s Articles page. Several new articles have been posted that target organic gardening solutions, including Part III in a series of ‘Invaders in the Garden’ honing in on Blackspot, and ‘Plan Before Buying Roses.’

WEBSITE COLORING PAGES FOR CHILDREN

A visit to the SRS website always brings new delights, from past DUNE ROSE articles and rose-growing tips to upcoming event information. Now, enchanting drawings by Nancy Rollins have been posted on the website’s Kids’ Section and are available for downloading. Keep this in mind the next time you’re watching that special child in your life and looking for a fun activity to do together.

	Pages/Visit	Avg. Time on Site	% New Visits	Bounce Rate
Site Total:	3.49	00:02:21	74.07%	50.00%
Site Avg: 4.65		Site Avg: 00:03:41	Site Avg: 51.98%	Site Avg: 3
(-24.92%)		(-35.89%)	(42.50%)	(28.76%)
Keyword	Visits	Pages/Visit	Avg. Time on Site	% New Visits
southampton rose society	39	6.82	00:05:31	25.84%
gary lawrance hamptons	4	3.25	00:00:18	0.00%
peter beales good health roses program	3	1.67	00:02:27	100.00%
clelia zacharias	2	1.00	00:00:00	50.00%
elegant gardens	2	1.50	00:00:27	100.00%
elegantgardens.com	2	1.00	00:00:00	50.00%
elliott packman	2	1.00	00:01:05	100.00%
long island rose society	2	3.00	00:01:20	100.00%





MEET FOUNDING MEMBER DOROTHY NIGRO

by Aimee Fitzpatrick Martin

If you ever want to hear an oral history of the genesis and evolution of the Southampton Rose Society, just give Dorothy Nigro a call. As the first president and a charter member, Dorothy brings a passionate commitment to the organization that spans 34 years and stems from a lifelong love of roses.

"I remember visiting my grandfather's home in Bayside in the 1940s and admiring his beautiful roses," says Dorothy, a city girl who dreamed of living in the country one day and growing her own roses.

Her wish came true in 1963, when Dorothy and her husband, Richard, bought a summer home in Shinnecock Hills. The couple, who met at St. Lawrence University, lived year-round in Manhattan, where Richard had a successful practice as an Ear, Nose and Throat specialist.

"We loved coming out to the Hamptons and decided to move here full-time in 1974. The first house we found in Shinnecock Hills had a lovely New Dawn on the property with white and pale pink flowers," she remembers. "Richard planted a vegetable garden and I began—and never stopped—planting roses."

In addition to her gardens, Dorothy tended to her three children (Pam, Laura and Carl) and two careers: the first as an English teacher (she has a masters degree from Columbia University Teachers College) and the second as a real estate broker for 25 years. She retired from Prudential Douglas Elliman a few years ago.

"The Southampton Rose Society was born in 1976, after several members of the Peconic Rose Society decided to break away and start a new organization. Our early members included Lois Fowkes, Jane Cohen, Virginia Lawson, Maureen Matthews, Anna Lingwood, Ninna Murray, Pauline Sullivan, Jane Simonds, Elenora Johnson, and Louise Schoen," she says.

Under Dorothy's tutelage, the Southampton Rose Society became the first charter member of the American Rose Society in New York State. She also launched and was editor of DUNE ROSE, the SRS newsletter, with Diane Vahradian contributing art work and photography. One of Dorothy's proudest achievements was chairing the New York State District Convention, held in Southampton in 1979.

"People came from all over New York State to attend this three-day extravaganza," she remembers with a big smile. "The Mayor got involved and changed the name of Jobs Lane to Rose Lane. We hosted a rose show and rose garden tours and had big dinners at the Southampton Racquet Club and the Southampton Inn. We were a small society back then, but we had a big impact."

"Once I joined SRS, I couldn't buy enough roses. I had over 250 roses at our home and began traveling to New York State conventions to exhibit my roses," she says. "For one district conference in Albany, I carried a Royal Highness in a plastic tube on the plane and ended up winning the 'King of Show' award."

As Dorothy's involvement with SRS continued, she went to judging school and became a licensed ARS Horticultural

Judge, traveling to judge rose shows in New Jersey, Westchester, and Pennsylvania. She is also a retired ARS Consulting Rosarian.

"I've given up traveling, but still judge the Long Island Rose Show once a year," she says.

In 2004, Dorothy and Richard (who retired from his East End practice that year) sold their large home and downsized to a small cottage in Shinnecock Hills with "wonderful water views."

"We have only a half-acre now, but I've tried to duplicate—on a smaller scale—the rose gardens I had on two acres. Right now, I have three small rose gardens for hybrid tea roses, grandiflora roses, and floribundas. I also have a mini-rose garden and a lot more vertical climbers and shrubs to make the most of the smaller property," she explains. "My current favorites are Sally Holmes and Dortmund roses—both climbing shrubs."

While Dorothy is in charge of the pruning, Richard is in charge of the spraying and tending his own English perennial gardens and a prolific raised vegetable garden that supplies the couple with tomatoes, cucumbers, lettuce and zucchini.

Looking back on her three decades with the Southampton Rose Society, Dorothy acknowledges that the organization has only gotten better with age.

"Our membership has greatly increased over the years, but a small core of active, long-time members can be credited for making it function so well. Adeline Christie brought us into the technological age with our web site; Gloria Kaye can be thanked for making our Rose Shows and annual Rose Day a success; Harvey Feinstein suggested creating a public SRS garden that was so beautifully executed by Helga Dawn-Frohling at the Rogers Memorial Library; Nancy Rollins, as guardian of the SRS Green Book, has greatly increased our membership; Peter Bertrand, our hands-on instructor for rose culture, conducts the children's program and cares for the library garden; Cornelia Bostwick has offered flawless financial advice; Lyn Hamer and Jane Indoe are instrumental in adding new dimensions to the DUNE ROSE newsletter; Dennis Sheahan was responsible for creating and implementing our two new village beautification projects; and last but not least Carol Kroupa, our current president, is handling an increasingly complex organization with great dexterity," she notes.

As for the future, Dorothy loves that the Southampton Rose Society is instilling an appreciation of roses in young children, including her own five grandchildren who attend the SRS Children's Educational Programs and grow their own mini-roses.

"Through public educational programs and rose plantings in public places, the SRS continues to be at the forefront. Our future is bright," she says.



A ROSE ARRANGERS OUTLOOK: FROM BUSH TO CONTAINER

by Lillian E. Walsh

Hello and thank you for inviting me to write for **DUNE ROSE**! My hope is to light the fires of rose design within the hearts of all members of the Southampton Rose Society.

As your recent past District Director and Region I Director, I am currently your New York District Chairperson for Arrangement Judges. I have been in Rose Arrangement competition for more than 20 years. I like to lead groups of rose growers so they can feel "at ease" in this fun rose activity, and I travel a lot to give hints and answer questions. In the coming summer months, I utilize the roses from the beds of 200 plants in my own backyard for beautiful arrangements. I live in mid-town Schenectady in Upstate New York on a grassless city lot that houses a 105-year old home, a shed and deck.

At selected rose show locations around the United States, I often have to supplement my own rose designs with those blooms from the workroom of the show. I have designed all across the United States, at local, district and national American Rose Society shows (and National Garden Club venues too), as well as in Canada, Scotland and Japan.

To be a good designer, you have to have beautiful, well-groomed roses. I truly believe that the rose designs are the jewels of the rose show. To use any less than your best is to put your designing in second place. I use my best roses I grow in design and the others go into horticulture!

It is not always possible to have as many roses of the same variety (i.e. Gemini, Elizabeth Taylor, etc.). But remembering that there are other varieties in the same **COLOR RANGE** will make it easier to provide you with a strong choice to make a lovely arrangement. I often find myself growing similar colors in the same bed. It is also possible to use different types of roses, including hybrid tea, floribunda, English shrubs and old garden roses. All of these can be in the same design if used wisely and carefully. Again color is a definite thing to remember when planning a successful arrangement.

Accenting your design with other colored plant life is a wonderful way to fulfill your garden's use for rose

design. I personally grow several types of euonymus, salvia, coleus, baby's breath and climbing vines, not to mention a few ground covers. I encourage you to grow some of these plants yourself. However, if you do not have the room or the desire, you can borrow from a friend or even go to your favorite florist



and supplement with other plant materials. Be careful to avoid any plants on the NYS Conservation list if you are exhibiting. For home use, use whatever you choose. I love Cinnamon Fern, but know it is on the LIST, so I only use it at home. Growing the other plants is as important as the roses.

I welcome your questions. You can email me at rosefun01@sprynet.com.

In rose petals,

Lillian E. Walsh



PASSINGS ELLIOT PACKMAN

We are sad to note the passing of Dr. Elliot L. Packman, SRS member and husband of Lee, on March 21. According to Nancy Rollins, "Elliot was very helpful to the SRS, donating his cosmetic dentistry for fundraiser auctions." In addition, he donated a speaker system to the SRS and participated in the Rose Parade. In his honor, the SRS Board is engraving a memorial brick with his name and placing it in the SRS Rose Garden. If anyone would like to donate a brick in Elliot's memory, or in honor of another friend or family member, contact Gloria Kaye.



Planning for the June 19th Rose Show: Trophies are Available for New Cultivars

by Harvey Feinstein

The 2009 Rose Show was a big success despite the awful weather the week prior to the show. Have you forgotten the deluge we experienced, especially on the evening before the show? Though some of our roses might have looked more like wet laundry than the blossoms we hoped for, we still were able to pull it off. That is a testament to all our faithful members.

The SRS was founded in 1976 and we are proud to say we have never had a year in which the society did not present a Rose Show. But as 34 years have whizzed by, our rules for exhibiting roses have not changed. New things have come onto the rose stage, and we thought it was about time to update our categories. Looking toward the future – and especially to this year's **Rose Show on June 19th** – we have made some changes to the **Section 111: Collections Classes Category**.

Note that the SRS will still be offering the same number of trophies, but we have attempted to make them more available to members who may be growing roses that the former rules did not cover. We now have 12 classes in Section 111. We hope they address the new cultivars that have come on the market, especially in the shrub, landscape and climbing group categories, as well as the explosion of new colors that people are turning to. An ad hoc team of SRS Board and Advisory Members have worked on the new plans, including Carol Kroupa, Gloria Kaye, Nancy Rollins, Adeline Christie, Helga Dawn, Dorothy Nigro and Harvey Feinstein.

For complete competition details, please refer to the "How to Exhibit Your Roses" guidelines available on the Articles page of the SRS website. Hardcopies are also available at the Rogers Memorial Library and as an attachment to the May issue of DUNE ROSE.

As we prepare for another wonderful season, we look forward to the glitter of silver on the awards table, and the pleasure we get from the cultivation of The Queen of Flowers—the rose.



ATTENTION 2009 TROPHY WINNERS

If you are a 2009 Rose Show trophy winner, please polish your trophies and bring them to Gloria Kaye on the morning of June 19th Rose Show, held at the Rogers Memorial Library. You can also make arrangements to drop off your trophies in advance. Call or email Gloria at 631.728.8175 or glorose555@aol.com.



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Plaza Café, 61 Hill Street, Southampton |
| MAY 22
10:30AM | — CHILDREN'S EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM
"How to Plant a Mini-Rose"
Rogers Memorial Library/SRS Rose Garden |
| JUNE 12
10:30AM | — "BRING HOME THE SILVER" WORKSHOP
Garden of Lee Packman
115 South Magee Street, Southampton |
| JUNE 19
7:30AM-4:00PM | — 34 th ANNUAL ROSE SHOW/ROSE ART COMPETITION
CHILDREN'S ART EXHIBIT
Rogers Memorial Library |
| JULY 17
6:30-8:30PM | — SRS BIENNIAL COCKTAIL PARTY FUND RAISER
Southampton Estate |
| SEPTEMBER 12
3:30-5:30PM | — SRS ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY &
PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION AWARDS
TOUR OF MEMBERS GARDENS
Home of Christl and Kenneth Meszkat |
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