



# DUNE ROSE

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## 34<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING WRAPS UP A SUCCESSFUL YEAR OF SRS PROGRAMS

by Adeline Christie, President Emeritus 2006-2007

The October 9th **SRS Annual Meeting**, held at the Meadow Club in Southampton, marked the closing of the Southampton Rose Society's 34th year. This recap is primarily for those members who could not be with us to celebrate another year of this marvelous organization's good work. After all these years, it continues to educate, offer interesting programs, social events, exhibitions, competitions, and glorious garden tours. That's a lot to be proud of!

**SRS President Carol Kroupa** took great pride and enjoyment in telling the story of this year's successes, including the expansion of the kids educational programs to include a **Kids' Art Competition on Rose Day**; the addition of another public rose planting in the ongoing **Village Beautification project**; and the results of all the hard work that went into the **Biennial Cocktail Party Fundraiser**.

**Awards** were presented to three members who have devoted so much time and energy: **Nancy Rollins**, ARS Bronze Medal of Honor; **Elizabeth Kearns**, President's Trophy; **Diane Vahradian**, Outstanding Service Award.

**SRS Treasurer Cornelia Bostwick** reported that the Treasury Fund and the Endowment Fund totals \$115,000. To be noted is that the portion allocated to the **Endowment Fund** is specifically earmarked for the maintenance of the SRS Rose Garden and the rose plantings in the Village.

**Membership Chair Nancy Rollins** reported that the membership has grown to 207, but noted that we need a campaign to bring younger people into the organization ( i.e. members' children, grandchildren and their friends). To grow membership, Richard Friendenberg suggested a **"Get A Friend"** program to encourage members to bring a friend to an event.

**SRS Rose Garden Chair Helga Dawn-Frohling** reported that it has become necessary to replace the donor placards in the SRS Rose Garden.

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— Christl Meszkat, our gracious hostess, with Lyn Hamer at the SRS Garden Party

**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

Dear SRS Members:

With the year coming to a close, I find myself wondering, "Where has our SRS year gone?!" So many activities filled this exciting year, ending in October with our **Annual Meeting/Lecture Luncheon** at the lovely Meadow Club. Thank you to **Mimi Goldberg**, Program Chairperson, and **Lyn Hamer**, Advisory Board Member, for arranging this memorable event. We had a wonderful turnout from our membership, and all enjoyed our guest speaker **Gaye Hammond's** lively, informative and educational slide show presentation of **Earth-Kind Roses**. Just imagine—no watering, no fertilizing, little care and beautiful long-lasting roses! Gaye left us with a CD of instructions, which we hope to utilize at future educational programs for our members. By the way, Gaye became our newest SRS member and may return for our 2011 Members' Breakfast. We certainly hope so!

A lovely and lively "welcome dinner" for Gaye was held at the Tuscan Restaurant the evening before our Annual Meeting. After dinner, **Peter Bertrand** suggested we show Gaye our **SRS Rose Garden** at the Rogers Memorial Library. Only Peter would have known how absolutely beautiful the garden is at night with the filtered evening light shining on the roses...just as fascinating as in the June sunlight!

**Cornelia Bostwick**, Treasurer/Financial Vice President, presented our SRS year end financial statement which is so important and far from boring. Cornelia keeps us on track, always reminding us to keep spending to a minimum.

**Nancy Rollins**, 1st Vice President and Membership Chairperson, presented the SRS Membership Report and reminded us to be timely in paying dues. Members' listing in the **Green Book** depends on the timely payment of dues. Let's keep Nancy happy by responding to notices and paying dues timely.

**Adeline Christie**, Website Chairperson, presented a brief overview of our SRS website and the important role the

website plays in promoting our SRS activities and keeping members informed.

**Helga Dawn-Frohling**, SRS Rose Garden Chair, presented our **Rose Garden and Village Beautification program**. Our most recent Village garden has been planted at the Featherstone Restaurant wall. New identification signs will replace the existing faded signs at our library rose garden.

**Hal Goldberg** was nominated 1st Vice President and Rose Day Chairman for 2011-2012. His nomination was voted and approved. Nancy Rollins will fill the 2nd Vice Presidency office.

**Hal Goldberg**, Chairman of our 2010 Biennial Cocktail Party Fundraiser and **Brad Bender**, Chairman of the Auction and Raffle, were praised for their fantastic talents in planning this most extraordinary event!

**Peter Bertrand** received praise for his educational programs: the Kids' Planting a Mini-Rose program and the Pruning and Rose Care session presented along with Johnette de Freitas.

Several awards were presented: **Diane Vahradian** received the SRS Outstanding Service Award; **Nancy Rollins** received the American Rose Society Bronze Medal of Honor, and **Liz Kearns** received the President's Trophy. This recognition is so very well deserved!

Please make every effort to participate in our 2011 activities which will include our SRS 35th Anniversary Celebration, which promises to be a memorable occasion.

**Thank you** to everyone who continually and actively supports our Southampton Rose Society. And thank you to our Board and Advisory Board Members who continually work to ensure the success of SRS.

Best wishes for a wonderful winter,

Carol Kroupa, President

**NEW SLATE OF SRS OFFICERS  
AND BOARD ELECTED!!!**

**President** – Carol Kroupa  
**First Vice President** – Hal Goldberg  
**Second Vice President** – Nancy Rollins  
**Financial Vice President/Treasurer** – Cornelia Bostwick  
**Secretary** – Elizabeth Kearns  
**SRS Rose Garden Chair** – Helga Dawn-Frohling  
**SRS Rose Day Chair** – Hal Godberg  
**Program Chair** – Mimi Goldberg  
**Publicity Chair** – Gary Lawrance

**Welcome new SRS Members**

The roses in our gardens may have stopped blooming, but our membership roster keeps growing! Please join us in welcoming the latest members of the Southampton Rose Society: Margaret Watson (Mrs. Andrew G.) of Southampton and Ridgewood, NJ; Diane Holmes of Southampton; Beatty and Dolph Cramer of Southampton; and Gaye Hammond of Houston, TX (who was our wonderful Annual Meeting speaker).



## SRS PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION WINNERS

### First Place — Blue Ribbons



BEST IN SHOW — Christl Meszkat  
— Class I Single Rose — *Sweet Surrender*



Carol Kroupa  
— Class II Rose Garden —  
*Baby Blanket*



Nicholas S. Kirkbride  
— Class III Free Style —  
*Red Bird in Rose Nest, Casablanca*

## Second Place — Red Ribbons



Nicholas S. Kirkbride  
— Class I Single Rose —  
*"Afterglow" Brighton Park, England*



Nicholas S. Kirkbride  
— Class II Rose Garden —  
*"White Rose" Château de Limeuil, Dordogne, France*



Christl Meszkat  
— Class III Free Style —  
*My Garden, Southampton*





## Third Place — Yellow Ribbons



Nancy Stone  
— Class I Single Rose —  
*SRS Rose Garden, Rogers Memorial Library*



Christl Meszkat  
— Class II Rose Garden —  
*My Garden, Southampton*



Nancy Stone  
— Class III Free Style —  
*SRS Rose Garden, Rogers Memorial Library*

## SRS Annual Meeting/Lecture Luncheon in Photos



— Wendy Wegner, Nancy Rollins and Adeline Christie



— Peter Bertrand, Mary Rode and Ruth Ferguson Richards



— Peggy Mahoney, Margaret Watson and Cornelia Bostwick



— Liz Kearns, Diane Vahradian, Carol Kroupa and Nancy Rollins



— Richard and Arlene Friedenberg with Diane Vahradian



— Carol Kroupa with Gaye Hammond



### ROVING PAPARAZZI WANTED

The SRS Board is looking for volunteers to share – along with Diane Vahradian and Gary Lawrance – the duties of photographing 2011 SRS programs and events. The volunteers will serve as “roving paparazzi” if Diane and/or Gary are not available to attend certain events. Interested candidates must have a good eye for detail, flexible schedule, own a digital camera and be computer savvy. Please email Gary Lawrance at [lawrance@optonline.net](mailto:lawrance@optonline.net) if you want to volunteer for the job!



### EVERYTHING'S COMING UP ROSES THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Author J.M. Barrie once said, “God gave us our memories so that we might have roses in December.”

If you're looking for rose-themed gift ideas this holiday season, consider the following books and authors:

- ♦ A Rose by Any Other Name: The Little-Known Lore and Deep-Rooted History of Rose Names by Douglas Brenner and Stephen Scanniello (our own SRS member!)
- ♦ Otherwise Normal People: Inside the World of Competitive Rose Gardening by Aurelia Scott (a SRS speaker this year!)





## SRS Annual Meeting

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**Website Chair Adeline Christie** reminded everyone of the value and great advantage of utilizing the website, including renewing memberships, registering for events, searching articles and viewing photographs of past events.

Following the luncheon, we were entertained by the inimitable **Gaye Hammond**, past president of the Houston Rose Society and perhaps one of the best motivational speakers on the planet! She held the audience's attention with her knowledgeable and fascinating presentation on the benefits of growing "Earth-Kind Roses."

As you may know, the **Earth-Kind Rose Program** is a project of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service that set out to produce beautiful rose plants "with minimal maintenance while providing maximum protection for the environment."

Earth-Kind Roses:

- ♦ do not require fertilizer
- ♦ reduce insecticide and fungicide use by 98%
- ♦ eliminate need for pruning and deadheading
- ♦ reduce supplemental irrigation by at least 70%
- ♦ grow in highly alkaline clay soils, sand and loam
- ♦ are heat and drought tolerant
- ♦ are winter-hardy without protection
- ♦ are tolerant of disease and pests
- ♦ are tolerant of highly saline irrigation (some varieties)
- ♦ thrive in a no-care environment
- ♦ do not lose more than 25% of their foliage

To be an Earth-Kind rose, they must be "own-root" roses, which means they are the same plant above and below the ground and are not grafted to a root stock, such as "Dr. Huey" or "Rosa Multiflora."

By the time the plant is seven or eight years old, this root stock is many times larger than the portion of the plant above the ground, thereby producing thinner canes and smaller roses. Since most of the fertilizer is absorbed by the root graft with little fertilizer getting to the plant above ground, the life of the rose plant is shortened.

Own-root roses are usually found in the nurseries as a "container" plant.

Some Earth-Kind roses that would do well in gardens in our area are:

- ♦ "Belinda's Dream" – Highest-scoring Earth-Kind rose, however it needs dead-heading because it takes longer to drop its brown petals as the flower ages
- ♦ "Caldwell Pink"

- ♦ "Carefree Beauty" – High scoring
- ♦ "Climbing Pinkie"
- ♦ "Ducher"
- ♦ "Duchesse de Brabant" (rose worn by FDR in his lapel)
- ♦ "Else Poulsen"
- ♦ "Georgetown Tea"
- ♦ "Knockout"
- ♦ "La Marne"
- ♦ "Mme Antoine Mari"
- ♦ "New Dawn"
- ♦ "Perle d'Or"
- ♦ "Sea Foam"
- ♦ "Spice"
- ♦ "The Fairy"

*For more details about Earth-Kind roses, please visit the SRS website, [www.southampton-rose-society.org](http://www.southampton-rose-society.org), to read a comprehensive article by Annual Meeting speaker Gaye Hammond. Our sincere thanks to Gaye Hammond for sharing her expertise with the SRS members.*

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## SRS 2011 PRELIMINARY CALENDAR

APRIL 16	— PRUNING/ROSE CARE SESSION Rogers Memorial Library/SRS Rose Garden
MAY 7	— MEMBERS' BREAKFAST FORUM Guest Speaker To Be Announced
MAY 14	— ROSE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP led by Nancy Stone
MAY 21	— CHILDREN'S EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM Rogers Memorial Library/SRS Rose Garden
JUNE 11	— "BRING HOME THE SILVER" WORKSHOP
JUNE 18	— ROSE DAY/35 <sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ROSE SHOW ROSE ART COMPETITION/KIDS' ART EXHIBIT Rogers Memorial Library
SEPTEMBER 18	— SRS ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY & PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION AWARDS
OCTOBER 15	— ANNUAL MEETING/LECTURE LUNCHEON Guest Speaker To Be Announced

Stay tuned for additional activities including possible fundraising garden tours in July, June 19<sup>th</sup> Agawam Park Family Fun Day, and having a float in the July 4th Parade.