Memoir of Times Past

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I was doing some spring cleaning recently which in itself is an anomaly as I try to avoid cleaning as much as possible. By that I mean, I AM A SAVER. I keep string in each pants pocket just in case I pass a rose bush that needs tying up, I save old ash trays stolen from fancy hotel dining rooms, I have buttons from clothes discarded long ago, menus from the QE 2, paper matchbooks from the Hotel de Paris in Monte Carlo (circa 1983), back issues of Time, Life, Look, Esquire, illustrated books from the 1920's and 30's, etc. I also keep memorabilia of the SRS.

Boxes of SRS material which had been languishing in Dorothy Nigro’s basement was recently transported to the meeting room at Cooper Hall, for anyone interested in seeing or reading about our past. It’s there for you to peruse.

In browsing through a desk drawer not often used, I found back issues of the Green Book starting with 1994. We were about 45 members strong. Just to recapitulate some history. When I became president in 1992 after Brenda Baldwin’s untimely death, we inaugurated the Green Book.

Our slate of officers for 1994-1995 was:
President: Harvey Feinstein
Vice President: Annette Benedict
Treasurer: Virginia Lawson
Board Members: Helga Dawn, David Dawn, Peter Bertrand
Dune Rose Editor: Harvey Feinstein
Publicity: Dee De Niff
Boutique Sales: Saki Mitchell
Annual SRS Breakfast: John Duck Restaurant.

For our newer members this may sound quaint, and if you notice we had no Secretary. For our older members it’s nostalgic, We did sell “boutique items” at each meeting. Usually it consisted of SRS Coffee Mugs, SRS aprons, SRS stationery, Sun Hats, and whatever else we could find to help the treasury.

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Dear SRS Members,

Our Annual Members’ Breakfast Forum has always been memorable and this year’s event was no exception! We were so fortunate to have Gaye Hammond as our guest speaker. Gaye is the former president of the Houston Rose Society and national coordinator for the Earthkind Rose Research Program. Gaye is also a member of our SRS.

Two very special awards were presented at our breakfast. Dorothy Nigro received the Rosarian of the Year award, also known as the ROTY. A much deserved recognition as Dorothy was our 1st President of SRS and has continued for 35 years to be actively involved presently serving as an Advisory Board member.

The Directors’ Award and greatly deserved recognition was awarded to Adeline Christie for the tremendous time and effort expended over the years.

Our 5th Annual Children’s Educational Program: How to Plant a Mini Rose and Art Exhibit was held on Saturday, May 21st. Special thanks to Liz Kearns for her efforts in promoting the children’s program and to Peter Bertrand for teaching the children how to plant.

Our Bring Home the Silver workshop was held at Helga’s home on Saturday, June 11th and presented by Freda Smith. The members who attended received a demonstration on how to prepare roses for showing and competing to win the silver at our rose day competition. The lovely atmosphere at Helga’s home and delicious refreshments were enjoyed by all.

On June 18th we celebrated our 35th Annual Rose Day and Rose Show which included Rose Art and Photography Competitions. Despite many many rainy days and soggy growing conditions the exhibition of roses in competition was overwhelming! What a wonderful day. Great appreciation to the members who came on Friday to set up and again very early Saturday morning.

We were so fortunate to have Louis Arce, Gus Preiser and Melinda Flaxman judge our rose competition and Zita Davisson and Neill Slaughter judged our Art Competition and Diane Vahradian as the photography judge.

As a special celebration of our SRS 35th Anniversary we participated in the Southampton July 4th Parade. We made a huge splash with two beautiful white Cadillac convertibles with two lovely SRS ladies, Rose Garden Committee Chairperson, Helga Dawn-Frohling and our SRS 1st President and Founding member and SRS Archivist, Dorothy Nigro riding in the parade. Hal Goldberg and I walked carrying an attractive banner announcing our 35th Year.

Please plan on attending our Annual Garden Party at the lovely home of NancyJane and Jeffrey Loewy on Sunday, August 14. RSVP is required and is found in this issue of Dune Rose and on our website.

If you noticed that Dune Rose has had a facelift then you’ll love this issue even more than the last. The new design comes courtesy of Fred Fehlau, Provost at Art Center College of Design. Many thanks to Fred.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Garden Party!

Carol Kroupa
President
SPOTLIGHT

Photography from the 35TH Annual Rose Day

Helga Dawn-Frohling
Queen of Show Winner (Olympiad)

Christl Meszkat
King of Show & Sweepstakes Trophy Winner (Lasting Love)

Anita Amico
Art Competition First Prize Winner

Brad Bender, Harvey Feinstein & Peter Bertrand

Brad Bender
SRS Trophy Winner (Voodoo)

Nancy Rollins
Photography Competition First Prize Winner

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Nancy Stone was my mentor. She took me under her shoulder when I had suddenly become president. She actually invited me to join the club. She was “the first girl on the block” to have a computer. I was still using a typewriter. As President she had been able to communicate with the members by printing information, and especially the Annual Guide For The Rose Show. She also worked with me in planning the monthly meetings in member’s gardens. When I announced to her that I was hoping to organize a first ever members tour of Tuscany she knowingly recommended the Hotel Nice et Suizze in Monticatini, to which we have returned three times on tours of that part of Italy.

Dee De Niff was a dear friend and a fabulous gardener with a beautiful arboretum on her property, which had been planted by her father, a noted architect. I was not yet a member when Dee was president, but she too was a mentor during my term in office and for years after. She did our publicity, and was instrumental in helping to plan local garden tours, which continues today as one of the activities of the SRS. We have a beautiful silver trophy which is awarded annually at the Rose Show, in Dee De Niffs honor.

My immediate past-president Brenda Baldwin took on as a personal project the ‘beautification’ of Southampton. At that time it was a mandate in our by-
Southampton Rose Society Celebrates 35 Years

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Carol Kroupa and Hal Goldberg carrying the banner, “Southampton Rose Society, Adding Beauty to the Village for 35 years.”

35th Annual Rose Show, Art & Photography Winners

Section 1
Queen of Show Trophy
Helga Dawn-Frohling (Olympiad)

King of Show Trophy
Christl Meszkat (Lasting Love)

Princess of Show Trophy
Christl Meszkat (Gemini)

Best of Show Perpetual Trophy / The Alan K Murray Trophy
Helga Dawn-Frohling (Rosarium Uetersen)

Sweepstakes Trophy
Christl Meszkat

Best Hybrid Tea Spray Trophy
Cynthia Brodsky (Olympiad)

Prince of Show, Floribunda Spray Trophy
Helga Dawn-Frohling (Nicole)

Polyantha Spray, Polyantha Trophy
Carol Kroupa (China Doll)

Large flowered Climber and Ramblers, Climber Trophy
Helga Dawn-Frohling (Rosarium Uetersen)

Modern Shrub / Charles A Belensky Memorial Trophy
Helga Dawn-Frohling (Westerland)

Section II
Fragrant Rose / Brenda Baldwin Trophy
Brad Bender (Baronne Edmond de Rothschild)

Novice Class, Showman’s Trophy
Larry Carnivale (Hot Cocoa)

Rose in a Bowl / Sean Rehill Trophy
Nancy Rollins (Pierre de Ronsard)

Open Rose / Eleanore Reiss Memorial Trophy
Brad Bender (Voodoo)

Section III
Queen of Combined Shrub Trophy
Helga Dawn-Frohling (Westerland)

King of Combined Shrub Trophy
Cynthia Brodsky (Linda Campbell)

Princess of Combined Shrub Trophy
Helga Dawn-Frohling (Flower Carpet)

Hybrid Tea, SRS Trophy
Brad Bender (Voodoo)

Photography Competition Winners
Nancy Rollins
First Prize, Rose Gardens & Freestyle Categories

Danielle Leef
Best in Show

Art Competition Winners
Harvey Feinstein
Professional First Place Winner

Anita Amico
Amateur First Place
by Harvey Feinstein
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NOW THAT YOUR plants are in bloom it is important to follow some procedures that will keep your roses healthy and sending out new blossoms throughout the summer. We on Long Island are particularly lucky, for with proper care and attention you could have roses up to Thanksgiving.

Of all the jobs associated with rose care, three are most important. FERTILIZING, WATERING and SPRAYING. Roses are voracious eaters, and drinkers, especially when they send out their first flush of flowers. If you use a dry balanced fertilizer of nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, you may want to apply this every six weeks. There are also fertilizers, which need application only every three months. And there are liquid fertilizers that enter the plant via the leaves or as a drench through the root system. This could be done every two weeks. I stick to a simple plan. I spread dry fertilizer in late March, then again after first bloom, and I STOP by August as the plants are “thinking” of hibernating. And you don’t need a long term acting fertilizer to keep them awake.

I supplement my fertilizing with fish emulsion, once a month. After the first flush I apply one tablespoon of Fish Emulsion to one gallon of water, for each bush.

It’s important to start a watering routine as roses are heavy drinkers. It is necessary to apply the equal of 1” of rainwater per week. Potted roses need to be watered daily. NO. 1; NEVER water at night. The wet leaves in our hot humid summers are a breeding ground for fungus, black spot, leaf wilt, etc.

If you have a sprinkler system make certain it is set for early morning. The sun will dry the leaves and keep your plant healthy. NO 2; when you spray your plants with chemicals make certain the bushes have been well watered a day before spraying. This prevents leaf burn. Also water after fertilizing.

Many people are adding the new EarthKind roses to their gardens, such as Knockout. Those can do without spraying. We who also have hybrid teas and floribundas, need a comprehensive spray program. The short of it is, I use only one spray product called IMMUNOX, made by Spectracide©. It’s a systemic insect and disease concentrate. It works for me. Just remember to water before spraying, in early morning preferably, once every two weeks. It REALLY WORKS.

Still bothered by the deer? Don’t forget LIQUID FENCE… once a week for three weeks, then once a month after that.. Happy gardening.

See ya at the October Luncheon.
A Nominating Committee has selected Hal Goldberg as our SRS incoming President. The committee, Cornelia Bostwick, Liz Kearns and Carol Kroupa have met to nominate future SRS Board of Directors, Advisory Board Members, Audit Committee Members and Standing Committee Chairpersons.

Any member interested in volunteering or nominating another member for a SRS position please contact Cornelia Boswick.

The new slate of officers will be announced at the October 15th Annual Meeting.

Welcome to our new members:
Lucinda & Woody Mullin of West Islip
Danielle Leef of Southampton
Lex Terry of Manhattan
Jack Pearson & Adam Leskinen of Water Mill

Garden Party
Plan to attend this year’s Garden Party to be hosted by NancyJane and Jeffrey Loewy at their charming home and lovely garden on Sunday, August 14th from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.
204 Parrish Pond Court West, Southampton

Bring guests, potential members and celebrate another successful SRS. Please consider bringing your favorite entree, appetizer or dessert. Be sure to respond by email or send the RSVP form below to Nancy Rollins by August 10th.

Ms. Nancy Rollins
131 Herrick Road, Southampton NY 11968
631-287-4881 email: chnarol@msn.com

Member’s Name ____________________________
Number of Guests __________________________
Are you bringing food? (please describe) ____________________________

Directions:
Hill Street west to 1st blinking light; turn right on St. Andrews Road; straight all the way around the pond until you come to last street; make right at stop sign. 204 is 1st house on right corner.

The cost is $15 for members not bringing food and $25 for guests of members. Please mail this form with payment, if applicable (check, cash or credit card) or email details.

Payments and registration may also be made at www.southamptonrosesociety.org.

Annual Meeting Luncheon & Lecture
The Annual Southampton Rose Society Meeting takes place this year on Saturday, October 15 at 11:00 a.m. In addition to lunch and the lecture, the meeting will welcome the new slate of SRS Officers.

The luncheon location has not been decided.

We are very pleased to be presenting another lecture by guest speaker, Peter Kukielski, curator of the Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden. Members are welcome to invite guests to the lecture and luncheon.

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The cost is $60 for members and guests of members. Please mail this form with payment, if applicable (check, cash or credit card) or email details.

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www.southamptonrosesociety.org

and a new phone number

631-740-4732

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DONT MISS THE ANNUAL MEMBERS
GARDEN PARTY ON
SUNDAY AUGUST 14 !