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## President's Corner



**I**T'S ONLY APRIL AND IT'S ALREADY APRIL! I know you are as confused as I am. The roses in my New York City garden are in bloom and it's only April. Yet it is already time for the first event of the season.

Saturday the 14th of April, we begin with our Pruning and Rose Care Session at the SRS Rose Garden. Peter and Johnette will be on hand to answer your questions and show you how the experts do it.

Our member's breakfast is next. This year we welcome, Manhattan Rose Society President, Pat Shanley. Pat has long been a member and supporter of the SRS and this year she will speak to us about her involvement in the American Rose Society and her

commitment to sustainable rose gardening.

If I have my way, the highlight of your summer will be the Biennial Cocktail Fundraising Benefit and Silent Auction on June 30. This year's party will be held at the beautiful Southampton home and garden of Christl and Kenneth Meszkat. It will be hosted by the Meszkats and benefit chairs Helga Dawn, Lyn Hamer and NancyJane Loewy who are working hard to make it a wonderful event.

Of course, that's only the beginning. In this 36th season of the SRS, we have planned a calendar of events that I hope will engage, inspire and motivate. You will find a list of these events on pages 4 and 5 of this newsletter as well as on our recently re-designed website, [www.southamptonrose.org](http://www.southamptonrose.org).

This is also my first President's Letter. Recently, I re-read the history of the SRS we published in last year's issues of Dune Rose. I was struck by the long list of dedicated hardworking men and women who have made it possible for the SRS to celebrate 36 years of community service. I have had the pleasure of meeting only a few of these people but I've had the luxury of being supported by a wonderful group of people.

Even though my term as president has barely begun, I am grateful to our past-president Carol Kroupa for her kind support and inspiration. Nancy Rollins is our tireless Vice-President and Membership chair and Cornelia Bostwick, our Treasurer. Both are trusted and dedicated advisors. Liz Kearns, our Secretary is always available to me and then there is the wonderful Lyn Hamer, Helga Dawn, and NancyJane Loewy who are my co-chairs for this year's Biennial Cocktail Fundraising Benefit. You will see the hard work of our publicity chair, Gary Lawrance and our website Chair, Curtis Eaves as you read your news and of course, my mother, Miriam Goldberg who takes over this year as Rose Show Chair.

Joy Cordery and Harvey Feinstein are among our Board of Advisors who give their valued ideas to Dune Rose and at our board meetings. And our season of events would be bare without the steadfast contribution of Peter Bertrand. Of course, there is also the rest of the Board of Advisors including my friend, Cynthia Brodsky, Adeline Christie, Carole Guest, Jane Indoe and Dorothy Nigro who you will see presiding at the Rose Show.

Marching in last years Fourth of July Parade, the warm and enthusiastic response the SRS received from spectators showed our lasting impact on our beloved Southampton.

All this would not be possible without the constant attention of our very dedicated board members and advisors. I thank you all for your efforts and hard work and look forward to a great summer. See you all in the Rose Garden. — **Hal Goldberg, President**

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# Mosaic Virus

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**H**AVE YOU EVER HAD A ROSE with funny yellow lines on the leaves? Or leaves with random green/yellow blotches? If so, that rose probably had what is known as Rose Mosaic Virus (RMV). This is a serious disease that has affected a large percentage of the commercial rose stock in the United States. Along with those unsightly leaf markings, RMV can cause reduced vigor, a shorter life span, and decreased bloom production in roses. Other symptoms include: stunted growth, shorter flower stems, leaves that are distorted, puckered or smaller in size, poor transplant survival and decreased winter hardiness.

The easiest way to identify RMV is through the leaf markings it produces. There are several distinct patterns, but they all indicate the presence of RMV. The first, and most



unique, is called "line banding" which produces leaves with yellow to whitish lines in a zig-zag pattern. Often this appears on the center of the leaf and resembles an Oak Leaf. Leaves can also have a great amount of yellow spots which remind you of mosaic tiles. This is called "mosaic" and is what gives the virus its name. "Watermarking" is another leaf pattern you might look for in a rose that has virus. It is characterized by faint, almost invisible swirls or squiggles in the green color of the leaf. Finally, "vein banding" looks like the reverse of iron deficiency; the veins are yellow and the leaf is green.



Rose Mosaic Virus is one of the more interesting rose ailments because it is highly variable and does not always present symptoms. Sometimes the virus causes serious damage; other times symptoms are mild and can be easily overlooked. Symptoms are more pronounced in spring and fall; the drier,

hotter conditions of summer inhibit the virus. As a result, the virus may seem to "disappear," with growth appearing normal in the summer. It is also not unusual for a plant to be several years old before showing any signs of RMV.

How do (companies such as Heirloom Roses.com) ensure their roses are virus-free? When most people think of a virus, they envision the common cold, something that transfers easily from one person to another. Thankfully, RMV is not contagious in the environment; adjacent rose bushes cannot "catch" it from a nearby plant that is infected. The virus spreads only through grafting, where the cutting of a desired rose variety has been grafted onto the rootstock of another variety.

Historically, RMV was virtually unknown prior to 1920, which was about the time the rose Dr. Huey began to be used industry-wide in the U.S. as a commercial rootstock. Some have also speculated the virus was introduced by grafting some wood from an apple tree onto a rose. While this bud would not take, it would eventually infect the rose with the virus. Regardless of its origin, no rose is immune to this systemic virus. Once an infected portion is grafted with a healthy cutting or rootstock, the virus will spread throughout the plant via the phloem (food-conducting) system.

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# Pat Shanley Guest Speaker At May 5th Breakfast

by Carol Kroupa

**W**HEN I JOINED the Southampton Rose Society at the invitation of President Adeline Christie I was in awe of what the Society had accomplished and totally unaware that within a very short time I would be President of this very active ambitious group of rose loving people.

It was only natural and obvious that the first of many phone calls I made as the newly elected SRS President was to Adeline. Adeline made sure I had all the support and resources I would need for the rest of my "Rosy" life. The first recommendation was for me to contact Pat Shanley. From the first moment, I knew with Adeline and Pat within a phone call away I could only succeed. Pat continually made every effort to support all our SRS efforts even today in preparing for our June Rose Show. Pat is one of the most lovely, beautiful, charming, knowledgeable and sincere persons I have met in my lifetime.

Please plan to meet Pat at our May breakfast.

**About Pat Shanley:** *Pat lives and gardens in Glen Cove, NY, where she is currently working on designing her new garden. She is the American Rose Society New York District Director; Chairman of ARS Marketing & Membership Committee; ARS Horticultural Judge; ARS Master Rosarian; Recipient of New York District Outstanding Consulting Rosarian Award; Recipient ARS Bronze Medal; Founding and Current President of the Manhattan Rose Society; Founding Chairman of the New York Metropolitan Rose Council; Member of the Steering Committee of the Great Rosarians of the World™ (GROW) Award Lectureship and organizer of GROW-East Event; Member, Heritage Rose Foundation Board of Trustees; Member, Queens Botanical Garden Board of Trustees. She is the co-editor and a contributing author of The Sustainable Rose Garden — A Reader in Rose Culture 2010, published by Newbury books, (an imprint of Casemate Publishers). Pat is also a candidate for ARS Vice President in the 2012 Triennial Elections.*

## May Members Breakfast & Lecture

**SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2012, 9:30A.M.**

**The lovely Plaza Café will be the site of our SRS Members' Breakfast and Lecture. Pat Shanley will be our Guest Speaker. Her topic will be "Skyscrapers, Roses and Sustainability." Pat is the President of the Manhattan Rose Society and Chair of the American Rose Society Marketing and Membership Committee.**

**Tickets are \$25.00 for members and guests of members. Please complete the RSVP form in this issue of *Dune Rose*. It is most helpful if we can plan in advance and notify Doug, the Plaza Café Proprietor, of the number of attendees who will attend the breakfast and lecture.**

**Attending our SRS Annual Breakfast and Lecture is the perfect beginning of our 2012 season of activities**

**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](http://www.southamptonrosesociety.org).**

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## FEATURE

### Mosaic Virus

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At one point in time, it was estimated that up to 90% of the commercial roses in the U.S. were infected with virus. However, rose virus is not as big a problem in roses originating and grown in Europe (the majority of rootstock in Europe is grown from seeds which are virus free).

There are many other foliar diseases that can create symptoms similar to RMV. Make sure that you do not confuse RMV with the natural diseases that roses can attract like black spot, powdery mildew, rust and downy mildew. Certain mineral deficiencies in the rose may also resemble RMV. However, should you suspect one of your grafted roses has virus, the only remedy you have is to replace it — preferably with an own-root rose!



## Saturday, April 14

10:30 AM

### PRUNING & ROSE CARE SESSION

Demos by Peter Bertrand & Johnette deFrias  
SRS Rose Garden — Rogers Memorial Library  
91 Coopers Farm Road, Southampton



## Saturday, May 5

9:30 AM

### MEMBERS' BREAKFAST & LECTURE

*"Skyscrapers, Roses & Sustainability"*

Guest Speaker: Pat Shanley — President, Manhattan Rose Society  
Chair, American Rose Society Marketing & Membership Committee  
Plaza Café — 61 Hill Street, Southampton  
\$25 each for members and guests of members



## Saturday, May 12

10:30 AM

### HOW TO PLANT A MINI-ROSE

### KID'S ART & ESSAY SHOW

Demos by Peter Bertrand  
SRS Rose Garden — Rogers Memorial Library  
91 Coopers Farm Road, Southampton



## Saturday, June 9

11:00 AM

### "BRING HOME THE SILVER"

*Learn to show your Roses and bring home a silver trophy!*

Demos by Freda Smith  
Graciously hosted by Carole Guest in her garden  
359 Wickapogue Road, Southampton  
Members only



## Saturday, June 16

### 36<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ROSE SHOW

Open to competitors from 7am to 10 am  
Open to the public from 1pm to 4pm  
*Entries must be placed by 10am SHARP !*  
Rogers Memorial Library — Morris Room  
91 Coopers Farm Road, Southampton



## Saturday, June 30

6:00 – 8:00 PM

### BIENNIAL COCKTAIL PARTY FUNDRAISER

Graciously hosted by Christl & Kenneth Meszkat

150 Halsey Neck Lane, Southampton

Tickets from \$175 to \$10,000



## Sunday, September 9

3:00 PM

### MEMBER'S GARDEN PARTY & PHOTO COMPETITION

Graciously hosted by Jack Pearson

12 Huntington Lane, Watermill

No charge for members and \$20 for guests of members

Rain date is September 16



## Saturday, September 15

8:00 AM

### GUIDED TOUR OF THE HISTORIC CRANFORD ROSE GARDEN AT THE BROOKLYN BOTANIC GARDEN

Luxury coach trip from Southampton. Returns @ 6pm

Q&A with curator, Susan Owens

\$75 per person



## Saturday, September 29

11:00 AM

### ANNUAL MEETING, LECTURE & LUNCHEON

Guest Speaker: Susan Owens, curator of the historic

Cranford Rose Garden at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden

The Meadow Club — 555 First Neck Lane, Southampton

\$70 each for members and guests

Members may register for events by returning the RSVP forms published in this newsletter, online at [www.SouthamptonRose.org](http://www.SouthamptonRose.org) or by emailing [events@southamptonrose.org](mailto:events@southamptonrose.org).

For additional information about the Cocktail Party Fundraiser, please call 631-740-4732 or email [president@southamptonrose.org](mailto:president@southamptonrose.org)

# Ready, Get Set, Grow

By Harvey Feinstein,

PT, DRA, ARS/BMH, President Emeritus 1992–1997



*Awake! For morning in the bowl of night  
Has flung the stone that puts the stars to flight  
— Omar Khayyam, 1120*

**W**HILE YOU WERE SLEEPING a revolution has occurred, and the world of roses may never be the same. I think the date for that event can be called Year One, when Bill Radler first introduced his masterpiece “Knockout”, a true Earth-Friendly rose. In 2012 he follows this with a new cultivar “Orchard Romance,” a multi-petaled pink shrub with purple overtones.

As we begin another year, our 36th as a Rose Society, many hybridizers are getting into the Earth-Friendly business. The new varieties, as well as some older ones which you may already have, limit the need for fertilizers, pesticides, and water. They do well in a variety of top soils, ranging from well-drained acid sands to poorly-aerated alkaline clay. Once established they have excellent heat and drought tolerance. Check your local nursery for which of the many new Earth-Friendly roses they will be stocking this year.

These new roses are still ‘deer attractive’ so I keep my sprayer handy with LIQUID FENCE © for when it’s needed. Start a spray routine after your first pruning and do it twice a month. I continue this routine as long as there are roses blooming in my garden. That will keep all pesky critters away and not harm you, your plants or the environment. Here’s a short cut for the perennial Japanese beetle which appears July 4th. I have a bird feeder near my roses, not in amongst the roses. The birds eat the insects. Make certain the bird feeder is not too near the roses, as you may have unwanted plants popping up. Never use a beetle trap... it invites your neighbor’s bugs.

“When the forsythia bloom, it’s time to prune.” Pruning is your first chore of the year. You may have cut your roses down to knee height last fall, to keep them from rattling around in the wind, but now the real work starts.

Tea Roses need to be brought down almost to 1 foot, or until you see white pith in the cane. Remove all dead wood. Try to keep about four branches open in the center of the bush. Look closely at the canes and you will see little red ...what I call blips... that will be the next cane, and cut ½ inch above the ‘blip’ at an outward facing angle. You can also prune your shrubs, floribundas, and grandifloras the same way but leave about about 3 feet of healthy wood. CLIMBERS should be pruned after first bloom in June. Just do some cosmetic work until then. Keep them healthy, neatly tied to the trellis, and leave room for new canes. Tie them with strips of old pantyhose. These will stretch with the growing canes and blend in.

After you have pruned your roses, feed them with 5-10 -5 or 10 -10 -10, my fertilizers of choice, inexpensive, and they work. Get some dehydrated horse manure (from the store, not your neighbor’s horse) and add a handful of Epsom salts (magnesium) per bush. If you garden organically, maybe you’ve made a spot for a small compost pile that’s free of weeds. Never put the raking of last year’s roses into your compost as it may carry fungus and insect larvae from last year. Add some decomposed horse manure and a few handfuls of Epsom salts. Water well, and use when planting new roses.

Welcome sweet Springtime, and happy gardening.

— Harvey

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park-like estate in Southampton. Tickets are \$75 for  
the tour and \$175 for the tour and cocktail party.

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OF THE SEASON:  
PRUNING & ROSE CARE SESSION,  
SATURDAY, APRIL 14 AT 10:30 AM**

