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## President's Letter



**A**s the season comes to a close, this issue of Dune Rose highlights some of the society's recent events. Already your new Board of Directors and Committee Chairs are busy planning 2014, which will include two exciting fundraising events.

At present SRS has five public gardens: the marvelous SRS Rose Garden at the library, the O.R.G. (organic rose garden) in front of the Southampton Cultural Center, the garden at Little Red Restaurant near Agawam Park, the garden of Climbing Hydrangea and Roses outside Shippy's Pumpnickels Restaurant, and the recently restored garden alongside the Town & Country Real Estate office on Hampton Road. Any single one of these gardens would be proud achievement for the Society but with *five*, we have made a wonderful and significant impact on the community that we serve and love.

Of course, these beautiful gardens require a great deal of maintenance and expertise. Our operating budget covers expenses for SRS events such as the Rose Show (unfortunately rained out this year but back bigger and better than ever in 2014), the Garden Party, our Educational Programs, the publication of Dune Rose, and our membership Green Book. **But our endowment secures the future of the gardens.**

Next year is the start of my second term as President, and to insure the longevity of our work I have set a fundraising goal at \$50,000—well above our fundraising efforts of seasons past. SRS has made important contributions to the beauty of our community, and I believe it is part of our mission to continue that work.

To keep our endowment healthy and ensure the continued maintenance of our public gardens, we need to raise this money next year. We also need to expand our membership. Your renewal form will be mailed to you in January along with a membership brochure, so please talk to your friends about the benefits of belonging to the Southampton Rose Society.

And please consider making an end-of-the-year donation to the SRS Endowment Fund (see page 7), to help support our activities and keep us a vital part of the Southampton community. 🌹

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INTRODUCTION

## A Look At 2013

This has been a busy year for SRS. We had several new events this year including an expanded schedule of workshops: Pruning and Planting, led by Peter Bertrand and Johnette de Freitas; Disease Control and Fertilization, presented by Dr. Don Booth of Bartlett Tree Company; the Children's Mini-Rose Workshop, led by Peter Bertrand; a session on Competitive Rose Arranging, with Freda Smith; Choosing Award-Winning Roses, led by Huguette Hersch and Helga Dawn; and the Photographic Garden Workshop, with internationally acclaimed photographer Matthew Benson. The workshops wrapped up October 19 with Preparing Your Garden for Winter, again by our Education Chairperson, Peter Bertrand.

Our sincere thanks to all of our outstanding speakers and workshop presenters, to Carol Kroupa for planning such exciting and informative programs for us, and to our generous hosts who so graciously opened their homes and gardens to us.

Bravo to all—we couldn't have done it without you! 🌿

## BOARD NOTES

Announced at the Annual Meeting were this year's award recipients. In case you missed it, Carole Guest was awarded the President's Trophy for her many years as an SRS Board Member and host of some of our most memorable events.

The Rosarian of the Year Award went to Peter Bertrand, the long-time SRS Education Chairperson. Well deserved and long overdue.

We are also delighted to welcome new members Cathy Warren of Broadview Gardens in Amagansett, James Berkrot, Michael Staples, Samantha Orleans, Kevin Hansley, and Christine Vickery.

We pause to remember two of our members who passed on this year:

### ANNE ROGERS BARRY and SCHUYLER CAMPBELL

Anne Rogers Barry died May 1, 2013 at the age of 90. She was an active member of the SRS since 1998 and lived in Southampton and Rancho Mirage, CA. She will be remembered as an enthusiastic gardener and swimmer and she loved to travel.

Schuyler Campbell, an SRS member since 2007, died May 24, 2013 at the age of 73. Schuyler had a great love for history, architecture, dogs, and gardening. At her home at the Whitefield Condominiums on Hill Street, she passionately restored the center section of the former Breese mansion, finding the original plans and construction correspondence of its architect Stanford White. Schuyler also took an extra special interest in the rose garden there, bringing it back to a former glory and exhibiting at the SRS Annual Rose Show her beautiful efforts. 🌿

## Learning to See Like A Camera



**M**atthew Benson’s photography workshop, *The Photographic Garden* (based on his book of the same title), was a resounding success in August. Several of the winners of this year’s photography competition—including double award winners Maureen Riggio and Nancy Rollins—participated in the workshop.

The two-part workshop began on Friday evening in the Morris Room of the Rogers Memorial Library. Mr. Benson gave an hour-long talk based on his book, encompassing both the inspiration and technique of creating good photographs. Participants learned how to

use light, and the mechanics of using a camera, as well as photographic techniques.

The workshop reconvened early Saturday morning for a hands-on session in the garden of Patty Kraus (thanks so much, Patty, for opening your garden!). All practiced shooting portraits of individual flowers, as well as capturing wider views of the garden. Among other techniques Mr. Benson demonstrated how getting down low behind a plant can enable the photographer to capture a halo of light around the flower.

Mr. Benson’s goal was to teach participants how to “see like a camera” in the garden, he said. 🌿



Nancy Rollins



Dorothy Nigro, Matthew Benson & Maureen Riggio



## And the Winner Is . . .

The cocktail party and photo competition in September, so generously hosted for a second time by Jack Pearson, was a delightful gathering and the hors d'oeuvres from Gloria Morch were delicious. There were two double award winners this year: Nancy Rollins and Maureen Riggio, both of whom attended Matthew Benson's photography workshop. 🌹

### PHOTO COMPETITION WINNERS

#### FREESTYLE

FIRST PLACE: Elise Bennett

*Best in Show*

(top right)

SECOND PLACE: Nancy Rollins

#### ROSE GARDEN

FIRST PLACE: Nancy Rollins

(bottom right)

SECOND PLACE: Maureen Riggio

#### SINGLE ROSE

FIRST PLACE: Helga Dawn

(below)

SECOND PLACE: Maureen Riggio



## Empress of the Garden

**O**ur Annual Meeting/Luncheon/Lecture at the Meadow Club featured Michael Shoup, founder and owner of The Antique Rose Emporium in Brenham, Texas. He shared his enthusiasm for the beauty and durability of old garden roses, along with some breathtaking images of these roses in bloom in gardens, in abandoned and neglected sites, and in bountiful urns as cut flowers. Mr. Shoup believes one of the most arresting qualities of old roses is

their heavenly scents. Floral fragrance, he is convinced, speaks to us on an emotional level, forging links to important memories, experiences and people in our lives. It's another compelling reason to include at least some old roses in our gardens.

Mr. Shoup is considered one of the most innovative and interesting people in the rose industry, and his talk was inspiring. 🌹

Michael Shoup



Eric von Kuersteiner, Christine Vickery,  
Raya Keis Knight, Jim Berkrot, Michael Staples, Elise Bennett



Eleanor Silverman & Dorie Coleman



Ingrid & Michael Morley

## Adieu Summer, Hello Autumn

**H**ere's some great advice from Harvey Feinstein, PT, DRA, ARS/BMH, SRS President Emeritus 1992–97 and Sarah Owen, Curator of the Cranford Rose Garden, Brooklyn Botanic Garden.

This is the time of year to order roses for spring planting. Many of the best nurseries sell out quickly. You will find information about rose growers on our website and remember to order bare-root or own root roses for the best results.

If you are planning to move some rose bushes or add some new roses next spring you might want to start to prepare their new planting holes now. Then when the time comes just re-open that new bed, add some nutrients and plant the bushes. If you have the right soil conditions and you have added nutrients to the planting hole your roses will slowly begin to feed next spring. 🌱

### SARAH'S ORGANIC ROSE CARE CALENDAR FOR FALL

#### OCTOBER

Trim back any whipping canes

Tie in canes of climbers

Apply 2 % saturation of Neem one time before temperatures fall below 47 degrees F.

If you plant own-root roses, as we have at the SRS Organic Rose Garden, no hilling is needed and I don't recommend feeding after late August/early September since you want them to go dormant. No dead-heading as well, leaving hips for winter and again, encouraging dormancy as much as possible.

#### NOVEMBER–FEBRUARY

Dormancy!

### HARVEY'S ROSE CARE CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER-DECEMBER:

#### OCTOBER

Keep the rose beds free of fallen leaves that had disease and fungus. If the leaves winter over it will be the same story again next year so try to avoid problems now. Never put this detritus into your compost pile as it will be the same as leaving it lay in your rose beds. Cleanliness is the best route to healthy roses. You may want to start thinking about new roses so look through catalogs which now feature Earth-Kind Roses, (a designation developed at the University of Texas). They are mostly shrubs, but though not generally what you want for cut flowers, they make a wonderful garden display with less work.

#### NOVEMBER

Keep your roses watered if there has been no rain. Decide which roses you want to discard and which roses you want to buy. If you haven't had a soil test for a while you might want to add some lime if your soil tested below the pH 5 level. Weeds may still be poking up, so catch those pesky plants early by applying Preen.

#### DECEMBER

After the second frost prune roses down to hip or knee height to prevent them from tossing in the wind and opening the plant hole. This is not done to climbers, which you prune in June after the first bloom. Move potted plants indoors. Enjoy the Holidays. Happy New Year.



# The Southampton Rose Society Endowment Fund

**K**eeping 360 rose bushes at the SRS Rose Gardens and the other *five* gardens in the Village of Southampton looking their best requires regular maintenance and attention, expertise and a passion for roses. Please show your passion by making an end-of-the-year donation to the

SRS Endowment Fund, to help support our activities and keep us a vital part of the Southampton community.

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

*The Southampton Rose Society is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) educational organization. All contributions are deductible to the full extent of the law.*

Yes, I want to support the SRS in its beautification efforts. Enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution to the Southampton Rose Society Endowment Fund.

- \$100
- \$200
- \$250
- \$500
- \$100
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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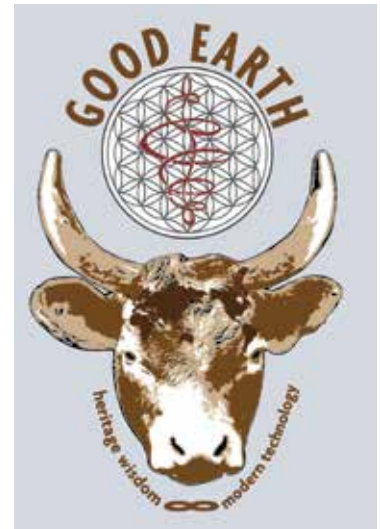
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## ANOTHER APPROACH TO ORGANICS

**I**f you are interested in growing roses organically, here's an interesting take on organics: the biodynamic method. Biodynamics was developed in Germany by Rudolph Steiner in the 1920s. It's a complex philosophical approach aimed at working with the life force, or life energy, of the Earth and everything on—and in—it. Biodynamic farming and gardening involves the use of specially formulated composts, and compost teas that are circulated in a stirring machine to release their full potency.

Organic methods are earth-friendly, and can be successfully used in rose gardens. If you'd like to try out biodynamic methods in your rose garden, there's a local company—Natural Science Organics—based in Water Mill that produces biodynamic composts and compost teas. For more information, or to purchase products, visit their website, [naturalscienceorganics.com](http://naturalscienceorganics.com), e-mail them at [biodyn@naturalscienceorganics.com](mailto:biodyn@naturalscienceorganics.com), or phone (631)726-6783.



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Award-winning photo by Maureen Riggio

