At this year’s annual Meeting/Luncheon/Lecture in September, our keynote speaker will be Michael Shoup, founder and owner of the Antique Rose Emporium. Old roses began to cast their spell on Mr. Shoup in the late 1970s. Armed with a Masters degree in horticulture, he started a nursery in Texas growing woody ornamental plants (think privet and pittosporum) for the landscape and retail industries. He soon became bored selling the same old plants again and again, and he began to look for more interesting plants that would be low in maintenance and easy to grow.

What he found was old garden roses. It all began with one called Mermaid. The beauty and hardiness of that rose got him hooked on antique roses, and he’s been seeking them out and growing them ever since. After he found Mermaid, he started his “search and rescue” mission, hunting for old roses that were thriving in abandoned or neglected places and blooming their hearts out all season long with no help from a gardener. He found them in old neighborhoods in small out-of-the-way towns where neighbors had traded plants for years. He found them in cemeteries. He found them in abandoned homesteads and in lots of other places.

As he discovered more and more of these tough, beautiful roses, he took cuttings (with permission), grew them, and then searched historical sources to try and identify them. Some he was able to identify; when he grew the plants, certain characteristics would eventually lead him toward the class of rose to which a particular rose originally belonged—it would resemble a noisette, perhaps, or a bourbon. Others were untraceable. But his discoveries led him to start a successful business selling old roses.

Mr. Shoup found that these old roses could survive challenging conditions with aplomb, without being fussed over by a gardener. They were tough. And their flowers were glorious. He believes they are the ultimate garden plants. His talk to SRS on September 28 promises to expand our understanding of what old garden roses really are, and inspire us with how easy they are to grow. They are, he says, extremely practical to grow, and they can play a variety of roles in the garden.

The more Mr. Shoup grew old roses, the more he came to discover that each one has its own unique character, or persona. Understanding a rose’s personality can be a very useful tool for the gardener to use in finding the perfect place for it, he says. For example, he said, a rose of a drippy and romantic nature might be ideal for an intimate spot where you can enjoy your morning coffee. On the other hand, a “tenacious tomboy” of a rose could stand up to the environmental rigors along a fence line.

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Dear SRS Members,

It’s September—we can feel the seasons changing at this time of year. The light has changed. The tourists are gone. Autumn is the most beautiful time of year in the Hamptons, and in our gardens. I love my September roses more than any others. I don’t have the worry of finding and preparing my most perfect roses to compete in the annual show. The worst of the pests and diseases that can plague my garden are mostly gone.

This 2013 season has been full of activity for us, with a host of successful events. We began in April with the Pruning and Planting workshop, ably led by Peter Bertrand, followed in May with the Disease Control and Fertilization seminar. Peter returned in May to lead the children’s workshop on miniature roses.

June was all about maximizing the beauty of the roses we grow. On June 1 Freda Smith showed us how to create ravishing arrangements to enter in competition at our annual show—a new competitive class for us. On June 2 HuguetteHersch and Helga Dawn—both multiple award winners—led a workshop on choosing award-winning roses to show. Alas, monsoon rains drowned out our show this year. But we’ll be back next year, with the new competitive arranging class, and, we hope, more congenial weather.

The Garden Tour on June 29 invited us into six spectacular gardens, beginning with our own SRS Rose Garden at the Rogers Memorial Library. All the gardens had gorgeous roses, but each private garden also integrated roses with perennials, shrubs and other features in the landscape. Each garden was uniquely—and beautifully—suited to its site.

In August acclaimed photographer Matthew Benson presented a workshop that taught us how to see like a camera when photographing our gardens, to truly capture the essence of the flowers.

As I write this, the annual Garden Party is upon us, and soon we will be welcoming Michael Shoup, of the Antique Rose Emporium, to speak at our annual Meeting/Lecture/Luncheon at the Meadow Club. You’ll find a registration form later in this issue if you haven’t already signed up. You don’t want to miss hearing about his unique take on roses and their personalities, and enjoying his glorious photographs. He will also be signing copies of his breathtaking book, “Empress of the Garden.”

In October Elizabeth Lear will tell us how to prepare our gardens for winter.

There will be one more issue of Dune Rose before this season ends. But I am looking forward to another great season in 2014 with more enlightening workshops to hone our skills, and more enjoyable events where we can swap garden stories and enjoy each other’s company.

Happy September!

Hal Goldberg, President
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Don’t forget to sign up for this sure-to-be inspiring meeting.

by Harvey Feinstein
PT, DRA, ARS/BMH; President Emeritus 1993-97

September:
Disbud and deadhead, or cut for house bouquets. Here on the East End of Long Island we still have growing season ahead of us. If you are lucky and the weather holds you may see roses up to Thanksgiving.
Continue spraying to prevent mildew and disease, but as the temperature cools, you will see less humidity which means less leaf disease.
Deer still eating everything in sight? I use Liquid Fence every two weeks. It really works. They learn that your roses don’t smell good to them and they just stay away.
Feed with fish emulsion. It goes to the roots and though it’s late in the season, it prepares them for next spring before going into dormancy in another few months.

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—it would 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 Friendly Roses. They are mostly shrubs, but though not generally what you want for cut flowers for the house, they make a wonderful garden display with less work.

SRS Organic Garden Schedule of Maintenance
By Sarah Owens, Brooklyn Botanic Garden

September:
Apply Conserve SC once if temperatures are still in the 80s
Last application of seaweed/fish fertilizer to foliage at beginning of month
Last application of Rose-tone for the season at beginning of month
Apply 2% saturation of Neem once at least 2 weeks after Conserve SC. Cloudy but not rainy day is preferable, with temperatures below 85 degrees F to avoid phytotoxicity
Continue to irrigate as necessary
Deadhead until end of month.

October:
Trim back any whipped canes of shrub roses but do not prune hard

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Freda Smith’s Competitive Arranging Workshop

Freda Smith, Hal Goldberg, Helga Dawn

Freda with her finished arrangements

Southampton Cultural Center Garden Opening Party

Miriam Goldberg, Peter Bertrand, Helga Dawn, Juliette & Liz Kearns

Nancy McGann and the SRS Board

Hal Goldberg, Mayor Mark Epley

Cultural Center Garden
The entrance at Folly Fields, magnificently framed by Rosa ‘Pierre de Ronsard’

Mimi Lenihan and Helga Dawn

Alixandra Baker and Anthony Roncalli

Christine Vicery, Warren Hamer and Alan Vicery

Hal Goldberg, Lyn Hamer and Greg Dehlia

Kim White, Kurt Wolfgruber, Adrienne White
2013 Schedule of Events

As the summer season ends and we move toward Autumn, members will celebrate with some special events. Please plan to attend if you can!

Annual Meeting, Luncheon & Lecture – September 28 at 11 am
Guest Speaker: Michael Shoup, owner of Antique Rose Emporium and author of Empress of the Garden
Please RSVP by September 16th
Location: The Meadow Club
555 First Neck Lane
Southampton, NY 11968
$70.00 per person

Preparing your Garden for Winter – October 19 at 10:30am
Guest Speaker: Elizabeth Lear
Location: Rogers Memorial Library – MorrisRoom
91 Coopers Farm Road, Southampton NY 11968

Please mail this form with payment, if applicable (check, cash or credit card) or email details.

Event(s) ____________________________
Member’s Name ______________________
Number of Guests ____________

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Saturday, September 28, 11:00 a.m.
SRS Annual Meeting/Luncheon /Lecture
Guest Speaker: Michael Shoup

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Rosa Mermaid