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## President's Letter



*I*'m writing this as I pack my bags to journey to Syracuse, NY for the NYS District Rose Show. One of the reasons I always encourage members to join the ARS is because it is as vibrant and active an organization as ours is. At the show (which btw is part of the amazing NYS Fair . . . think blue ribbon sheep), I am training to be an ARS Consulting Rosarian. Earlier in the summer, we published an article about Consulting Rosarians and we are lucky to have a few among our membership. If

things go well in Syracuse, we will have one more.

I know you all had a great time at our Cocktail Party Fundraiser and happily we raised a bundle. It was a wonderful event at the home of a terrific, generous and kind couple. It's impossible to thank them enough for all they did to make it happen. There were literally a dozen trucks full of carpenters, gardeners and assorted tradesmen up until we arrived.

That, of course, is nothing compared to the immense effort of our Board of Directors in producing and organizing the event. They pulled off one of the most exciting silent auctions in recent memory and if you think that's an easy thing to do . . . ask Carol Kroupa, Liz Kearns or Jim Berkrot how they did it. I also have to thank Nancy Rollins, Cornelia Bostwick, Diane Vahradian, Mimi Goldberg, Elise Bennett, Joy Cordery and Lyn Hamer for their hours and hours of hard work; all the wonderful people who donated items to the silent auction including Jane Rose and Helga Dawn; and Christl Meszkat, Huguette Hersch and Helga Dawn for the beautiful flower arrangements.

Our next event is the Members Garden Party and Photography competition (you can find the rules and entry form at our website under "Articles".) Carole Guest is our host and it's sure to be an afternoon of great food, drink and conversation. I hope to see you there. 🌹

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## Meet Fabien Ducher

We are very excited this year to welcome as keynote speaker for our annual Luncheon and Lecture the world-renowned rose breeder and nurseryman Fabien Ducher. His family has deep roots in the world of roses. He is the 6th generation of Duchers to grow roses. In 1845 Claude Ducher established his nursery near Lyon (the historical capital of roses in France, according to Fabien Ducher). Many of the roses Claude developed—among them Mademoiselle Cecile Brunner and Reve d'Or—are still world famous and widely grown more than a century after their introduction. In 1989 Joseph Pernet-Ducher bred Soleil d'Or, which introduced yellow and orange genes and revolutionized the world of roses. Today Fabien and Florence Ducher continue the family tradition.

Since 1997 Fabien and his wife, Florence have been working to develop vibrant new rose varieties by crossing heritage roses with the best modern varieties. They have a collection of 400 antique roses to work with. In addition to their breeding work, the Duchers seek out and reintroduce roses that had disappeared from France. For example, in 2007 Roses Fabien Ducher was able to reintroduce Marie Ducher, which was found growing in New Zealand, brought back to France, and cultivated for sale.

Fragrance is an important component of Ducher roses. Their selection of most fragrant varieties includes Aloha, Etoile de France, Hansa, Madame Isaac Pereire, Reine Victoria and Zephirine Drouhin, among many others.

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Truphémus (left); Soyeuse de Lyon (right). At top of page, Florence and Fabien Ducher. Photos courtesy of Fabien Ducher.



## Cocktail Party Fundraiser Photos



Hosts Tony Roncalli & Eric von Keursteiner (left); Dorie Coleman, Maggie Kirkbride & Alixandra Baker (center); Gloria Meyers & Mika Sterling (right).



Tish Bliss, Hal Goldberg & Lyn Hamer (left); Kim White, Helga Dawn, Tony Roncalli, Christi Meszkat & Tish Bliss. All photos courtesy of Ron Esposito.



## Rose Show Photos



2014 judges Dorothy Nigro, Louis Arce, and Patricia Shanley.



Nancy Rollins, Hal Goldberg, and Huguette Hersch.



Helga Dawn.



Brad Bender.



Harvey Feinstein.



Larry Carnevale.

Here are the 2014 Rose Show winners.

### SECTION I

*Best of Show Perpetual Allan K. Murray Trophy:* **Lyn Hamer**, Mme. Hardy  
*Queen of Show Trophy:* Helga Dawn, Sonia  
*King of Show Trophy:* Helga Dawn, First Prize  
*Princess of Show Trophy:* Christl Meszkat, Gold Medal  
*Best Hybrid Tea Spray Trophy:* Brad Bender, Paris de Yves St. Laurent  
*Grandiflora Duchess of Show Trophy:* Brand Bender, Earth Song  
*Floribunda Susan D. Starr Trophy:* Christl Meszkat, Nicole  
*Floribunda Spray Prince of Show Trophy:* Larry Carnevale, Betty Boop  
*Polyantha Spray Trophy:* Carol Kroupa, Baby Blanket  
*Climber Trophy:* Huguette Hersch, Don Juan  
*Dowager Queen Trophy:* Lyn Hamer, Mme. Hardy  
*Victorian Rose Trophy:* Lyn Hamer, Rose de Rescht  
*Classic Shrub Dr. & Mrs. Martin Stone Trophy:* Lyn Hamer, Penelope  
*Modern Shrub Charles Belensky Trophy:* Larry Carnevale, Distant Drums  
*Queen of Combined Shrub Trophy:* Larry Carnevale, Distant Drums  
*King of Combined Shrub Trophy:* Joan Carl, Carding Mill  
*Princess of Combined Shrub Trophy:* Huguette Hersch, Princess Alexandra of Kent  
*Queen Elizabeth Spray Elizabeth Adelaide Leonard Trophy:* Brad Bender  
*Sweepstakes Trophy:* Brad Bender



Juliette Kearns.



Nancy Rollins.

### SECTION II

*Fragrant Rose Trophy:* Joan Carl, Sharifa Asma  
*Novice Showman's Trophy:* Gina Faranick, Constance Spry  
*Junior Showman's Trophy:* Juliette Kearns, Miniature Rose  
*Rose in a Bowl Sean Rehill Trophy:* Joan Carl, Honey Perfume  
*Open Rose Eleanore Riess Memorial Trophy:* Larry Carnevale, Just Joey  
*Best Arrangement Dee De Niff Memorial Trophy:* Harvey Feinstein, Seafoam, Sunny, Knockout & Julia Child

### SECTION III

*Jane Cohen Trophy:* Nancy Rollins, Zephirine Drouhin  
*David & Helga Dawn Trophy:* Brad Bender, Folklore, Love & Peace, Baron de Rothschild  
*Peter Haring Trophy:* Larry Carnevale, Peach Parfait  
*Eleanora G. Johnson Trophy:* Nancy Rollins, Bonica & William Baffin  
*Louise Schoen Trophy:* Christl Meszkat, Graham Thomas, Gertrude Jeckyll & Leonard D. Braithwaite  
*Joan Simonds Trophy:* Brad Bender, Ambassador, Folklore & Over the Moon  
*Pauline Gerli Sullivan Trophy:* Christl Meszkat, Hot Cocoa & Crimson Bouquet  
*Mr. & Mrs. Martin Richards Trophy:* Christl Meszkat, Nicole & Fourth of July  
*Dorothy Nigro Trophy:* Brad Bender, Barbara Bush & Falling in Love  
*Sheldon Goldberg Trophy:* Harvey Feinstein, Knockout



Lyn and Warren Hamer.



# Rose Care Calendar

**O**ur resident rose care guru, Harvey Feinstein, is off enjoying a cruise as this issue comes together, so this month's advice incorporates advice from Harvey, Sarah Owens (designer of the SRS Organic Rose Garden at the Southampton Cultural Center), and other reliable sources.

As we all know, Labor Day is not the end of the rose season in Southampton—we still have weeks of growing season ahead of us. If we are lucky and the weather holds, we may see roses blooming until Thanksgiving.

The weather has been rather dry of late, so continue watering your roses as needed, and keep the garden free of weeds that compete with your plants for moisture and nutrients.

It is important to continue to deadhead spent flowers. You can also disbud to remove weak or undesirable buds so your plants can channel their energy into developing the remaining buds. To disbud the weaklings, grasp the bud between your thumb and index finger and rock it gently back and forth to break it off.

Continue fertilizing also, up until early September. At that time, feed the plants with Rose Tone or the fertilizer of your choice for a final time this season. You can also apply a foliar feed of a fish/seaweed fertilizer diluted according to package directions.

If you grow climbers, continue to tie in their canes as needed, to secure them to their supports.

Depending upon conditions in your garden and the weather in general, you may need to spray your plants for pests and disease. This cooler-than-usual summer has been less problematic than some for mildew and other rose diseases, though disease is a perennial threat in our humid conditions. If you use a preventive spray program, continue it if the weather is warm and humid.

If mildew, black spot, or other diseases are an issue, one organic option is a homemade preventive spray made with baking soda. Another is Milstop. This potassium-bicarbonate-based product kills powdery mildew on contact and prevents black spot and a variety of leaf spots and other blights. Another option is Serenade, based on *Bacillus subtilis*; it is said to be nontoxic to bees and other beneficial insects, and it controls various fungal and bacterial diseases.

For organic pest control you can turn to Conserve SC, a spinosad-based product. Neem products are another option. If infestations are severe, you can apply a 2 percent saturation of Neem at least 2 weeks after you've applied the Conserve. Make any of these applications on a day that is cloudy but not rainy, with temperatures below 85 degrees F, to avoid adverse effects on plant growth.

If deer are a problem, continue to spray your roses every couple of weeks with a deer repellent. Regular applications are important, especially if the deer are insistent. There are many brands available, and some of the newer products incorporate pleasant-smelling clove oil instead of relying heavily on rotten-egg sulfur smells, garlic, and hot pepper. Switching off among several different repellents may be more successful than relying on a single product. 🌿



Florence Ducher, another creation of Fabien Ducher.

# Events Calendar

## SOUTHAMPTON ROSE SOCIETY EVENTS

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**Sunday, September 7, 4 PM**  
**Members' Annual Garden Party and Photo Competition**

Graciously hosted by Carole Guest  
359 Wickapogue Road, Southampton

**Saturday, September 13, 10:30 AM**  
**Roses at Bridge Gardens**

Guest speaker: Rick Bogusch  
Location: Bridge Gardens, 36 Mitchell Lane,  
Bridgehampton

**Friday, September 26, 6:30 PM**  
**Annual Members Meeting**

Location: Home of Miriam Goldberg  
15 Halsey Avenue. Southampton

**Saturday, September 27, 12:30 PM**  
**SRS Annual Luncheon and Lecture**

Guest Speaker: Fabien Ducher  
Location: The Meadow Club, Southampton  
Price: \$80 per person

**Saturday, October 18, 10:30 AM**  
**Preparing Your Garden for Winter**

Guest Speaker: Peter Bertrand  
Location: SRS Garden at Rogers Memorial Library

## HORTICULTURAL ALLIANCE OF THE HAMPTONS (HAH) EVENTS

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**Sunday, September 14, 2:00 PM**  
**Seeing Flowers: Discover the Hidden Life of Flowers**

Speaker: Teri Chace  
Location: Bridgehampton Community House

**Sunday, October 12, 2:00 PM**  
**Gardening Simplified: Plant This, Not That**

Speaker: Kerry Ann Mendez  
Location: Bridgehampton Community House

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### Meet Fabien Ducher *(continued from page 2)*

In addition Roses Fabien Ducher offers an extensive collection of shrub roses that includes heritage shrub roses along with Ducher creations and exclusives. Just a very few of the many offerings: Antoine Ducher, Arkansana, Beaute Inconstante, Buff Beauty, Cardinal de Richelieu, Complicata, Coquette des Blanches, Eugene Boulet, Fantin Latour, F.J. Grootendorst, Gruss an Achen, Iceberg, Just Joey, Le Havre, Louise Odier, Lyon Rose, Mozart, Paul Neyron, Reine des Violettes, Roseaie de l'Hay, Variegata di Bologna and Viridiflora.

Among the climbers are Climbing Iceberg, Mme. Alfred Carriere, Mermaid, New Dawn, Paul's Himalayan Musk, Pink Cloud, Climbing Souvenir de la Malmaison and Veilchenblau.

Ducher's selection of rare heritage roses includes Baronne de Rothschild, Belle Vichyssoise, Bouquet d'Or, Catherine Soupert and Coupe d'Hebe, along with many others.

At our Luncheon/Lecture in September, Fabien will give a brief history of roses from antiquity to the 19th century, and then explore his family's important relationship with the world of roses in the United States. In 2015 Roses Fabien Ducher will celebrate the 170th anniversary of the creation of the first Ducher rose. Come join us to hear his fascinating story, and preview the 170th anniversary!

Tickets for the Fabien Ducher lecture and lunch at the Meadow Club are \$80. Guests are welcomed. Please send your personal check or credit card information by mail to:

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You may also purchase tickets on our website, by emailing [events@southamptonrose.org](mailto:events@southamptonrose.org) or calling 631-740-4732. 🌹

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Jean de Luxembourg Roi de Boheme another creation of Fabien Ducher.