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NEWSLETTER OF THE SOUTHAMPTON ROSE SOCIETY—AN AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY AFFILIATE

President's Letter



Jim Berkrot

Dear Members,

This summer has seen two very successful events for the Southampton Rose Society, as well as our participation in a beloved local tradition. On June 12th our rose show returned to the Rogers Memorial Library, its longtime home. Sincere thanks to Rose Show Co-Chairs Diane Vahradian and Pat Hodges for their many hours of hard work organizing our 41st anniversary show. The Morris Room on the library's lower level was filled with beautiful blooms from members' gardens.

Heartfelt thanks also to our three distinguished judges, Lois Fowkes, Lillian Walsh and Louis Arce. We greatly appreciate their taking the time to serve as our judges. Thanks as well to everyone who entered their roses in the show; we hope to see you all again next year. And congratulations to all the winners! You can see a list of this year's trophy winners on page 2, along with some photos. We appreciate the generosity of the Rogers Memorial Library for letting The Society use their space.

SRS also participated in the Southampton Village July Fourth parade, this year riding in style in a horse and carriage. Joining me on board were Helga Dawn and Kim White, both wearing fabulous flower-decked hats. Sean Bruns was also on board, and thanks to Sean for coming up with the idea and for finding and arranging the horse and carriage. A most grand thank you to Kim White, who very generously underwrote the entire event for the SRS. The weather was perfect, and we spotted several of our members among the crowd. The energy and accolades about The Society were incredible. It felt so good when people actually thanked us for helping to beautify our Village.

This year's Cocktail Party Fundraiser on August 12th was fun, spectacular and financially beneficial for the SRS. The money raised will be used to support the maintenance of our five rose gardens throughout the Village. This year's event was on a much larger scale than previous parties and I am delighted to report that it was very successful. Ticket sales were brisk, as we sold more than 220 tickets. The weather was good, and the food was delicious (as was the rosé)! The silent auction featured a variety of items from artwork to jewelry, to gift certificates and much more. On behalf of all our members and attendees, I express our sincere thanks to Kim White and Kurt Wolfgruber for sharing their lovely home and property for this important event. Special thanks also to Sean Bruns and his staff from Old Town Crossing, who spent months planning, arranging and coordinating this important event! Finally, thanks to the Rose Society Board and Advisors for all their hard work and dedicated time for making this night so special.

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41st Annual Rose Show

Here are the 2017 Rose Show Trophy Winners. Congratulations to all!

SECTION I: SPECIMEN CLASS

TROPHY

Queen of Show

King of Show

Princess of Show

Hybrid Tea Spray

Duchess of Show

Floribunda 1 bloom

Prince of Show

Climber

Victorian

Classic Shrub

Modern Shrub

Queen of Shrubs

King of Shrubs

Princess of Shrubs

Best in Show

Sweepstakes

WINNER

Christl Meszkat

Carole Guest

John Doherty

John Doherty

Christl Meszkat

Harvey Feinstein

Helga Dawn

Christl Meszkat

Lyn Hamer

Helga Dawn

Michael Staples

Michael Staples

Helga Dawn

Helga Dawn

Lyn Hamer

Helga Dawn

ROSE NAME

All My Loving

Black Magic

Hot Princess

Kardinal

Madame Anisette

Julia Child

Europeana

Eden

Rosa de Rescht

Morgengruss

L. D. Braithwaite

L. D. Braithwaite

Morgengruss

Graham Thomas

Rosa de Rescht

SECTION II: SPECIAL SPECIMEN CLASSES

TROPHY

Fragrant Rose

Novice (Showman's)

Rose in a Bowl (Sean Rehill)

Open Rose (Eleanore Reiss)

Arrangement (Dee De Niff)

WINNER

Huguette Hersch

Wendy Serkin

Maureen Riggio

John Doherty

Nancy Rollins

ROSE NAME

Heritage

Penelope

Drop Dead Red

Marilyn Wellan

Dixieland Linda

SECTION III: COLLECTION CLASSES

TROPHY

Harvey Feinstein

Joan Simonds

Pauline Gerli Sullivan

WINNER

Helga Dawn

John Doherty

Carole Guest

ROSE NAME

Queen Elizabeth

Flaming Kardinal

Black Magic,

Opening Night,

Veteran's Honor

Bridesdream

Dorothy Nigro

Carole Guest

Rose Garden Angels

Thank you to our first Rose Garden Angels!

Our sincere thanks to our first Rose Garden Angels:

Past President LOIS FOWKES, who led the way; HAL GOLDBERG, in Memoriam, and LAURA DEVINNEY, with Anonymous.

A plaque will be placed for each of you in our five gardens, in acknowledgment of your generosity.

Rose Garden Angels Are Still Needed!

We are looking for Rose Garden Angels to sponsor for a year or more the four SRS “off campus” gardens, located at the Southampton Cultural Center, alongside Shippy’s restaurant, next to Town & country Real Estate and at Little Red. Each of those gardens costs an average of approximately \$2,500 per year to maintain. We are asking for Garden Angels to help support these gardens by sponsoring one or more of them for a year. In return, a sign will be placed in each garden to acknowledge the godparent who sponsored

that garden for the year. Please remember that the Society pays for the upkeep of these beautiful gardens as our gift to the Village of Southampton; we receive no taxpayer dollars or other support to maintain these gardens that beautify our village. The gardens are completely funded by the Southampton Rose Society, an expression of our appreciation of and wish to help maintain the beauty of our historic village. *If you can help in this worthy cause, please email president@southamptonrose.org.*



FROM THE 41st ANNUAL ROSE SHOW: TOP LEFT. The rose show prep room; BOTTOM LEFT. Checking in at the show; MIDDLE: Lyn Hamer with Best in Show Rosa de Rescht; RIGHT. Judges at work: Lois Fowkes, Lillian Walsh, and Louis Arce

41st Annual Rose Show Event Photos



TOP. At the show, from left to right: Mimi Goldberg, Lillian Walsh, Jim Berkrot, Nancy Rollins, Greg D'Elia; The trophies; CENTER. The Fragrant Rose class; SRS President Jim Berkrot with Rose Show Co-Chairs Pat Hodges and Diane Vahradian BOTTOM. Helga in her gorgeous hat; Nancy Rollins photographs the July 4th horse and carriage with Jim Berkrot, Sean Bruns, Kim White, and Helga Dawn

My Favorite Rose: Saki Mitchell



In Saki Mitchell's lovely garden, with the golden orange Southampton Rose

Mary "Saki" Mitchell was an early member of the Southampton Rose Society, joining in 1980 when she bought her summer home on Heady Creek Lane; it was the model house at the 1964 World's Fair. Roses have been part of Saki's life since she was a child. As a girl she liked to visit a lady who owned an antique shop near her home in Williamsburg, Virginia, and one day the woman gave her a gift—a porcelain plate with an image of a blonde girl holding a garland of roses (Saki has blonde hair). She said it reminded her of Saki, and the plate became a special treasure. Another treasure is a pair of antique porcelain roses that hang on her wall—a family heirloom that had belonged to her mother.

When Saki moved into the house on Heady Creek, she discovered a magnificent garden of 250 roses across the water. That was the now legendary garden of Helga and David Dawn. The Dawns' garden inspired Saki to plant some roses, too. And Saki learned a lot about roses from David. When she asked him for advice, one of the first things he told her was to "dig a \$100 hole for a \$5 plant." "David loved sharing his knowledge of roses," Saki says. "I am very grateful for his advice and insight."

Now, some 37 years later, Saki's garden is lush and thriving. But it wasn't always so. "Last year," she recalls, "my garden had every disease. It was dying." She was going to

give up on it. But to the rescue came Peter Bertrand, who heard she was thinking of giving up the garden and thought it could be saved. He took over its care last August, and today Saki can hardly believe her eyes. Her roses are lush and lovely, the picture of health. Peter revived her entire garden. "I owe him a great tribute for that," she declares.



The Julia Child rose in Saki's garden

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER, *continued from page 1*

As you know, the beautification work we do in the Village is not funded by tax dollars. As part of The Society's mission we are both a community beautification and educational organization and pay to maintain the five gardens we've created for the enjoyment of everyone living in or visiting our beautiful village. Over the last two years SRS finances have become more stable and we are now starting to put away funds to care for our gardens in the future. This year's cocktail party proceeds are a significant contribution to those funds. The generous donations of individuals and from our Rose Garden Angels is another important aid, and we are looking for more Angels for 2018, when the program officially begins. Please see page 2 for details.

Our final two events for 2017 feature our Members Garden Party on September 10, graciously hosted by Saki Mitchell, whose lovely garden you can discover on page 6 of this issue, where Saki is featured in "My Favorite Rose." We close out our 2017 season with the annual Luncheon/Lecture at the Meadow Club. This year our speaker is eminent, internationally known landscape designer Edwina von Gal, founder and president of the Perfect Earth Project, a nonprofit organization

headquartered in East Hampton. The Perfect Earth Project promotes toxin-free lawns and landscapes for the health of people, their pets and the planet. Founded in 2013 and directed by Ms. Von Gal, who has made it her life's work, the organization advocates for organic methods in both the private and public sphere. Her talk is sure to be timely and informative about organic gardening practices as they relate to rose growing. To learn more before our Luncheon/Lecture event, please visit the Perfect Earth Project's informative website: www.perfectearthproject.org.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Members Garden Party and the Annual Members Meeting and Luncheon/Lecture. Please RSVP to both events either at our website at www.southamptonrose.org, or email info@southamptonrose.org.

Enjoy the final days of summer!

Jim

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Jim Berkrot
PRESIDENT, Southampton Rose Society



A misty morning in Saki's garden

2017 Events Calendar



MY FAVORITE ROSE, *continued from page 5*

Saki claims she doesn't have a favorite rose. "I think all roses are beautiful," she says. But she is partial to the ones she first planted 37 years ago, after seeing some of them in David Dawn's garden. Several of those original plants are still thriving in her garden today. A particularly special rose that she believes is no longer available commercially, at least not in the U.S., is the Southampton rose, a lovely orange floribunda with touches of pink. She has three plants in her garden now. (This rose does appear to still be available from some UK sources.) Queen Elizabeth, a pink grandiflora, also rates high in Saki's garden. Pharaoh, a very fragrant red hybrid tea bred by Meilland, is another favorite. "No one knows it," says Saki, but she has it in her garden. Julia Child, a floribunda, is there, too. "It's the perfect color," Julia Child once said. "It's the color of butter!" Double Delight is another original to her garden, and another favorite, a red blend hybrid tea. Against a wall two climbers, Eden and New Dawn, intermingle.

Saki loves her garden...so much, in fact, that she's always been reluctant to cut flowers from it to bring indoors. "They last so much longer in the garden," she says. This year, to have roses to fill vases inside her home, Saki ripped out a rugosa hedge and planted a garden of roses just for cutting.

Would you like to see Saki's lovely garden for yourself? Come to our Members Garden Party on September 10 (rain date, September 17)—she is our host this year! 🌹

Southampton Rose Society Events

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 (Rain date: SEPT. 17)

Annual Members Garden Party

Location: Garden of Saki Mitchell

SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER 7

Annual Members Meeting & Luncheon/Lecture

Location: The Meadow Club

11:00 am—Members Meeting

12:00 pm—Luncheon/Lecture;

Speaker: Edwina von Gal;
founder and director, the
Perfect Earth Project

Horticultural Alliance of the Hamptons (HAH) Monthly Lectures

The HAH lectures take place on Sunday afternoons at 2 pm in the Bridgehampton Community Center on Montauk Highway in Bridgehampton

SEPTEMBER 10

Daryl Beyers, *Fabulous Fall & Winter Containers*

OCTOBER 15

Panel Discussion: *Putting Your Garden to Bed for Winter*, Elizabeth Lear, Peter Bertrand, R.B. Boyle, Paul Wagner

NOVEMBER 12

Ellen Ecker Ogden, *The Complete Kitchen Garden*

DECEMBER 10

Jan Johnsen, *Serenity by Design*

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