President’s Letter

Dear Members,

It’s been a good year for the Southampton Rose Society. We’ve had some terrific successes and a lot of fun. As always, we learned more about roses along the way. I’m delighted to report that the SRS won first prize in this year’s Southampton Fourth of July parade with our rose bedecked horse-drawn carriage. Thanks to Kim White for her generous donation to fund the horse and carriage and thanks to Sean Bruns for his floral arrangements and fun hats! Our gala cocktail party fundraiser on July 6th, hosted by Jürgen and Anke Friedrich at their spectacular estate amid their glorious gardens, was a resounding success and contributed substantially to the endowment fund that helps to pay for the maintenance of the five rose gardens we created for the beautification of the village we love. Our sincere thanks to the Friedrchs, who have graciously offered to host the party again next year! If you weren’t able to attend this year’s event, by all means plan to attend in 2019. You will be amazed at the beauty of their magnificent gardens. Please come and celebrate with us.

Thanks also to Clelia and Tom Zacharias who so kindly hosted the Members’ Garden Party in September, with great live music! A little shower did not dampen the spirits of all who attended this enjoyable gathering in their beautiful garden. A delightful time was had by all who attended.

Next year, please plan to attend the annual Members’ Meeting and Luncheon/Lecture at the Meadow Club. Watch for details, and a ticket order form in Dune Rose. Our speaker will be Marshall Watson, the noted designer whose articles you have no doubt seen in The Southampton Press. It is sure to be a delightful and informative event—don’t miss it!

As many of you already know, I am stepping down as SRS president. It has been my pleasure and privilege to serve as your president and I will remain involved as an active member and advisor to the board. Stepping into the presidency is first vice president Kim White, whom many of you already know. Kim has been a successful business woman in the finance world for

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We are looking for Rose Garden Angels to sponsor for a year one or more of 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 five 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 angel who sponsored that garden for the year.

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. Our two newest Angels, NANCY STONE and AUDREY GRUSS, have joined this inaugural group. A plaque is being placed in each of our gardens, listing our five angels for the year, in acknowledgment of their generosity.

We are delighted and grateful that HARVEY FEINSTEIN has signed on as a Rose Garden Angel for 2019. Won’t you join him?

Also, we will be re-filing an application with the village for new signs to be placed in the gardens to acknowledge our rose garden angels.

Rose Garden Angels still needed!

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If you can help in this worthy cause, please email president@southamptonrose.org.
The Year in Pictures

Here are some photos from some of our earlier events from this season. We look forward to seeing you at next year’s events!

Do you have an idea for something you’d like to see in Dune Rose?
A new feature, an article, information on a particular rose-related topic? If so, please contact the editor, Anne, and share your idea! You can email her at ahalpinwhite@gmail.com, or call her at (631)728-7716. Please leave a message, and also leave your contact information. Thanks in advance!

ROSE SHOW CORRECTION: Please note that we wish to correct an error in the reporting of this year’s Rose Show winners in the summer issue of Dune Rose. The winner of Princess of Show in the 2018 Rose Show is Christl Meszkat for Tropicana. Congratulations to Christl, and our apologies for the error!
2018 Roses and Rosé
2018 Members Garden Party
**Rose Care Calendar**

Note: The information in this article is compiled from information in Harvey Feinstein’s Rose Care Calendar and from a workshop on Preparing the Rose Garden for Winter given by Peter Bertrand in 2014.

**PUTTING THE ROSE GARDEN TO BED FOR THE WINTER**

- Clean up the garden. Remove old leaves, especially diseased ones, from the plants. If you have a compost bin, don’t add diseased leaves. Instead, put them out with the trash.

- Do not fertilize roses in fall, in order to allow the existing growth to harden. New growth is very susceptible to winter kill. It is too late to plant new roses in the garden now, although earlier in fall is generally a good time for planting.

- Go through your garden to decide which roses you want to discard and which new ones you will want to order for next year. If your garden contains any weak plants that did not thrive, remove them from the garden, and look ahead to what you can plant to replace them in spring.

- If you haven’t had a soil test in a while, take a soil sample for testing. You can use a home test kit or work with the Cornell Cooperative Extension in Riverhead. The optimum pH for roses is 6.5. If your pH is lower (more acidic), you can add, or have your gardener add, some ground limestone. If your pH is higher (more alkaline), add powdered sulfur.

- After the second or third fall frost, cut back the tall canes of climbing roses by one-third to prevent them from whipping in the wind. Use sharp tools. If you have not already done so, tie canes of climbers to their supports so winter winds won’t whip them, or detach them from their supports, lay them gently on the ground, and cover with a good layer of mulch.

- When the ground freezes, mound 6 to 8 inches of soil or compost around the base of each plant, especially for grafted roses, to protect the graft union in winter. Own-root roses do not need soil mounding.

- Set up a windscreen to protect tender hybrid teas. A windscreen can be made from sections of snow fence over which you fasten burlap. Place the windscreen between the plants and the direction of the prevailing winter winds.

- If you have standard (tree form) roses in your garden, stake them securely for winter. In the Southampton Rose Society’s garden at the Rogers Memorial Library, Julia Child and Sunsprite standards have so far survived. Older varieties like Brandy and Sea Shell proved less hardy. They needed to be laid down in a trench and buried for winter protection.

With the rose garden put to bed, get ready to enjoy the holidays! 🌹
2019 Events Calendar

Southampton Rose Society Events

Dates and times are not yet completely finalized for all 2019 events, but we are planning the following events. Please attend as many as you can!

APRIL
Pruning and Planting Workshop
with Peter Bertrand

Location: SRS Rose Garden at Rogers Memorial Library
91 Coopers Farm Road
Southampton, NY 11968

FRIDAY, MAY 10 at 4 PM
Children's Mini Rose and Art Workshop
with Peter Bertrand

Location: Rogers Memorial Library
Morris Room (lower level)

SATURDAY, JUNE 13
43rd Annual Rose Show

Location: Rogers Memorial Library
Morris Room (lower level)

THURSDAY, JULY 4 at 10 AM
Southampton Fourth of July Parade

Location: Southampton Village
Railroad Plaza to Agawam Park

SATURDAY, JULY 12
Roses and Rosé Cocktail Party Fundraiser

Location: A spectacular estate in Southampton Village

SEPTEMBER
Annual Members Garden Party

Location: A member's beautiful garden

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5
Annual Members Meeting and Luncheon/Lecture

Speaker: Marshall Watson
Location: The Meadow Club
555 First Neck Lane
Southampton, NY 11968

Horticultural Alliance of the Hamptons (HAH) Monthly Lectures

Lectures are presented at 2pm on Sundays, in the Bridgehampton Community House

DECEMBER 9, 2018
Donald W. Hyatt—Chasing the Bloom in the Southern Appalachians

JANUARY 13
Matt Mattus—Botanizing in the Land of the Blue Poppy: Yunnan & Western China

FEBRUARY 10
Michael Blakeney—Gardening Doesn't Have to Stop: The 12-Month Vegetable Garden

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MARCH 10
Ed Bowen and Taylor Johnson—Reconsidering the Cutting Garden?

APRIL 7
Margie Ruddick—Wild By Design: Promoting Life in the Designed Landscape

MAY 5
Jerry Fritz—New and Exciting Perennials

JUNE 9
Karen Bussolini—Gardening with Kids: Opening Eyes and Doors

New York Botanical Garden 19th Annual Winter Lecture Series

10 am–11:30 am at the Ross Lecture Hall on the NUBG campus

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31
Martha Stewart: A Life in Gardening

FEBRUARY 28
Jinny Blom: The Thoughtful Gardener

MARCH 28
Margaret Roach: A Way to Garden

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many years. We are lucky to have her expertise and knowledge to guide us going forward. Kim serves on many boards and has a great deal of experience in leading not for profit organizations. Please join me in welcoming Kim as our new president!

My very best wishes to all of our members for a happy and healthy holiday season, and I raise a glass of good cheer to our continued success and growth in 2019 and beyond!

Jim

Jim Berkrot
PRESIDENT, Southampton Rose Society

LONG ISLAND ROSE SOCIETY EVENTS

The Long Island Rose Society meets the second Friday of each month at 7:00 pm from March to December. Meetings are held at the Plainview/Old Bethpage Public Library, located at 999 Old Country Road in Plainview.

Each June they hold their annual rose show at the Planting Fields Arboretum.

For more information, visit their website: www.longislandroses.org