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Letter from the Board

April 2021

Members and Friends,

The Board, Advisors and I wish you good health and a happy 2021. I would like to acknowledge the efforts and contributions the previous board made last year. Even without our annual cocktail party fundraiser, the financial appeal letter managed to raise enough funds to pay for the maintenance of our five gardens.

I am very happy to be President of the Society again because it gives me the opportunity to spend time with wonderful people in our community and in our organization. It also allows me to support our cause, creating beauty in Southampton Village and helping to educate people about caring for roses.

This past year was a trying time, but many with whom I have spoken have said that they spent more time in their gardens. Plants, flowers and especially roses flourished with bountiful blossoms. More birds and wildlife were visible to enjoy as well.

In December, the Society released a letter to our members, officially initiating the Guardian Angel Program (GAP). In six weeks, all five gardens were spoken for. Thank you to each of our 2021 Donors. The program will continue annually.

The Board is planning on having all of our events this year. But we will monitor the various health and safety issues as each event gets closer.

Remember, The Rose is the National, State and now the official flower of Southampton Village.

Looking forward to seeing you at our events in the months to come.

Warm regards,

JIM BERKROT
PRESIDENT



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2021 Guardian Angels



*Our sincere thanks to our generous Guardian Angels
for 2021! All five of the SRS gardens
in Southampton Village are sponsored for this year!*



The garden at Rogers Memorial Library



The garden next to Bamboo

Thank you to this year's Angels



1. *The garden at Rogers Memorial Library*
The Guardian Angel: **CYNTHIA BRODSKY**
2. *The garden at Hampton Road next to Town & Country*
The Guardian Angel: **MARY ANN TIGHE HIDALGO**
3. *The garden in front of The Cultural Center*
The Guardian Angels: **PAULA AND ROBERT BUTLER**
4. *The garden off Jobs Lane next to the Bamboo Restaurant*
The Guardian Angels: **CAROLE AND FRED GUEST**
5. *The garden on the side of Shippy's Restaurant*
The Guardian Angel: **HELGA R. DAWN**

Member Spotlight: Harvey Feinstein



The garden at Hampton Road next to Town & Country



The garden in front of The Cultural Center



Harvey Feinstein

This year in *Dune Rose* we're going to talk with some of our long-time members who have done so much for the Southampton Rose Society over the years. We begin with Harvey Feinstein, who was kind enough to share some memories with us.

In 1985 Harvey decided to buy a house on Old Town Crossing, while keeping his apartment in NYC. There was an uncultivated patch of land behind his house and a friend gave him a rose bush—New Dawn. This was the beginning of Harvey's love of roses. He decided to exhibit New Dawn in the SRS Rose Show and won first prize. He was hooked. The SRS was small in those days, but Harvey became an active member.

Harvey served as SRS President for six years and has been and continues to be an important part of our organization. After a year as president he decided to revive *DUNE ROSE*, writing it all by hand and then having it typed. He also created the *Green Book*, our membership directory, which was inspired by NYC's *Blue Book*. "DUNE ROSE and the *Green Book* pulled the group together," Harvey recalls, "and the membership expanded." Members met in a different member's home each month. Harvey also began organizing trips to Europe for members every spring, to visit gardens. The trips also attracted new members to the SRS.

Harvey was instrumental in developing the SRS rose garden at the Rogers Memorial Library in Southampton Village.

Harvey has been a guiding light to the Rose Society from the time he joined, became President, and continues today as an Advisor. 🌹

Reliable Roses for Everyday Gardeners: *Our Keeper Collection*

By Mike and Angelina Chute : Reprinted with permission from the American Rose Society; www.rose.org



Chute's garden : RI Red in background; Graham Thomas on left

Rose gardens are dynamic. Even with the same plants in the same garden with no apparent reason to change, gardens change. New roses come and old roses go, the same roses may grow taller or shorter or they may bloom earlier or later. Or they may be different in some unexplained way. It's the nature of plants. While the weather plays a role in these annual variations, one thing is certain, no two seasons are alike.

Having said this, over time we have identified varieties that add stability in this ever-changing environment. These individual bushes are predictable year after year, have growth habits that fit nicely into our garden, have colors we enjoy, have cool names, or simply are roses that we like. These bedrock roses are our "keepers," roses that have, in due course, earned permanent spots in the garden. Here are twelve of our keepers—roses we wouldn't do without—ranging in age from nine to twenty-six years.

CLIMBING ROSES

Climbing roses are the rock stars of the rose garden. There is no other plant that can twist and turn, whirl and twirl, pirouette and pivot, be as dramatically beautiful and entertaining as a climbing rose surging skyward. We have two beds of large flowered climbing roses in our mature rose garden with each bed serving as a "wall" of our rose garden room.

Clair Matin

'Clair Matin' anchors one side of our rose garden and came to us as a tiny cutting twenty-two years ago. It now grows well over 10 feet tall and just as wide, producing panicles of soft pink blooms with golden yellow stamens. Clair is shade tolerate, lightly thorned and the first to bloom every year. The spring bloom is exceptionally heavy with a profusion of pink overwhelming the semi-glossy foliage. She recycles quickly and we easily get three complete bloom cycles each season, unusual in our shady zone 6 garden.

Rhode Island Red

'Rhode Island Red' is an everblooming pillar and part of our collection of vintage Brownell climbers. Our connection to this rose, introduced in 1957, dates back to when the Chute family (Mike's parents and siblings) took a trip to the Brownell Rose Nursery in Little Compton, RI on a summer Sunday in 1959. That day, they brought home 'Rhode Island Red', a fragrant, dark red climber, and planted it in their garden where it grew for the next 50 years. Twenty-six years ago we propagated the 'Rhode Island Red' now in our garden from the original rose. In climbing-rose years, our bush is now a young adult. It rewards us each year with lush sprays of 4-6 blooms set against disease resistant, matte green foliage. Not a timid plant, the heavy canes easily grow beyond 10 feet and require significant mid-season pruning to maintain garden discipline.

GRANDIFLORAS

Earth Song

After seeing our first 'Earth Song' bloom, an amazingly beautiful, saturated pink flower, one June morning more than 10 years ago, there was no doubt about giving 'Earth Song' a permanent spot in our garden.

We soon became fans of 'Earth Song', introduced in 1975, as well as other Griffith Buck roses known for their winter hardiness and disease resistance. We added it to our list of recommended sustainable roses and include it in our lectures as an example of a rose that has everything—fragrance, beautiful flower form and color with stems long enough to cut and display in a vase.



Chute : Nouvelle France

'Earth Song's' flowers are large, about 4 to 5 inches in diameter, and it blooms throughout the season, producing large sprays. The bush has an upright habit and grows 4 to 5 feet in our garden and remains remarkably clean all summer. Since it is winter hardy to Zone 3, it doesn't need winter protection.

FLORIBUNDAS

Julia Child

We first saw 'Julia Child' during a visit to Weeks Roses' growing fields in California. It had everything we were looking for in a rose: abundant sprays of buttery yellow blooms, glossy foliage, strong anise fragrance, an obedient growth habit and disease resistance.

We also liked the story of how Julia Child herself chose this rose. According to hybridizer Tom Carruth, Julia Child walked with him through the rose fields and after carefully looking at a number of roses, personally picked this yellow floribunda as her namesake. Sadly, she passed away a few months later.

Passionate Kisses

Since many floribundas are winter hardy and disease resistant, they are especially welcome in our garden. One that has performed very well is 'Passionate Kisses'. Extremely floriferous, it produces numerous clusters of delicate, slightly ruffled, salmon-pink flowers that envelop the entire bush. It is not unusual to have a dozen

or more sprays—each with 5 to 7 flowers—in bloom at the same time. With numerous, shimmering, iridescent flowers, 'Passionate Kisses' is quite a sight.

We have had 'Passionate Kisses', a Meilland rose introduced in 1998, for more than fifteen years and it has become a perennial all-star in our garden. The 4' x 4' bushy growth habit is just right for a home garden and the dark green, semi-glossy foliage is a perfect backdrop for the numerous colorful flowers. While roses often come and go in our gardens, 'Passionate Kisses' has proven to be a rose we can rely on year after year.

Hannah Gordon

We have two attractive floribundas planted side by side for comparison—one labeled 'Hannah Gordon', introduced in 1983, and the other labeled 'Nicole,' introduced in 1985. For years we marveled how much these two Kordes beauties looked alike. Both were tall for floribundas, throwing out lavish sprays of creamy white blooms with lip-stick red petal edges. A stunning display when in full bloom.

How could two varieties be so identical? Well, it turns out they're not two separate varieties; they are both 'Hannah Gordon'. As sister seedlings, both varieties share key characteristics and it was a common mistake in the 1990s for one variety to be sold as the other. However, as Juliet famously said, "What's in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet." And look as sweet, too. We agree and both our Hannahs are keepers and here to stay.

Playboy

We can't imagine our rose garden without 'Playboy' showing off its radioactive colors of intense scarlet-orange. Introduced by Alec Cocker in 1976, this single rose with 7 to 9 petals produces sprays of 3 to 5 blooms, each flower measuring 4-5" across. 'Playboy's' vibrant coloration set against glossy dark green foliage immediately draws visitors to our garden like a magnet. He is not our sturdiest rose, having survived a few near death experiences, but always rallied with some TLC. 'Playboy' is worth the extra effort and our garden would not be complete without him.

Pretty Lady

We decided to try 'Pretty Lady' in 2001 after a recommendation from a knowledgeable local rosarian.

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Introduced in 1997 by Len Scrivens, a talented amateur British rose hybridizer, 'Pretty Lady' was the first truly sustainable rose with superior flower form. She displays prolific sprays of ivory buds opening to pale pink double blooms with apricot inner petals nested in immaculate foliage. We have transplanted 'Pretty Lady' several times over the years and she not only tolerates the move but always thrives wherever she lands. There's a lot to like about this rose; in fact, it's almost perfect except for its lack of fragrance. Still, its performance and reliability make it a keeper in our garden.

Sexy Remy

For as long as we can remember, we have been growing 'Sexy Remy'. Introduced by Sam McGredy in 1984, it was one of the first roses we planted in our original rose garden. When our first 'Sexy Remy' finally grew old and tired after many years, we replaced it with another because of its magnificent sprays. We provide a little extra care for this rose which needs some help with fungal disease.

'Sexy Remy' blooms later than most of our other roses, but its large sprays of soft, shell pink petals swirling around a well-formed center are worth the wait. When the terminal bud blooms, it is surrounded by 7 to 9 buds which gradually open to a spectacular spray. The flowers, no larger than 2½" in diameter, are tightly packed with ruffled petals and have a nice old-fashioned rose fragrance.

Super Hero

One of the first of Ping Lim's Easy Elegance roses we planted in our sustainable rose garden was 'Super Hero' and it is still going strong twelve years later. We can depend on it to be one of the first roses to bloom, usually in late May. 'Super Hero' has a small growth habit, growing no larger than 2½' tall, and fits in perfectly with companion plants. We have it planted surrounded by daylilies and lavender.

'Super Hero' is floriferous which is one of the characteristics of floribundas. Its clusters of small red buds open into 2" dark red flowers of more than 30 petals. The flowers start out with hybrid tea form and then flatten out as they mature. 'Super Hero' needs no winter protection here in New England and, like other Easy Elegance roses, it has a high level of disease resistance.



Chute : Graham Thomas

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Graham Thomas

We first planted 'Graham Thomas' in 1994 and have moved him several times since. He is now featured as a specimen plant in a special bed befitting his stature as Senior Rose of the Garden where he can be seen as soon as you enter our back garden. When he's at the peak of his June bloom, this David Austin beauty explodes to 7 feet high and 6 feet wide, bursting forth long arching sprays of buttery yellow, cupped, old fashion flowers with tea rose fragrance.

During our June bloom there are literally hundreds of flowers covering 'Graham Thomas' and this season was no exception. Year after year, this rose has never disappointed us, always providing a plethora of fragrant sprays. It is easy to understand why 'Graham Thomas' was selected as the world's favorite rose in 2009.

Nouvelle France

'Nouvelle France' was bred in Canada and introduced in the United States as 'Party Hardy' in 2010. It is a hybrid kordesii, a classic shrub with vibrant color, old-fashioned flower form, disease resistance, and is extremely winter hardy. One of the most robust varieties we have ever grown, 'Party Hardy' has a bushy, four-foot growth habit

and features deep pink, fluorescent flowers growing in dense sprays on very long stems. Surrounded by dark green foliage from the ground up, each bloom yields a light fruity fragrance and is very double with more than 40 petals.

We have two bushes planted around our flagpole where it receives dawn to dusk sunshine, a summer-time hot spot not ideal for roses. But 'Party Hardy' tolerates the heat quite well with occasional watering. We deadhead after the June bloom goes by and watch new canes erupt almost immediately and grow to 18" and bloom again in mid-summer.

RELIABLE ROSES

While all of our keepers are reliable—roses we expect to perform well in our garden each year—some of these varieties have survived longer than their typical life expectancy. Genetics play a role, especially with the climbers, and so does basic rose care. We planted them correctly for our southern New England climate, making sure the bud union is 2" below soil level, deeper as you go north. This insures their survival in our unpredictable winters and inevitable freeze/thaw cycles every January. We also provide them with adequate water, feed them twice each season, prune them to encourage growth and add winter protection for those varieties that may need it.

With so many sustainable varieties now available, we plan on adding other varieties to our list of reliable roses. One possible candidate may be 'Chinook Sunrise', a tough Canadian shrub introduced in 2019, because we like its unique, soft orange-pink single blooms. We'll have to give it another season or two to see if it continues to provide as profuse a blooming as it did this season. 'James L. Austin', a David Austin Rose introduced in 2019, has luscious, deep raspberry, fragrant rosette flowers that display the elusive charm reminiscent of our "Graham Thomas" rose. This is only its second year in our garden, but it could be another addition to our keeper collection if it performs half as well as it did when we saw it in England last summer.

Our keepers chronicle the history of our rose garden and provide a link between our garden of a quarter century ago and our considerably different garden of today. These old favorites not only trigger memories of seasons past, but bear witness to the gradual transition of a rose garden. Without a doubt, even as our garden changes, as gardens do, we will find more reliable roses to add to our everyday rose garden. 🌹

2021 Schedule of Events



Southampton Rose Society Events

As of now, we are planning our regularly scheduled events for the 2021 season as follows:

APRIL 17

**Pruning and Planting Workshop
with Peter Bertrand; 10 AM**

Location: SRS Rose Garden
Rogers Memorial Library

MAY 7

**Children's Mini Rose and Art Workshop
with Peter Bertrand; 4 PM–6 PM
RAIN DATE: MAY 8 / 11 AM–1 PM**

Location: SRS Rose Garden
Rogers Memorial Library

JUNE 12

Rose Day / Annual Rose Show

Location: Morris Room
Rogers Memorial Library

JULY 4

**Southampton Village 4th of July Parade
(with horse-drawn carriage)**

AUGUST 6

Cocktail Party Fundraiser

Location: The residence of
Carole and Frederick Guest

SEPTEMBER 12

Annual Members Garden Party

Date and time to be announced

OCTOBER

Luncheon/Lecture

Date and time to be announced

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