

# Dune Rose®



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

## President's Letter

### Members and Friends

I would like to say a few words to honor Michele Lindsay, who served on our Board as third VP for several years. Michele was kind, generous and a bright light among us. Her recent passing means she will be greatly missed.

For Michele:

*The rose fades  
and is renewed again by its seed, naturally  
but where  
save in the poem  
shall it go  
to suffer no diminution  
of its splendor*

—POET WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS (1883-1963)

This year the members garden party hosted by Lisa Vahradian was delightful, and several of our members who have retired on the North Fork were there. It was great to see such dear members as Diane Vahradian and Nancy Rollins.

At the SRS Board Meeting on October 15th, 2022, the President's Trophy was awarded to Lisa Vahradian for her outstanding service to the SRS. Thank you, Lisa, for your extraordinary dedication and enthusiasm.

We welcome Wendy Serkin to a new Board position as Dune Rose Chair. We look forward to working together to build great educational content for each edition of *Dune Rose*. Also, congratulations for your hard work to become an official rosarian! Your dedication and perseverance is an inspiration to all of us.

Welcome Selena May, who has a great deal of professional experience with public relations and a passion for creative marketing ideas! We look forward to your help in raising the awareness and importance of our organization. Selena is now on our Board as Publicity Chair.

A big thanks to Anne White, who continues to write great content for *Dune Rose*. She also coordinates the layout with our designer, Suki Boynton, and gets *Dune Rose* to our printer for publication and to Curtis Eaves, our

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# Southampton Rose Society News

## ROSE GARDEN BRICK PROGRAM

**I**N 2003, the Southampton Rose Society designed, built and dedicated the magnificent SRS Rose Garden at the Rogers Memorial Library to the Village and people of Southampton. Each year, people from all over the world visit the garden to enjoy its visual and fragrant beauty. Many of the bricks in the paths around the garden are inscribed as tributes to a loved one's birthday, anniversary, or in honor of their loving memory. The cost of inscribing a brick is \$250. As we prepare for the twentieth anniversary of the Rogers Memorial SRS Rose Garden next year, we encourage members or anyone interested to buy a brick this year to honor a loved one in this special way. Order forms can be found on [www.southamptonrose.org](http://www.southamptonrose.org).

## GUARDIAN ANGELS PROGRAM

*The Southampton Rose Society (SRS) is continuing its annual Guardian Angel Program (GAP) to help fund the maintenance of the five gardens in Southampton Village that the SRS maintains.*

### THE GARDENS ARE:

1. Hampton Road next to Town & Country
2. Side of Shippy's Restaurant
3. In Front of the Southampton Cultural Center
4. The Rogers Memorial Library
5. Job's Lane beside Bamboo restaurant

A donor may be a Guardian Angel on a yearly basis for any one or more of the five SRS Gardens.

A plaque recognizing each donor's name will be installed at the garden of their choice on a first come first served basis. Therefore, if your first choice is already taken, the Board will assign the next available garden to you.

The cost to support a garden each year is \$2500.

For details please visit [www.southamptonrose.org](http://www.southamptonrose.org).

In the event that more than one donor earmarks the same garden, the designation will be determined by the postmark on the envelope denoting your preferences and check or if you choose to pay electronically via our website: [www.southamptonrosesociety.org](http://www.southamptonrosesociety.org) the designation will be made by the time stamp sent from the website when you make your payment and denote your preferences.

# *Autumn Leaves: Photos from the Members Garden Party*

*The Members garden party hosted by Lisa Vahradian was really delightful. Longtime SRS Board Members Diane Vahradian and Nancy Rollins travelled from the North Fork to attend, and made it even more special! Thanks to all for a warm start to the holiday season.*



TOP ROW (from left to right): Suzanne Murphy and Nancy Rollins;  
Nancy Stone, Diane Vahradian, and Lyn Hamer

BOTTOM ROW (from left to right): Suzanne Murphy, Nancy Rollins,  
Peter Bertrand, and Diane Vahradian; conversations on the porch

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**MEMBERS GARDEN PARTY** *continued from page 3*



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Conversations indoors (host Lisa Vahradian near door); Marshall Watson, Jim Berkrot, and Selena May

## Preparing Your Rose Garden for Winter

*This information is compiled from advice given by three of our most knowledgeable members: Peter Bertrand, Lois Fowkes and Harvey Feinstein.*

- Clean up the garden in fall—remove old leaves, especially any diseased ones (and put them in the trash, don't compost them). Water the garden if the weather is dry (before the ground freezes).
- It's a good time to take a soil sample for testing (Lowe's sells pH meters for soil, or you can take a soil sample to the Suffolk County Horticulture Lab at 423 Griffing Ave., Riverhead (they have a dropbox).
- As the ground freezes, mound 6 to 8 inches of soil or compost around the base of each grafted rose plant to protect the graft union in winter. Roses grown on their own roots don't need soil mounding.
- Lois Fowkes, a long-time member and frequent Rose Show Judge for the SRS, protects her favorite roses, among them Fragrant Cloud, by hilling up soil around the bud union as Peter recommends, then going a step further by topping each mound with a rose cone—a large cone of a durable material set

upside down, with its pointed end up and cut off—so the rose trunk can fit through the top opening. Lois drops in some mothballs from the top to repel mice that would happily girdle the canes. She removes the cones in spring.

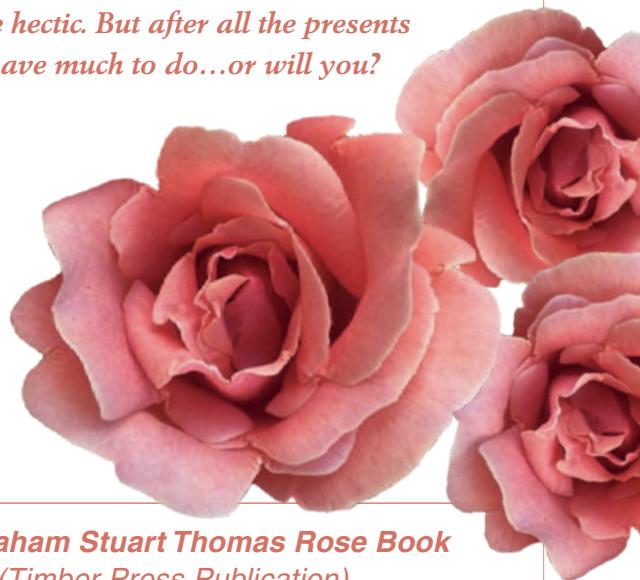
- Make sure climbers are trimmed and the canes are securely tied in so the winter winds won't whip them around. If you have standard (tree) roses, make sure they are securely staked. The SRS garden at the Rogers Library has Rosa Julia Child and Rosa Sunsprite in tree form. So far staking has enabled them to survive winters. Old varieties, such as Brandy and Sea Shell, are not as hardy. They've had to be laid down in a trench and buried over winter.
- If you have tender hybrid teas you may want to set up a windscreen to protect them from frigid winds. One way to make a windscreen is to set up sections of snow fencing with burlap fastened to them. ☀

# Excerpts from Our Archives

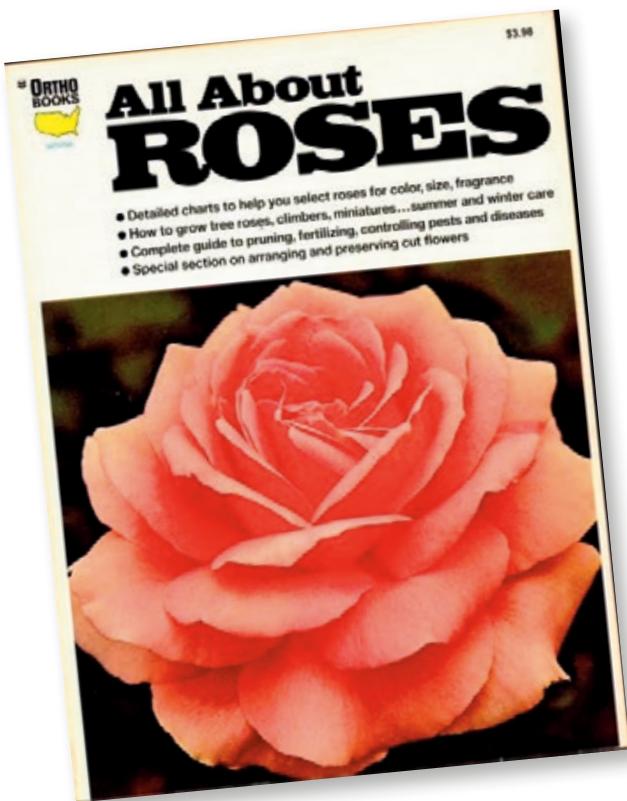
*Winter will be here. Holidays are coming and it's sure to be hectic. But after all the presents are unwrapped and all the dishes put away, you won't have much to do...or will you?*

**WHAT DO** rosarians do during the off season when the garden is shut down? There are plenty of things that come to mind. There are many rose books to catch up on reading, catalogs to browse and order roses for next season. There are roses in paintings too, so it may be fun to search for them inside a warm museum!

For beginners and experts alike, here are two excellent mainstay reference books. They may be out of print, but Amazon.com offers them in excellent condition.

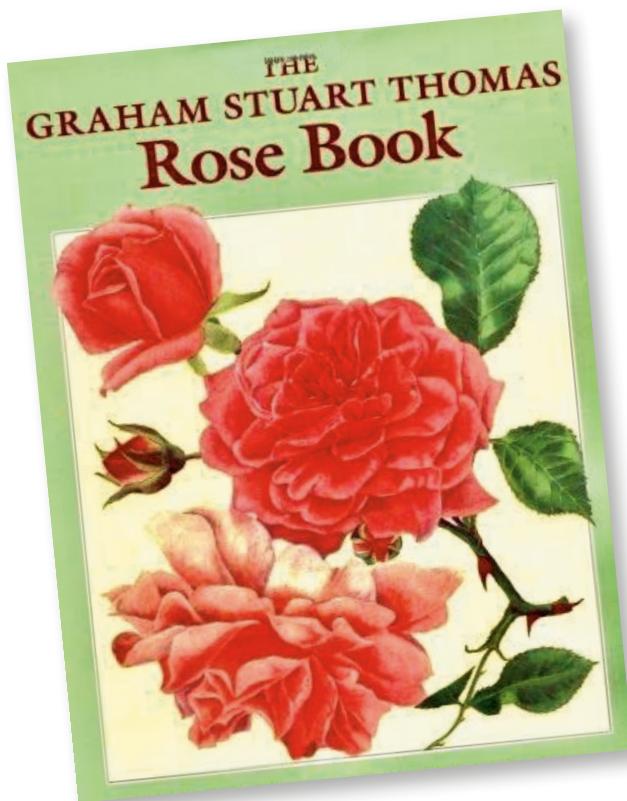


*All About Roses*  
(Ortho Books)



There are basic topics on buying and planting roses, identifying pests and diseases, designing your garden and much more. All the information comes with pictures and illustrations of most rose varieties.

*The Graham Stuart Thomas Rose Book*  
(Timber Press Publication)



For the inveterate rose gardener, this is an omnibus edition of three classics—*The Old Shrub Roses*, *Shrub Roses of Today* and *Climbing Roses Old and New*. There are beautiful photos and black and white illustrations in this encyclopedic compendium.

## WINTER FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS



If you have roses in the garden now, you can use them to decorate your home for the holidays! Or, if your garden has gone to bed for the holidays, greenhouse-cultivated or florist roses work too for winter-themed rose arrangements.

All these activities will do you good and get you ready for the next growing season. ☺



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webmaster. Anne has a beautiful way with words, as well as a deep appreciation for gardens. She has also become a board member as Photography Chair.

We also welcome Perry Guillot to the Advisory Board. Perry is a distinguished landscape architect, the recipient of the Arthur Ross Award for Landscape Architecture, and many more honors and accomplishments. The SRS is thrilled to have Perry on our Advisory Board!

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday season!

Warm regards,

*Jim*

**JIM BERKROT**  
**PRESIDENT**

# 2023

## *Southampton Rose Society Events Calendar*

*We plan to hold all of our events in 2023;  
dates have been determined except for the Cocktail  
Party Fundraiser, which will be announced.*

*Saturday, April 22*

**Pruning and Planting Session**

*Location:* Southampton Library

*Friday, May 12*

**Children's Mini Rose and Art Workshop**

*Location:* Southampton Library parking lot

*Saturday, June 17*

**46th Annual Rose Show and Rose Day Celebration**

*Location:* Southampton Library

**[DATE/TIME TBA]**

**Cocktail Party Fundraiser**

*Saturday, September 23*

**Members Luncheon/Lecture**

*Location:* Southampton Library

*Saturday, September 30*

**Annual Members Garden Party**

*Location:* [TBA]

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## *The Long Island Rose Society*

*Programs and events from March to December; meetings  
take place in private gardens in spring, summer and fall or at  
the South Huntington Public Library in Huntington Station.*

The Society has a monthly newsletter, and membership is \$25 per year. Louis Arce and Lois Fowkes, who serve as judges for the SRS Rose Show, are both members of the LIRS. For more information visit their website, [www.longislandrosesociety.org](http://www.longislandrosesociety.org)

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