

# Dune Rose



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

## President's Letter



Members and Friends,

This year we are looking forward to celebrating our shared love of roses and our beautiful Village through the events we have planned for 2022. A highlight will be Rose Day in Southampton on June 11th, when we will host our annual Rose Show at the Rogers Memorial Library. We will also be hosting Rose Day in Southampton Village, when shopkeepers will be decorating with displays of roses for which prizes and trophies will be awarded.

Our season begins with Peter Bertrand's indispensable Pruning and Planting Workshop, which takes place in the Library Garden on April 16th at 10:30 am. May 6th is for the next generation of rosarians, with the Children's Mini Rose and Art Workshop led by Peter at the Rogers Memorial Library from 4pm to 6 pm. We will also be part of the Southampton

Fourth of July Parade. We're looking forward to this year's Cocktail Party Fundraiser, the Members' Garden Party, and the Luncheon/Lecture in the fall.

The rose holds a special place in the hearts of many, and is now the official flower of Southampton Village, New York State and the United States. Roses bring joy, they delight us with their colors and fragrance. The adage—"Take time to smell the Roses"—was never more needed than it is today. Please join us in celebrating the beauty of roses and Southampton.

I look forward to seeing you at this year's events.

Warm regards,

**JIM BERKROT**  
PRESIDENT

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# Southampton Rose Society News



*The SRS is starting 2022 on a very positive note. All 5 gardens in the village have been spoken for. Sincere thanks to this year's Rose Garden Angels!*

ROGERS MEMORIAL LIBRARY GARDEN

**Emma Gilbey Keller**

ALONGSIDE SHIPPY'S RESTAURANT

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ON HAMPTON ROAD NEXT TO TOWN & COUNTRY

**Alixandra Baker**

IN FRONT OF THE CULTURAL CENTER

**Helga Dawn**

OFF JOBS LANE NEXT TO BAMBOO

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## DUNE ROSE UPDATE

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The Board is pleased to advise that after discussion, we will continue to offer *Dune Rose* in both print and digital form this year.

We invite members to share photos of your rose gardens in the Village, photos of SRS events, and short pieces about your rose garden or your passion for roses. Please send material to [www.southamptonrose.org](http://www.southamptonrose.org). We would love to hear from you and include you in *Dune Rose*!

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## ROSE GARDEN BRICK PROGRAM

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In 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 our website. 

## *Dorothy Nigro in Memoriam*



*"My mother liked a variety of roses. She loved the Knock Out most of all. Beautiful, Original, Tenacious, and able to Bloom wherever she was planted. And like the Knock Out Rose, my Mother was a combination of Carefree Beauty and Razzle Dazzle.*

*"My mother was the Founding member of the Southampton Rose Society and her lifelong involvement in the Rose Society was one of her proudest accomplishments. She was a consulting Rosarian and a Rose Judge as well. She loved gardening. She and my father planted beautiful gardens together. Later in life, they travelled to visit gardens around the country together."*

**—PAMELA NIGRO (Dorothy's daughter)**

**J**n 1976, a small group of gardeners, who shared an interest in learning the horticultural principles practiced by the American Rose Society, approached local resident Dorothy Nigro to organize a professional rose society. Nigro had no experience growing roses, but accepted the challenge and the Southampton Rose Society (SRS) was born. It became the first New York State Chapter of the American Rose Society (ARS) and, as its first President, Nigro immediately put her organizational skills to work structuring a foundation to build on.

During that first year, guidelines and priorities were established for the new Board of Directors, and a program of educational lectures on rose culture began. Nigro also created and wrote *Dune Rose*, the Society's newsletter to communicate with its membership of 64 men and women.

The following year produced an ambitious program that would appeal to both the rose exhibitor and the rose gardener: the first rose show exhibition, rose garden tours

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# *Southampton Rose Society Rose Planting and Pruning Session*

*Rogers Memorial Library • April 16, 2022 • 10 a.m.*

The annual Rose Planting and Pruning Session is a wonderful way to welcome spring and learn more about preparing your roses for a successful growing season. Noted rosarian Peter Bertrand will demonstrate the fundamentals of planting and pruning a variety of rose bushes, including climbers, on the grounds of the Rogers Memorial Library on Saturday, April 16th at 10:00 a.m. Peter will also discuss fertilization, soil management, proper watering techniques and happily answer any rose-related questions.

No registration is required for this ever popular, hands-on session created to make rose gardening accessible for all. Take-home instructional pamphlets will be given to all participants. We encourage members to invite friends and family members to attend to learn more about roses and our organization. 🌹



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

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

*Rogers Memorial Library • Friday, May 6, 2022 • 4–6 p.m.*



The ever-popular sixteenth annual Children's Mini Rose Planting and Art Workshop hosted by the Southampton Rose Society and presented by rosarian Peter Bertrand will be held on Friday, May 6th from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Rogers Memorial Library. Weather-permitting, the event will be held outside on the grounds of the library near the rose garden as it was last year. In the event of inclement weather, the workshop will be held in the Morris Room.

The goal of this event is to foster a love and appreciation for the rose, which is now the official flower of our nation, state, and village. Peter will give a demonstration on planting and caring for mini rose bushes, and each child will pot their own rose plant to take home with them.

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## *Southampton Rose Society's 45th Annual Rose Show and Second Annual Rose Day Celebration*

This June, the Southampton Rose Society is delighted to announce two special events for Saturday, June 11th. The first event is the Southampton Rose Society's 45th annual Rose Show. This event will take place at the Rogers Memorial Library. A specific time schedule for the day's competition and general viewing hours will be posted on our website along with additional details starting in May.

June 11th will also be the second annual Rose Day celebration in Southampton Village. The rose was declared the official flower of Southampton Village in 2019, and it is also the official flower of New York State and the United States of America.

On Rose Day, local business owners are encouraged and invited to compete in a rose display competition. To compete, interested business owners can display flower arrangements featuring roses in their windows or in

front of their stores on that day. All arrangements must contain live roses, and competitors are encouraged to be creative and flashy with their displays. Judges for the event will award ribbons for first, second, and third place as well as Best in Show for the best flower arrangements and displays. The Best in Show winner will also win two tickets to the Southampton Rose Society's annual cocktail party which will be held in August. The cocktail party is held on an estate in Southampton Village, and a silent auction will take place at the event. Tickets are valued at \$600.

The SRS sincerely hopes that both the Rose Show and the Rose Day celebration will give residents and visitors alike an opportunity to see the beauty in roses as we do.

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**Dorothy Nigro** *continued from page 3*

and an expanded educational program that would include workshops hosted by member and Consulting Rosarian David Dawn.

In 1979 the SRS was invited to host the ARS New York District Convention in Southampton. Nigro, again, took the lead and chaired the event, which would involve many people including local officials.

Members opened their homes and gardens to visiting dignitaries and members of the American Rose Society and its affiliated and chapter societies for an entire weekend in September. Historical "Jobs Lane" was renamed "Rose Lane," and the convention schedule rivaled any in the country. The warm hospitality of Southampton was displayed in a full array of parties, garden tours, the rose exhibition and band concert, and left a lasting impression on all who attended. 🌹

**Children's Mini Rose** *continued from page 5*

Children will also receive an instruction booklet, *The Mini Rose* and *How It Grows*, to teach them more about these special flowers with the hope that they will form a lifelong passion for gardening and roses.

After the demonstration, children are invited to either color garden sketches by Nancy Rollins or create their own Mother's Day cards or artwork using supplies from the Art Nanny of Southampton. Crayons, colored pencils and folded blank cards will be provided.

Children ages five to thirteen are invited. The maximum number of participants is twenty (20).

Participants can register for this free event by either visiting the Library Family Department desk or calling 631-283-0774 ext. 519. 🌹

## *Planning Ahead for the Rose Show*

*Several years ago Huguette Hersch kindly shared with Dune Rose how she gets her roses ready for the Rose Show. It's great advice—thank you for sharing it Huguette!*



### **HOW DO YOU GET READY FOR THE ROSE SHOW?**

Plenty of food and extra food two weeks before. Plenty of water from now on. Pinch off secondary buds if any. Re-check all the botanical names. Check the rose show schedule to be clear which classes I am entering.

### **WHAT DO YOU LOOK FOR IN ROSES TO SHOW?**

For single roses: one center only, 2 series of leaves in perfect condition if possible. For a spray: enough buds (5 at least) in various stages of opening. Also well distributed so each bud is visible.

### **HOW DO YOU CHOOSE ROSES TO ENTER?**

The weekend before the show I select the plants with well formed buds on strong stems which are likely to be 90 percent open a week later on Friday. I tie a strand of twine on the branch to remember. The day before the show on Friday, I finalize my choices based on readiness to open just right for the show. I tie a strand only on those plants. If a good rose looks like it will be a little too open for the day

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### ROSE SHOW TROPHIES AND TAGS

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Two special announcements about the Rose Show regarding trophies and tags. All 2021 Rose Show trophy winners are asked to drop off their trophies at SRS board member Lisa Vahradian's house located at 27 James Street in Southampton Village anytime between April 15th and May 15th. All trophies should be returned freshly polished.

Tags for the Rose Show will be available for pick-up from various locations in the village starting May 1st. These locations include: Fowlers Garden Center and Rogers Memorial Library. Additional locations will be posted on the website in May. Participants may also request tags by emailing us at southamptonrosesociety.org or by contacting SRS board member Valerie Hanley at hanleyv@optimum.net. 🌿

### Planning Ahead *continued from page 6*

of the show (since roses open more at the end of each day and at sunrise), I cut it in advance on Friday and place it overnight in a bucket full of water inside the house where it remains cool so as to slow the process. Same choices for a spray, looking for a lot of or enough perfect leaves and a strong stem for good showing.

#### WHEN DO YOU CUT THEM?

Very early in the morning of the show on Saturday. I pick the roses ideally with the longest possible stem since I will need to give a fresh cut before setting the rose or the spray in the display bottles at the show.

#### HOW DO YOU PREPARE THEM?

I groom them: pinch off damaged leaflet, wash leaves clean; double check again for insects which might have settled in during the night; leave the thorns on; then I re-cut the stems a little and place the roses in a bucket half full of water for transportation to the show. 🌿

## 2022 Schedule of Events



**APRIL 16**

***Pruning and Planting Workshop  
with Peter Bertrand***

**10:30 AM**

*Location:* SRS Rose Garden  
Rogers Memorial Library

**MAY 6**

***Children's Mini Rose and Art Workshop  
with Peter Bertrand***

**4 PM–6 PM**

**RAIN DATE: MAY ?**

**11 AM–1 PM**

*Location:* Rogers Memorial Library grounds

**JUNE 11**

***Annual Rose Show & Rose Day***

**7:30 AM–9:30 AM: Setup**

**1 PM: Open for viewing**

**2 PM: Trophy presentation**

*Location:* Morris Room

Rogers Memorial Library

**JULY 4**

***Southampton Village 4th of July Parade***

**AUGUST 5**

***Cocktail Party Fundraiser***

**6 PM–8:30 PM**

*Location:* A member's beautiful garden  
(location provided with tickets)

**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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