

Dune Rose



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

President's Letter

Members and Friends,

Happy Spring! Our 2023 season begins on Saturday, April 22 at 10 a.m. with Peter Bertrand's always enlightening and informative Pruning and Planting Session in our rose garden at the Rogers Memorial Library.

The popular Children's Mini Rose and Art workshop will take place on Friday, May 12 at the Library, and our 46th Annual Rose Show and third annual Rose Day in Southampton Village happens on Saturday, June 17.

I'm pleased to announce some new additions to our Board and Advisory Board: Selena May joins the Board as Publicity Chair, Wendy Serkin is now *Dune Rose* Chair and Anne White is Photography Chair. Perry Guillot, esteemed for his work in landscape architecture, has joined our Advisory Board. Look for a feature by him on pages 4–7 of this issue.

Our speaker at this year's Luncheon/Lecture, to be held in the Morris Room at Rogers Memorial Library, will be Peter Ernst, designer of our beautiful rose garden at the library. We will close out our season with the annual Members Garden Party, graciously hosted this year by members Amanda and Rob Holmen.

Please join us in celebrating the beauty of roses and Southampton Village. I look forward to seeing you at this year's events.

Warm regards,

JIM BERKROT

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Southampton Rose Society News

2023 ROSE GARDEN ANGELS

WE ARE DELIGHTED to report that 4 of the SRS rose gardens in the Village already have their Guardian Angels for this year. Sincere thanks to this year's Rose Garden Angels!

Rogers Memorial Library Garden

Anke and Juergen Friedrich

Alongside Shippy's

Audrey Gruss

On Hampton Road Next to Town & Country

Alixandra Baker

In Front of the Cultural Center

Carole Guest

ROSE GARDEN BRICK PROGRAM

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, to honor their memory. The cost of inscribing a brick is \$250. As we prepare for the 20th anniversary of the SRS Rose Garden this year, we encourage all to dedicate a brick in 2023! Order forms can be found on our website:

<https://southamptonrose.org/brick-order-form/>

DUNE ROSE UPDATE

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



Rose Pruning and Planting Session

ROGERS MEMORIAL LIBRARY ROSE GARDEN | April 22 from 10 AM to noon

PLEASE JOIN the Southampton Rose Society as it hosts its annual Rose Planting and Pruning Session to welcome spring and jumpstart its event 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 22 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. 🌹

Children's Mini Rose Planting and Art Workshop

ROGERS MEMORIAL LIBRARY ROSE GARDEN | Friday, May 12 from 4 PM to 5 PM

THE EVER-POPULAR seventeenth 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 12 from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Rogers Memorial Library. The workshop will be held downstairs 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. Mr. Bertrand 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. 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 20. Participants can register for this free event by either visiting the Library Family Department desk or calling (631)283-0774 ext. 519. 🌹

A Basic Guide to Spring Rose Care

Information courtesy of Harvey Feinstein, Peter Bertrand and Sarah Owens

MARCH: *When the forsythias bloom it's time to prune!*

Prune away dead, diseased, crossing, weak canes and dead leaves. On hybrid teas, remove any growth thinner than a pencil, but retain outward facing immature canes. Keep the center of the bush open for lots of air and sun. Feed each bush with 10-12-10 or an organic equivalent, and Epsom salts around the drip line. Spray with fungicide. Get soil tested to learn which soil nutrients your roses may need.

Mulch, starting now!

APRIL: *Keep pruning!*

Finger-prune any bud eyes to encourage strong stems. Remove stems too weak to support a rose. If there's a deer problem, repel with Milorganite.

MAY: *Feed with all-purpose 20-20-20 fertilizer.*

Spray for spider mites. Feed with fish emulsion according to package directions. Apply Neem to control pests if needed. Continue to disbud, strengthening the roses you will exhibit. As the rose show approaches, label likely candidates. Water!

JUNE: *Label rose choices for exhibition this year.*

Repel deer. Fertilize. Weed. Deadhead. Enter the Southampton Rose Society Rose Show, Saturday, June 17, 2023. 🌹

Setting the Stage

by Perry Guillot

AS SPRING weather is upon us, and our optimism is highest—now is a good time to take a sober assessment of our rose garden's successes and disappointments. Warmer days allow us an opportunity to review favorite plantings, debate options for transplants, complete essential pruning, and to plant mail order arrivals.

It's at this time also when the design structure of a garden is most evident and appreciated before the kaleidoscopic colors and patterns arrive. Choices made in how we present our roses can improve the focus and organization of a collection, enhance understanding of the intricate differences between types of flowers, and inspire our interest in the subject.

The idea for a garden can of course take many

forms, context being essential in decisions of how and where we grow our prized roses. Be it in a natural setting or a more formal context, the varying options are endless. A rose garden might be a highly curated intensive collection focusing on a specific class or the simple joy of nurturing a prized wall climber that gets better every year with little care.

From historic examples, most of us think of a rose garden in a defined space much like our beloved garden here near the village library. Contained garden spaces offer an intimacy and ease for up-close observations that heighten awareness to the characteristics, fragrance and beauty of each rose.

The classic rose garden is often planted in bed areas framed with a low ground cover, small shrub or constructed material. Organized paths intend the visitor to experience at a slower pace, accessing labels also promotes education and enjoyment. It might be said, the more concise the setting the better a contrast to feature our gardens finest stars.

To further thoughts towards a more structured aesthetic, presented here are three examples – one in France, one in England and last in my garden here in Southampton, all rose gardens shown in the overcast sparseness of late winter.



Parc de Bagatelle

PARC DE BAGATELLE

Created in 1775, the magnificent rose garden in the heart of the Bois de Boulogne in Paris has a collection of over 1,200 roses. The stunning rose collection is presented as expected in a French layout of wide beds and lawn spaces all framed in narrow clipped

boxwood. Paths are a fine grit of crushed stone and shell. The vastness of the garden is punctuated vertically with towers of pillar roses and peaks of yew topiary. The redundant structure offers a fine contrast to the vast and varied collection.



Rousham

ROUSHAM

Located in Oxfordshire UK, the famous 18th landscape here was designed by the architect and garden designer William Kent. Hidden away separately from Kent's landscape masterpiece in a walled garden space is an elaborate rose garden. A geometric pattern of beds contains a highly personal collection of beautiful roses.

As a dramatic focal point, the stone dovecote provides an opportunity to show case specimen rose climbers and ramblers. High garden walls provide structure for an abundance of added vertical display. My last visit was during the off-season and the garden was no less beautiful than any June day.



Guillot's garden

MY GARDEN

Gate protected in a far corner of the property at Southampton's Conscience Point, I started a rose garden five years ago. In a fifty-foot circular space, three paths join where a stone carved sundial is sited. Elizabethan in style, this sundial gave the idea for bordering the crushed gravel paths with the medicinal herb *Teucrium chamaedrys*, commonly known as wall germander. Hardy for our area, its tiny leaves are semi-evergreen and make for a fine low border plant and are fragrant too.

Surrounded in a privet hedge—within three equal-sized planting beds is a collection of roses informed not so much by class or genus but

Southampton Rose Society's 46th Annual Rose Show and Third Annual Rose Day Celebration

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. June 11 will also be the third annual Rose Day celebration in Southampton Village. The rose is the official flower of Southampton Village, 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 com-

petitors are encouraged to be creative and flashy with their displays. Judges for the event will award ribbons for first, second and third place.

The rose is the official flower of the United States, New York State, and our beloved Southampton Village. The Southampton Rose Society (SRS) is a non-for-profit charitable organization, affiliated with the American Rose Society. The SRS created and maintains five public gardens in Southampton that are enjoyed by residents and visitors alike. All donations are tax deductible, and all proceeds go towards maintaining our public gardens and community programs. 🌹

only by my curiosity and passion for the subject. This contained world offers an incredible variety of details and fragrances, contrasted from the experiences of the larger property.

No matter the design, our rose gardens are unique as highly personal spaces. Together we share the same challenges and obstacles of weather and are continually enriched and surprised by advances in culture. Most of all, our gardens are acts of devotion and passion meant to be shared with our Southampton community of fellow rose enthusiasts.

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2023

Southampton Rose Society Events Calendar

SATURDAY APRIL 22 | 10 AM

***Pruning & Planting Workshop
with Peter Bertrand***

Location: Rogers Memorial Library

FRIDAY, MAY 12 | 4 PM–5 PM

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

Location: Rogers Memorial Library Grounds

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

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
Southampton Village business district*

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Luncheon/Lecture

Location: Morris Room, Rogers Memorial Library

*Speaker: Peter Ernst, designer of the SRS
Rose Garden at RML*

DATE TBD

Annual Members Garden Party

Location: Amanda & Rob Holmen's Garden