

# Dune Rose



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

## President's Letter

Members and Friends,

Days are getting longer—with welcome hints of spring, and plans are underway for a Rose Society season filled with our favorite flowers and friends like you! Our exciting events for 2024 start soon, thanks to our donors, members and sponsors whose enthusiasm and generous support make it happen!

We're looking forward to April 20th when Peter Bertrand's yearly Pruning & Planting Workshop kicks off the season. The event is an education for veteran rose gardeners and beginners alike. Peter takes the mystery out of planting bare root roses, and he'll share tips to make sure you succeed! The session starts at 10:00 am in our rose garden at the Rogers Memorial Library.

Peter makes it easy for young gardeners too! On May 3, from 4-6 pm, he will conduct his yearly Children's Mini Rose and Art Workshop at the library. This event keeps growing more popular with children and their parents.

Then, our biggest event will be on the horizon! The 47th annual SRS Rose Show at the Rogers Library will be held on Saturday, June 15. Please save the date!

Last year's show had a record turnout of entrees and visitors, due to the prodigious efforts of SRS Rose Show Chair Valerie Hanley and her volunteers. Many thanks also go to the generosity of Peter Marino, Pamela Nigro and John Kern for donating new sterling silver trophies for entrants to win in the years to come. All told, there's a judging class for nearly every rose grower now, from beginners to experts, so I hope you'll come and join the fun.

That same day is Rose Day in the Village of Southampton, led by Selena May and Lisa Vahradian. Shops in the Village are encouraged to decorate their windows in a rose display competition. It's the official day to celebrate roses, the official flower of Southampton.

The SRS Cocktail Party Fundraiser will be held Friday, August 9th at a beautiful estate in Southampton Village. Please save the date!

For the most current SRS news and rose show details visit: [www.southamptonrose.org](http://www.southamptonrose.org) and Southampton Rose Society on Facebook and Instagram.

Special thanks to Peter Marino for lending his presence to this issue of Dune Rose. Please enjoy his interview inside.

The Board and I look forward to seeing you soon!

Warm regards,

**JIM BERKROT**

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# Southampton Rose Society News

## 2024 ROSE GUARDIAN ANGELS

**WE ARE** happy to report all five SRS rose gardens in the Village already have Guardian Angels for this year.

Thanks to our Rose Guardian Angels from past years and in the present!

### Rogers Memorial Library Garden

Emma Giibey Keller

### Alongside Shippy's

Audrey Gruss

### On Hampton Road Next to Town & Country

Alixandra Baker

### In Front of the Cultural Center

Carole & Fred Guest

### Next to Bamboo

Anonymous

Special thanks to John Betts, owner of Shippy's Restaurant, for his generosity in rebuilding and restoring our beautiful rose garden, with the same love and care he renovated Shippy's, a long-time Southampton establishment.

## 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 beauty. Many of the bricks in the paths around the garden are inscribed with tributes. The cost of an inscription is \$250.

Order forms are on our website.

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



## PRUNING & PLANTING WORKSHOP

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**KNOWLEDGABLE, TALENTED** rose expert Peter Bertrand will present his annual Pruning and Planting session to take place in the SRS Garden at Rogers Memorial Library on Saturday, April 20, from 10:00 am–12:00pm.

Peter will demonstrate a simple hands-on way to plant a bare root rose. His clear and easy steps will turn guesswork into the right work to do for a young rose. Peter shares tried and true methods he's acquired by rose gardening on the East End for many years. Questions are always welcome at this lively event. Peter often reveals his secrets too!

David Dawn, for whom the rose garden is named, was Peter's mentor. 🌱

## CHILDREN'S MINI ROSE & ART WORKSHOP

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**ON FRIDAY** May 3 from 4-6 pm, Peter Bertrand will lead the ever-popular Children's Mini Rose & Art Workshop at the Rogers Memorial Library.

Peter will demonstrate how to plant a miniature rose in a pot and how to care for it as it grows. Participants will pot their own plant, with assistance from parents and Peter, to take home with them. Children will also color in garden line drawings by longtime SRS member Nancy Rollins. They may create Mother's Day cards with their finished art by using supplies from the Art Nanny of Southampton.

## *An Interview With Peter Marino*

**I**N 2023, Peter Marino's sizable list of architectural honors lengthened when he garnered the prestigious Andrew Markopoulous Award. Then, he amassed a considerable number of ribbons and trophies at the Southampton Rose Society Show, also in 2023!

In fact, Peter says the antidote to his high-powered, globetrotting job is to find gardening bliss at his home in Southampton, New York.

SRS President Jim Berkrot spoke with Peter about his love of gardening, growing roses, his art foundation and more.

Peter grew up in New York City, came to eastern Long Island each summer with his family as a child and has been enchanted with Southampton ever since. Ultimately, he and his wife Jane made the Village their home. In 1993, they purchased a beautiful property in Southampton Village and continually work to beautify its grounds. Integral to its present design, the garden has many specimen roses, all dearly loved, tended and appreciated by the Marinos.

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Peter visited the Parrish Art Museum on Jobs Lane during his childhood trips. Its departure from the Village, later in his life, sparked a drive to revitalize the cultural environment he had grown up with. Peter aimed his sights on acquiring the old Rogers Memorial Library building for that purpose. “Southampton has an insatiable appetite for culture,” Peter mused, “in addition to the Southampton Arts Center and the Historical Society, there is always room for more.”

With extensive and painstaking renovation, the historic library building provides a perfect space for his enormous, world class art collection. Also, it provides a venue for more cultural events downtown. The old library is now completely transformed and today it is the Peter Marino Art Foundation where art exhibitions and cultural events take place May through October. Please visit [www.petermarinoartfoundation.org](http://www.petermarinoartfoundation.org) for further information.

The rose garden in front of the PMAF on Jobs Lane is in honor of Peter’s mother who had a passion for roses. This adds a sixth downtown garden specifically devoted to Southampton’s official flower, the rose. For the PMAF garden, Peter chose red roses “precisely to blend into the wonderful color of the building’s columns and red brick exterior.”

At the very front of the garden is low-growing holly that borders groundcover Rosas Fire Meidiland and Red Meidiland. These varieties are full of flowers from early summer into late fall. Fire Meidiland bears large clusters of fully double blooms in deep red with bright gold eyes. Red Meidiland has clusters of daintier single red flowers with yellow and white centers. There are six other red hybrid varieties in the middle ground of the garden too: Abbaye de Cluny, Black Cherry, Drop Dead Red, Red Drift, Sweet Mademoiselle, and Yves Piaget.

Peter is intrigued with roses, both growing in the wild or in manicured gardens.



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*This garden on Jobs Lane is dedicated to the Village of Southampton by the Peter Marino Art Foundation in collaboration with the Southampton Rose Society.*





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*Rose garden at Peter's Southampton residence is a testament to his devotion to rose gardening.*

“It’s a metaphor for life,” he says.

Peter views The Southampton Rose Society as a force of positivity in today’s complicated world. “Many charitable organizations are dealing with the ‘sad side,’ he observes.

“For me, the SRS is a 100% feel-good mechanism which is what we need more of. I find the members knowledgeable and enthusiastic, and that is because they are involved in creating and admiring beauty.”

In 2023, Peter generously donated two beautiful sterling silver trophies for the Southampton Rose Society’s Annual Rose Show. The trophies are awarded yearly at the competition. Peter has



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become so passionate, in fact, that he has won many first place trophies in recent years with roses from his magnificent garden.

The SRS is grateful and extends many thanks to Peter Marino and the Peter Marino Art Foundation

The SRS was founded more than 48 years ago

by local gardeners and people with a passion for Southampton Village and the cultivation of roses. The SRS is dedicated to community service and ecological awareness and sensitivity, and provides horticultural and educational programs that are centered on rose cultivation. 🌱



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## *Southampton Rose Society Events Calendar*

**SATURDAY, APRIL 20 • 10:00 am**

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

*Location:* The Rose Garden, Rogers Memorial Library

**FRIDAY, MAY 3 • 4–6 pm**

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

*Location:* Rogers Memorial Library

***Save the dates!***

**SATURDAY, JUNE 15**

***Southampton Rose Society Annual Rose Show  
& Southampton Rose Day***

*Location:* Rogers Memorial Library, Morris Room

**SUNDAY, JULY 7 • 4–6 pm**

***Members' Garden Party***

*Location:* Garden of Jim Berkrot & Michael Staples

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 9 • 5:30–8 pm**

***SRS Cocktail Party and Fundraiser***

*Location:* At a beautiful estate in Southampton Village

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 • 11 am–12 pm**

***Annual Member's Meeting***

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**12PM-3PM**

***Luncheon Lecture with Peter Ernst***

*Location:* The Meadow Club



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