

## **HORTICULTURE JUDGING SCHOOL/SEMINAR AT THE DISTRICT CONVENTION**

A horticulture judging school and seminar will be held on Sept. 6-7, 2013, the Hotel ML, in Mount Laurel, New Jersey, in conjunction with the Penn-Jersey District fall convention. The school will be held on Friday, Sept. 6, with the practical exam on Saturday, Sept. 7, immediately following the judging of the district rose show. The update for accredited judges will be held in the afternoon of Friday, Sept. 6. Accredited judges need to attend a seminar at least once every four years. Candidates and accredited judges from any American Rose Society district are welcome to attend. The requirements for becoming an accredited ARS horticulture judge are given below.

For further information about the school and seminar, contact Bruce Monroe, 302-478-5733 or [professor@katiegirl.net](mailto:professor@katiegirl.net).

To be certified as an Apprentice Rose Judge, the applicant must:

1. Have completed an accredited judging school and passed both the written and practical exams.
2. Have personally grown garden roses or been involved in their culture for five years.
3. Have been a member of the American Rose Society for at least thirty-six months, including the twelve months immediately preceding becoming an Apprentice Rose Judge. Applicants who do not satisfy this requirement may take the exam but, if they pass, cannot begin apprentice judging until this requirement is satisfied.
4. Have exhibited in the horticulture section of at least a total of five ARS accredited rose shows over a period of at least three years. The applicant should have won at least five horticulture blue ribbons and at least two ARS horticulture certificates or equivalent awards.
5. Have worked in at least three rose shows, either as a clerk or in some other capacity, such as show chairman or clerks' chairman that would familiarize the applicant with proper show procedures.
6. Pay the application fee (\$10) set by the American Rose Society.