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August, 2009

President's Message:

I am honored to serve as your new President. I will do my best to work hard to meet your needs as **WJRS** members and I will also uphold the values and ideals of the **WJRS**. This society has many ways to bring our members together and this July 15th we had a fabulous banquet to celebrate our spring rose show winners and to recognize the excellence and contributions of our members. Those that attended enjoyed a lovely dinner, rose designs in the Oriental Manner on the tables created by our arrangement committee, and the table trivia games which fueled our rose discussions. All of it was flawlessly planned again this year by June Hament. She always makes it look like fun–and it is. We honored two of our members:
Denise Shaughnessy who won the **Consulting Rosarian Award** and
Cora Williams who won the **Bronze Medal**, for their generous contributions and hard work on behalf of the society. Congratulations again!

We hope you will have an opportunity to check out our new website where we will be highlighting some of the photos of this year's **WJRS** activities and program events: www.wjrs.com. We will also be sharing photos of rose gardens at our monthly meetings. So please consider bringing some of your own favorite garden pictures to the meetings.

While you are enjoying your roses and evaluating your new cultivars in the garden this August---be sure to send in your **2009 Roses-In-Review Report to the ARS**. This is an important report that helps everyone to learn more about how new roses are performing across the country. Your participation is important—your opinions count. And, we would like the **Penn Jersey District** to be well represented in the overall report. You can log on to the www.ars.org to get the report. As you work to evaluate and rejuvenate your rose gardens—think about what new roses you will want for next spring. The **ROSE SALE for 2009-10** will be coordinated by **Brenna Bosch**. We want to thank **Cyndy Scalf** for all her contributions with the **WJRS ROSE SALE** in the past few years.

Finally, in this newsletter, you will be able to learn more about our upcoming Penn-Jersey District Convention. A full committee of members has been working closely with **Gus Banks** to plan for the best district convention yet. We will need all of our members to make this fun and a huge success, so I hope to see many of you there---please send in your registrations soon to **Sue Jacobsen**—our **Convention Registration Chair**. See you soon.

Iliana Okum

Program News
By Brenna Bosch

August	**The District Convention is coming! To provide some extra information before the convention, the August 19th Meeting will feature a choice of lectures. Pat Bilson will be presenting <u>The Principles of Arranging</u> while Gus Banks will be presenting <u>Beyond the Blue Ribbon: Advanced Exhibiting Tips.</u>**
September	Our September 16th meeting, **Pat Pitkin, Master Rosarian from the Reading-Berks Rose Society**, will present a program on **Old Garden Roses Old Garden Roses**. Additional details will be featured in the September newsletter.
October	Climbing Beauties in the Rose Garden—ARS Presentation
November	Using Organics in the Garden—Organica Company
December	Holiday Party and Photographic Gallery of Member Rose Gardens

If anyone has a lecture topic or a speaker they would like to hear at one of our meetings, let me know at our next meeting or send me an e-mail at brennabosch@att.net. I would be happy to send out an invitation to a speaker or find a speaker for a particular topic. Member suggested topics already in progress include companion plantings, fragrant roses, rose gardens around the world, and tips on preparing for the rose season anti-pest and anti-disease campaign. We want to hear from you!

PENN-JERSEY 2009 DISTRICT CONVENTION

The West Jersey Rose Society is inviting all Rosarians to attend the **Penn-Jersey 2009 District Convention**. This year's convention will be held on September 11-13, the weekend following Labor Day and be held at the **Inn at Cherry Hill (formerly the Clarion Hotel) in Cherry Hill, NJ**. Conveniently located at the intersection with **Route 70 and Exit 34B off Interstate 295 .** Tthe hotel is easily accessed. We have gotten a low room night rate of **$109** with the hotel holding that rate until **September 4th**.

We are looking forward to everyone having a great time. This year the **West Jersey Rose Society** is celebrating our **56th anniversary** and we would like you to help us by attending. We are introducing **two new events** to the convention as well as having all the events you've come to expect at the district convention.

Starting Friday there will be two sets of programs, one for judges and one for arrangers. The programs are scheduled so an individual will be able to complete both judging and arrangement audits in one day. Saturday will start early with a **6 AM opening of the Show Prep Room**. Judging will start at **10:30 AM** so get your roses in early. You must register at the convention to enter any classes. **Your convention number will be your exhibitor's number**. As part of the rose show, we are adding a photo contest. Copying from our Rose Get-A-Way meetings, the photo contest adds pictures of beautiful roses. So, please bring your rose photographs to enter.

The rose show opens at **1 PM**. This will be followed by a new and exciting event. We are happy to offer **--A Rose Themed Afternoon Tea**. The Afternoon Tea will be held at **1:30 PM.** Enjoy savory tea sandwiches, freshly baked scones and decadent desserts. Come ...Relax, Savor The Tea and Enjoy the Company of your Friends and Fellow Rosarians. Cost **$25.00 per person.** This even has **limited seating.** Reservations required. **Please RSVP with registration by September 6, 2009.**

The afternoon programs continue with talks by **Stephen Scaniello** on "The Truth about Roses Names" and **Mary Peterson** on "Women and Roses." Later in the afternoon, we will present the majority of the show awards. This will be followed by our raffle drawings.

Our evening banquet will **not** have a speaker. Instead, this year we will be entertained by **Ken and Ruth Borrman**. Come and join us for a lyrical evening. Again, after dinner the hospitality room will be open.

Sunday will bring the District meeting followed by garden tours.

I hope to see you this fall at our convention.

Gus Banks
WJRS Convention Chairman

A Rosy Raffle is in the Works for the District Convention.

We are asking our WJRS members to scout out their local vendors for some donations for our themed baskets. And, to also contribute to the Rosy Raffle---please bring an item to the August board meeting to include in the baskets. The six baskets will be as follows:

3 Gardening Baskets with include gardening supplies such as gloves, sprays, fertilizers, bug repellents, soaker hoses, pruning tools etc. The other three baskets will be themed to complement the gardening:

Wine, Champagne, Chocolate and Sweets Basket

Relaxation Basket-Bath bubbles, shampoos, hand creams, books.

English Tea Basket-teas, tea set, cookies, decadent deserts If everyone contributes, we will have a successful and fun raffle. Thanks for all that you do!

Patti Minix has agreed to coordinate the raffle. Contact her at: 609-265-9769
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Consulting Rosarian Report:

August in the Rose Garden
By Cora Williams, CR

August is the hottest and driest month of the year, the time when watering our roses is very necessary, if not of crucial importance.

It's summertime and your roses look great. The pace of rose gardening has slowed down. It's time to enjoy the healthy and robust rose garden you worked so hard to create. Be mindful that your roses still need you.

Watering: Keep roses hydrated.
This requires more frequent watering deep, penetrating soaks. Check the soil below each rose bush with your fingers. If it doesn't look or feel moist, then water. If in doubt, water anyway. Hand watering enables you to inspect and appreciate each rose, catching and controlling problems at the same time. As your garden grows, you may consider an irrigation system. There are reasonably priced, easy-to-install systems that ensure the garden stays watered. This will provide water to your plants at a consistent, moderate rate so the soil will remain moist at all times. Fifteen gallons of water applied three times per week is a much better proposition that will result in a dramatic improvement in your bushes and in the quality of their blooms.

Water is the secret to growing good roses. If you're skimpy with the water, all the fertilizer in the world won't help because water is what carries the food into the bush. A well-planned watering schedule, combined with a good layer of mulch, should get your roses through the toughest summers. If you have questions or concerns about caring for roses, you can contact me, or our local Consulting Rosarian.

The plant has a simple reaction to too little water—it stops growing. When a plant starts to wilt from lack of water, it has already stopped growing for a day or more. We need to anticipate a plant's water needs before growth slows or stops and wilting occurs.

- Your roses need at least 1-2 inches per week of water, depending upon the type of soil.
- Keep your water supply as consistent as possible. "Feast or famine" watering promotes a number of problems with your plants.
- Keeping track of rainfall, preferably with an accurate rain gauge (even if homemade) helps you avoid over- or under-watering your plants.
- Water fertilizers and other amendments into the soil after applying them.
- The manner in which you apply water to your roses will depend upon a number of factors relating to your own garden situation. However, research has demonstrated that drip irrigation systems, especially those used in conjunction with mulch, will increase the productivity of your garden.

- **Deadheading:** The removal of spent blooms resets the rose bush for the next cycle. It is a necessary practice to ensure the continuation of flower production—repeat blooming. Without deadheading, roses will continue on to the production of seeds, **not more flowers.**

Cut the stem of the spent bloom back to just above a five-leaflet leaf at a point thick enough to support a new stem and flower. Use good judgment when removing plant material during the growing season, and keep as much foliage as possible on the bush, because leaves produce food.

Densely flowering varieties with an abundance of spent blooms can be deadheaded successfully with **hedge clippers.** Shear the old blooms away, shaping the plant at the same time, and finish by fine-tuning with **hand pruners.**

An alternative method of dead-heading is to simply snap off the faded bloom by hand or with pruners. This stimulates new growth from several growth buds lower down the stem and is ideal for first-year roses.

Fertilizing: Continue your feeding schedule until 60 days prior to the first frost. A well-fed rose has sufficient nourishment to sustain it until dormancy. Late feeding only encourages late season growth that has little chance of maturing and becomes

vulnerable to the first hard frost. I stop granular feeding this month, and the final liquid feeding is in early September.

Mulching: Mulches insulate the soil and play an important role in good rose management. They serve to reduce soil temperature, control weeds, conserve moisture in the soil and enhance the appearance of your rose garden. There are two basic types of mulches—natural, or organic, mulches and synthetic mulches. Organic mulches include compost, wood chips, and leaf mold.

Use whatever mulching material is conveniently available. Apply them 2 to 4 inches thick for best results. Synthetic or inorganic mulches such as water landscape fabrics are excellent in controlling weeds while allowing water and nutrients to pass through. Add a few inches of organic mulch on top and they become more functional and attractive.

Evaluating: Review your rose garden and evaluate its performance as well as your own. Start forming tentative decisions regarding what's good, what's bad and (gulp) what's ugly and plan the necessary adjustments later in the season. Did you select good roses and plant them properly in rich, organic soil in a sunny spot? Did you fertilize them regularly and provide plenty of water? Did you choose and implement the best method of insect and disease control for your garden? I f you did, then you enjoyed watching your roses develop and bloom better than they ever have. You discovered that rose gardening is fun!

Decorating the banquet tables

WJRS Banquet Thanks!

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The 2009-2010 WJRS Officers & Trustees pictured at the July 15th Banquet!

2009 PENN-JERSEY DISTRICT CONVENTION REGISTRATION:
Reserve rooms directly with:
The Inn at Cherry Hill
70 & I-295, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034
Phone 856-428-2300.

Rates are $109/room/night (up to four people per room).

Mention **the Rose Convention** meeting to get the special room rates.

Reserve rooms by September 4, 2009!!!

Registration – Penn-Jersey District Convention on September 11– 13, 2009

Name(s): _____

Phone:_____

Address:_____

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City:_____

State:_____

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$ 35.00 each
$_____

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(after 25 August)
$ 45.00 each
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$ 20.00 $_____
(Includes Box Lunch)

Friday Judges Audit
$5.00 $_____

Friday Arrangement Audit/ Workshop:
$ 25.00
$_____
(Includes Box Lunch)
Friday Box Lunch
$ 15.00 $_____
(Available to registrants)

Friday Dinner:
$ 40.00 $_____

Chicken Picatta _____

Roast Loin of Pork_____

Saturday:
A Rose Themed Afternoon Tea
(Reservations Required)
Limited Seating
$ 25.00
$_____

Saturday Dinner
$ 45.00 $_____

Chicken Marsala_____
Prime Rib _____

Total Amount Enclosed

$_____

Will you require vegetarian or special dietary needs for dinners? _____Yes
If so, what accommodations will you need?_____

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Will you be offering to:
Clerk___Yes _____No

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WJRS meets at 7:30 p.m. on
The THIRD Wednesday of each month
(except during the months of January and July)

at:

Medford Lees Community Meeting Hall,
1 Medford Lees, Route 70, Medford, NJ.

2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 19	Meeting Medford Leas 7:30pm
September11-13	**Penn-Jersey District Convention—The Inn At Cherry Hill, Cherry Hill**
September16	Meeting Medford Leas 7:30 pm
October 21	Meeting Medford Leas 7:30 pm
November 11-15	**2009 ARS Fall National Conference, Palm Springs, CA**
November 18	Meeting Medford Leas 7:30 pm
December 16	Meeting Medford Leas 7:30 pm

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