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President's Message:

August was a challenging month for our roses. If it was not 96 degrees with 100% humidity most days, it was raining six inches and blowing down trees. Thank goodness that is past and we can enjoy some cooler September weather. I hope the cooler temperatures are inviting you back into the rose garden to take care of our favorite flowers.

The Penn Jersey District Convention is just six days away—September 11-12-13 in Cherry Hill and I hope to see many of you there to enjoy a wonderful program, workshops and speakers and of course our Rose Show. Please take the time to send in your registration and come for dinner with friends and fellow Rosarians. You can also enjoy a lovely **Rose Themed Tea** at the Convention—so reserve your seat—it will be a relaxing time with rose talk among friends and delicious treats. You do not want to miss this. The whole committee has done a great job of planning this special convention—thanks to **Gus Banks** for leading the way.

I also encourage you to look through this newsletter for information on the calendar of our programs. Bring a friend to the September meeting and share your passion for roses. **Remember that WJRS is part of the Macy's Shop for a Cause Event on Saturday, October 17. If you would like to purchase tickets for this fabulous SALE EVENT**—you will not only get great discounts, you will be helping our society—so see **Terry Palise** at the convention or at the September meeting. Finally, the American Rose Society is providing a special ARS membership opportunity—for all new rose society members. Contact **Cyndy Chandler** to take advantage of these ARS benefits. See you soon.

Iliana Okum

2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS & PROGRAM NEWS

By Brenna Bosch

September	Our September 16th meeting, **Pat Pitkin, Master Rosarian from the Reading-Berks Rose Society**, will present a program on **Old Garden Roses**.
October	Climbing Beauties in the Rose Garden—ARS Presentation
November	Using Organics in the Garden—Organica Company
November 11-15	**2009 ARS Fall National Conference, Palm Springs, CA**
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!

Thanks to the following members for providing refreshments for September 16th Meeting:

Peggy Conrad
Beth Shelley
Betsy O'Brien
Terry Rosati

The West Jersey Rose Society Welcomes The Following New Members in 2009

Dr. Suni	Bolar	Piscataway
Maggie	Broderick	Audubon
Lawrence & Natalia	Coleman	Cherry Hill
Katheryn L.	Croge	Haddon Township
Diane & Ernie	Fenimore	Columbus
Ruth	Fink	Cinnaminson
Patti	Minix	Bordentown
Thomas	Scaricariotto	Edgewater Park
Betty	Simon	Mt. Laurel
David	Westcoat	Southampton

Reminder—You can still register!
We also need volunteers on Friday evening and Saturday evening!

2009 PENN-JERSEY DISTRICT CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Reserve rooms directly with:
Holiday Inn, 2175 West Marlton Pike, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002. Phone **1-856-663-5300** www.holidaycherryhill.com.

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:_____

_____

City:_____**State:**_____**ZIP:**_____

E-mail: _____

Registration
$ 35.00 each $_____
No Late Registration Fee

Friday Judges School
$ 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?

Will you be offering to:

Clerk___Yes _____No_____

Arrangements_____Horticulture_____

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We thank the Philadelphia Rose Society and Bill Kozemchak for the following Consulting Rosarian Report featured in the September issue of The Rose Newsletter

What to do in the Garden in September

Consulting Rosarian Report:

By Bill Kozemchak

The first thing to do in the garden in September is to enjoy it. The temperatures are back to a reasonable level and your rose bushes should be responding to the break from the heat stress of summer. September usually brings plenty of new growth and deep vibrant colors to the rose blooms.

You should continue watering if there is not sufficient rainfall. This year we had plenty of summer rain, which is unusual for our area.. Watering is the most important thing you can do for your roses. Having healthy well hydrated roses in the fall will help them through the winter. The fall is also a good time to mulch. This will also give some limited winter protection to the roses. Dick Nipe has applied mushroom compost in the fall as winter protection and a very good soil amendment the following spring. This would be very good for a tired bed which does not have many organics left in it

Although some may stop their spray program after the fall shows, I like to continue mine into October. I feel keeping the bush well foliated helps it store more nutrition for the winter and the new growth next year. Some of my bushes were pretty well defoliated over the summer so I would like to keep the foliage on as long as possible.

Granular fertilizers with nitrogen should not be applied after the end of August. Many people will continue to use liquid fertilizers or fish emulsion to give a nice boost for the rose shows or a nice garden display this month. I may give the roses a handful of Epsom salts the beginning of the month as many of them seem to put out nice basal breaks this time of year. Hopefully these will mature and harden off before winter. Stopping the nitrogen fertilizers at the end of August is meant to stop a lot of new growth late in the month or October, which will not have sufficient time to mature and will freeze when the frosts come in late fall or early winter.

When you see all the beautiful roses in your yard this month, you should think about bringing them to the District Rose Show on September 12th, which is being hosted by the West Jersey Rose Society in Cherry Hill, N.J. The show will be Saturday morning, followed by afternoon programs. Stephen Scaniello will present "The Truth about Rose Names" and Mary Peterson will talk about "Women and Roses". There will also be a formal afternoon tea for $25. It will be first come first served, so get your reservations in now. All should be very interesting. A visit to the Stellwags Nursery is planned for Sunday.

Another thing to do with those gorgeous blooms is share them. Take some roses to friends, relatives, your doctor, dentist, hairdresser, or nursing home. They are sure to put a smile on someone's face, and there is no better feeling in world to see that. You may even stir enough interest in someone to bring a new member to the society.

It's also a good time to make a garden map. When you forget what went where, or lose the tags, the map will still know. It doesn't need to be fancy or neat; it's just a record of what is where. Mine has lots of white out, different color inks, and dirt all over it, but I wouldn't want to be without it. While you are creating or editing your map, it is a good time to evaluate your roses. You may want to consider replacing underperforming roses in your garden. Roses that don't bloom enough, aren't vigorous, or are too disease prone may be candidates. A poorly performing rose takes as much or more care than a good one. If you are not sure what a good replacement rose would be ask other rosarians or a consulting rosarian in your society. Even if a rose is highly rated, it may not perform well in our area. Diane Wilkerson is the Rose in Review editor for Penn-Jersey. She puts out an excellent compilation of rose comments from growers in our area. This will be in the Rose Vine later this year. If you wish to participate in this, it must be sent to Diane or done on-line by September 26th.

Horizon Roses is a publication in which the newer exhibition roses are rated by growers from across the country. Nothing is sugar coated and most comments are very blunt, not like reading a rose catalog. Stacey Catron is the Northeast editor. Ken Borrmann, Joe Makosch, Tom Mayhew, Donna & Glen Smith, Diane & Ernie Szilagyi, Mike Wrightstone, and I are Penn-Jersey contributors. The new edition will be available soon for $10; the profits are donated to the ARS
Ordering details are listed on Roseshow.com.

New rose catalogs will be arriving soon and web sites will be updated with next years varieties. For best selection, order early. Palatine Roses and Pickering Nurseries are my favorites for bare root roses. Both are in Canada and grow their roses on Multiflora rootstock, which is better suited to our climate than roses grafted on Dr. Huey, the choice of most US growers. Almost Heaven, Rosemania, and Roses Unlimited are own root suppliers I have been very satisfied with.

Many local nurseries are having sales this time of year. This is an inexpensive way to increase the size of your garden. While some of these roses may not look great in their pots, with a little TLC, you can make them look great next year. Doing some cuttings is another good cheap way to do this.

It's a good time to check the ph in your garden. You can buy a ph tester for as little as $15 or as much as $75. A soil test form Rutgers in N.J. or Penn State in PA is another way to check it. The soil test will also tell you about what is lacking or surplus in soil. The ph for roses

should be between 6.0 and 6.5 If this is low, which is usually the case in this part of the country, you need to add lime to the soil to bring the number up. This takes a while so the fall is a good time to do it. Fertilizing heavily usually also pushes the number down. The first time I checked mine, some parts of the garden were down to 4.0, which explained way they weren't doing so well. Too low or too high ph makes certain minerals unavailable to the roses; they can't take them up through the roots.

If you are planning on a new rose bed next year, this is a good time to get it ready. Digging and amending the soil now will make planting easy next spring when your new roses arrive. It will also give the ingredients time to blend and the bed time to settle.

September is a good time to arrange garden visits. It's nice to visit other rose grower's gardens to get ideas for your own. We all do a lot of work in our gardens so it's nice to share them. I hope to see you at the District Convention.

Things to do in September

1. **Make plans to attend the District Convention in Cherry Hill, it's guaranteed to be a good time!**
2. **Take a trip to the Jersey Shore Rose Society Show**
3. **Take some photos in the garden for the ARS, District or Philadelphia photo contests. The West Jersey District Show and Jersey Shore Rose Society Show also have photo contest classes.**
4. Go out to the garden and cut some roses to share with friends and family or bring them in to enjoy inside.
5. Water, water, water! If there is no rain, water your roses deeply!
6. Take a road trip to the Jersey Shore or Pittsburgh rose shows.
7. Consider applying mulch. This will conserve moisture in the soil and protect the bushes in the upcoming winter.
8. You should continue your regular spray program to help prevent disease.
9. Give your roses a little treat with a liquid bloom booster fertilizer for the rose shows or a little nicer show in the garden or your table. You should have stopped the solid fertilizers at the end of August.
10. Make a garden map. It doesn't have to be fancy; it will be a record of what varieties are planted and where they are at. The roses will still be blooming so they will be easier to identify. Tags and markers can be lost over winter, so do it now.
11. Buy some new roses! If roses aren't performing well in your garden, you may want to replace them. I have picked up many of my roses in the clearance areas of garden centers this time of year. With a little TLC they will establish themselves this fall and be ready to take off in the spring!

Free Online Videos on Roses:

http://www.youtube.com/user/AshdownRoses
http://www.gardenplansireland.com/forum/about768.html

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qd2aNvN6dNg

http://www.bayeradvanced.com/how-to-videos/rose-care.html

http://videos.oregonlive.com/oregonian/2008/09/rose_disease_and_fall_cleanup.html

The National Arboretum—USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map
http://www.usna.usda.gov/Hardzone/

A rose community specializing in all facets of roses
http://www.rosarianscorner.net/cgi-bin/ikonboard.cgi?act=Portal

Additional
Things To Remember In The Garden
By Consulting Rosarian Cora Williams

Even in September, be careful when you are out in the garden. Wear sunscreen and drink a lot of fluids **(just like roses).** Let people know roses are not hard to grow. Always share your roses and the happiness they bring.

Sun Safety Tips

- **Keep in mind the sun is strongest between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.**
- **Always wear protective clothing when outdoors.**
- **Wear clothing that is dark and tightly woven for the best protection.**
- **Apply sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher whenever you're outdoors.**
- **Apply sunscreen before going outdoors and reapply often.**
- **Reapply sunscreen after swimming, perspiring and toweling off.**
- **Don't forget to put sunscreen on neck, ear, and lips.**
- **Wear a wide-brimmed hat and UV blocking sunglasses.**
- **Remember that UV rays bounce off sand, snow, concrete and water – and the reflecting rays can cause skin damage**
- **Sunscreens need to be applied liberally and evenly over all exposed areas.**
- **And remember - stay in shade whenever possible.**

Roses in Review 2009 due by September 26th

It is time for the annual Roses in Review (RIR), the American Rose Society's (ARS) annual survey of roses. Results from the "Garden" evaluations are used as the ratings in the ARS "Handbook for Selecting Roses". Participation in the RIR process is open to **EVERYONE**! Membership in the ARS or a local rose society is not required. If you have any questions, let me know.

The survey can be filled out on-line (please, please, please fill it out on-line!), check out the RIR web site at http://www.stsrv.com/rir/rirsplsh.htm. Although you have to register to submit the form on-line, the information is used to allow you to come back at a later time to add more ratings and also to assist the RIR coordinators in preparing the final reports. The information is deleted after the data is sent to the coordinators and you will not receive SPAM.

If you don't grow any of the roses on the list, send me an e-mail with that information, your response counts! If you have already submitted your survey, THANK YOU!

On-line and paper forms must be submitted on or before **September 26, 2009**, to be included in this year's results. This year the survey will include not only recent introductions, but also older roses of interest that do not currently have a rating. CRs and Judges are **required** to submit a survey response.

Remember, the RIR survey process is open to everyone! So, please take a few minutes to complete the survey and please pass this along to your rose growing friends and ask them to participate!

Thank you!
Diane Wilkerson
Penn-Jersey District Roses in Review Coordinator
732-219-0339

The following was from the August issue of Rosewaves the newsletter of the Jersey Shore Rose Society

Jersey Shore Rose Society 38th Annual Rose Show

DATE: September 19, 2009.
LOCATION: Deep Cut Gardens 152 Red Hill Road, Middletown, NJ 07748
(732) 671-6050 2518

DETAILS: Entries submitted for judging will remain on exhibit for the public 12:30-3:30 pm.

Doors open at 7:00 am and judging starts at
9:50 am.
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The **2009 edition of Horizon Roses** is now available. Horizon Roses, published annually for over 30 years, is a compilation of comments by the nation's top exhibitors on the exhibition potential of the newest hybrid teas, floribundas, miniflora and miniature roses. For most exhibitors, it has long been considered an indispensible guide to buying new show roses.

There are a total of 1,872 reports with the following varieties receiving the most reports in each class:
Hybrid Tea: Falling in Love - 40
Grandiflora: Dream Come True – 18
Floribunda: Julia Child - 14
Miniflora Abby's Angel – 37
Miniature: Best of '04 - 24

The reports are set forth alphabetically by region and include statistics of the show results of the reported varieties. In addition, information is provided on known sources for the reviewed varieties.

The following roses have been added to the Honor Roll this year:
Hybrid Teas: Marilyn Wellan
Floribundas: Johnny Becnel
Miniatures: Heather Sproul, Ty
Minifloras: Leading Lady, Peter Cottontail, Whirlaway

The Honor Roll consists of roses that have received high ratings in past issues of Horizon Roses by exhibitors from a wide cross section of the country. Honor Roll roses are generally considered "bankers" by exhibitors.

Penn-Jersey district was well-represented by Stacey Catron, Northeast region editor (ME, NH, VT, NY, RI, CT, NJ, PA, VA, MD, WV) and included comments from Ken Borrmann, Wayne Geltz, Andrew Hearne, Bill Kozemchak, Joachim Makosch, Tom Mayhew, Michael Mitchell, Glenn & Donna Smith, Ernie & Diane Szilagyi and Michael Wrightstone.

Horizon Roses is available by mail order at $10. Make your check payable to Johnny Premeaux, and mail it to him at:

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http://www.roseshow.com/publications/horizon_roses.html

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