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## President's Message

The change in season is apparent all around us, in our gardens, in the cooler weather, and in how we select the daily activities that help to keep us warm and closer to the home and hearth. But this is not the time to forget about roses---this is the time to stay involved in new and different ways with your rose friends and the Penn Jersey District and The American Rose Society. There are many opportunities coming up for you to contribute to the West Jersey Rose Society and the Penn-Jersey District as well.

We need YOU to be part of the spring Rose Show Planning Committee, the Penn-Jersey District Get Away Weekend, and for those who can travel, the American Rose Society Palm Springs Convention. All of these opportunities are exciting ways in which you can help to educate others about roses and enjoy yourself too. So plan now and pick up the phone.
To be part of the WJRS Spring Rose Show Committee—please call me at 609-298-4160 or e-mail me at ilanaokum@aol.com. We need you and your ideas to make the Rose Show even better. Also contact Gus Banks for more information about the Rose Get Away Weekend in February, 2010. That will be lots of fun with an arrangement workshop, a photo contest and an opportunity to share pictures of your rose gardens. Finally, contact Kevin Glaes kevyg@frontiernet.net our Penn-Jersey District Director or Elaine Adler eadler@westtown.org our new Region I Director about the ARS Convention-–they are our representatives at the national level and will be at the Palm Springs Convention.

See you on November 18 for our program on "Organic Gardening."
Stay warm and keep enjoying the roses.

Iliana Okum

## 2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS & PROGRAM NEWS
***By Brenna Bosch***

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| ***November*** | **Organic Products for your Roses and Garden.** Kevin Johnson from Organica will be talking about rose organic products including the innovative Organica products. Check out the testimonial by John Smith, a rose exhibitor from Maryland, on the Organica website (go to www.organica.net – click on heading "Why Organica", click on "Testimonials", page down to the last testimonial.) |
| ***November 11-15*** | **2009 ARS Fall National Conference, Palm Springs, CA** |
| ***December*** | **Holiday Party and Photographic Gallery of Member Rose Gardens** Attention WJRS Members! Please forward hard copy photos or electronic files of your rose gardens to Brenna Bosch (brennabosch@att.net). We love all seasons of rose gardens – blooming, tucked in for the winter, spring unveiling, roses in snow, before and after, watering day, rose plants in pots, rose plants on fences, etc. All submitted photos and files will be included in a PowerPoint presentation and presented at the December meeting. |
| ***January*** | **No meeting. Enjoy the winter weather.** |

Thank you to **Bill Kozemchak** and **Tom Mayhew** for sharing their beautiful climbing roses with us at the October Meeting.

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. We want to hear from you!

## A SPECIAL THANKS AGAIN TO THE CONTRIBUTORS TO THE 2009 PENN-JERSEY DISTRICT CONVENTION

AGWAY—Columbus
Brian's Produce, Produce Exchange
Cannulli's Produce
Perennial Gardens—Easthampton
Peter Beales Complete Natural Rose Care
West County Rose Gloves
West Jersey Rose Society Members
Ash's Flower Farm—Columbus
Columbus Market Vendors
Green Cure Fungicide
Our Lady of Lourdes—Homestead, Columbus
Bobbex Fungicide
Penn-Jersey District Members

ATTENTION MEMBERS: According to our By-Laws, "Yearly membership is from **January 1 through December 31**." So, it is time to think about RENEWING your membership for 2010. Dues are **$15** for individual and/or family membership. You can renew at a meeting or mail your check made out to **WJRS to Membership Chairperson, Cindy Chandler, 329 Maple Avenue, Audobon, NJ 08016.**

# Roses in November Still Need TLC
## Consulting Rosarian Report
## By: Iliana Okum

Cooler days and nights, and more rain than sunshine have brought a blaze of fall colors to my garden. While the red and yellow leaves of the tall oak next door rain down each day and cover the grass, the driveway and even the rose bushes out front- my roses Abraham Darby, Teasing Georgia and Honey Perfume will not be hidden-–they are still sending out lovely golden roses and fragrance to delight the neighbors.. Not to be left behind, Queen Elizabeth in the back yard has surprised me by sending out tall canes with lovely pink blooms that I had not seen all summer. Even the red rose hips of the climber Golden Celebration look happy as they blow in the breeze.

I must admit that these observations have all been during quick walks around the garden between rain showers and during morning gazes from the warm kitchen window---with a cup of coffee in hand. Although my roses still need lots of Tender Love and Care, my recent fall gardening attempts have been largely sporadic and not full of the energy I had last spring and summer.

So—what to do in November in the rose garden? Give your roses lots of TLC. After all if you have invested time and energy all season and have garnered some blue ribbons and awards at last summer's shows---this is the time to keep your roses healthy going into winter. First, find that favorite old sweater and gather the tools and spray one more time to complete the fall cleaning and sprucing**. Finish cleaning the beds** and other debris blown in by the winds. Your roses will appreciate having a clean bed for the winter. If you have seen signs of black spot—and some roses in my garden did lose leaves because of it last summer---spray with Mancozeb and another type of systemic fungicide. By using a combination of these fungicides you will have better results and will keep the black spot from spreading. **Keep the spray programs going** until you get rid of all signs of fungus. Your roses will respond by getting healthier before the hard freeze comes along in December. Of course, you should also **use appropriate protection and caution** when using any of these sprays in your garden by following the recommended guidelines on the package. **Wear proper protective gloves, goggles and avoid inhaling the vapors**. Always wash your gardening clothes separately afterwards.

You may want to try more organic methods to get rid of black spot. There are many new organic products to try on the market that promise to get rid of the black spot fungus. At our November meeting, we will have a presentation about these from our guest speaker from the Organica Company. I have used organic fungicides in the past and certainly want to learn more about their effectiveness and methods of use including frequency and best times to apply them. It is always good to have several sources of fungicide to use since the black spot fungus develops a resistance over time if we use the same single–site fungicides.

To prevent insects from burrowing in for the winter, one thing I have been doing during late fall and will do again---is **put down a dormant season oil spray.** It is always best —when the first frost has come and the roses are dormant. I have used Neem Oil to ensure that the dreaded midge and other mites do not remain in the beds during the winter. There are many other dormant season oil sprays being used successfully. **If you are interested in more organic gardening try some organic sprays.**

I recommend the website: www.OrganicRoseCare.org. They have excellent articles and information that can help you in the garden. And, the Peter Beales Complete Natural Rose Care Program also includes organic fungicides and insecticides that help to suppress a variety of fungus and diseases. I am trying out their Good Night Roses Program this season to not only prepare the roses for winter but to also stimulate the biological activity in the soil this winter. Check out the following: www.organicplanthealth.com for more information

Finally, I have evaluated several roses that need to be replaced. **This is still a good time to transplant or plant some new roses**. I will be getting some help with this—because transplanting roses requires more energy than what I have to give right now. I have already put my holiday gift wish list together too. With any luck ---that list will turn into new additions to my garden next spring. And, because all the big stores were having final plant sales in the past few weeks----I have purchased some companion plantings of bulbs—to look forward to some bright tulips and narcissus emerging early next spring as the green shoots of the roses emerge. Giving lots of TLC to your roses now will help you to enjoy the holidays ahead with a garden that is clean and ready for winter.

# ***WJRS Rose Sale***

The annual West Jersey Rose Sale has begun! We have **6** orders so far! Keep those orders coming! Remember the "Target Date" for returning forms is the beginning of December, 2009. Ordering early helps ensure that your rose selections will be available.

**New Varieties Available**:
We have enough orders to now include the following varieties in the Rose Sale:

**Rainbow Knockout**: Shrub, coral pink and yellow, sweet juniper fragrance, not yet rated - $14 each.

**Blushing Knockout**: Shrub, light pink blooms that fade to shell pink, no fragrance, 8.1 rating - $14.00 each.

If you have not forwarded your order to **Brenna Bosch** yet and you would like to order these varieties, please write them in on your order form. If you have already ordered and would like to order these varieties also, please contact me.

**Possible Additional Varieties:**
We have interest in the following varieties but not enough orders. Medford Nursery requires that we order any variety in quantities of 5. Please contact me if you are interested in any of the varieties below.

**Fragrant Plum** : Gr, lavender, fruity fragrance, 8.1 rating

**Granada:** HT, gold, peach & pink, strong rose and spice fragrance, 7.9 rating

**Neptune**: HT, lavender, strong sweet rose fragrance, 7.5 rating

**Royal Amethyst**: HT, lavender, strong fruity fragrance, 7.4 rating

**Angel Face**: F, silvery lavender, strong perfume of sweet citrus, 7.7 rating

**Burgundy Iceberg**: F, deep purple-red burgundy and cream, nearly thornless stems, not yet rated

**Ebb Tide**: F, deep purple opening to velvet-plum, strong, spicy clove scent,
7.6 rating

**Hot Cocoa**: F, chocolate orange, moderate old-rose fragrance, 7.9 rating

Check out Medford Nursery's website, www.medfordnursery.com for more roses. If you find some other varieties on their website and you do not wish to order five of them,
e-mail or call me with your request.

Spread the Word
See if your neighbors, friends, relatives, etc. need some rose bushes for their yard! Maybe, we will even get some new members!

Any questions, please e-mail brennabosch@att.net
or call me at
(609) 268-2392.

**Brenna Bosch, Rose Sale Coordinator**

**Flower Bed @ Terry Palise's Home**

Bring photos of your rose beds to the December 16th meeting.

# Winter Rose Get-A-Way Weekend

Our **2010 Winter Rose Get-A-Way** Weekend will meet on **February 12, 13 and 14** at the **Eden Resort Inn in Lancaster, 717-569-6444**. Please make your reservation before **January 12th**.

This year we will have a number of very good programs. Our new **Director, Kevin Glaes**, will present a program on our member's gardens. Please send him pictures of your gardens so he can include them to share with our members. **Pat Bilson** will host another of her outstanding winter arrangement workshops. Please see her article for a description of this year's workshop. **Bill Kozemchak** will talk on climbing roses and **Mary Peterson** will talk about quilts and roses.

Our own **Frank Benardella** will be our banquet speaker Saturday evening. He will tell us about his life with roses.

Our District meeting on Sunday will discuss the plans to date for our fall convention.

Please take the time to make your reservations with Eden now. We often fill our room block so if you can't get a room early, contact me and I'll try and get the room block increased if it is not to close to our meeting.

I am looking forward to this weekend of rose fellowship. I hope that you will attend this great rose weekend.

**Gus Banks**

## *Member's Garden Program*

**AT THE GET-A-WAY WEEKEND:**

Members who would like to show slides of their garden may contact **Kevin Glaes** kevyg@frontiernet.net.

- You don't have to have a lot of photos as long as they show how you have your garden laid out and anything special about your garden that you want to share with other members.
- Kevin will work with you to convert your photos into a Powerpoint presentation. We want to see how everybody gardens!

## Arrangement Program

Attention: Arrangers and interested persons.

Traditional designs are a large part of our home decorating and our rose shows. We will discuss what makes a design a traditional design, what containers would be appropriate, and a few of the general things to look for in a traditional design. The workshop will be making a design using a candle stick as a container. A special candle adaptor and oasis will be provided as a part of the workshop for you to use and take home. Flowers and greens will be provided, but you must bring a taper candle holder about 3 to 5 inches tall, clippers and newspaper for the table and easy clean up.

If you are staying for dinner, we would like to use the finished designs as table decorations. Be sure to put your name on the bottom of the candle stick so you get your design back after dinner.
See registration form.
**Fee: $10 which will cover the adapter, oasis, greens and flowers.**

All are welcome to attend, if you wish not to do a design, you can just watch.

### Plan Now for the

### Rose Get-a-Way Weekend Photo Contest

If you haven't already done so, prepare your color picture prints for the Penn-Jersey District Rose Get-a-Way Weekend Photo Contest so that you can enter them next January. The Contest Rules are the same as last year. The Rules include a Novice Class, which is open to those who have never won a blue ribbon in a rose photo contest.

Each photo entry must be a 5x7 color print photo. Mail your entry with your name, the entry Class number and the name of rose or other photo identification attached to the back of the photo to: Bruce Monroe, 3030 Maple Shade Lane, Wilmington, DE 19810-3424. **All entries must be received by Jan 15, 2010. Exhibitors are limited to three entries per class.**

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All roses and activities must be correctly identified. Photos will be evaluated on 50% rose form and 50% photo quality. All photos entered will be on display and final judging and awards will be made at the Penn-Jersey District Winter Rose Get-a-Way Weekend. The judges' decision is final. Ribbons will be given in each class and awards to the top three photos overall. By entering the contest, you agree to allow the Penn-Jersey District of the American Rose Society to exhibit your photo at the 2010 Winter Rose Get-a-Way Weekend and publish your photo in the District Newsletter the **Rose Vine**.

The photo contest is open to any amateur photographer who is either a member of the Penn-Jersey District or who has registered for the 2010 Winter Rose Get-a-Way Weekend. You do not have to attend the Winter Rose Get-a-Way Weekend to enter the competition and you need not be present to win. The Novice class is open only to those who have never won a blue ribbon in a rose photo contest.

**Class 1** – Novice Class – One photo, appropriate for any of Classes 2-11.

**Class 2** – One Exhibition Bloom, Hybrid Tea, Grandiflora, or Floribunda

**Class 3** – One Exhibition Bloom, Miniature or Miniflora

**Class 4** – One Open Bloom, Hybrid Tea, Grandiflora, or Floribunda

**Class 5** – One Open Bloom, Miniature or Miniflora

**Class 6 –** One Spray, Hybrid Tea, Grandiflora, Floribunda, Polyantha, Miniature or Miniflora

**Class 7** – One Exhibition Bloom or Spray, Species or Old Garden Rose

**Class 8** – One Exhibition Bloom or Spray, Shrub or Climber

**Class 9** – A Rose Arrangement

**Class 10** – A Rose Garden

**Class 11** – A Rose Society Activity

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## WINTER ROSE GET-A-WAY WEEKEND REGISTRATION:

Reserve rooms directly with **Eden Resort Inn, 222 Eden Road, Lancaster, PA 17601**.

Phone **717-569-6444**. Rates are **$105.95**/room/night (up to four people per room).

Mention **the PA/NJ District America Rose Society** meeting to get the special room rates.

**Reserve rooms by Jan 12, 2010!!!**

Registration – Winter Rose Get-A-Way Weekend on **Feb 12– 14, 2010**

Name(s): _____Phone:_____

Address:_____

City:_____State_____ZIP_____

E-mail: _____

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| Registration | $10.00 each | $_____ |
| Arrangement workshop | $10.00 each | $_____ |
| Dinner: Pork Loin (Saturday) | $28.00 each | $_____ |
| Chicken Marsala | $28.00 each | $_____ |
| **Total Amount Enclosed** | | $_____ |

Make check payable to **Penn-Jersey District** and mail to **Pat Bilson, 127 Gable Road, Paoli, PA 19301.**

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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 Leas Community Meeting Hall,** | |
| **1 Medford Leas, Route 70, Medford, NJ.** | |

**Consulting Rosarians**

**The following members are Consulting Rosarians, accredited by the American Rose Society. They have had extensive experience in the cultivation of roses and are available to help members and non-members with rose problems:**

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For just $5.00 existing WJRS Members will receive
2 issues of the ARS magazine access to the quarterly bulletins,
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Discounts of up to 30% at ARS merchant partners.
This is a great deal and we encourage our members to join ARS.