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Upcoming Events

Nov 24 to Dec 30 - Christmas In Roseland at the American Rose Center in Shreveport, La. The Center is transformed to a winter wonderland of lights, holiday scenes and entertainment from 5-10 pm. Call (318) 938-5402 for details.

Thurs, Dec 14 – 6:30 pm HRS officer installation and dinner party, Houston Garden Center

Dec 14 to Dec 17 – Special Shopping Days at Smith and Hawkens – Members get a 15% discount

Thurs, Jan 11, 2007 – HRS regular meeting. Speaker is Kevin Marshall, a salesperson with Jackson & Perkins Roses

Sat, Jan 20 - EarthKind™ Seminar, South Main Baptist Church, Pasadena

Thurs, Feb 15 – Houston Rose Society Regular Meeting. This is our annual “Hands-On Pruning Meeting”. Experts will prune all types of roses while you watch.

Feb 17 - William E. Barrick, PhD, Director of Bellingrath Gardens in Mobile, Ala, will give a free lecture at the University of Houston. To receive an invitation, send your SNAIL mail address to

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The Houston Rose Society's Meetings are on the Second Thursday of each month, at 7:30 pm, at the Houston Garden Center, in Hermann Park across from Miller Theater.

Annual Holiday Dinner and Installation of Officers of the Houston Rose Society

Thursday, December
14th

Houston Garden Center
in Hermann Park

Social: 6:30 pm Dinner: 7
pm

Catering by Pappadeaux
French Quarter Chicken Breast
Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Vegetable Medley
Dinner Salad
French bread
Assorted appetizers and desserts

Beautifully decorated tables
Raffle of rose-related gifts
Presentation of Awards

Dinner Details: Dinner is \$20 per person. Pre-paid reservations are required and must be received by Dec. 8. Mail your reservation & check payable to the “Houston Rose Society” or send your credit card number & expiration date to Galt Morgan, 2335 Kingsride # 109, Houston Texas 77024. If you can, bring a wrapped rosy gift (less than \$10) for the raffle. We look forward to seeing you there.

December 2006

December Rose Care

This is the time of year to leave your roses alone. They don't really go dormant, but they do slow down. To give your plant a chance to rest, stop pruning, deadheading, and fertilizing. This also discourages new growth, which is more likely to be damaged by freezes and frosts. There are a few exceptions - If you are in a very windy area, really tall canes can be cut back to about 3' to avoid winter breakage, and dead and nearly dead shoots can be removed now. If your bushes are on Fortuniana rootstock, they may need staking against high winds.

If you take out a freeze-damaged cane, leave some of the dead part on the plant. Do not prune until the danger of the last frost has passed – mid February in greater Houston. If you must prune earlier, cut a little longer than usual so that, if there is a late freeze, you can prune below the frozen area. Bushes can be moved in January.

Although you do not need to water a lot, you do not want the soil to dry out completely. Water several hours before a freeze is forecast. Your plant will do better.

Clean up meticulously. Rake and discard all fallen leaves, rose hips, dead flowers, and other plant trash. Don't compost diseased material in case your compost pile doesn't get hot enough to kill the disease-causing fungi; send it to the landfill instead. Black spot fungus lives in living or dead tissue.

Plan your garden for next year. Many local nurseries have their plant lists available now, but here are some popular mail order sources. I prefer buying locally, but these companies carry a much larger selection. The web sites are full of helpful information, even if you don't order. This list was compiled from lists in the Seattle, Atlanta, and Portland Rose Society newsletters. Thanks. Remember that not all classes of roses do well here.

Ashdown Roses
www.ashdownroses.com
Sequoia Nursery and
Moore Miniature Roses
www.sequoianursery.biz
Nor'East Miniature Roses
www.noreast-miniroses.com
Pickering Nurseries
www.pickeringnurseries.com
Regan Nursery
www.regannursery.com
Roses Unlimited - www.
rosesunlimiteddownroot.com
Vintage Gardens
www.vintagegardens.com
K&M Nursery
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Carlton Rose Nurseries
www.carltonrose.com
Hortico Inc
www.hortico.com

Jackson & Perkins
www.jacksonandperkins.com
Kimbrew-Walter Roses
www.kwroses.com
Witherspoon Rose Culture
www.witherspoonrose.com
Antique Rose Emporium
www.weareroses.com
Chamblee's Rose Nursery
www.chambleeroses.com
Heirloom Roses
www.heirloomroses.com
Roses Unlimited
www.rosesunlimiteddownroot.c
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Vintage Gardens
www.vintagegardens.com
Almost Heaven Roses
www.almostheavenroses.com
Bridges Roses
www.bridgesroses.com

Cool Roses
www.coolroses.com
Rosemania (Robbie Tucker)
www.rosemania.com
Sequoia Nursery
www.sequoianursery.biz
Johnny Becnel Show Roses –
337-394-5662
The Combined Rose List,
from by Bev Dobson and
Peter Schneider describes
roses and lists where they
can be purchased. To order,
send a check for \$22 to Peter
Schneider, PO Box 677,
Mantua, Ohio 44255. It is
sent out in the spring. after
the first of the year, usually by
March or April.

ARS NEWS

At the recent ARS meeting/convention in Dallas the 'torch was passed' to the 2006-2009 Officers and Board of Directors at an Inaugural

Event. New President Steve Jones and Vice President Jeff Wyckoff assumed office with the Board.

Also, our own Baxter Williams was chosen to be the director for the South Central District.

Houston Rose Society News

ROSE FESTIVAL IN REVIEW

From James Laperouse

By all accounts and measures, The Houston Rose Society's Fall Rose Festival at the Texas Home & Garden Show at Reliant Center on October 27 through 29, was a tremendous success! Many benefits for the society were realized during this three-day event, such as:

1. The signing up of 50 new members and associates, plus one renewal;
2. We had a fine rose show, where 19 teams (with a total of 28 exhibitors) entered almost 800 blooms. The exhibitors came not only from the greater Houston area, but also from Beaumont, San Antonio, Mauriceville, and Universal City. The general public's interest in roses was stimulated by being able to see varieties presented in near perfect form by some of the best exhibitors in the state. We thank these exhibitors for bringing their roses to our show and showing an interest in our society. We would also like to thank our judges, Don & Pat Freeman, Earl & Rita Hudgins, Virginia Carpenter, Margaret Sloan, Dave Koch, and Jack Walter. These people gave freely of their time and came from long distances to work our show. The Houston Rose Society recognizes and appreciates their efforts;
3. Our society received revenue through the sale of rose bushes, blooms, rose-related products and other items that will help fund future HRS programs;
4. The Houston Rose Society and rose show were highlighted in an article on the front page of the Gardening section of The Houston Chronicle on the day of the show. The article drew many people to the show who were previously unaware of it;
5. Baxter Williams presented an hour-long program on "Growing Roses in Houston";
6. Consulting Rosarians and other HRS members were able to answer rose-related questions from the general public at our information booth;

At the heart of our society are our members who volunteer their time and talents to make an event of this magnitude successful. Our wonderful volunteers were Mark & Erin Adams, Mary Bahn, Diane Baird, Jim Boden & Theresa Anderson, Donald Burger & Maria Trevino, Terry

Dolney, Glenda Duckett, Liz Duhon, Paul Feigner, Geneva Fulgham, William Groth, Charles & Darlene Ham, Gaye Hammond, Paulette Hamrick, Katie Hartzog, Kathy Herten, Robin Hough, John Jons, Randy Keen & Mary Fulgham, Ivy Keen, Susan Kelly, Dan & Patti Lawlor, James & Debbie Laperouse, Galt & Shirley Morgan, Delbert Ponds, Mary Rains, Susan Smith, Ella Tyler, Al Vahlkamp, Baxter & Patsy Williams and Nora Wolf. Some of these people are old hands at assisting at HRS events, but many were new volunteers. We thank all of you—we could not have done this without your help!

Finally, The Houston Rose Society owes a huge debt of gratitude to Andria LaJeunesse and her staff at International Exhibitions, Inc. for inviting The Houston Rose Society to participate in this huge event. Through Andria's efforts, we were offered a venue to put on our Fall Rose Festival in a high traffic environment at no cost to the society. All of our needs were taken care of in an expeditious and courteous manner by the I.E.I. staff. Thank you, Andria! Exhibitors and judges were impressed with the facilities (especially the preparation area!) and that the show was in such a prestigious location. We hope that this is the beginning of a mutually beneficial relationship between our organizations.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AT SMITH & HAWKEN

Our friends at Smith & Hawken have extended a personal shopping invitation to HRS members from Thursday, December 14 through Sunday, December 17. Members who show their membership card or a 2006 issue of The Rose-Ette to the cashier will receive a 15% discount on all regularly priced merchandise (including furniture). Smith & Hawken is located at 3935 San Felipe, Houston, Texas 77027 and is open Thursday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. and on Sunday from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Smith & Hawken has been a supporter of the HRS for many years and carries an excellent selection of plants, lawn & garden accessories, gardening equipment and outdoor furniture. They also feature wonderful seasonal decorations. Thanks to Liz Taylor and the fine staff at Smith & Hawken for making this opportunity available to our members.

FALL ROSE SHOW, OCT 28, 2006

	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>WINNER</u>	<u>ROSE VARIETY</u>
Special	Best of Show	Eddie & Minnie Garcia	Cajun Sunrise, Cajun Moon, Affirm, St. Patrick, Veterans' Honor
	Standard Sweepstakes	Earl & Deanna Krause	Blues 18
	Miniature Sweepstakes	Ed & Jo Ann Bradley	Blues 15
	Arrangement Sweepstakes	Robin Hough	Blues 6
	Best Photograph	Earl & Deanna Krause	International Herald Tribune

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A	1	Queen of Show King of Show Princess of Show Court of Honor	Eddie and Minnie Garcia Ed & Jo Ann Bradley Mary Fulgham & Randy Keen Ed & Jo Ann Bradley Ed & Jo Ann Bradley Eddie & Minnie Garcia Eddie & Minnie Garcia Eddie & Minnie Garcia Gerald Jones Earl & Deanna Krause Ed & Jo Ann Bradley Earl & Deanna Krause	Gemini Louise Estes Raspberry Swirls Cajun Moon Veterans' Honor St. Patrick Moonstone Cajun Sunrise Exotica Mavrik Veldfire Melodie Parfumees
	2	Std Fully Open (HT) (GR)	Theresa Andersen & Jim Boden	Dainty Bess
	3	Std Single	Patsy & Baxter Williams	Veldfire
	4	HT/Grandiflora Spray	Donald Burger & Maria Trevino	Fourth of July
	5	Climbing	Robin Hough	Playboy
	6	Floribunda	Earl & Deanna Krause	International Herald Tribune
	7	Floribunda Spray	Donald Burger & Maria Trevino	The Fairy
	8	Polyantha	Earl & Deanna Krause	Outta the Blue
	9	Shrub	Robin Hough	Jeanne d'Arc
	10	OGR - Dowager	Earl & Deanna Krause	Mrs. Dudley Cross
	11	OGR - Victorian		
B	12	Mini Queen of Show Mini King of Show Mini Princess of Show Mini Court of Honor	Ed & Jo Ann Bradley Ed & Jo Ann Bradley Earl & Deanna Krause Ed & Jo Ann Bradley Earl & Deanna Krause James & Debbie Laperouse Theresa Andersen & Jim Boden John Premeaux John Premeaux Gerald Jones Jeniver Luran John Premeaux	Bees Knees Ty Jilly Jewel Dancing Flame Fairhope Fancy Pants Olympic Gold Soroptimist International Linville Memphis Queen Memphis King Butter Cream Dr. John Dickman
	13	Miniflora Queen Miniflora King Miniflora Princess	Ed & Jo Ann Bradley	Fancy Pants
	14	Mini/Miniflora Rose Spray	Ed & Jo Ann Bradley	Denver's Dream
	15	Fully Open Mini/Miniflora	Earl & Deanna Krause	Peggy "T"
	16	Mini/Miniflora Single		
D	21	Hybridizer Challenge	Mary Fulgham & Randy Keen	Exotica x George Burns
E	23	5 Different HT-Stroud Collection	Eddie & Minnie Garcia	Cajun Sunrise, Affirm, Cajun Moon, St Patrick, Veterans' Honor
	24	1 HT, 1 Open HT, 1 Fl.	Mary Fulgham & Randy Keen	Summer Snow, Cajun Sunrise (2)
	25	3 Stages of Bloom	Patsy & Baxter Williams	French Lace
	27	Std. Matched Pair	Eddie & Minnie Garcia	Cajun Sunrise
	28	Yellow Rose of Texas	Ed & Jo Ann Bradley	St. Patrick
	29	English Box (Standard)	Eddie & Minnie Garcia	Pop Warner, St. Patrick, Veterans' Honor
	30	Rose in a Bowl	Ed & Jo Ann Bradley	Pop Warner
	31	HT Collection of 7	Eddie & Minnie Garcia	Pop Warner, St. Patrick, Veterans' Honor, Mavrik
	32	OGR Collection	Theresa Andersen & Jim Boden	Mrs. Dudley Cross, Green Rose, Hermosa, Mrs. B. R. Cant, Cramoisi Superieur, Tipsy Imperial Concubine, Francis Dubreuil

33 Most Fragrant	James & Debbie Laperouse	New Zealand
35 Mini English Box	Ed & Jo Ann Bradley	Bees Knees, Dancing Flame, Miss Ann
36 Mini Artist Palette	Ed & Jo Bradley	Caliente, Denver's Dream, Pierrine, Bees Knees, Miss Charleston, Jilly Jewel
37 Rose in a Bowl	Ed & Jo Ann Bradley	Jennifer
38 Collection of 12 Mini's	Ed & Jo Ann Bradley	Kristin
39 Mini Matched Pair	Ed & Jo Ann Bradley	Denver's Dream
40 Collection of 5 Mini/Miniflora	Jeniver Lauran	Bees Knees
41 Mini/Miniflora Stages of Bloom	Jeniver Lauran	Bees Knees

II ARRANGEMENTS

Standard Arrangements

ARS Royalty / Gold Medal Certificate	Robin Hough	"River Oaks Luxury"	Bride's Dream, Emily Hough, Elizabeth Taylor
Duchess / Silver Medal Certificate	Robin Hough	"Hurricane Warning"	Raphaella, Elegant
BeautyArtist / Bronze Medal Certificate	Robin Hough	"Houston Skyline"	Cary Grant, Peaches n Cream

Miniature Arrangements

Mini Artist / Gold Medal Certificate	Robin Hough	"Freeway Gridlock" Linville	
Mini Royalty	Robin Hough	"Hermann Park"	Suzy
Judges Certificate	Earl Hudgins	"Bolivar Ferry"	Arizona Sunset

Congratulations to all our winners, and thank you to everyone who brought blooms to show.

The Galveston Master Gardeners National Earth-Kind™ Rose Field Trials Six Month Data Update

by John Jons

This previously appeared in the Galveston Master Gardener Network Newsletter. It has been shortened for this publication. Thank you John!

The intent of this research project is to test rose varieties to determine which roses qualify to be rated as Earth-Kind™ roses. The research gardens are located in the Galveston County Master Gardener Demonstration and Research Gardens, which is located in Carbide Park, 4102 FM 519 Rd, La Marque. This research study began in January of 2006 and will last for thirty-six months, until December of 2008. This report reflects the data up to June 2006.

Overall Six Month Summary: All the roses in this field trial research study are currently vigorously growing, consistently producing blooms and have minimal to no disease or insect impact.

Roses Varieties in the Study: The study involves six rose varieties and four plants of each variety for a total of twenty-four plants. The rose varieties were selected from a list of potential Earth-Kind™ rose candidates by Dr. Steven George, Professor and Extension Landscape Specialist with the Texas A&M University. All the rose varieties in this study were hybridized by Dr. Griffin Buck (1915-1991) and introduced by Iowa State University. Dr. G. Buck rated and culled his roses for their ability to survive winter temperatures of -26F, without

protection, good disease resistance, repeat blooming, good flower form and color, and vigorous but restrained growth habit. The varieties are:

1) Carefree Beauty - Shrub, Medium Pink – introduced in 1977. The flowers are double, very large with 20 petals. It is moderately (fruity) fragrant. It produces profuse and continuous (vs. once or a few time per season) blooms. The foliage is large sized, leathery smooth light to medium green. It is considered a vigorous grower, good for hedging and bedding and hardy. It has an ARS "garden rating" of 9.6, a "fragrance rating" of 1.4 out of a maximum rating of 3 (with three being the most fragrant) and a "cut flower rating" of 8 out of a maximum rating of 10. It has not been rated for "exhibition" (success in rose show competition). This rose was initially re-discovered (found) growing in Katy Texas and was given the found rose name of 'Katy Road Pink' until it was identified as being 'Carefree Beauty'. 'Carefree Beauty' is the nation-wide control variety used to enable a comparison among the different research sites.

2) Earth Song - Grandiflora, Deep Rose Pink - 1995. The flowers are double, cupped and large with 30 petals that pale as they open. It is moderately fragrant. It blooms continuously singly or in small clusters. The foliage is leathery, dark green when new. It has an upright bushy habit. Currently not rated.

3) Polonaise - Shrub, Deep Rose Pink - 1984. The flowers are double, large with 45 petals and lightly fragrant. It blooms repeatable and continuously in clusters. The foliage is abundant, leathery, veined dark green. Currently not rated.

4) Prairie Harvest - Shrub, Soft Yellow - 1985. The flowers are double, large with 45 petals, lightly (sweet) fragrant. It blooms repeatable and continuously in clusters. The foliage is leathery medium green. It has a garden rating of 9/10, a fragrance rating of 2/3 and a cut flower rating of 6/10. It has not been rated for exhibition.

5) Prairie Princess - Shrub/Climber, Light Pink - 1972. The flowers are pointed, tea rose like, semi-double and lightly fragrant. Currently not rated.

6) Winter Sunset - Shrub, Yellow-orange blend that fades lighter with age - 1995. The flowers are full, double, open and large. It produces repeat, abundant blooms, in small clusters. The foliage is shiny green. The preceding data was provided from published information (Everyrose.com and Chamblee's Rose Catalogue).

Establishing the Plants: The time period from May to December 2005 was used (per the research protocols) to allow the test roses to get established. Typical of the Earth-Kind™ practices, no fertilizers,

fungicides, insecticides or typical rose care maintenance (deadheading, pruning,..) was or will be provided to these roses.

Data Collection: To manage this project we formed a Galveston Master Gardener Rose Research Study Project Team. The team overseas the Project and collects the data on a monthly basis. Please consider the information in this article, as just an early snapshot of the study as we still have thirty more months remaining in the study. A more detailed study will be performed at the conclusion of the project. It is far too early to make any predictions or draw any conclusion on how well a particular rose variety in this study will grow in southern Texas, using Earth-Kind™ practices.

Six Month Data Summary: The growth habits of the rose varieties are becoming apparent and starting to indicate if they have a shrub, rambling, or a climbing type of growing habit. Table 1 – January to June 2006 data, provides a summary of the data for the first six months of the project.

Please consider all the following data in the context that we do not yet have one year's worth of data. For example, in July, some of the rose varieties had over a hundred flowers on each bush. This data is not reflected in the table below.

1	Size		Average Growth		% of Growth		Total Production			Av. Max	
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Variety	Height	Width	Height	Width	Height	Width	Blooms	Buds	Hips	Blooms	Month
Carefree Beauty	47	63	25	26	110%	70%	99	179	399	46	April
Earth Song	41	49	25	25	159%	103%	46	89	169	13	June
Polonaise	45	50	23	23	106%	83%	47	80	97	29	June
Praire Harvest	48	50	23	22	91%	79%	24	109	317	8	April
Praire Princess	48	101	30	43	168%	73%	24	96	168	5	June
Winter Sunset	45	67	24	34	114%	106%	60	90	221	10	April

The data in Table 1 illustrates the following. All the measurements are in inches.

- 1) The rose variety.
- 2) The average height (of all plants within the variety) in inches, in June of 2006.
- 3) The average width.
- 4) The average amount of new growth in height over the six-month period (January to June 2006).
- 5) The average amount of new growth in width over the six-month period.
- 6) The average % of growth in height over the six-month period.
- 7) The average % of growth in width over the six-month period.
- 8) The total of all (for the six month period) of monthly averages of blooms per variety.
- 9) The total of all the monthly averages of buds per plant per variety.
- 10) The total of all the monthly averages of hips per plant per variety.
- 11) The highest average number of blooms per plant per variety.
- 12) The month in which the highest average number of blooms was recorded.

Growth: Some of these roses grew at a rate of almost one inch a week – with no (fertilizer, fungicides, insecticides,..) care! When the test roses were planted (in May 2005) they were on average about 8 -16" tall and about 8"-12' wide. In

January of 2006 the height ranged from 16-25" tall and the width ranged from 24-59" wide. By June of 2006, some of the rose varieties had grown on average over 100% (i.e. if they were 20" tall in January, by June they were 40" tall - twice the January size).

Disease Impact: These roses appear to be quite hardy as there is minimal to no disease damage impact.

- Blackspot: In February, Black spot was observed on one Polonaise plant. In April, it occurred on a Winter Sunset plant and two Prairie Harvests plants. By June it was observed – to very minor and insignificant degree - on all the test plants.
- Boytrytis Blight: In May, all the Polonaise rose plants (only) had blooms infected with Boytrytis Blight. By June the Boytrytis Blight was gone and all the plants were producing healthy blooms.

Insect Impact: There was no noticeable insect damage to any of the plants.

Flower (Bloom) Production: Some of these roses have had blooms on them since they were planted, in May of 2005, in the field trial garden beds, and (as is typical) they seem to get more floriferous as they mature.

We have discovered that just counting the blooms on the plant once a month may not be a true reflection of how floriferous a plant may be. For example, Prairie Harvest produces the second highest number of hips (you have to have a bloom to have a hip), but according to the data (to-date) it is 4th in bloom production. Some roses may cycle from buds, to blooms, to hips in less than a month. So the data collection, that is only performed once a month, may miss the point in time when the plant is in full bloom. For example, Prairie Harvest may have had a flush of bloom production in-between the data collections. To further complicate this matter, some roses may be successful in producing blooms but the blooms may not result in hips, or the hot sun may have burned the blooms preventing it from producing hips.

A note of recognition and thanks is due to the Galveston Master Gardner Rose Research Study Project Team data collectors, Judy Poorman, Solveig Cornille, Velda Cuclis, and Fran Ring and the Master Gardner team that performs the weekly construction and maintenance at the Galveston Master Gardener Demonstration Gardens.

Earth-Kind™ Display Gardens: The focus of this article is the research study roses, but we cannot forget our Earth-Kind™ rose display garden beds, also located at Carbide Park. The roses in these beds contain only Earth-Kind™ roses and they have been planted and are being cared for using Earth-Kind™ practices. The roses in the

demonstration garden are Belinda's Dream, Caldwell Pink, Else Poulsen, Carefree Beauty, Knock Out, Marie Daly, Perle d' Or and The Fairy.

They were planted in a temporary bed at the same time as the research study roses and relocated in February of 2006 to a permanent bed. Like the research study roses, they have all increased in size and are very healthy. Many of these Earth-Kind™ roses have been in constant bloom, demonstrating the value of these Earth-Kind™ proven no-to-low maintenance roses.

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GIVE YOURSELVES A GREAT BIG HAND!

From Gaye Hammond

This year I have been blessed to work with some of the most wonderful people on many projects undertaken by our Society. You are what makes the Houston Rose Society great! Your support has brought us national and international recognition never before realized and we are rapidly becoming known as the leader in rose horticulture. For making my dream a reality, I thank you.

As we look back on what we have done this year, our Society has some shining stars among our volunteers that certainly deserve recognition. Mary Bahn (hospitality chair), Mary Rains (librarian), Patti Lawlor (Assistant Show Chair), Mary Fulgham (CR Chair), Randy Keen, Earl Krause, Patsy Williams, Theresa Andersen & Jim Boden, Robert & Kimi Makuta, Nora Wolff, Susan Kelly, Mary Walker and all the many folks who brought refreshments to our monthly meetings, submitted articles and helped with the newsletter, helped with the many membership booths that we have staffed throughout the season, the families who sponsored tables at the holiday dinner and trophies for the rose shows, those that worked tirelessly to ensure we had a rose show unmatched by any other society this season, to those who volunteered to help distribute products at the Fall Chemical Sale and to you for encouraging your friends to join our Society - on behalf of the Board, congratulations on a job well done!

Our thanks also are extended to our corporate supporters who provide valuable services to our society and discounts to our members including Arbor Gate Nursery, Enchanted Forest, Nature's Way Resources, RCW Nursery, San Jacinto Stone, Smith & Hawken, Southwest Fertilizer, Teas Nursery, The Vintage Rosery, Wabash Antiques & Feed; to Chamblee's Rose Nursery and Buchanan's Native Plants for donating door prizes awarded at our meetings and to Robertson's Nursery for raising the beautiful roses for our bloom sales. Please continue to patronize these establishments and thank them for supporting your Society.

COMMITTEE PERSONS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for several of next year's committees. Mary Rains, our librarian for the

last few years is retiring to travel with her husband and her position will need to be filled. Besides librarian, we will need to fill positions for hospitality chair and committee, membership committee, newsletter committee and a new position, society photographer. If you can help in any of these areas, please contact Gaye Hammond, 713/292-2760 (day) or gayeh@lpm-triallaw.com. Many thanks to Mary Rains, Mary Bahn, and all of her refreshment volunteers, and helpers and John Jons for taking such good care of our members in 2006.

NEED A STOCKING STUFFER?

We've got the perfect gifts. The new HRS T-Shirts (\$10) are in and we also have a supply of golf shirts (\$15) as well. For the serious gardener, a 3-lb. can of HRS fertilizer (\$9), Consulting Rosarian Manual (\$15) or 2007 Handbook for Selecting Roses, hot off the press (\$3.50) is just the ticket. Exhibitors will appreciate Bob Martin's book, Showing Good Roses (\$20). Last, but certainly not least, consider giving a gift membership (\$15) to your gardening friends.

Also, from the AARS – "Love at First Sight: America's Affair with the Rose" looks at our national flower through the eyes of the world's top breeders and reveals the secrets behind the blooms, and the painstaking work that goes into creating a plant that will flourish in today's low maintenance gardens. Audiences will meet the hybridizers behind the next generation of roses, learn what it takes to win the toughest plant trial on earth, and marvel at the escape of a rose named 'Peace' from war torn France. It is \$7. Visit www.rose.org.

Farewell From Your Editor

I have had a wonderful time and appreciate all your positive comments. The newsletter takes a shocking amount of time – not just the editing, but the production and mailing, and I am grateful that Patsy Williams is taking the helm again. Thanks to Lettie Tyler, Jon Axford, Gaye Hammond, Maria Trevino, Rhoda Haddox, Guyleene Ebersole, Dale Napier and my niece and nephew, Trevor and Mallory Jordan and her friend Tony for spending part of a holiday weekend toting mail to the post office. And thanks to the writers.

**GALVESTON MASTER GARDNERS
NATIONAL EARTH-KIND™ ROSE FIELD
TRIALS**



EarthKind™ Rose Symposium

The Ultimate In No-Care Roses

Saturday, January 20, 2007

8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.

South Main Baptist Church

4300 East Sam Houston Parkway South, Pasadena, Texas

Learn all about the most exciting developments in rose growing in over a century! Earth-Kind Roses and Landscape Management provide the home and professional gardener with roses scientifically proven to thrive with almost no care in any soil type and geographic area. Throw away your spray and chemical treatments. Forget about deadheading and pruning. Reduce supplemental irrigation by 75%. Come see how EarthKind takes the work out of rose care.

Moderator: Dr. William Johnson, Texas Cooperative Extension - Galveston

Course Director: Dr. Steve George, Texas Cooperative Extension - Dallas

In addition to extensive education about EarthKind Roses, this full day program includes education on the newest developments in bed preparation & soil management, combining herbs with roses, the roses of Griffith Buck and their importance to the EarthKind Program, irrigation systems, landscape design and much more.

Cost: \$59 per person. Registration fee includes one 2-gallon potted rose that is part of the EarthKind Research Program, a book, all course materials, snacks and beverages (a \$40 value). The first 50 registrants compete for a chance to win gift certificates to local nurseries.

Name(s): _____

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