



**SEPTEMBER 2007**



# THE CAPITAL ROSE

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## EVENTS THIS MONTH

**SEPTEMBER**

**Monday, September 10**

**7:30 p.m.**

### ARF Monthly Public Meeting

at Merrifield Garden Center,

Fair Oaks

12101 Lee Highway

Fairfax, VA

### **ANNUAL BENCH SHOW**

Bring your specimen roses for display and discussion. Three levels of competition: Top Gun, Active and Novice. Entries received from 7:00-7:45 p.m. Bring your own containers. Entry tags provided. Five sections: HT, Grandiflora or Floribunda bloom; HT, Grandiflora or Floribunda Spray; Miniature or Miniflora bloom; Shrub Roses; Photography. Up to three different entries per section. Experienced exhibitors and judges will be on hand to critique your roses and offer tips and insights.

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### **POTOMAC ROSE SOCIETY**

**Thursday, September 20**

**7:30 p.m.**

### PRS Public Meeting

At McLean Governmental Center

1437 Balls Hill Road

McLean, VA

### **Program: Get Ready for the Fall Rose Show!**

Speaker: John Smith,

Westminster, MD

**7:30 - 9:00 p.m.**

Top exhibitor John Smith, who won the ARF June 2007 Queen of the Show with Gemini HT, will offer advice. Hear his tips as he helps us prepare for the PRS Fall Rose show.

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## American Rose Society Colonial District Fall Meeting and Rose Show



### Hosted by the Potomac Rose Society and Arlington Rose Foundation September 28-30, 2007

Arlington Rose Foundation and The Potomac Rose Society would like to invite you to a weekend celebration of the end of the 2007 rose season at the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport. The dates are September 28, 29, 30, 2007. The hotel's address is 13869 Park Center Road, Herndon, VA 20171 (703-478-2900). This is just off Route 28 by Dulles Airport near the intersection of Route 28 and Mclearen Road. The meeting registration desk will open at 3:00 p.m. for early arrivals.

We will begin on Friday evening with the usual reception of light hors d'oeuvres and wine followed by a game night with "Fantastic" prizes for the winners. The trade show will open on Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. and remain open until 6:00 p.m. The main attraction on Saturday of course will be the rose show. For exhibitors the doors to the prep area will open at 5:30 a.m. Entries will be accepted until 9:30 a.m. The judges will have breakfast at 9:00 a.m. and be judging the show from 10:30 until 1:00 p.m. when it will open to the public. To fill your time while waiting for the judging to end we have arranged

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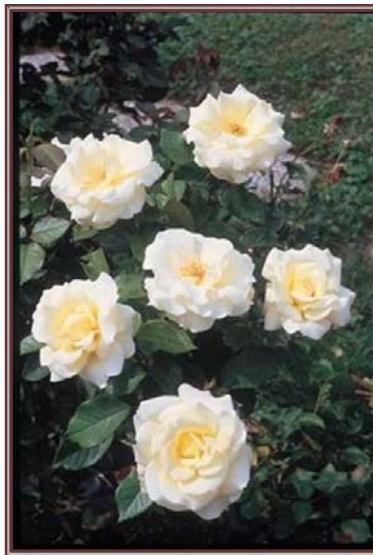
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Membership is also encouraged in the American Rose Society (ARS), dues for which are \$37 per year (\$34 for those 65 and older). To join ARS, send dues to: **American Rose Society, P.O. Box 30,000, Shreveport, LA 71130**

## ARF's President's Message

First, I want to thank Jeanette & Jim Linza for again providing their lovely garden for our annual picnic. The food and the company were outstanding. Those of you that could not attend this outing really missed a real treat.

September is going to be a busy month. The scheduled activities began with our Bench Rose Show. I hope all of you will attend. The Bench Rose Show is for ARF membership and the purpose is to share the fun and enjoyment of exhibiting roses in a friendly and helpful surrounding. This is a great time to learn new tips for growing and exhibiting our roses. This is also a time you can challenge the judges (good naturedly) and have them defend their opinions openly.

Much has already been written and said about the Colonial District Rose Show. I would like to give Bob Knerr and his committee thanks for all the hard work and planning they are doing. The insert in this newsletter contains the registration form and program information. Please look at this information and register as soon as possible. We are looking forward to a good turnout from the members of the Arlington Rose Foundation. See you there!

*Dink Dinkins*



# SEPTEMBER CHECKLIST

*by Bob Alde*  
*PRS Consulting Rosarian*

The primary objective of work in the rose garden in the fall is to prepare the plants for the winter. Unfortunately, the fall weather is often so nice that rosarians will include in their fall chores some activities which are not in the best interest of the plants.

With the loss of leaves, the plant's appearance often encourages some light pruning. But remember that pruning will tend to discourage the dormancy process and encourage new growth, which can set the plant up for damage from freezing temperatures which may occur in late fall. Remember that research has shown that a dormant plant can withstand a very low temperature (would you believe the temperature of liquid nitrogen!), but a plant not yet dormant can be seriously damaged at the freezing temperature of water!

It's too late for application of fertilizer, which would tend to encourage new growth.

Studies have shown that the spores of fungus diseases such as blackspot, can overwinter either on the plant or on leaf debris on the ground, so an important fall task is to get rid of all those infected leaves. Don't put them in your compost pile – they should go in your trash for pick-up and disposal miles from your garden.

This is a good time to have a soil test. Your local Cooperative Extension Service should be able to provide you with addresses of the testing labs. Reports from these labs will provide you any corrective action indicated necessary.

Fall is also a good time to evaluate the performance of your plants. You will then be better prepared to possibly select replacement plants which will be available at local nurseries or through mail order.

Finally, should there be any questions on the past year's performance or questions in planning for next year, I recommend contacting a Consulting Rosarian (see the ARF and PRS websites on page 2 to find a CR near you). The Consulting Rosarians know the metropolitan Washington DC environment and probably will be familiar with your particular problem.

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Gather ye rosebuds  
While ye may,  
Old time is a-flying;  
And this same flower  
That smiles today,  
Tomorrow will be dying.  
- **Herrick**

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# BILL'S ROSE NOTE BOOK



by *Bill Blevins*

ARF Consulting Rosarian

The consensus is it's been a tough season so far and it doesn't matter if it's roses, corn, tomatoes, annuals, perennials, fruit trees or whatever. The one exception is grapes. They love hot, sunny days. Supposed to be a record year for vintners and wineries.

Record high temperatures, severe drought and very dry subsoil, you can hardly water enough to offset all that but as we enter the peak period for hurricanes and tropical storms, perhaps we can pick up some backside rainfall if all the storms stay at sea.

ARF members have done well at the area rose shows. Peder & Linda Heden swept the Bay County Rose Society Show with **Cajun Moon, Dublin, Signature, Veterans' Honor and Anna**. John & Cherylynn Smith took most of the top ARF winners and Joe Yelinek took top Maryland Rose Society honors with **Keepsake, Lynn Anderson, Cajun Sunrise and Hot Princess**.

George Bixler won mini and mini-flora Queens with

**Soroptimist International** and **Tiffany Lynn**. Edwin Mangohig swept the Virginia Peninsula Show with **Moonstone, Crystalline** and **Signature**. Howard and Sarah Jones put it on the Richmond Rose Society

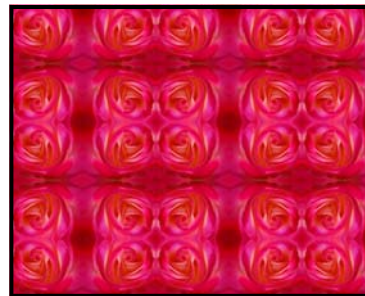


Show with **Hot Princess, Keepsake, Brooks' Red, Lynn Anderson** and **Let Freedom Ring** in that order.

Talk about an all or nothing list of winners. **Let Freedom Ring** zoomed to #11 in the top 25 exhibition rose results 2006. Not bad in its first year of introduction and it was used a lot in top award collections at District shows and the like. **Moonstone** barely beat out **Gemini** for top exhibition rose. Top exhibition mini was **Fairhope** with



**Soroptimist International,**



**Conundrum, Dr. John Dickman, Butter Cream** and **Bees Knees** crowding close behind. Top exhibition Floribunda was **Nicole**, with **Sheila's Perfume** and the surprising **Day Breaker** closing in. Top exhibition climber was **Fourth of July** with **Altissimo** second. **Green Rose** was top OGR with **Sombreuil** one point behind followed by **Baronne Prevost**. I still like **Parole** as a top flight exhibition variety, but availability is lacking to warrant any real recognition when totaling up show results.

One new rose for 2008 looks interesting. Introduced by Jackson & Perkins, **Good 'n Plenty** is a shrub rose, single petaled (5 or 6) in a color suited to its namesake, bright pink and white just like those licorice treats that were one of my favorites in my youth. Repeats fast also on a manageable plant.

When you receive this newsletter, it's still not too late to cut back some for the October shows. Garden Club of VA and Tidewater Rose Society both offer interesting show schedules and our area's last roses are usually seen in October. Don't forget to enter

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## Help out at the Fall District Rose Show!

*by Kathryn George and Joe Covey*

Rose Show Chairman Capt. Eddy Krauss and Convention Chair Bob Knerr state that we need your help!

**1) SHOW SET-UP:** John Simonton will lead Rose Show set-up on Friday, September 28, which includes loading supplies from Merrifield Storage Shed, delivering them, and then setting up the Exhibit Room and the prep area. Move tables, hang signs, set out vases and bowls, etc. To help, contact John Simonton (4603 Marshall Hall Lane, Fairfax VA 22033) at 703/378-2038 or by email at oscar180@aol.com.

**2) JUDGES' AIDES:** On Saturday Show Day, Monique Simonton needs clerks to assist judges. First timers are welcome and will be paired with experienced hands. It's fun, it's easy. Assist judges by tying ribbons after they punch entry tags on the specimen roses for first, second, third, or honorable mention. Pull forth the blue ribbon winners in a class, so judges can select a trophy winner. Carry trophy winners to the tabulation table and then to the head table. Assist judges by locating a reference book. Overhear comments on why judges like a particular rose (e.g., "Yellow stamens show this open bloom is fresh, while brown stamens generally indicate it's old.") Try to be ready at 9:00 am on Saturday to get assignments and materials, with the job running till about 1:00 pm. Contact Monique Simonton (4603 Marshall Hall Lane, Fairfax VA 22033) at 703/378-2038 or by email at moniqueral@aol.com.

**3) REGISTRATION TABLE:** Help at the Registration Table, by signing conference-goers in. Folks are needed to welcome conference-goers from Friday afternoon through Saturday morning. Work a short shift of one to two hours.

**4) OTHER:** Other jobs will develop, surely! For registration table and other, contact Dr. Joe Covey (831 Azalea Drive, Rockville MD 20850) at 301/279-0028 or by email at coveyj@earthlink.net or Dr. Bob Knerr (10609 Vickers Drive, Vienna VA 22181) at 703/938-1351 or by email at rknerr@cox.net.

Show schedules will be available by early September. Contact Capt. Eddy Krauss at 540/937-2177 or by email at ecapedddy19@aol.com or Kathy George at 301/869-4948 or by email at kay.george@erols.com.

### Bill's Rose Notebook

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some roses at the Fall District Show in Herndon, Virginia.

Is our fickle rose buying public going through some of its many changes? Helping out at the local nurseries last spring yielded a renewed interest in the hybrid teas, grandifloras and HT shaped floribundas, especially white and yellow. **Pascali** is still asked for by name. Climbers are still in demand but with more blooms and fuller blooms. One which I recommend would be the golden yellow climber **Royal Gold**. HT shaped blooms on a robust plant that repeats well, very hardy also. Sam's Farm had it this spring and may have a plant or two left.

As some may or may not know, I've been in the hospital and under Home Health Care for about 12 weeks. I wish to thank everyone for the cards, calls and thoughts that came my way.

# District Fall Meeting & Rose Show

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for a bus to take you to the Smithsonian's Udvar-Hazy Air and Space Museum at Dulles Airport. This massive hanger-like facility displays 80-plus aircraft like the space shuttle Enterprise, the Enola Gay (A-Bomb carrier), an F-4 Phantom plus satellites, rockets, and many other flight related artifacts. You will not want to miss the opportunity to tour this facility! The bus will leave the Hilton about 10:15 AM and return about 12:15 p.m. Lunch will be on your own and by then the doors to the show should be open.

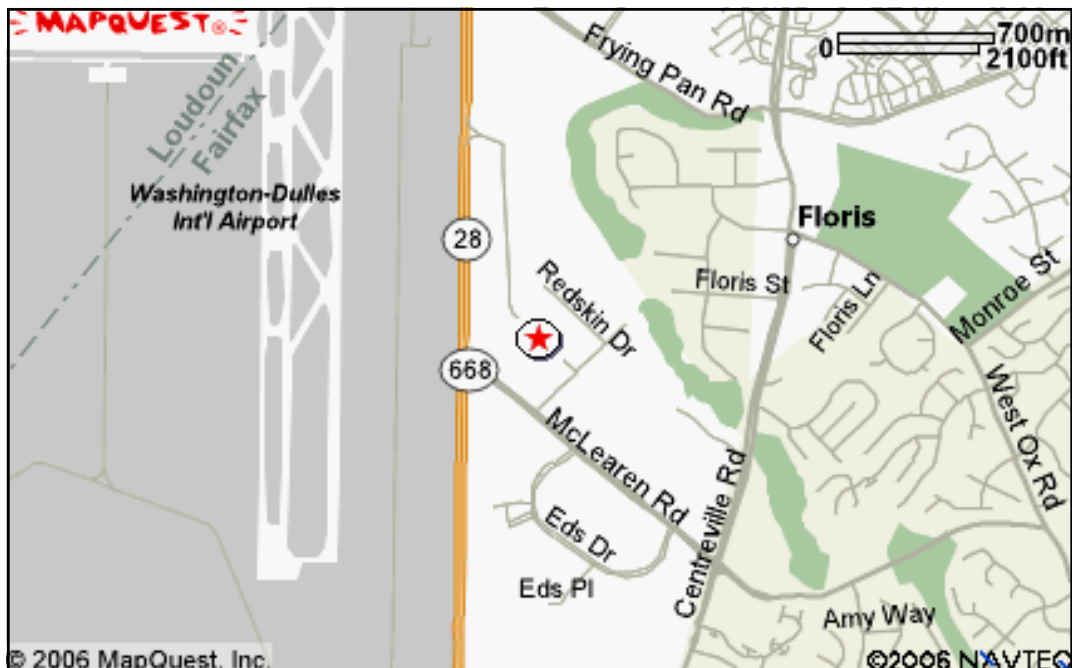
In the afternoon Clif Jeter will conduct a Judges' Seminar so judges can update their credentials, but this is open to anyone that would like to attend whether they are a judge or not. It gives one an idea of what a judge looks for when deciding on a ribbon for your entry.

At 2:30 p.m. Capt. Eddy Krauss will present a show on "Gardens of the World" that you will not want to miss. At 4:00 p.m. the rose show awards will be given. The rose show will be closed to the public at 5:00 p.m. to get the room ready for the awards dinner at 7:00 p.m. There will be a social hour from 6:00-7:00 p.m. before the dinner at which time you can get your last bids in at the silent auction before it closes at 7:00 p.m.

Dinner will be at 7:00 p.m. with entertainment by "The Lakers", a men's singing group from Lake of the Woods scheduled for 8:00 p.m. Colonial District Awards will be presented at 9:00 p.m. and the live auction and raffle will follow. After dinner a reception in the Director's Suite will conclude the day.

Sunday we'll have breakfast at 8:00 a.m. followed by the Colonial District business meeting and a farewell to our rose friends until the Pre-Spring Meeting in ??

Please come. All is in readiness and we guarantee you will enjoy yourselves!!



**UPCOMING EVENTS IN OCTOBER**

**Arlington Rose Foundation**

**Monday, October 15, 2007**

Merrifield Garden Center (Fair Oaks)  
Arlington Rose Society Monthly Meeting  
**7:30 - 9:00 p.m.**

**Program: Sharing Garden Experiences & Photographs**

**Moderator: Ellen Davidson**

A retrospective of members' gardens in the Washington area. Come and share your experiences and get some fresh ideas for next year's rose garden.

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**Potomac Rose Society**

**Thursday, October 11, 2007\***

McLean Governmental Center  
1437 Balls Hill Road, McLean VA 22101  
Potomac Rose Society Meeting & Rose Growing Program  
**7:30 - 9:00 p.m.**

**Program: To Be Announced**

**\* Note: October PRS Meeting is second Thursday of October, not third.**