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## EVENTS THIS MONTH

### OCTOBER

Monday, October 15

7:30 p.m.

#### ARF Monthly Public Meeting

at Merrifield Garden Center, Fair Oaks  
12101 Lee Highway, Fairfax VA

#### **SHARING GARDEN EXPERIENCES**

Moderator: Ellen Davidson

A lively evening is planned showcasing members gardens and lessons learned over the year. Send JPEG photos of your garden roses to Ellen by Oct. 8 and plan on sharing tips and techniques that made the 2007 season memorable. Send photos to [ellen.davidson@comcast.net](mailto:ellen.davidson@comcast.net)

#### ARF Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, October 22

7:30 p.m.

At Dink Dinkins house. 5033 King Richard Dr. Annandale VA.

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#### **POTOMAC ROSE SOCIETY**

Thursday, October 11

7:30 p.m.

#### PRS Public Meeting

At McLean Governmental Center  
1437 Balls Hill Road, McLean VA

#### **ROSE GARDENS OF SOUTHERN JAPAN AND JUDGING THE 2006 JAPANESE ROSE SHOW**

Speaker: CAPT Eddy Krauss

Capt Eddy Krauss attended the May 2006 Conference of The World Federation of Rose Societies in Osaka Japan. He judged at the Japanese National Rose Show and toured rose gardens in southern Japan, including the Sakura Kusabee-no-oka rose garden, which has many species roses and Old Garden Roses. See slides and hear his stories about this wonderful trip!

## RESULTS OF TWO INTERNATIONAL ROSE TRIALS IN EUROPE

By Michael Berger

PRS Master Consulting Rosarian

In June 2007, international trials of new roses were held at the Bagatelle Park rose garden in Paris, France, and at La Grange Park in Geneva, Switzerland. The former was organized by the Mayoralty of Paris and the latter was organized by the Geneva Society of Horticulture in honor of the 100<sup>th</sup> and the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary respectively of these rose gardens. Gerald Meylan, President of the World Federation of Rose Societies (WFRS), ably coordinated both these events with the assistance of local officials and members of local and international rose societies. I attended these trials and noticed that there were judges from North and South America, Eastern and Western Europe, Africa, Asia, Australia, and New Zealand. The President of the Bagatelle international jury was Mercedes Drever de Villar from Uruguay and the President of the Geneva international jury was Baroness Marie-Louise Velge from Belgium. The roses that were judged by the international juries also had been judged during the past couple of years by local juries. It is expected that most of the roses that won awards at these two trials will be introduced into commerce during the next year or two.

Prior to mentioning the specific results of these two trials, I would like to make a few observations about the roses that were judged. First, very few of the roses in the trials had registered retail names, although some did have commercial code names and/or numbers. Second, I was somewhat surprised to see the large number of ground cover and shrub roses that had been entered in the trials by various European nurseries. Some European judges with whom I spoke told me that many nurseries now see their biggest potential customers as towns and municipal gardens who are interested in purchasing large numbers of roses that can be used to border avenues and can be planted as part of decorative gardens in parks and

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Membership is also encouraged in the American Rose Society (ARS), dues for which are \$49 per year (\$46 for those 65 and older). To join ARS, send dues to: **American Rose Society, P.O. Box 30,000, Shreveport, LA 71130**

## PRS President's Message

What a glorious day to be out and about walking in the rose garden. On that list of things “to do”, don't forget to pick all those beautiful hips from the rose bush. Wash them and put them in a dated baggie with the name of the mother bush in the bottom drawer of your icebox. In a later newsletter, or as the subject of a monthly meeting if there is enough interest, we will discuss just how to go from a hip to an award winning rose entry at the spring or fall rose show.

Talking about awards, at the ARS Fall Conference and Show in St. Louis, the HT Queen was **Pop Warner** and the King was **Suffolk**. A member of the Court was **White Masterpiece**, a rose that I have not seen at a show for a long time. A spray of **Baronne Prévost** beat out a single of **Sou de la Malmaison** for the coveted Dowager Queen. The Mini and the Mini Flora Queens were **Fairhope** and **Lady Flora**. Our own John Fleek, the Colonial District Director, had a **Tiffany Lynn** among the members of the Mini-Flora court. John also won the Victorian award with **Nastarana**. Diana Klassy won the President's Trophy with, what else, but **Klassy Lady**, **Miss Flippins**, and **Pierrine**.

The hit of the show was the long awaited publication of Modern Roses 12. Our congratulations go to editors Marily Young and Phillip Schorr for this easy to use and read reference book that is on most of our “must have” lists. However, the real surprise is the outstanding search capability you get free for one year through use of this one-of-a-kind relational database. Nowhere is it mentioned that you get this free use of this database and search engine. On the inside of the back cover you are issued a registration code that you use to log into the Modern Roses 12 database from the ARS homepage at [www.ars.org](http://www.ars.org). I used it during the National rose show judging and found it easy and fast to use. But, more importantly it was really user friendly. The use of this database in some respects is greater than the value of the book. During a demo period I was quick to get a response to a query for all the roses that the rose **Peace** was either mother or father of. If there is enough interest I will have an early winter meeting on how to use this search engine for fun and instant knowledge. Perhaps at a joint meeting of both organizations would be best.

I want to thank each and every volunteer who helped make the Colonial District Conference and Rose Show co-hosted by the Potomac Rose Society and the Arlington Rose Foundation a success. Special thanks also to all of the members who have registered to attend.



**Baronne Prévost**

*CAPT Eddy*



**Fairhope**

# OCTOBER CHECKLIST

*by Peder Heden*  
*PRS Consulting Rosarian*

October is usually a light month for chores in the garden. Spraying up to a hard frost and dead heading is about it. If the petals are not slimy or brown remove only the petals, otherwise snap off the bloom to get rid of botrytis spores. Leaving the spent bloom (with petals removed) on the bush will help stop growth. Watering can be reduced to ease roses into dormancy. It's been dry again this summer. That's getting to be normal. I doubt I'll be watering too much this fall. Just don't let the ground dry out and let that destroy what's going on below. Those mild days and cool nights should reward you with some of the best blooms of the season if you keep powdery mildew under control. So sit back and enjoy.

If you are the restless type here are a few things that are best done at this time:

Early Oct. is best for taking cuttings using the jar or plastic jug method. They will be ready by spring with no further effort except keeping the soil moist if nature doesn't provide.

Harvesting ripe hips for seeds is often done now. There are many articles on this.

Get ready for winterizing later by finding a source of pure oak leaves. They are excellent as they will not mat down. Ask neighbors with pure oak stands before they make arrangements to haul them away if you can have what you need. They bag them up; you just offer to pick up some for your use. Oak leaves will fall much later than October, but get that source locked up.

Weed control products, if needed to get a grip on a runaway problem, can be very effective at this time. Remember use very low pressure and spray when there is no wind. You and your neighbors' plants will appreciate it. READ LABELS THOROUGHLY!

On rainy days check out the new roses offered on the web or get a catalog. I would like to mention that Palatine Roses of Canada is now shipping to the U.S. They took over from Carl Palleck and produce the same great plants on multiflora rootstock. Not quite as large as California grown plants but they do better in our area. If you ever wanted a **Colour Magic** (Canadian spelling), **Marilyn Monroe**, **St. Patrick**, etc. on this rootstock, now is your chance. Order early as they are not a large operation. They have all types of roses not just the HTs. [Palatineroses.com](http://Palatineroses.com) or phone 905-468-8627.

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Spilling out of a basket or gathered in a trailing bouquet,  
Roses are the crowning glory of the garden.  
Captured in a vase, a mixture of full-blown blooms and  
Delicate buds provides a lasting  
Reminder of the beauty of nature.

-From Sweeter than the Rose

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# BILL'S ROSE NOTE BOOK



by *Bill Blevins*  
ARF Consulting Rosarian

It's mid September and it has been above 90° nearly everyday until recently and a small amount of much needed rain accompanied a cool front. Record heat and a prolonged serious drought has defined most gardens and gardeners. If you've watered you have something, but no watering, or sparse watering, leaves most in the "have not" category.

It's fall and for many of us our thoughts shift to exhibiting, judging and/or attending various rose shows. Take note of two significant class changes. For years the classification of **Fragrant Plum** has been debated. Sold as a GR, but technically registered as a HT, either by error or design. Now, officially registered as a GRANDIFLORA it is a serious partner in the Triad Class. **Fragrant Plum** has always had impeccable form and is very fragrant. It is a deep purplish plum color but rarely comes more than one to a stem a la its pink blend look-alike from the past—**Aquarius**. Another class change - **Johnny Becnel** has been changed from HT to Floribunda. Small, but with serious form and a flashy orange blend color; this will be a real contender for Top Floribunda trophies.

Just a few years ago **Pete Musser** was re-classed from HT to Floribunda and has won more than its share of floribunda related trophies (best floribunda single, painters pal-

ette and floribunda collections). The talk of the polyantha world is **Wing-Ding** with its 1" deep red blooms in great sprays. It is a Weeks Rose that scored the highest in 2008 AARS trials, but some blackspot problems knocked it out of contention.

Horizon Roses 2007 is out now. **Let Freedom Ring** had 31 reports, most of the big roses. Thirty of 31 reporters couldn't say enough great things about it. Several reporters acclaim it as "the red rose to have." **Falling in Love** also had 31 reports and comes in quite favorably. **Moonstone x Marilyn Monroe** produced a light pink/pink blend with good form and exhibition potential. Beware of large, machete-like thorns a la **Marilyn Monroe**.



Hordes of **Moonstone** sports are being registered. **Marlon's Day** is the latest one which won Queen in Charlotte NC and at the National in Minneapolis - see page 12 of the Aug/Sept 2007 *American Rose Magazine*. That's a great looking rose. Several sports of **Signature** and **Bee's Knees** are out there also. Some of the sports are even sporting. **Brooks' Red** - a **Signature** sport has sported **Jennirine**, a pink blend with a better plant so a couple reporters say. **Here's Sam**, a new medium pink HT has some good reviews by serious growers. We will have to find a plant for Bobby Cole (Sam's Farm). Ken Borrmann of Warminster, PA reports a "stunning bloom" of **Let Freedom**

**Ring** won two Queens at back to back shows. If Ken shows up at the Colonial District Show this could be the guy to beat if Queen of Show is your thing.

I judged the Maryland State Fair on September 1st with Joe Mirilovich. This might be a show to consider in future years. There are more than enough classes to enter, ARS rules apply, and judging is by ARS Judges using ARS standards. Cash premiums are generous: Blue ribbon, \$8; 2nd place, \$6; 3rd place, \$4; Best of Classes, Best of Show and runner-ups are worth \$15, \$10 and a Novice Section is available. The Winners were:

Champion HT - **St. Patrick** (D.K.)\*

Champion FL - **French Lace** (D.K.)

Champion Mini - **Soroptimist International** (D.K.) barely beating out an excellent **Silverhill**.

Champion Collection - mixed HTs (D.K.)

Grand Champion (Novice) - **Barbara Bush**

Reserve Grand Champion (Novice) - yellow shrub rose

Grand Champion - **St. Patrick**

Reserve Grand Champion - **Soroptimist International**

\*We forgot to check name tags but Diana Klassy is assumed to be exhibitor D.K.

Note to whomever - For the 2nd year in a row a **Mavrik** (?) was labeled **Louise Estes**. Color, foliage and bloom characteristics dictate this is probably a **Mavrik**. At a larger show I would hate to see this **Mavrik** become a maverick. Two good shows to consider in October are the GCVA Show and the Tidewater R.S. Show.

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## Notebook...

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Almost forgot my Mini comments.

**Memphis Magic** – dark red mini-flora with color similar to **Black Magic** (HT). I like anything from the Memphis camp of Whit Wells.

**Memphis Music** - red blend striped sport of **Memphis Magic** (red/yellow) already making its mark at the trophy table. We shall see if it earns its stripes in our area. (Sorry, couldn't resist that).

**Top Contender** - dark yellow sport of **Memphis Magic**. All reporters are raving about this one, so get it.

**Solar Flair** - yellow blend MF from Frank Benardella, 9 Queens, 6 Kings and 38 Court awards says it all.

**Sunswept** - one of the parents of **Solar Flair** already available in New Zealand as **China Berry**. This yellow blend is a must have, so say the experts.

**Erin Alonzo** - medium yellow sport of **Bee's Knees**. Some have it and 6 Queens and 63 Court awards says get it if you ain't got it.

**Josh Alonzo** - orange pink sport of **Bee's Knees**, color like **Chicago Peace** at times (that's not orange pink but the color is quite variable from day to day).

**Simple Splendor** - 5 petaled yellow blend sport of **Autumn Splendor** (Mini-Flora). Classed as a Mini so far but growth habits range to 6 feet! I've read the sprays are awesome. Could be a real contender for the single petaled Mini classes.

**Picotee** - red blend modern day improvement of **Kristin**(?). Sounds good to me.

**Klassy Lady** - pink sport of **Miss Flip-pins**. I've seen it and like it and it's getting good reviews and thank you, Diana Klassy.

For a review of the Richmond Rose Society Spring Show see related article in October 2007 issue of *Virginia Living* magazine. Featured are Bob & Linda Knerr, Sara & Howard Jones, Nita Bowen, Clif Jeter, et al. See! Nothing gets by me.

## International Rose Trials...

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around institutions. The basic criteria for such roses are that they should be colorful, blend well with other types of plants and greenery, have a rapid blooming cycle, be exceptionally floriferous, be as disease resistant as possible, and most importantly, require a minimum of care throughout the year. In view of these criteria, I was not surprised to see relatively few new Hybrid Teas and Grandiflora roses. However, it should be noted that both trials gave awards for roses from several classes, so there seems to still be a commercial market for almost all classes of roses.

The international jury judged the new roses at the Bagatelle Park rose garden on June 14<sup>th</sup>. The following roses won awards. The type of award is mentioned first, followed by the name or code name of the rose, the nursery or hybridizer, the category and a brief description.

First Prize, **Rosita**, Tantau, Groundcover, Beautiful ground cover rose with harmonious form and brilliant, healthy foliage. Numerous sprays of small, bright pink, single flowers.

Second Prize, **KORblixmu**, Kordes, Fl or Polyantha, Large but compact bush with generous sprays of medium size, creamy white flowers with a subtle fragrance.

Climbing Rose Certificate, **DELSar**, Delbard, Climber, Climbing rose with beautiful foliage and clear, yellow flowers with a pleasant fragrance.

Floribunda or Polyantha Certificate, **MELkokan**, Meilland, Floribunda or Polyantha, Bush with light colored foliage and yellow buds that open into small, double, salmon flowers.

The international jury judged the roses at La Grange Park on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. There were five categories of roses and in each category, gold and silver medal diplomas, certificates of merit, and a special prize were awarded. In addition, there were five, separate trophies that were awarded to roses that had been entered in the various categories. Each winning rose was awarded a number of points, 100 points being the maximum. The following is the list of the winners of these trophies. The type of award is mentioned first, followed by the name or code name of the rose, the nursery or hybridizer, the category and a brief description:

Rose d'Or 2007 (the highest award given at the trial), 00.1086.12, Delbard (France), Fl, Striped yellow and pink rose. This rose won 68 points.



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# International Rose Trials...

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La Plus Belle Rose des Dames (a rose chosen by only female jurists), SB 2002.19, Bernard Sauvageot (France), Fl, sulfur colored rose.

Le Prix de la Presse, NI 2001 32, NIRP International (France), HT, deep fuchsia and lilac colored rose.

Le Prix de L'Innovation, AM 514, Alain Meilland (France), Fl, orange colored rose.

Coupe du Parfum 2007 and Prize of the Romande Society of Friends of Roses, HUBar 2005.1, Richard Huber (Switzerland), HT, pink colored rose with a fragrance similar to lily of the valley.

The following is a list of the winners of the five rose classes. The **class** is mentioned first, followed by the type of awards, the name or code name of the rose, its color, the nursery or hybridizer, and the number of points it was awarded out of 100 possible points:

## **Hybrid Teas:**

Gold Medal Diploma and Prize of the City of Geneva, NI 2001 32, deep fuchsia and lilac, NIRP International (France), 61 points.

Silver Medal Diploma, MR 505, medium yellow, Michele Richardier (France), 60 points.

Certificate of Merit, NI 2002.48, dark red, NIRP International (France), 55 points.

## **Floribundas and Polyanthas:**

Gold Medal Diploma and Prize of the State of Geneva, SB 2002.19, sulfur color, Bernard Sauvageot (France), 59 points.

Silver Medal Diploma, REU KID, deep fuchsia, Regis Reuter (France), 57 points.

Certificate of Merit, BAR 6167, pink, Pietro Barni (Italy), 56 points.

Certificate of Merit, LAP 3700, fiery carmine, Laperriere (France), 55 points

## **Botanical and Miniatures:**

Gold Medal Diploma and Prize of the Geneva Horticulture Society, FE 00526, fuchsia, Francisco Ferrer (Spain), 43 points.

Silver Medal Diploma, 98/8141-07, pink, Poulsen (Denmark), 42 points.

## **Park (Shrub) Roses:**

Gold Medal Diploma and Prize of the Geneva Horticulture Society, RT99234, pink, Tantau (Germany), 62 points.

Silver Medal Diploma, ORA 644, mauve pastel, Jean-Charles Orard (France), 56 points.

Certificate of Merit, JACpoulp 99-07771, pink, Jackson & Perkins (USA), 55 points.

Certificate of Merit, DvP-0029, pink, Plantegenetica en Veredeling (Belgium), 53 points.

## **Climbing Roses:**

Gold Medal Diploma and Prize of the Geneva Horticulture Society, 93/3165-4 Poulyc009, medium red, Poulsen (Denmark), 67 points.

Silver Medal Diploma, KO 94/2394-01 KORADIGEL, pink, Kordes (Germany), 58 points.

Certificate of Merit, CHEWABILITY, yellow, Chris Warner, (United Kingdom), 57 points.

One final note. Participating as a member of an international jury is not only a worthwhile learning experience because it gives one an insight into many new roses that someday may enter the international commercial rose market, but it also provides one with a wonderful opportunity to meet and work with rosarians from other countries and rose societies.

**UPCOMING EVENTS IN NOVEMBER**

**Arlington Rose Foundation**

**Monday, November 12, 2007**

Merrifield Garden Center (Fair Oaks)  
Arlington Rose Society Monthly Meeting

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

**Program: Annual Auction and Election of Officers**

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**Potomac Rose Society**

**Thursday, November 15, 2007**

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