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## President Sheenagh Harris unveils Ruston statue in Renmark



Photo – Brenda Burton

## President's Message

Dear rosarians of the WFRS member countries,

As we begin a new year, I wish each one of you a happy, healthy and fulfilling 2011 and thank you for all your wonderful messages for Christmas and the new year – beautiful cards, thoughtful and kind messages making it most enjoyable to be in touch with the many rose friends I have made throughout the rose world.

As Rosarians we have much to look forward to starting with the 12<sup>th</sup> International Heritage Convention in Sakura, Japan at the end of May. The Japanese Heritage Rose committee have been hard at work to ensure we, the delegates, enjoy an interesting and well organised convention with beautiful roses, interesting lectures, the magnificent City of Sakura Rose Garden and as always the joy of meeting rose friends from around the world.

My two visits to Australasia in October and November last year were very special.

The Australian rosarians certainly treated me like a queen, all going the extra mile for my comfort and enjoyment and I will always think of these loyal subjects as being warm and welcoming with the most delightful sense of humour. The unveiling of the sculpture of David Ruston, one of our most eminent rosarians, was indeed the cherry on the top and a most humbling honour for me, which will always be a highlight in my life.

The roses in the eight public gardens I visited in New Zealand were superb. There were roses everywhere and there seemed to be so many more blooms per bush than I have seen before. A very special treat was the Trevor Griffiths Rose Garden in Timaru and of course being with rose loving friends. More details of these two visits can be found elsewhere in this publication.

I can't end this message without drawing your attention to the fact that in many parts of the world there have been disastrous problems recently and to our rose friends who have experienced hardships we extend our sympathy, but in particular we think of all those affected by the devastating floods in Brisbane and its surrounds.

This year I look forward to visiting more rose friends in different parts of the world and to those of you attending rose trials, enjoy them to the full for this is a wonderful way of seeing the most magnificent roses and being among wonderful rosy people.

I look forward to seeing a number of you in Sakura, Japan.

Yours sincerely in roses,



Sheenagh Harris

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- To encourage and facilitate the interchange of information and knowledge of the rose between national rose societies.
- To co-ordinate the holding of international conventions and exhibitions.
- To encourage and, where appropriate, sponsor research into problems concerning the rose.
- To establish common standards for judging new rose seedlings.
- To establish a uniform system of rose classification.
- To grant international honours and/or awards.
- To encourage and advance international co-operation on all other matters concerning the rose.

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### Editor's Comments

It has been a steep learning curve, as with all things new. I have now begun my second year as editor and my biggest struggle has been to provide a document small enough for electronic transmission that member representatives will be prepared to forward on to their members. We will attach this edition to an email and also give the web link in the hope one will hit the right note. May you, like me, take refuge in your roses when the world becomes too prickly. May their fragrance pervade your being.

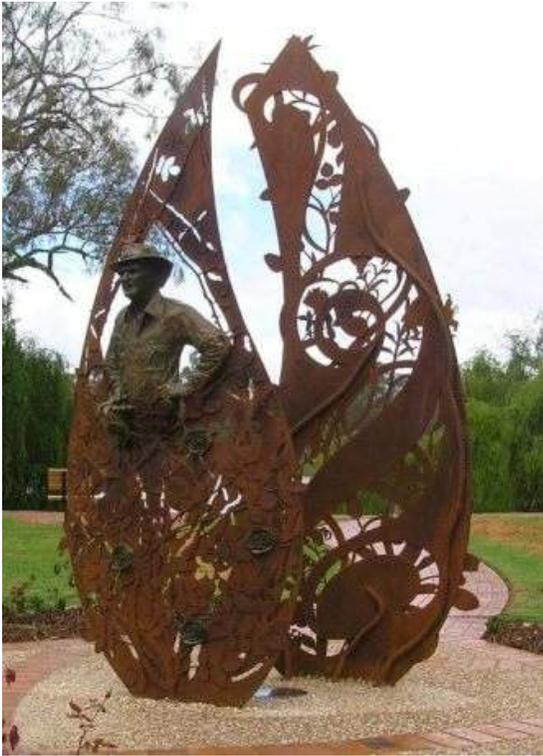
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## **David Ruston Sculpture Unveiled**

**Melanie Trimper, Australia – Photos Brenda Burton**

The David Ruston Sculpture was officially unveiled on Saturday 16 October, 2010 by Mrs. Sheenagh Harris, President of The World Federation of Rose Societies. Sheenagh represents rosarians from over 40 member countries which make up The World Federation of Rose Societies and is a body with which David has been associated since its inception. This Federation has also been largely responsible for David's huge international reputation and highlights the World Federation's respect for David and his global contribution.



The imposing sculpture is well positioned in the beautiful Jarrett Memorial Gardens near the Riverside Walk, in the centre of the Town of Renmark, with the grand old River Murray forming an impressive backdrop.

The sculpture was erected to honour Renmark's Living Legend and world famous Rosarian, Mr. David Ruston OAM, President Emeritus of The World Federation of Rose Societies and Renmark resident since his birth in 1930.

This special occasion drew a crowd of several hundred people with dignitaries from overseas and interstate together with local friends and colleagues. It was wonderful to see Sheenagh Harris make the journey from South Africa, Tony Stallwood, Immediate Past President, National Rose Society of Australia attended from Queensland and Sue Lorraine represented Arts SA and Minister John Hill. The David Ruston Sculpture Committee, Artist Janette Moore,

Landscape Artist John Draper and the Project Manager Margaret Worth no doubt felt great satisfaction to see their project finally completed and unveiled in front of such a prestigious gathering.

The Committee members were Neil Martinson, Mayor; Barry Hurst, Renmark Paringa Council CEO; Margaret Worth, Peter Burton, John and Claire Angove, Liz Manifold, Richard Fewster, Sue Zwar and Shirley Yates. Kelvin Trimper, Chairman of the Sculpture Committee thanked everyone involved for raising the necessary funds for the sculpture.

In 2006 the idea to recognise David Ruston's unique and significant contribution to the Rose World and Floriculture was suggested by Renmark resident Merridy Howie. A small group was formed which met with the Renmark Paringa Council to promote the concept of a David Ruston Sculpture. It became clear that raising money for the project was critical to its success and would involve securing grants from Government bodies as well as private

fundraising. It was therefore decided to engage a professional to advise and guide the project and Margaret Worth, a public places art and design consultant was subsequently appointed. Soon after Margaret's initial advice had been received, a Sculpture Steering Group comprising local Renmark representatives, and Regional, State Rose Society and Heritage Rose Group representatives was formed. What an amazing group of talented and passionate people. They adopted a vision, set goals and achieved them, particularly the fund raising goal in spite of the tough economic climate which prevailed throughout the fundraising period.

With Margaret's assistance, a brief for the sculpture was prepared and thanks to an Arts SA Grant, five artists were short-listed to develop a concept for consideration. Representatives of the Committee supported by professionals then selected a preferred artist and concept, but everyone held their breath in anticipation of David's view since it was David and his work which was to be captured – and, as he was still alive, they thought they should ask his opinion. Fortunately, he loved it. The artist, Janette Moore, and the Landscape Artist, John Draper were selected and hired.

The committee had a concept and an artist, all they needed was the money. So they commenced a diverse campaign of direct mail, raffles, events, advertising and promotions across the country and overseas to raise the funds necessary. The Renmark Paringa Council was also approached and it made a significant commitment of in kind support to ensure that the project could be completed.



The sculpture will have permanent interpretive signs erected in the near future to complete this impressive work of art which commemorates the life and legacy of a very special man, David Ruston.



**Rose Madam President**  
photographed by Madam  
President Sheenagh Harris in  
Norma Manuel's garden,  
Auckland, NZ (see article page  
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## Vice-Presidents' Reports

### Europe (Denmark, Finland, Great Britain, Northern Ireland, Norway, Sweden) Ann Bird

The year 2010 finished with some of the worst weather in the UK since records began, with snow and ice lasting for weeks and incredibly low temperatures. It was a far cry from the heat of Sweden and Denmark when 35 degrees C was recorded during my visit in July.

What a wonderful trip that was! I had been invited to a Nordic weekend in Gothenburg – a gathering of rosarians from all the Scandinavian countries and the opportunity to meet their Presidents. We started formally with a business meeting, at which I was able to express my desire to help them in any way I could during my term of office and also to listen to their plans for events in the future. Then the informality began and I was overwhelmed by the warmth of the welcome from everyone - I felt immediately I was amongst rose friends.



The main event took place in the Rosarium situated in the centre of Gothenburg – a beautiful garden full of roses and many other plants and a huge glasshouse which seemed vaguely familiar – it was a replica of the Crystal Palace in London, erected in Gothenburg in the late 1800's, crammed with tropical plants, and looking immaculate. A wonderful example of the red climber **Flammentanz** had pride of place outside. The old garden roses were past their best, but with clever

companion planting it was still awash with colour. Lunch in the Rosarium gave me the chance to meet many more delegates, followed by lectures in the afternoon – luckily my own talk did not take place until early evening, by which time the air was cooler and more comfortable. Our hotel was the venue for a general get-together that night, and rounded off an unforgettable day. Most delegates went off by coach the next day to visit rose gardens some way from Gothenburg, but I did not want to leave this lovely city without seeing some of the sights. We all met up again that evening for an informal candlelit dinner in a rustic setting where the entire event was devoted to roses and new friendships, although I felt I had known these rosarians for years!

The next morning we were off to Copenhagen by train to meet up with Inger Schierning, President of the Danish Rose Society and Torben Thim, a highly respected landscape

architect and owner of a rose nursery. The highlight of a magical day spent with them was a visit to the Bernstorff estate on the outskirts of Copenhagen where Torben had designed and planted a magnificent rose garden which was totally unique. Apart from a large pergola over which tumbled **Alexandre Girault** in a billowing mass of bloom, all the roses were grown as half or full standards in small beds edged with clipped box, some filled with the glorious purple heliotrope as ground cover. Well known varieties of old roses were mixed with more modern teas, the blend of colours perfect, and the overall effect stunning. I was so enthralled in capturing such beauty on camera that I completely forgot to write down the variety names at the time, but since then have been able to identify most of them – with a few exceptions!



All in all, an inspiring trip to two countries meeting enthusiastic and knowledgeable rosarians, and I am now looking forward very much to returning to Copenhagen in a few weeks for two rose lectures.



Visiting Glasgow at the end of August each year for the International Rose Trial Judging in Tollcross Park is always a pleasure, and on this occasion even more so as I was able to present the second part of the WFRS Award of Garden Excellence to the Lord Provost - the plaque itself. Its journey from La Tacita, Italy, from where WFRS Past President Helga Bricchet had asked me to collect it whilst we were at the rose trials, was somewhat unconventional. With cabin baggage weight restrictions on flights being so strict, and my case

already bulging, Jill Bennell agreed to take charge of it temporarily. The security staff at Rome Airport closely inspected this very unusual item but eventually allowed it to be taken on the plane. Once in the UK I brought it home to Leicestershire, after which it went with my daughter to her home in Cumbria. Having made arrangements with Norman Robb (Land Services, Glasgow) she then took the plaque by train to Glasgow and handed it over to him on the platform at Central Station. As they did not know each other, the film “Brief Encounter” springs to mind!

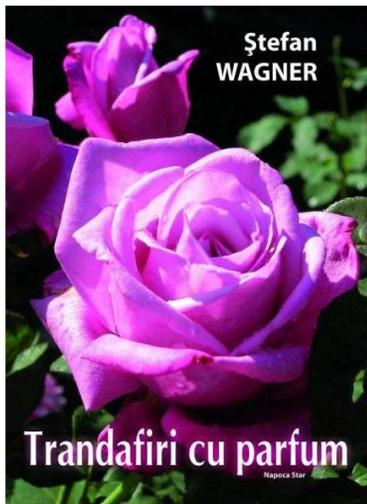
Discussions are still going on at Tollcross as to where the plaque should be permanently placed, and at the moment it is felt the safest position for prominent display would be just

inside the entrance of the Glasshouse in the Park. Whilst awaiting a final decision The Lord Provost, Bob Winter, was obviously delighted to receive the plaque on behalf of the City of Glasgow, and I am sure it will be greatly treasured as recognition of the effort and achievement of all who are involved with the International Rose Trial Garden.

In the dark days of winter there's time to reminisce on the rose events of the past year and to look forward with eager anticipation to those already planned for 2011. Sometimes it's good to stop, take stock and appreciate the beauty of roses close to home – in my case our own Society gardens at St Albans which this year have been spectacular. An enormous amount of work by our gardening staff has finally showed dividends in a display to be truly proud of - added to which I think the roses have at last found the tons of manure which lies unseen in the soil and they responded accordingly! (photos Ann Bird)

### Europe (Austria, Czech Republic, Greece, Israel, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia) Dr. Stefan Wagner

**The Romanian Rose Society** managed to keep its count of 1700 members thanks to the fact that 200 new members have enlisted this year. Unfortunately 150 members did not renew their membership, so the growth is not substantial. A decrease in the number of members was avoided – despite the economical crisis – by spreading information about the goals of the Rose Society.



In September a general meeting was held, which marked the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Romanian Rose Society. The president, who has held office for all those years, delivered a comprehensive speech about the accomplishments of the Society over the two decades. A change of generations in the leadership of the Rose Society also occurred after a ballot, which resulted in Dr. Stefan Wagner becoming the honorary president, and Mrs. Prof. Dr. Maria Cantor the executive president. Dr. Wagner promised to lend all of his logistic support to help lead the Society.

Also in Romania a new book about roses was published, entitled *Scented Roses*, written by Dr. Stefan Wagner, and was launched on the 1st of July. The book was received with much interest from lovers of roses.



It is good news that two new rose gardens were founded, one at Satu Mare, and one in Locodeni, each boasting around 100 – 120 varieties.

In December, a new variety was launched in Romania, the **Cluj 2010** rose (FI), bred by dr. S. Wagner (photo).



Left - Dr. S. Wagner (I) and Dr. A. Hegedüs (V-P. Hungarian RS, right) at the entrance of the show.

**In Hungary**, the 20th of August is a national holiday, as it is St. Steven's Day, remembering the first king of the Hungarians. On this occasion, the recently-formed Rose Society of Hungary organised a rose exposition along with other cultural events (poetry readings, songs, the preparation of rose based products, etc.) in Kecskemét, a city in a strong horticultural region. The event was very well attended. As I was invited, I took some photographs which will be displayed. I also received more good news; the city of Kecskemét donated a piece of land suitable for starting a rose garden to the rose society. Hundreds of varieties from different classes will be planted here, from different countries of origin.



There was also good news from **Slovakia** too; as a result of a vote, the Slovak rose clubs united into the Slovak Rose Society, which will be centred in Bratislava, the capital of the country. This is very important, since the activities of this organisation will be much more coherent than that of the separate clubs. The president of the newly founded organisation is Eng. Frantisek Glvac, a valuable creator of new roses and author of books about roses.

Although it is a small organisation, with only 50-60 members, the Rose Society of Austria is popularizing roses with great gusto. They are organising the annual Badener Rosentage (Rose Days of Baden), which will host a cut flower and floral arrangement expo, seminars about cultivating roses, and artistic events dealing with roses. This event attracts a large number of tourists to the beautiful city located south of Vienna.

Unfortunately there is no news from the other countries for which I am responsible, namely Czech Republic, Israel, Poland, Greece, Russia and Mongolia. (Photos Stefan Wagner)

**Europe (Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands,  
Spain, Switzerland)  
Maurice Jay**

During 2010, I had the opportunity to visit most of the countries of my Region, mainly at the time of rose contests which offer the advantage of meeting many interesting people.



Lyon (France) June 2010: a very nice day with many attractive activities. First was the international rose trial which allowed us to judge beautiful roses on good plants. Then we were invited to attend an information meeting with a substantial speech by the organisers on the next world convention, Lyon 2015: it was the first time for such information to be broadcast to the European countries. Our President Sheenagh Harris was among us which was the greatest pleasure of all.

Paris (France) June 2010: Bagatelle garden opened these iron gates for a true garden party with sun, warmth, nice roses and a large European audience. I was the president of the rose contest and I was elegantly accompanied by Mrs. Sheenagh Harris.

Nantes (France) June 2010: contest number 10 for fragrant roses ; an interesting international rose trial where nose-experts (about 10 people) work with judges evaluating for quality of flower and plant. This year the winner was a Kordes rose **Sophie Davant/Beverly** (Korpauvio), which received a wonderful gift, one litre of the Guerlain Perfume NAEMA; I had the great pleasure of offering this present to Mrs. Ute Kordes some weeks later in Netherlands; she received it with a great emotion. During this trial time, I had the opportunity to present to the Nantes City for the Beaujoire Rose Garden, the Garden Award awarded by the WFRS at the Vancouver World Convention; it was a friendly ceremony organised by the municipality of Nantes and the Green Spaces Service of this City.

Geneva (Switzerland) June 2010: again a very nice garden party in the Parc Lagrange along the Léman Lake; the welcome message was addressed to a very large European audience by the President of the International Trial Mrs Françoise Demole, accompanied by the young technical director Mr Antony Leclerc. Mrs Sheenagh Harris was president for the day-jury and gave the awards to the winners. During the afternoon, the opportunity was offered to visit a very nice private garden, 'le Jardin des Sens' at Ivoire on the French bank of the Léman Lake ; it is a very original garden for its design and for the companion plants of roses. We were also informed by Mr. Leclerc about a new site receiving the rose bushes for the international trial of Geneva from 2012.

Baden-Baden (Germany) June 2010 : Again a large European meeting to judge a huge collection of beautiful roses; Mrs. Sheenagh Harris was an efficient and friendly President.

During the afternoon we were invited to the 'Palais Biron' for the baptism of a new rose **Princesse Sibilla de Luxembourg** (Orafrantanov) in the presence of the Princess of Luxembourg and her husband, but also with the french Breeder Pierre Orard, and a Luxembourg delegation led by Anette Bock.

Den Haag (Netherlands) July 2010: it was the 50th anniversary of the rose competition. The municipality of Den Haag and the deputy mayor Finance and City Management received us at Westbroek Park for a pleasant time among the roses; a large collection of cultivars was presented; fragrant roses, rose novelties, new commercial varieties, and for this special jubilee competition all available golden cultivars of past years from **Super Star** (TANorstar) 1961, to **Stadt Rom** (TAN04999) 2009, via **Cappa Magna** (DELSap) 1972, **Maria Mathilda** (LENmar) 1981, **Amber Queen** (HARroony) 1991, and **Schloss Balthasar** (KORpalmor) 2001. A wonderful booklet was offered to all the participants, providing pictures and brief identity card of the 50 winning or golden roses.

Le Roeulx (Belgium) September 2010: one of the last rose contests for this year with special interest in disease resistance and perpetual flowering; this international rose trial is increasing in quality year after year, and in last September it offered a particularly high level of plant quality. An interesting initiative was to invite the breeders to judge the roses awarded the year before.

Among the special events during 2010, we have to mention:

- a new rose exhibition in Avignon (famous and well known French Papal City): all rose novelties proposed in France for the market on the next fall season are exhibited in the cloister of Palais des Papes for four days of Ascension week-end; it is a fantastic show for numerous French and foreign visitors (more than 20,000)

- The Floralties (floral exhibition) in Pau (France) with special reference to roses in 2010: one week in November with bunch displays, flower and music spectacles, flower shows from numerous cities in Europe; it was a very large success with about 50,000 visitors

- on behalf of our rose friends of Luxembourg, a new rose cultivar of the french breeder F. Ducher: **Jean de Luxembourg-Roi de Bohème**. Jean de Luxembourg was a famous warrior who died at the Crecy Battle at the beginning of the 100 years war. In 2010, the Czech Republic celebrated the 700th anniversary of the wedding between Jean de Luxembourg and the heiress of the Bohemian Realm; for this occasion, Luxembourg rosarians proposed this new rose which was planted in the botanical garden of Hradec Kralovi

- in May, the City of Barcelona received from Mrs Sheenagh Harris, on behalf of the WFRS, the garden award made to the Cervantes Rose Garden, during the Vancouver World Convention.

I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel

## North America (Bermuda, USA) Steve Jones – Photos Steve Jones



One thing that sums up 2010 in North America was the weather. Record rain, drought, flooding, cold, heat all made it difficult to grow roses; however that didn't stop many beautiful roses showing up on the trophy tables. The American Rose Society held two national conventions last year, one in Shreveport, Louisiana and the other in Atlanta, Georgia. An All-Mini Conference was held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin which we attended.

At the Shreveport Convention rose show, Don and Paula Adlong won the coveted Nicholson Bowl. Satish and Vijaya Prabhu won several trophies including the New Zealand Kiwi, Kern, Stemler, Swim, Buck, Shivers, and Bennett. Barbara Jetton won the Pfister and President's trophies, Bob and Sandy Lundberg won the Reilly and Williams trophies, while Dick and Sue Streeper won the Mavity. Earle and Deanna Krause won the GardenWeb (best one stem entry in show) with **Melodie Parfumée** (Dorient).

The Wright Brothers excelled at the Atlanta Convention by winning several of the national trophies. Jack and Nancy Wright won the coveted McFarland trophy, and brother Fred and Barbara won the Earl of Warwick, Pacific trophies and Mini-Flora Queen with **Whirlaway**. It was interesting to note that Fred had one of his own hybrid tea creations in the Pacific, **The Great White**. Satish and Vijaya Prabhu won the Kirk and Ben Williams trophies. David and Tammy Clemons won the Rose Hybridizers and GardenWeb trophies with their hybrid tea Queen, **Louise Estes**. Andrew Hearne won the Moore and miniature Queen with **Joy**. Both of the national arrangement trophies, the Overesch and Millie Walters, were won by Jim Harrell.

At the awards banquet in Atlanta, WFRS





Shows Chairperson Ed Griffith was awarded the Gold Medal, the top honour from the ARS. Other awards were the Gamble Award for fragrance to **Louise Estes**, and the David Fuerstenberg Award for the best American rose for American climates went to the miniature rose **Nancy Jean**.

This year we lost many outstanding American rosarians including Past ARS Presidents Dr. Charles Jeremais and Frank Benardella, past ARS Gold Medal winner Warren Brooks, and the hybridiser of **Nancy Jean** and a good friend, Vernon Rickard.

Susie and I were fortunate to attend the WFRS convention in Changzhou, China and meet with all of our international friends. The City of Changzhou did an outstanding job of putting this convention together, at an excellent hotel, and took very good care of us. Afterwards we flew to Spain and Italy to judge the rose trials in Barcelona, Rome, La Tacita, and Monza. The gardens were spectacular, even though we had to dodge rain from time to time, and we felt very welcomed.

In 2011, the ARS national conventions will be held in Winston-Salem, North Carolina in the spring, and Los Angeles, California in the fall. Unfortunately, we will miss the spring convention as we plan to attend the WFRS Heritage Rose convention in Sakura, Japan before flying to judge rose trials in France, Germany and Switzerland.



### North America (Canada) Dr. Patrick White

My mandate over the past several months has been to change servers, and re-write the CRS website.

The need for same?

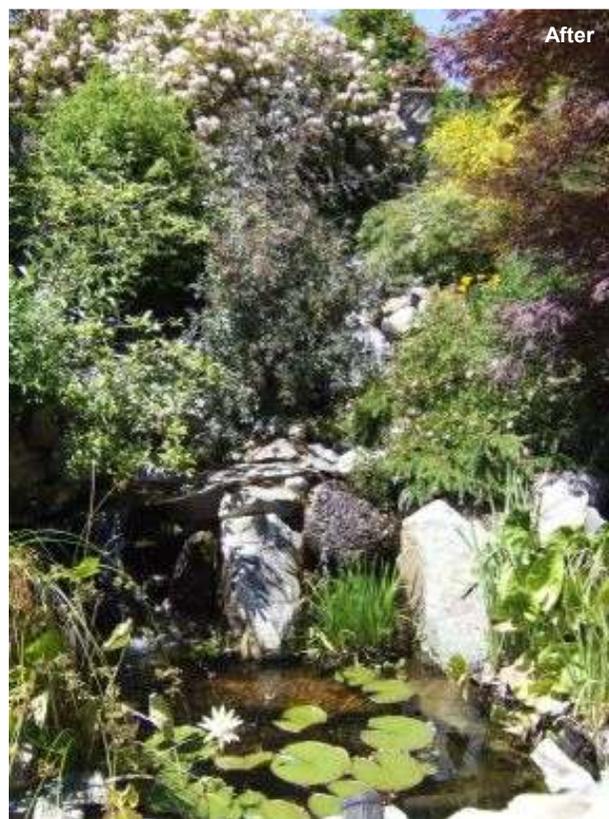
Building up the dwindling membership, attracting the attention of the younger (computer-literate) generation, reducing the increasing cost of publications and the economic survival of the Canadian Rose Society (we are down but we are not out, and we are making a comeback!)

KEY Words in this approach: front page, paywall, linking, photo galleries, image enlargement capability, power point/slide show formats, virtual garden tours, “extreme makeover”



Examples of garden tours, “extreme makeover” – Graber’s John Cabot on the right

and subscribing, paying on the spot by internet Paypal deserving a line of its own, and the introduction of the paywall concept (i.e. apart from front page, no access to the “inner” site where the annals past and present of the CRS are found, unless one is a paid subscriber.



What a “makeover” is capable of achieving

The mission “statement” in this reconstruction of the website: Canadian content AND a strong connection with the international rose world i.e. the WFRS

Communications with all (ultimately) CRS members electronically considering the increasing cost of hard copy publishing and demonstrating the advantage of being a full member of the Canadian Rose Society

How are we effecting this?

1. Maintaining/making accessible by linking under the PRIVATE TAB the CRS archives (still working on this one...50 years of records is a big file).
2. Demonstrating the advantage of “linking” from key words on the site (vs scrolling down).
3. Keeping on “the front page” of the site horticultural information seen by all comers i.e. keeping it on the first page of the website, freely accessible to the surfer.
4. Including “teasers” on the front page, giving surfers a glimpse of featured material within the website. The emphasis of teasers to be visual ie photographs.
5. A current list seen on the front page of “what’s new” on the site, and also the ability for the webmaster to signal immediately to all members that new material has been added to the website.
6. The inclusion of multiple images with “click-on” ability to access footnotes regarding these images, and the introduction of material in PowerPoint and slideshow format, accessible by linking (clicking).
7. The ability of registered members to add comments/contribute content: comments and images of their own complementary to what they find on the website.
8. A list of rose events provincially, nationally, and internationally (read WFRS) put in calendar form, including active links to the websites of these events.
9. The emphasis/inclusion of WFRS communications on the site.

(editor’s footnote...the holiday greeting “cards” from WFRS members presented created a buzz...good feedback on that one alone!)

**See for yourself---click on OR copy /paste:**

<http://canadianrosesociety.org/Membership/Christmas2010/tabid/90/Default.aspx>

10. Future features planned ‘Rose(s) that rock your world’.
11. Virtual garden tours from across Canada, initially with stills, ultimately with video.
12. Profiles of Canadian hybridisers (See the first of these...a PowerPoint of the methodology of Canada’s pre-eminent hybridiser, Dr Felicitas Svejda).

Canadian cultivars grown around the globe. (I plan to include an article from Norway on Canadian cultivars growing there.

Critical comment:

In the 8 months I have been toiling on this website, the electronic membership has more than quadrupled, albeit some members transferring to electronic format and some complimentary members are included. I monitor much activity around the CRS website from eastern European surfers, particularly from climates similar to the 8 climate zones of Canada. I do

not expect registration from these people, but I reply to them individually, encouraging them to keep an eye on our “front page” for new material added. And I use an informal font e.g. Lucida Handwriting, or *Dakota Handwriting* to simulate a handwritten personal response. I deplore the inclusion on the website of much material depicting my own garden. However, members seem reticent to offer images of their own therefore I have tried to lead by example. I hope to archive current articles once new material is received. Above all, I am trying to attract the younger age groups...you know...the folk that walk around with an electronic device in one hand, seemingly not aware of the surrounding world. We rose societies need more than a few of this generation. Moreover we must utilise the very technology that has their attention.

There have been some terse comments by a few members/non-members about the complexity of the approach road I have introduced, and the paywall I have created between members and surfers. I try not to let that get to me, remembering that it is a knee-jerk reaction for most to dislike/suspect/resist change.

And I repeat the mantra...that we rose societies are in survival mode in this year of the iPad (as the Economist’s “World in 2011” terms it: see p 141 of that publication). The paywall mentioned in the paragraph above is part of that economic survival.

I invite comments to anything I have presented above: [patrickwhite@shaw.ca](mailto:patrickwhite@shaw.ca)  
Moreover, if any of the WFRS executive wish to explore beyond the CRS website front page, contact me as above.

### **South America (Argentina, Chile, Uruguay) Nilda Crivelli**

2010 has been a very busy and hard-working year for me, being at the same time WFRS Vice President and President of our Association

For the first time in many years, 12 members represented our country at the WFRS Regional Convention in China. Unfortunately, there were no participants from Chile (remember the strong earthquake) and Uruguay present.

In August I was invited by the Sociedad Uruguaya de la Rosa to present a lecture about the Convention, the different parks in Changzhou and the Beijing Botanical Garden. I gave the same lecture in September at our Association.

In both cases, I informed members about the coming Conferences and Conventions already announced and encouraged the membership to attend. This year, our branches in Cordoba and Mendoza will be able to listen to the lecture also and enjoy the photos.

In our Annual 2010, I wrote an article explaining what WFRS means, its objectives, the member countries and Clubs, the Literary and Rose Garden Awards given and the importance of the Trial Grounds etc. Like most rose societies (and many others too), we need to increase the number of members. Aged ones are not attending the meetings in

Buenos Aires city (sudden bus, train, subway strikes are very frequent); middle-aged and young people have moved to country areas 40-50 Km from Buenos Aires.

Last year we began to give basic courses on roses in Rosario (300 Km from Buenos Aires) and in Pilar (45 Km away). We had many enthusiastic and grateful “pupils”, and it gave important income for the Association and the affiliation of new members. Our main job will be to feed their enthusiasm during the year. I think our traditional Autumn and Spring Rose Shows celebrating our 60th Anniversary, as well as the visit of President Sheenagh Harris in October, will help a great deal.

## **Australasia (Australia)**

### **Kelvin Trimper**

Twelve months is a long time in the life of a rosarian. A year ago we, in Australia, were experiencing the worst drought in recorded history. Now, a year later, the drought has finally broken and floods are being experienced in parts of Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia.

With the extra rain and water for irrigation, our roses are bountiful again with long lasting Spring flushes of good quality flowers coinciding with a milder, than usual, Spring.

The month of October, 2010 in Australia will be personally remembered as a great one. Firstly, we had a visit from our World Federation of Rose Societies President, Mrs. Sheenagh Harris. Secondly, we had a lovely mix of shows, open gardens and various events around the country to promote the rose. Finally, we had the very significant unveiling of the David Ruston Sculpture in Renmark.

Sheenagh’s whirlwind visit was made possible by contributions from our National Rose organisations and also from each State society. Sheenagh’s tour started in Queensland, where she attended the National Rose Society of Australia Annual General Meeting, National Rose Championships and other activities. She then attended the National Heritage Roses in Australia Conference, also in Brisbane and surrounding areas. Sheenagh enjoyed the hospitality of the rosarians in New South Wales and Victoria, then arrived in South Australia where she attended the National Rose Trial Garden Awards evening. The following day she was off to Renmark where she unveiled the David Ruston Sculpture. To conclude her visit, she called into Western Australia before flying home.

Everywhere Sheenagh went, she graced us with her characteristic charm, regal manner and passion for the rose and people involved with roses. Sheenagh used meetings in each location to promote forthcoming WFRS events in Sakura, Japan in 2011 and Sandton, South Africa in 2012. She also gave us a delightful overview of some of the gardens we will see if we go to South Africa. I’m sure that many more Australians will now go to South Africa after Sheenagh’s personal invitation and promotional campaign.

The David Ruston Sculpture unveiling weekend was a great celebration and highlighted David's enormous contribution to the world of roses. Although the weather was inclement for October, no-one seemed to complain as the weekend was all about David. Visitors from throughout Australia and overseas travelled to Renmark in the days leading up to the event. They used their time to visit local gardens and displays associated with the Renmark Rose Festival, prior to all convening for an informal dinner on Friday 15th to start the sculpture weekend activities.

Saturday 16 October commenced with a Paddle Steamer ride on the River Murray prior to the Official Opening of the Renmark Rose Festival, mid-morning. By late morning, a crowd of around 500 gathered for the Official Unveiling Ceremony of the sculpture by Sheenagh Harris. Despite the odd sprinkle of rain which threatened to dampen the event, the Unveiling was an outstanding success and was a credit to all involved in its planning, fund-raising and its installation. The sculpture is a lasting legacy to David and he was so proud on the day. A detailed report on the unveiling ceremony is featured elsewhere in this edition of WRN.

A Mayoral Lunch for invited guests was followed by the official opening, by Sheenagh, of a magnificent floral display in the Renmark Hall. This display was arranged by local Renmark residents and was truly world class. Saturday was capped off by a lovely dinner at the Ruston Roses Visitors Centre where a traditional "Roast" of David's achievements was conducted and included a delightful and funny tribute from Dr. Tommy Cairns, former WFRS President. On Sunday, the visitors slowly meandered their way home after more garden visits.

On behalf of the David Ruston Sculpture Committee, which I had the privilege to chair, I would like to thank all rosarians from around the world who generously contributed to make this sculpture a testament to David's achievements. I would also, on behalf of all the world's rosarians, like to thank the hard working committee for their outstanding efforts.

I would lastly like to thank Sheenagh for coming to Australia, agreeing to a hectic schedule of events and never tiring throughout the trip.

We do have a group of Australians going to Sakura in May 2011 and we hope to catch up with many of our rosarian friends in Japan.

In the interim, on behalf of all Australian rosarians, we wish you a happy, safe and prosperous 2011.

The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act

**Australasia (New Zealand)**  
**Peter Elliott**  
**Photos – Hayden Foulds**

I am pleased to report on a number of events.

October saw me attend the unveiling of the Ruston Sculpture in Renmark, South Australia where I was delighted to meet up with many rosarian friends. It was a wonderful occasion, greatly enjoyed by David and a huge honour for him, so richly deserved.

In early November a tour group from Illawarra NSW visited New Zealand and I was pleased to be able to show them around my garden, which they enjoyed very much, and then on to the Dugald Mackenzie rose garden and Trial Grounds in Palmerston North.

In Hamilton, the major event was the Pacific Rose Bowl Trust “Rose of the Year” celebrations. The winning rose was **Hayley Westenra** (Tangust), named after the young NZ singer making waves overseas. The celebrations included the Waikato Rose Society Spring Show – always a marvellous display with hundreds of entries of top quality.

Meanwhile, in the South Island the National Spring Rose Show was held in the pretty seaside city of Timaru, the home of the noted Trevor Griffiths rose garden. Guest of Honour was WFRS President Sheenagh Harris.

A major highlight of the spring season was the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the N Z International Rose Trial Grounds in Palmerston North on 5<sup>th</sup> December. I had the privilege of presenting a special WFRS Award of Excellence to the breeder of the entry winning the Gold Star of the South Pacific for the highest pointed rose in Trial 40. Bob Matthews of Matthews Roses Ltd accepted the award for his very healthy, dark red floribunda. The rose is yet to be named but has the breeding code of MAttconvent. Bob also won an award as agent for Fryers with the cultivar Frykeyno, a yellow floribunda known in N Z as **Ivey Hall**. This rose also had success in The Hague trials. The other major awards went to Rob Somerfield of Glen Avon Nurseries in Tauranga. Sombeethree is a most unusual coloured floribunda of rich cream with a green tinge and named **Lemon ‘n Lime**. Somirevon, named **Diamond Design**, is a well shaped HT with blooms of cream with a striking pink edge, a very free flowering bush which is typical of Somerfield entries.





A special feature of the day was the marvellous display of previous winners over the years, along with photos of those that could not be sourced. The display was co-ordinated by Hayden Foulds, a very enthusiastic young man known to many overseas rosarians. The Manawatu Rose Society Spring Show was also held at the

same venue making for a nice rosy event.

I can report that in my role as Convenor for the WFRS Regional Convention in 2013 in Palmerston North, New Zealand, that we are making good progress with our plans. More information will be available in 2011.

### **Far East (China, Japan) Takamasa Tsuge – Photos Takamasa Tsuge**

A proposal for an International Heritage Rose Conference in China: (editor's note: this proposal has since been withdrawn)



Mr. Wang Yong Lin fourth from left, next to Mr Takamasa Tsuge third from right Mr. Jiang Hongtao, VP Cina Rose Society

In early October 2010, I had the opportunity to meet Mr. Wang Yong Lin, Vice-Mayor of Taicang city in China. Prior to this, Taicang opened the newly created “The En-Tian Rose Park” in commemoration of the hundredth anniversary of the birth of Mrs. Jiang En-Tian, known as “the Mother of the Rose” in China because of her outstanding contribution to promoting roses throughout her life.

Mr Wang, the Vice-Mayor, expressed his strong desire to hold an International Heritage Rose Conference in Taicang in 2014.

The main venue should be there, approximately 50 km from the city-centre of Shanghai.

During the meeting, with officials from the city and Mr. Jiang Hongtao, a vice-president of the China Rose Society, we discussed the vital elements of holding a conference including the

Mrs. Jiang Entian Memorial Hall and Entian Rose Park



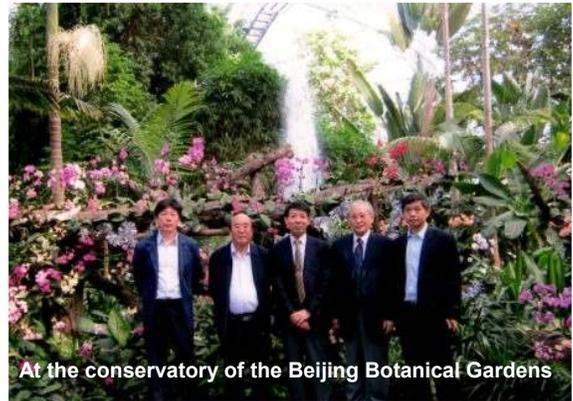
and wish to present their proposal to the meeting of the Heritage Rose Committee.

A return visit to Beijing Botanical Gardens: Mr. Keiji Ito, Director of Metropolitan Tokyo Botanical Garden paid a visit in return to Beijing Botanical Garden in early October 2010. Both gardens have agreed there will be an exchange of plants during 2011 which is desirable for and beneficial to each garden.

possibility of arranging a sort of “fact-finding tour” to the places where species roses are found in nature as a pre- or post-conference tour.

I had a feeling that Mr. Wang and his team are enthusiastic about it, and therefore see it as an issue truly worthy of consideration.

Delegates from Taicang are planning to participate in the 12<sup>th</sup> International Heritage Conference in Sakura in May



## **Central Asia (Bangladesh, India, Pakistan)** **Mian Zafar Iqbal**

It is heartening to note that the Pakistan National Rose Society,(PNRS) is effectively heading towards its goal of creating awareness and generating interest vis á vis rose cultivation throughout the country. Moreover, it is also a matter of great satisfaction that PNRS’s efforts are now being appreciated on the global level and its ties with the rose world are strengthening everyday. The Pakistan National Rose Society is in constant contact with the office bearers as well as the member societies of the World Federation of Rose Societies (WFRS).

Two events from the 2009 Vancouver Convention are worth mentioning again: the presentation of the International Friendship Award “The Richard and Della Balfour Gold Medal” by PNRS to Dr. Tommy Cairns (past president WFRS); and World Literary Award to the Book *Indigenous and Wild Roses of Pakistan* by Dr. Mahmooda Hashmi, Patron and Editor of PNRS. It was indeed a great honour for the authoress and PNRS.

A brief account of other important activities undertaken by PNRS during the period under report are as follows:

The Pakistan National Rose Society organises a rose festival during the spring season every year. In 2010 the festival was held in the Islamabad Club. A large number of people from different walks of life attended the show and relished the taste of spring. Rose lovers

professionals and amateurs from different cities in Pakistan participated. Mr. Ibrahim, a nursery owner and breeder of Pattoki city with his members from this area, brought some of the new varieties they had introduced during the year. These were also displayed at the rose show. A prize presentation ceremony was the last event of the Festival.



The *Rose Annual 2010* was also published at this Rose Festival to disseminate information about different aspects of roses. This includes articles by eminent rosarians of the country and abroad. Articles by the President of the WFRS, Sheenagh Harris, and Dr. Tommy Cairns have valuable information worth reading.

As far as my contacts with the member countries are concerned, I am in constant touch with the management of the Indian Rose Federation. Their activities are as below:

The Indian Rose Federation is the apex body of the Rose Societies in India and is a member of the World Federation of Rose Societies.

It organises the Annual Rose Convention and the Rose Shows in collaboration with the local Rose Society for hobbyists as well as modern large scale rose growers in various parts of India. It publishes articles and research papers on rose cultivation written by eminent scientists, professors and industrial florists in *The Indian Rose Annual*, which is edited by eminent rosarian and rose breeders, Mrs. Girija and Mr. M. S. Viraraghavan.

Seminars, workshops, lectures and visits to rose gardens in the area are also organised during the Convention.

The 28th All India Rose Convention and Rose Show organised by the Federation was hosted by Mumbai Rose Society on 16th and 17th of January, 2010 at Mumbai University's Kaloria Campus.

The calendar of Indian Rose events for 2010:

JANUARY : 28TH ALL INDIA ROSE CONVENTION AND  
ROSE SHOW – MUMBAI  
SEPTEMBER MONSOON ROSE SHOW – MUMBAI ROSE SOCIETY  
MONSOON ROSE SHOW – PUNE ROSE SOCIETY  
DECEMBER: ANNUAL ROSE SHOW – ALL LOCAL ROSE SOCIETIES  
AT THEIR RESPECTIVE CITIES  
JANUARY 2011: 29TH ALL INDIA ROSE CONVENTION & ROSE SHOW  
AT AMRAVATI

Finally I want to offer some suggestions. The World Federation of Rose Societies should reduce the cost of its conferences for its participants especially rosarians from this part of the world. They should not be profit-making events; otherwise ordinary participants from this part of the world will be fewer, which is not desirable.

### **Africa (South Africa)** **Alan Tew**

Happenings Down South.

Like in so many other countries around the globe curious anomalies in weather patterns have occurred in South Africa. There has been a serious lack of rain in some parts to the south and buckets of rain to the north, but the remarkable thing is the ability of roses to handle these vagaries with equanimity and beauty. What a joy it is to love such a rewarding and tolerant flower.

In October ROSA held its biennial national rose convention in Knysna, hosted by the young and vibrant Knysna Rose Society. It was titled Garden Route Roses 2010 and was well attended. It was of course honoured by the presence of Sheenagh Harris as World President of WFRS and it was a pleasure to welcome her on her native soil. So much of time whilst in office involves travel around the rose world so it would have been a relief for her to have to drive only a 1000 miles or so to get down to Garden Route Roses 2010.

It was a great pleasure also to have Thomas Proll with us from Germany and he together with Ludwig Taschner of local rose fame were able to present a new rose that was named **Knysna** by the Mayor of Knysna herself during the proceedings. Although in the run-up to October, near drought conditions prevailed in the broad locality, roses on show were bountiful and very 'showy'

Throughout the country the local rose societies have been active in many enterprising ways, which is good as we are finding it somewhat difficult to keep up memberships; competition for time with prepackaged entertainment and hobby activities, and of course there are financial pressures as well.

But we are all conscious that it is all for the love of a Rose!

## **Australasia – Down Under and – Over the Ditch!** **Sheenagh Harris (All photos, Sheenagh except those specified)**

Call these beautiful countries in the Southern Hemisphere what you like – I found the people to be knowledgeable and enthusiastic rose lovers, who showed me great friendship and a warm welcome, always with a delightful sense of humour.

The National Rose Society of Australia invited me, instigated by Kelvin Trimper, to visit the rose societies in all five states of this rose loving country. This was a most generous invitation that included all travelling expenses and in each state I was cared for by the local rose society members. I was also invited to unveil the sculpture of WFRS Emeritus President David Ruston – one of our most eminent rosarians. This is undoubtedly the greatest honour that could have been bestowed on me and for all this I am most grateful.

I flew to Sydney where I transferred to Brisbane and my introduction to Australia was a great big Australian man who kindly gave me his seat on the airport bus which made a profound impression. However, as I accepted his seat he said: “park your ass” in his very broad Australian accent! This set the tone for the tour for wherever I went the Australian humour was very much to the fore! Also waiting to catch the plane to Brisbane were Ted and Meryl Morphett (two Rose Society members from Sydney) – what a delightful surprise and a good start to a very special time.

In Brisbane the National Rose Society of Australia was meeting for their Annual General Meeting, National Rose Championships and a weekend of beautiful gardens, friendship and fun, organised by Tony and Sue Stallwood and their able committee. I was impressed to find that ALL states, despite the enormous distances, were represented at the most professionally run AGM. The show hall was packed with roses (600 entries) of a high standard and I was honoured to be asked to say a few words on this occasion. I particularly enjoyed the HRIA (Heritage Roses in Australia Inc) display table depicting the early years in Brisbane. At the farewell dinner it was a very special pleasure to present awards to Peter Burton and Tony Stallwood.



The Heritage Roses In Australia biennial conference took place in Toowong, where I was made welcome by President Barbara (and Vic) Beerling and the convention organizers Bernadette and David Curley. This four day event was crammed full of beautiful and very varied gardens, an interesting lecture morning at which I was asked to speak about the forthcoming conventions in Sakura, Japan (May 2011), South Africa (October, 2012) and Lyon in France (2015) and a most enjoyable dinner at a restaurant with a 360 degree view of the city below. A highlight was the quaint town of Toowoomba which boasts no less than 250 public gardens and includes a State Rose Garden of note. How fortunate I was that my visit coincided with this enjoyable conference with attendee numbers varying from 85 to 100 delegates. This area is very much in my thoughts at this time as they experience devastating floods.



New Farm Park, Brisbane



Dalenchampia in Leonie and Terry Kearney's Garden, Rosevale Homestead at Samsonvale

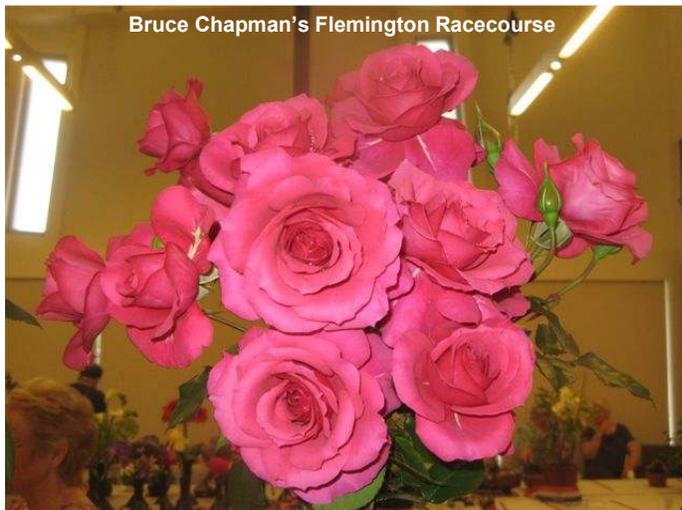
Doug and Glynis Hayne met me at the Sydney airport and whisked me off to the Ingleburn Horticulture and Rose Show in time to present awards and prizes, among which



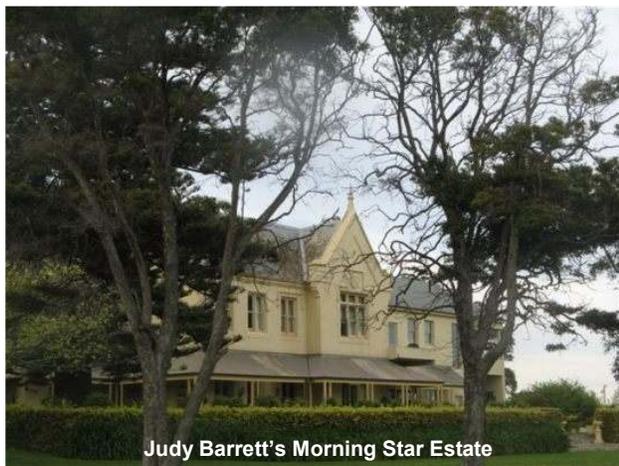
Ted and Meryl Morphett's winner at Ingleburn

were ten to the members who had given the longest continuous service to the society - the total years added up to 250 – quite a record. That night the Haynes gave a party with a delicious menu which included South African fare, and where I enjoyed meeting some of the local rosarians. The next morning we attended the launch of the Elizabeth McQuarrie Iris – it was interesting to see that other societies do things with a similar aplomb to rosarians!

First thing on Monday 11th October I flew to Melbourne and was met by Ian and Sadie Spriggs together with Judy Barrett of Morning Star Estate, who kindly took me to Victoria's Flemington Race Course to see the 16,000 roses full of buds which would open in time to welcome the many guests to the Melbourne cup. I was green with envy of those who would see Bruce Chapman's **Flemington Racecourse** rose in its full glory. Terry Freeman kindly gave us a guided tour of this famous and very beautiful racecourse. Kelvin Trimper referred to this tour as a Royal tour and on Judy's 18 acre estate I felt like royalty in her beautiful manor house where my spacious bedroom had a



Bruce Chapman's Flemington Racecourse



Judy Barrett's Morning Star Estate



Mornington Botanical Park Rose Garden

view of the 45,000 roses and neat rows of grape vines. I was very pleased to have the opportunity to attend the Victoria Rose Society meeting which also gave me the opportunity to advertise ROSAFRICA 2012. What a pleasure it was, despite a very windy

day to meet the volunteers of the Mornington Rose Garden. This area is to be congratulated on the three magnificent rose gardens all cared for entirely by volunteers – Morewell Centenary Rose Garden, Victoria State Rose Garden, and Mornington Botanical Rose Garden.

The next day found me flying to Adelaide where I was met by the President of the SA Rose Society, Aileen Scott, the WFRS Executive Director, Malcolm Watson and Wendy Trimper, my host for the next few days. It felt like going home being in lovely Adelaide and staying with the Trimpers again – it brought back happy memories of the outstanding convention – Rose Adelaide in 2008. Once again every minute of the day was crammed full of rose related functions from meeting Angus Irwin of Neutrog to attending the South Australia monthly meeting where once again I was kindly given the opportunity to give a presentation

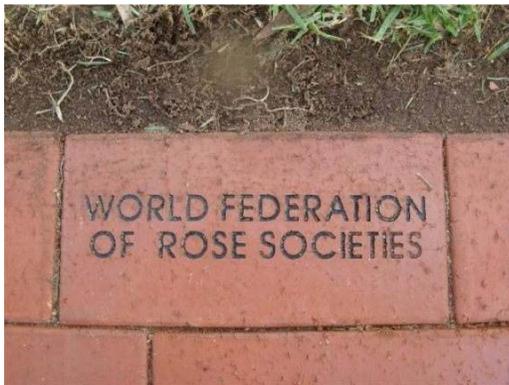


Sheenagh with a posie of the rose Madam President  
Photo Wendy Trimper



With Michael Harbison, then Lord Mayor of Adelaide  
Photo Wendy Trimper

on the world convention to be held in South Africa. For me it was most fortunate that my visit to Adelaide coincided with the National Rose Trial Garden Awards at the Adelaide Town Hall where **Pope John Paul II** was awarded the 'Rose of the Year 2010.'



WFRS brick paver donation to the sculpture fund

Next came what must have been the most important time in the Australian Rose calendar in 2010 – the unveiling of the David Ruston sculpture. It was a very special weekend starting with a dinner for those who had come to witness this very special celebration for David; a steam boat trip up the Murray River; the opening of the Renmark Rose Festival, the magnificent floral displays in the Renmark Institute, an art exhibition and a dinner for about 200 people to honour David and of course the unveiling.



Araluen Botanical Garden, WA

The last port of call was Perth where Viv Etter arranged a most enjoyable barbeque at her home, Swiss Rose Farm, for the Perth Rose Society members. Once again I was given the opportunity to give the presentation on ROSAFRICA 2012 and the next day she kindly took time away from her rose nursery to take me to Araluen Botanical Gardens where the Heritage Roses were breath taking.

Twenty days in this beautiful country among friendly rose loving people was an example of a happy, well-run rose society. Not only are they

rose knowledgeable to the extent they often know the breeder and parentage of a rose, but their enthusiasm is infectious and their warmth and sense of humour endearing. I was most impressed by their professionalism and efficiency in running their rose societies. No wonder they received so many awards at the Vancouver world convention! I am most grateful to the NRSA for a well organised and most memorable visit.

I returned to my home town, Johannesburg for one day before motoring to Knysna for the very well organised National convention by our youngest society of only 4 years!

Two weeks later at the invitation of Norma Manuel of the Auckland Rose Society in New Zealand I returned to Australasia, this time to Auckland for a very happy and relaxed time visiting well known rose gardens with magnificent roses – Parnell Rose Garden was a kaleidoscope of colour; Auckland Botanical gardens where the Heritage and modern roses were at the height of the first flush – I shall never forget the reflection of a

row of **Mutabilis** in the lake; Hamilton Gardens, where the roses in Roger's Rose Garden were not ready for visitors. Peter Elliott and Nola Simpson kindly took Norma and me to the Dugald McKenzie rose garden and trial grounds at Palmerston North, where Nola was able to show us some interesting and very different roses of her own breeding.



Nola Simpson and her rose, Jellytip



Citrus Splash, Parnell

To my great joy, the Trevor Griffiths rose garden could be seen from the hotel window in Timaru where Norma and I attended the Annual National Rose Show where there were 700 entries and no less than 40 judges. This function was attended by representatives from almost all of the 42 rose societies in New Zealand. Such enthusiasm for the rose must be hard to beat. Once again I was given the honour of opening the show and at the dinner that night of presenting the prizes which seemed to be endless and such large and impressive trophies. I was happy to give a power point presentation to the delegates during the afternoon. The next day I was most fortunate to be taken to see the excellent collection of Heritage Roses in the Timaru Botanical Gardens and then to the most beautiful private garden of Val and Mike Clarke at Oamaru.



Derrol White's winning entry at Timaru



Phyllis Bide at the entrance to the Trevor Griffiths' Garden at Timaru



Val and Michael Clarke's superb rose garden at Oamaru with the magnificent Rosarium Uetersen on the arch



With Lois Tabb having fun with rose-decorated hats in Timaru

in record time. The last garden I visited was Mona Vale where the roses were a little disappointing but the gardens of private houses running down to the river were a picture. Nine rose gardens in a short space of time is what I call 'real indulgence' and I am most grateful to Norma and the South Canterbury Rose Society for hosting me in their beautiful country that I will always associate with masses of large and magnificent roses.

In Christchurch I said good-bye to Normal Manuel who had escorted me thus far and here I was hosted by Dawn Eagle, President of the NZ Rose Society and she kindly took me to see the Heritage roses in Hagley Park with roses in full bloom covering large trees. Earthquake damage was evident in parts of Christchurch but the authorities have cleared the debris and repaired roads, etc.



Linda Campbell, Rugosa Shrub grown from a cutting by Dawn Eagle in Christchurch



Heritage Roses at Hagley Park, Christchurch



Avon River, Mona Vale, Christchurch

### **Dates to Remember and Special Events**

**12<sup>th</sup> International Heritage Rose Conference – Sakura, Japan, May 28 – June 3 2011**  
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**The WFRS 12<sup>th</sup> International Heritage Rose Conference in Sakura, Japan, 2011** (all photos Dr. Yuki Mikanagi – photos of the City of Sakura Rose Garden and Ikebana by Mr. Jiro Ogawa)

It is only three months until we host the International Heritage Rose Conference, the first of the events of this genre in Asia. This is going to be a rather modest event, planned and organised by common rose lovers, and supported by residents of a small local city. Over fifty of them are willing to lend their help to us as volunteers.



Fortunately, the preparations for this important event are going on steadily, thanks to the kind advice of many rose experts of the world. We are happy to report that we are able to offer twelve thought-provoking lectures by leading rose experts of the world, covering wide topics



on the research on the history of roses, on the recent efforts for the conservation of precious rose varieties, on horticultural, and taxonomic studies, and chemistry of rose fragrances, etc. We hope our lecture programme will provide you with valuable information on the genuine value of the flower we love.

The conference starts with the two lectures open to the public scheduled on the afternoon of Saturday, the 28<sup>th</sup> of May. Besides the regular programme of the twelve lectures we have so far announced on our website, Mrs. Odile Masquelier (France) and Dr. Gérald Meylan (Switzerland) will kindly give lectures for the citizens of Sakura. Those of you who arrive in Sakura early on Saturday are welcome to attend these lectures.

At the conference dinner on Tuesday, the 31<sup>st</sup>, Mr. Jiro Ogawa, a noted ikebana expert of the Ikenobo School, with

the longest history among many ikebana schools, will demonstrate how to arrange flowers, using some heritage roses, and explaining the philosophy behind the art of traditional ikebana.

The post-conference tour programme consists of two different courses. On Tour 1, you will visit the Flower Festival Commemorative Park in Gifu, noted for the number of different varieties it displays, and the Hida-Takayama area also in Gifu, which preserves the typical old townscape of Japan. On Tour 2, we will visit the natural habits of two wild roses – ***Rosa acicularis*** and ***R. rugosa*** - and two rose gardens, one of which is Echigo Hillside Park garden known as a fragrant rose garden.



For further details, please visit our website (see below). As of the end of January, there is still room for accepting sixty more registrants. If you have an interest in this conference, please register as soon as possible, using the form available on the website.

It is a great pleasure for us to be able to welcome many heritage rose lovers from around the world, and to promote friendship with them through the exchange of

information on the flower we all love despite the differences in cultural backgrounds. We also believe that this conference will provide a good opportunity for you to see things Japanese, and share a happy time with heritage rose lovers in Japan. We are looking forward to welcoming you to Sakura in May, 2011.

Katsuhiko Maebara  
Chairman  
The WFRS 12<sup>th</sup> International Heritage Rose Conference  
Organising Committee  
<http://www.heritageroses.jp/conference-sakura2011/>



## 16<sup>th</sup> World Rose Convention – Sandton, South Africa, October 10-18 2012



### 16<sup>th</sup> WORLD ROSE CONVENTION SANDTON, SOUTH AFRICA OCTOBER 11 TO 18, 2012

With only 20 months to go, progress on ROSAFRICA 2012 is accelerating at a great pace and we have pleasure in updating you on the following aspects of the Convention that have been finalised:

- ❖ The Convention venue, Rosebank Union, is gearing up for the event and the extensive gardens have had a wonderful facelift. Ludwig Taschner has planted 800 roses in the entrance gardens and the first blooming was very colourful. In October 2012 the roses will give a spectacular display welcoming delegates from around the world to the Convention.
- ❖ Each of the convention days will comprise of morning lectures followed by afternoon garden visits. Greater Johannesburg is well known for its beautiful private gardens and we are privileged to have an entrée to some of the best, including the Mayfair Mosque with 1 000 roses. Each visit will have its own personal touch organised and arranged by our very able gardening team. Some of these gardens will be featured in a South African Rose Garden Calendar to be sold at the convention 'rose shop'.
- ❖ To date eight international speakers have accepted our invitation to give presentations at the Convention. All experts in their particular fields, we are honoured to have Dale Akerstrom (Canada), Marcus Brunsing (Germany), Breda Copi (Slovenia), Gwen Fagan

(South Africa), Hayden Foulds (New Zealand), Gerald Meylan (Switzerland), Melanie Trimper (Australia) together with Michael Marriott (United Kingdom). By the next communication we will have a more extensive list of speakers to share with you, which will include many other countries.

Your Convention Convenors are currently hard at work on finalising costings in order to keep prices as affordable as possible. Please consult the website [www.rosafrica2012.co.za](http://www.rosafrica2012.co.za) on a regular basis for further information.

## **World Federation of Rose Societies Regional Convention – Palmerston North, New Zealand, November 22 – 28, 2013,**

For regular updates on the information for the convention, go to [www.nzroses.org.nz](http://www.nzroses.org.nz)

## **17<sup>th</sup> World Rose Convention – Lyon, France, June 3-9, 2015**

Hosted by the Société Française des Roses 'Les Amis des Roses'

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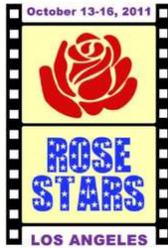
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### Join us for American Rose Society National Convention Hosted by Los Angeles Tinseltown Rose Society



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[rosestars.com](http://rosestars.com)

#### About The Convention

Join us for this historic and splendiferous event that promises to be entirely different from all other previous conventions. Notable features are:

- i Compact filled three day event
- i Registration fee covers all events
- i National Rose Show
- i Recognition Banquet Feast
- i Judging Rose Hills International Rose Trials
- i Visit to world famous Getty Center
- i Lectures by international speakers
- i Awards Banquet
- i Two Post Tours

#### Terrific Rose Show "At The Movies"

The centerpiece of any ARS Convention is the National Rose Show, and attendees will be richly rewarded by the terrific display planned for this convention. Roses grown in Southern California with amazing success due to the mild subtropical climate. Attendees will marvel at the international style bowls and baskets displayed to ultimate perfection. Besides the eleven ARS National Trophy Classes, there are 19 District Challenge Classes displaying every horticultural class in almost every combination possible.

In the Arrangement Division, the "At The Movies" theme has been expanded into a schedule that can best be described as a work of art. Each of the 38 classes carries a well known movie title. This beautifully choreographed schedule is an educational journey down memory lane for movie buffs. And to add to the drama and excellence of this unique rose show, will be the "Opening Ceremonies" happening during the "Welcoming Reception" as attendees enter via the special red carpet to the sea of roses!

#### Keynote Speakers

- i Kelvin Trimper, Adelaide, Australia
- i Tony Bracegirdle, Ramsbottom, England
- i Jacques Mouchotte, Antibes, France
- i Sheenagh Harris, Johannesburg, South Africa

#### Recognition Awards Feast

After the presentations by the keynote speakers, attendees are treated in the evening to a seafood and prime rib feast fit for royalty and enjoy the presentation of various awards.

#### Rose Hills International Rose Trails

All attendees participating in this convention will be invited as judges! On Saturday morning, attendees will be transported to the dramatic "Pageant of Roses Garden" at Rose Hills Memorial Park located in Whittier, in motor coaches designed with such rose names as 'Peace', 'Iceberg', and 'Gemini'. Each motor coach will have two rose society members as docents to explain the local sights.

#### Getty Center & Gardens

After the exciting morning among the 9000 rose bushes at Rose Hills, attendees will board their respective motor coaches for an afternoon visit to view the famous Getty Center and Gardens – a colossal complex of art galleries and gardens. On arrival, you will board the special trams up the hill to the Getty Center. Lunch on your own in the tranquil gardens is a must!

#### ARS Awards Banquet

Attendees can prepare for the main event - the dramatic climax to every convention, "The Awards Banquet." In true Hollywood style, bring along your digital camera for you will rub shoulders with the stars! Since it is Hollywood you can expect the awards ceremonies to be conducted just like the Oscars! Set in the gigantic Sierra Ballroom complex, the attendees will be treated to an international range of cuisines in a buffet style setting - Italian, American, Mexican, and French. No one will leave this convention complaining about the food or being hungry.

#### Registration Form

Registration Fee online at [rosestars.com](http://rosestars.com).

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