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Snow-Cap 'Signature'
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EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Happy Holidays! Welcome to the December issue of the *World Rose News*. Our cover design by John Mattia welcomes in the new year with a snow-capped rose so common in the northern hemisphere.

By now many of you have registered for the Kolkata Regional Convention in January. Hope to see you there!

Our next event after Kolkata is the WFRS Heritage Conference in Brussels, Belgium, in June, 2020. Register early and spend some extra time judging at one or more of the International Rose Trials throughout Europe. It is a lot of fun. One of our favorites is the trials in Baden-Baden, Germany, just after the convention. The conference website just went online last month, www.rosabelgica2020.com.

Also included in this edition is an update on the 2021 World Rose Convention in Adelaide and a contest to name a rose for the convention.

And another WFRS Vice President reports on her activities since the last World Convention in Denmark.

I could use some more articles on Secret Gardens. These are special gardens, private or public that are not WFRS Award of Garden Excellence winners. If you want to contribute, please send the article to the editor.

Enjoy!

Steve Jones, Fiddletown, CA, United States



'Carding Mill'

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This publication is from the WFRS Conservation & Heritage Rose Committee and covers species, old garden, and historical roses and the efforts to collect and save them.

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www.worldrose.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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December 2019



Photo: Henrienne de Briey

Henrienne de Briey
WFRS President

Dear Rose friends:

As Christmas and New Year celebrations are coming soon, we are happy to share them with our families.

This is an opportunity to remind ourselves that we are all part of another big family that crosses borders that bring us together around the pleasure of cultivating, admiring, and smelling the scent of roses.

The year 2019 is coming to an end, but for me it was an extremely rich time of discovering new magical places with exceptional encounters in India, China, Poland and Australia. Everywhere the promotion of the rose was the common thread.

But to complete my 2019's rose journey as your President, I must also add some great events around the rose such as the visit to the "Chateau de la Colle Noire" with the Friends of the Princess Grace Rose Garden, and of course many International Rose Trials in Europe which are always unique opportunities to meet rose friends and breeders whether they are professional or amateurs, and to award their best roses.

What beautiful memories and interesting exchanges evolve around the rose.

The Year 2020 is shaping up with two major events on our rose calendar. First, our next Regional Convention in Kolkata, India, "The City of Joy", a unique opportunity to share together the values of friendship at the dawn of the new year.

Second, in June 2020, we will have another event with the 15th International Heritage Rose Conference in Brussels, Belgium. If we add all the International Rose Trials with three new ones, Nyon Switzerland, Bologna Italy, and Warsaw Poland, and the rose shows outside Europe, it is obvious that the rose activity will be intense for this upcoming year.

May this 2020's program, that promise of quality, become the spark to spread our passion for the rose with joy, fraternity, and peace all around the world.

With all my best wishes of happiness for the new year.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Derek Lawrence

December 5th 2019 marked the bi-centenary of the birth of Samuel Reynolds Hole, one of the most remarkable characters of the rose world.

Hole was born in Ardwick near Manchester, England in 1819. He spent most of his early life living in rural Nottinghamshire, where he developed an interest in Christianity, rose culture and a devotion for cricket. He studied theology at Brasenose College, Oxford, and pursued his ecclesiastical interest with the Church. He was ordained in 1844, and after taking holy orders, became the vicar of Cauntton in 1850. He had a kind and thoughtful reputation for caring for those who suffered; it is well-documented that he assisted the poor and people whose lives were blighted by illness.

He continued with his passion for roses, planting a number of cultivars in the vicarage garden. Over the years, the total he amassed was in the region of 5,000 bushes. Many of the villagers were attracted to the abundance of colour and fragrance emitted which had been created. He realised that his stately blooms were making an impact and giving endless pleasure. I imagine that's when Hole became interested in exhibiting his blooms.

When he wasn't conducting his duties for the Church, he visited many small flower shows, staged by Nottinghamshire mining communities. These inspirational friendly events fired Hole's imagination to organise Britain's first-ever Grand National Rose Show, with the assistance of fellow clergymen. It was held in 1858 at St. James's Hall, Piccadilly, London where 2,000 enthusiastic members of the public attended. The following year the show was staged at Hanover Square, and in 1860 it moved to the Crystal Palace, which received a record number of 16,000 visitors. It soon became apparent to Hole how much his fellow Victorians adored the '*Queen of all Flowers*' and felt that the creation of a national organisation would further enhance the development of the rose, and bring knowledge to those gardeners eager to know more about the genus.

On 9th December 1876 the world's first national rose society was founded in London. Revd. Canon Hole, as he became known, was appointed the Society's first President, and his colleagues the Revd. D. Honeywood D'ombrain and Horace K. Mayor were appointed as joint honorary secretaries.

Through Samuel Reynolds Hole's dogged determination, the rose was catapulted into the heart of the nation. Membership of the Society gradually increased and nurserymen were delighted to receive so much attention. Their order books became full, and demands for newly-bred cultivars were met. It is no exaggeration to say that this gentleman truly popularised rose shows. He was the recipient of more trophies than any other of the amateur exhibitors, and through his observant, sometimes humorous writings, brought the beauty and enduring charms of the rose to the forefront of the reader's attention. His classic, *A Book About Roses* was published in 1868 and became an instant success. It ran into many editions, and is still available to purchase by second-hand book sellers. Despite being a rather antiquated book, the knowledge, recommendations and revealing anecdotes given, remain relevant 150 years later. I treasure my copy, which I stumbled across over 20 years ago.

In 1887 Canon Hole was elevated by the Church to become the Dean of Rochester Cathedral in Kent, but remained as President of the National Rose Society until his death in 1904.

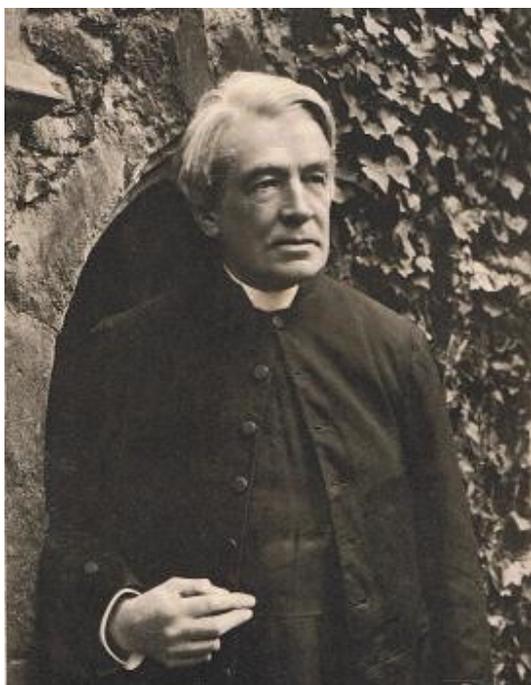
In honour of his tireless work for the benefit of the rose, the Society instituted “The Dean Hole Medal Award” in 1909. This highly prestigious award is bestowed to any professional or amateur rosarian who has demonstrated outstanding dedication and service to the rose. Since it was established, a number of eminent rosarians have been recipients. These included, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, WFRS Presidents Emeritus Lily de Gerlache de Gomery, Richard Balfour and David Ruston. WFRS Past Presidents Ken Grapes, Dr Tommy Cairns, WFRS Past Secretary Jill Bennell and nurserymen, Ralph Moore, Sam McGredy and David Austin.

Despite the sad demise of the RNRS in 2017, the newly formed ‘Rose Society UK’ has recently revived the Award, which will continue to recognise and celebrate the achievements of exceptional rosarians well into the 21st Century.

I must confess that I’m in awe of the great Samuel Reynolds Hole, who eventually became known as the ‘Rose King’. In many ways, he has given us all an immense legacy – the love of the rose. In this ever changing world, may this legacy continue to thrive, and warmly enrich our lives.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very joyful Christmas and prosperous New Year.

(Photos courtesy Derek Lawrence.)



Dean Hole left and right, Dean Hole Medal center

ROSE NEWS

Roses for charity

Alexandra of Denmark (1844-1925) daughter of King Christian the 9th was married in 1863 to Crown Prince Edward and became Queen of England in 1901. It was Queen Alexandra who in 1912 introduced the sale of roses in support of charitable causes and it was her idea of a rose as a buttonhole flower for any well-dressed man.

Since then, several rose breeders, especially in England, have dedicated roses to charity, where for each rose produced globally, an amount is donated for a specific charitable purpose.

The Danish Rose Breeding Company Roses-Forever has, for a number of years, generously donated an amount for charitable purposes from the sale of named roses. Rosa Eskelund is the world renowned rose breeder who bred these roses.

In 2012, sales of the rose 'Princess of Infinity' raised money for the Danish Heart Association of which HRH Crown Princess Mary is Patron. A sales period of 2 years with the aim of raising DKK 40,000 had been agreed. Long before the two years had passed, well over DKK 40,000 had been collected.

The participants of the WFRS regional convention in Slovenia in 2017 were surrounded by 'Princess of Infinity' roses at the hotel where many were staying and where meetings and lectures took place.

In 2015, Roses-Forever supported the association Innerwheel World by donating royalties from sales of the lovely bouquet rose 'Innerwheel'. This rose was named by HRH Princess Benedikte, sister to HM Queen Margrethe, during the Innerwheel convention in Copenhagen. The association has well over 100,000 members across the world, and considerable sums of money have been raised from sales of the rose benefitting Innerwheel's aid program for women and children in need.

In 2018, the rose 'Friendship Forever' was christened during the World Rose Convention in Copenhagen on the occasion of the World Federation of Rose Societies' 50th anniversary. The name was chosen from many good suggestions in a competition in the *World Rose News*. Rosa and her husband Harley Eskelund decided that 20% of the royalties paid by rose producers to produce the rose 'Friendship Forever' would be donated to help the WFRS promote interest in roses across the world. Such generous offers can quickly produce large sums, but only if rose lovers seek out and buy the rose, which we must therefore encourage. Plants can be purchased from Roses-Forever at roses-forever.dk.



'Friendship Forever'

50 GOLDEN YEARS

Editor: Jolene Adams

This sumptuous hardback volume commemorates the Golden Jubilee of the WFRS. The 180 pages delve into the Federation's fascinating archives, from its founding in London on 4th July 1968 to the present. The book explores the triumphs and achievements of an organisation whose charitable aim is to promote the sheer beauty and allurements of the rose around the world. Illustrated throughout with many splendid colour and black and white images, it celebrates past Conventions, International Trials, Gardens of Excellence, and much more.

The book is a must for any rose enthusiast and would make an ideal gift.

Costs £20.00 (twenty pounds sterling), plus postage and packing charges:

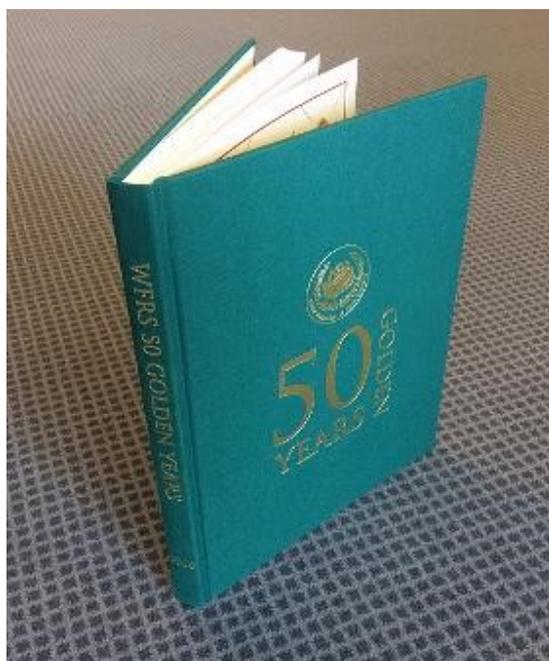
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Email: info@worldrose.org

Note: an errata sheet for the book has been added to the WFRS website available for downloading.



WFRS BREEDERS' CLUB

Editor: We are happy to announce the latest member of the Breeders' Club, Kordes Roses.

W. Kordes' Söhne is one of the most renowned rose breeder for garden roses, cut roses and pot roses. Our rose varieties are introduced by our agents and general licensees in over 30 countries and in many parts of the world Kordes' market share is very high. You will find roses from Kordes in many private gardens, public green spaces and botanical gardens.

At our company in Sparrieshoop you may buy roses all year long: rose plants, perennials, cut roses and garden accessories. From July on, the roses will flower in our rose garden, where you may find inspirations for your own garden. During the summer we also offer a large range of flowering container roses. Kordes is always worth a visit and you can reach us easily on your way to or from the North Sea, as we are situated near to highway 23 (take exit 13: Horst/Elmshorn).

Breeding and plant production

The breeding and most of the plant production of garden roses take place here in our main branch in Northern Germany. All types of garden roses like climbers, shrub roses, hybrid teas, patio roses, shrublets and floribundas are bred here, but also the breeding of cut roses for greenhouses and outdoor and the creation of new pot roses are done in Germany.

A total of 2.5 million roses are produced every year in our main branch, which are delivered to private clients and retailers during the whole year, as bare-rooted roses or in Plant-o-fix-pots®. In the summer, flowering container roses will be sold directly at Kordes and delivered to our clients.

In the 1990's, the importance of healthy and disease resistant garden roses increased. Kordes decided to totally stop the use of fungicides on the test fields. The result of this decision seemed to end in a disaster, the pressure of blackspot was so strong, nearly the whole field was defoliated. But against all doubts the new direction was continued and a few healthy varieties that resisted that high pressure of diseases gave hope for the future. Many of these varieties have been the origin of new strains in rose breeding, that only made it possible to create a new generation of healthy roses.

Many awards in national and international rose competitions (especially in German ADR-Trial, that is run without any use of pesticides) and, maybe even more important, very successful sales to many satisfied customers, are proving, that it was worth it to go the stony way.

At our company in Germany the first selection of cut roses takes place before the promising varieties are sent for further evaluation in the main cultivation regions in East Africa and South America where they have to prove themselves. Selection of cut roses for the local producers of Europe is also made in Sparrieshoop. The first selection of pot roses will be done here, but then they are sent to our partner in Denmark for further testing before they may call themselves Kordana®.

After more than 20 years the continuation of the generations of the Kordes family has taken place. The management, after the far too early death of Wilhelm Kordes III, now consists of Tim-Hermann Kordes of the 4th generation and John Vincent Kordes of the 5th generation.



Kordes Museum



Kordes Schaugarten



Kordes rose garden



Kordes production facility



'Rosengräfin Marie Henriette'

WFRS VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mireille Steil, VP Europe (Central)

(All photos courtesy of the author)

In July 2018 at the World Convention in Copenhagen, Denmark, I was elected WFRS Vice President, Europe (Central) covering the countries of Belgium, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, Germany, Monaco, France, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, and The Netherlands.

Already on the 12th July 2018 the Rose Trial in The Hague in the Netherlands was a first occasion to meet representatives from many of the above countries. The traditional rose trial is an important event on the Dutch rose calendar. The Golden Rose in this trial went to Marco Braun for 'Groeien Bloei'.



WFRS VP Mireille Steil (r) with Marco Braun (l) Golden Rose winner



WFRS Breeders' Club meeting in Le Roeulx

After the trials I seized the opportunity to visit the rose garden in Coloma (Belgium) on my way home to Luxembourg on the 13 July 2018. I found this garden to be in excellent condition and I can recommend it to all rose lovers.

After a nice summer of working and relaxing in my garden (this was a joke but the summer was hot and nice), I attended the Rose Trial in Le Roeulx (Belgium) on September 7th 2018. The rose trial in this charming little city has a special feel to it, as it is one of the last ones of the European rose season, with the warm atmosphere, special location and local beer making you feel comfortable amongst all the friends of the roses. The award in Le Roeulx went to Michèle Richardier for 'MR - 663'.

In Le Roeulx, I attended my first assembly of the Breeders' Club where I had the pleasure to meet the organizers of the European rose trials.



Baden-Baden Rose Trials closing event



Rambler trellis in L'Haÿ-les-Roses, France

On October 2nd 2018, I was invited to the closing party at the Beutig Rose Trial Garden in Baden-Baden, Germany. In the presence of the Mayor of Baden-Baden, Mrs Margret Mergen, Mr. Markus Brunsing thanked the representatives of the German rose associations and the volunteers working in the rose gardens for their support throughout the year. As always, I found the “Beutig” in a perfect condition.

On January 26th 2019 it was the annual meeting of the “Les Amis des Roses L’Haÿ-Les-Roses” at the rose garden L’Haÿ-Les-Roses (France). The meeting closed with an interesting lecture by Paul Lefèbvre, about the founder of this rose-garden, Mr. Jules Gravereaux.

The Breeders’ Club meeting took me to Geneva, Switzerland on February 28th 2019. As always it was a successful meeting with constructive discussions about trials and new guidelines for their organization.

From April/May 2019 I attended the Nanyang Regional Rose Convention in China.

The rose trial on 10th May 2019 in Barcelona (SP) was the start of the new rose season. In this first trial, I was the President of the Day and I would present the awards to winners.



Mireille Steil presenting the top award to Arnau Garcia Ferrer in Barcelona



Barcelona Rose Trials, WFRS VP Breda Čopi second from right

After Barcelona, I attended the following rose trials throughout Europe: 7 June 2019 Lyon, France; 13 June 2019 Bagatelle, Paris, France; 17-18 June 2019 Baden-Baden, Germany; 19 June 2019 Saverne, France; 28 June 2019 Kortrijk, Belgium; 13 July 2019 The Hague, Netherlands; 6 September 2019 Le Roeulx, Belgium, rose trial and Breeders’ Club meeting; and finally, I closed out the rose trial season on 12th September 2019 with the Orléans, France Rose Trial. On this occasion I had the opportunity to visit the Nursery of “Roses Anciennes André Eve” in company of the breeder Jérôme Râteau.



2019 Lyon Rose Trials



2019 Rose Trials at Bagatelle



The Hague Golden Rose winner,
Martin Vissars, Belgium



Ladies in floral dress, The Hague



2019 rose trials, Le Roeulx



Perfume Team, Baden-Baden



Judging team, Le Roeulx



Le Roeulx test winner



2019 Rose Trials, Orléans



Jérôme Râteau in the nursery

In between the different trials, I was invited to L'Hay-les-Roses, France for the Baptism of the Rose 'Ami Bernard Mandô' by Jérôme Râteau (Roses Anciennes André Eve), on 9th June 2019.

On 22th June 2019, it was the annual meeting of the German Rose Association in Heilbronn, Germany where I had the opportunity to have an exchange with the President and the members of the board.

On 14th July 2019, I had the occasion to visit rose breeder Martin Vissers rose fields in Herselt, Belgium.



Baptism of the Rose 'Ami Bernard Mandô'



Sangerhausen Rose Garden

On 21st July 2019, I was invited by my French rose friends to visit their rose garden in Rosheim (Alsace), France. On that sunny day, they had organized a great event in their garden and had a lot of visitors. Despite the very dry summer, I found their lovely rose garden in good condition.

On 8th August 2019, I was in Sangerhausen (D) to visit the WFRS Award of Garden Excellence rose garden. During this visit, I had the opportunity to meet the German garden directors, who were there for their annual meeting.

Throughout the year, together with some volunteers, we take care of the rose-garden in my home town, where we are gathering the national heritage of the old roses created in Luxembourg. We regularly have the pleasure to welcome rose friends from all over Europe in our garden and it will be part of the visits in the Post-tour of the 15th Heritage Rose Conference in Belgium.

To conclude I can say that my first year as WFRS Vice-President was very exciting. I had the opportunity to attend a lot of interesting meetings, discover new gardens, meet new rose enthusiasts. I'm looking forward to the coming rose season, to continue to reinforce my relations with the rose-associations of the different countries and to meet you all again at the Heritage Rose Conference organized by the Royal National Belgian Rose Society in June 2020.



With friends in their rose garden, Rosheim



Luxembourg Rose Garden

“COLOURS OF JOY” - 2020 WFRS REGIONAL CONVENTION, KOLKATA, INDIA



LAST CHANCE!!!

It's your last chance to attend this Regional Convention which will convene in a few weeks. Visit the website for more information on the convention and pre and post tours.

The pre tour (5-7 January 2020) takes us to the Sundarbans, the Magic Delta, home to mangroves and rare tigers. The convention covers the dates 9-12 January 2020. The post tour (13-18 January 2020) takes us to the Himalayas and Darjeeling, home to some of the finest tea in the world.

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2020 WFRS HERITAGE ROSE CONFERENCE - BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

Planning for the 2020 15th Heritage Rose Conference in Brussels, Belgium is well underway. Hosted by the Royal National Belgium Rose Society, the conference will have garden tours and lectures from 8-12 June 2020, and pre tour visits to gardens in Bruges, Antwerp, and Ghent from 6-8 June 2020, a post tour visiting gardens of Namur, Saint Hubert, and Luxembourg from 13-15 June 2020. The website is now up and you can register on line. The early bird registration ends 31 January 2020.

The 15th International Heritage Rose Conference

**June 8-12, 2020
Brussels, Belgium**

INVITATION

Organized by Rosa Belgica for
the World Federation of Rose Societies

5 days of conferences, exclusive visits
to rose producers, rose gardens
and social events.

Optional pre-tour in the North of Belgium,
post-tour in the South of Belgium and
Luxembourg

Registration opens on **October 15, 2019**
More info on
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2021 WFRS WORLD ROSE CONVENTION - ADELAIDE, AUSTRALIA



THE 2021 WFRS WORLD ROSE CONVENTION ANNOUNCES ITS 'NAME THE ROSE' COMPETITION

Have you ever wanted to name a rose? Rosarians around the world are being invited to invent a suitable name for the Australian bred rose recently selected as the official Convention rose to be promoted at the 19th WFRS World Rose Convention in Adelaide. The 2021 Convention is aptly named 'Celebration '21' and will be a massive celebration of all things roses!

From 21 - 28 October, 2021, the National Rose Society of Australia (NRSA), with the support of its five State Rose Societies, will welcome rose enthusiasts from around the world and across Australia to participate in the World Federation of Rose Societies' 19th World Rose Convention. This special occasion is held every three years and has only been hosted in Australia on one previous occasion in 1988.

The NRSA and the 2021 World Rose Convention Organising Committee commissioned a search for an as yet unreleased Australian bred rose to be named and promoted as the official Convention rose. Australian rose breeders were invited to enter their roses for judging in the 2017 and 2018 rose trials conducted by the National Rose Trial Garden of Australia, located in the Adelaide Botanic Garden, to be in the running for selection.

The judging panel chose a beautiful Floribunda rose (codenamed '*Brunmarj 4092*'), bred by well-known Victorian - based rose breeder Bruce Brundrett who has kindly agreed to its selection as the Convention Rose.

This impressive rose produces medium-sized, delicate pale pink flowers in clusters, a very circular form with many symmetrical rows of small petals and a slight fragrance. The bush grows up to 1m and has healthy, green glossy foliage and good disease tolerance.

This rose offers the best of both worlds, with the repeat flowering and disease resistance of modern roses combined with the charm of old world roses.

Looking for the perfect name – Name the Rose Competition

The competition is open to all Rose Society members worldwide. Potentially the rose name chosen may capture the sense of occasion and the coming together of rose experts, amateurs and friends or perhaps it will be named for the characteristics of the rose or for someone special, the possibilities are endless.

For the person who comes up with the winning name, he or she will receive a free rose and help preside over the launch of the rose during the Convention.

To Enter The Competition:

- The competition will be launched via *World Rose News*
- Entrants will be invited to submit up to three names each
- Entries will be accepted until January 1st 2021
- Gavin Woods will act as Competition Convenor; all entries to be emailed to gbwoods@adam.com.au
- The winning entrant will be advised of the successful name in August, 2021
- The name will be announced at the launch of the rose at the convention
- Conditions of entry will include a release to allow free and unfettered use of the name selected. The successful entrant will be required to maintain secrecy of their success and the name until officially announced



Name the rose - 'Brunmarj 4092'

Photos: Gavin Woods



Gavin Woods
2021 World Rose Convention Committee
Vice-President, National Rose Society of Australia Inc.

For further information contact Gavin Woods, Email gbwoods@adam.com.au

WFRS PRESIDENT TOURS AUSTRALIA

Melanie Trimper South Australia

From 25 to 28 October, 2019 an enthusiastic group of over 130 rosarians from across Australia, including special guests from overseas, Henrienne de Briey, the World Federation of Rose Societies (WFRS) President and Doug Grant, WFRS Vice-President – Australasia, enjoyed the National Rose Society of Australia's (NRSA) annual conference and AGM weekend held in Adelaide.

The Rose Society of South Australia hosted the busy, but enjoyable weekend. Visiting rosarians were treated to a large rose show, including the Australian Championships, presentations by guest lecturers and floral displays created with cut flower roses sponsored by Meilland International and supplied by Tamar Valley Roses. With the theme 'Roses are Red', it was a wonderful celebration with dinners, meetings and tours. The AGM weekend is a time when passionate rosarians can meet national and international visitors, make new friends, catch up with old friends, relax and chat, share knowledge and take away some great memories.

Henrienne de Briey, visiting from Belgium, was at the 'Meet and Greet' with others who also serve the WFRS. This hard-working group certainly make an outstanding contribution to the WFRS and NRSA.



(L-R) Richard Walsh, WFRS Chairman Classification/Registration; Doug Grant, WFRS Vice-President – Australasia; Kelvin Trimper AM, WFRS Immediate Past President; Paul Hains, WFRS Vice-President, Social Media and Webmaster; Henrienne de Briey, WFRS President and Diane vom Berg, WFRS Treasurer with incoming NRSA President Colin Hollis and NRSA President, Gavin Woods.

The 2019 NRSA AGM weekend was organised by Malcolm Watson and his Committee, Ruth Watson, Aileen Scott, Mary Frick, Gavin Woods, Sharyn Perrin and Diane vom Berg.

The Committee received many compliments, including the following three which are certainly glowing endorsements in the lead up to the 19th WFRS World Rose Convention in 2021:

- *"From all the NRSA AGM's I have attended over the years, I believe the AGM on Sunday was the best managed of them all. The whole weekend was outstanding and productive."*
- *"I would also like to reiterate the sentiments expressed for the wonderful Adelaide experience. I thoroughly enjoyed the time there."*
- *"I would like to thank you all most sincerely for your remarkable efforts that made the National Show and AGM weekend a truly memorable event. Every event went like clockwork and I heard only praise from delegates. It was a great pleasure having Henrienne here, I am sure every registrant felt touched by her charisma and warmth. You should all be very proud."*

One of the highlights of the conference was the National Dinner on Saturday evening where the awards for the Australian Rose Championships were presented. It was a great honour to have Henrienne de Briey as our special guest to present these awards.

During the evening two very worthy recipients, both from New South Wales, Colin Hollis and Steve Beck, received the coveted Australian Rose Award. Hayden Foulds received the T.A. Stewart Memorial Award for his contribution to the rose in Australia and New Zealand and his award was collected by his friend, Doug Grant.



(L – R) Henrienne de Briey Guest of Honour at the National Dinner; Colin Hollis with his ARA presented by NRSA President Gavin Woods and Steve Beck with his ARA



(L-R) Doug Grant, WFRS Vice-President – Australasia with Sandra Turner, President, Rose Society of Victoria holding the T.A. Stewart Memorial plaque awarded to Hayden Foulds, New Zealand Rose Society

Some of the highlights from the two day Rose Show at the Burnside Community Centre.



(L-R) Floral displays using roses sponsored by Meiland International and supplied by Tamar Valley Roses. Grand Champion of the Rose Show – Bowl of 'Brass Band'.



On Sunday 27th a casual dinner was arranged for the WFRS Friends of the Federation by Australian Rep Mary Frick and this was well patronised by a group of about 20 members.

On Monday 28th approximately 100 delegates visited a private garden followed by a visit to the fertiliser company Neutrog Australia's headquarters in the Adelaide Hills where the company generously provided a gourmet lunch and a factory tour.

The outstanding partnership between the Rose Societies in Australia and Neutrog is the most successful of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere. *Sudden Impact for Roses* is overwhelmingly the leading brand of rose fertiliser in Australia. In exchange for product endorsement, promotion and member champions provided by the rose societies, Neutrog gives a royalty on all retail sales of *Sudden Impact for Roses* to each society involved and provides products at special member prices and donates vast quantities of its fertilisers to many public rose gardens. Over AUD\$1,000,000 (one million dollars) has been provided in royalties and product of a similar value donated over the past 20 years.

Managing Director, Angus Irwin, acted as tour guide around the Neutrog premises, showing everyone around the recently expanded factory, including the new warehouse and composting area. The weather could not have been better, and it seemed that

everyone enjoyed themselves immensely.



Visit to Neutrog, Kanmantoo, South Australia - Photo: Mary Frick

For delegates who were interested, Kelvin and Melanie Trimper provided a guided tour of the venue for the 2021 World Rose Convention. We visited the Adelaide Convention Centre and the official convention hotel, The Intercontinental Adelaide.

A perfect end to the four day event was a relaxing farewell barbecue dinner on a warm balmy night, hosted by Diane and Graeme vom Berg in a beautiful garden setting at their home. Plenty of excellent Australian wines were on hand to enjoy with our meal.



(L-R) Henrienne and Diane vom Berg in Diane and Graeme's garden

The following evening Henrienne de Briey attended the National Rose Trial Garden of Australia (NRTGA) annual awards presentation and dinner in Adelaide. The Rose Introducers of Australia (RIAus), rose breeders both amateur and professional and invited guests eagerly awaited the announcement of the winners. It was a privilege to have Henrienne attend to present the major awards.

This year rose varieties bred by Kordes of Germany achieved an amazing result when they scooped the prize pool winning 6 Trophies: one Gold Medal, three Silver Medals, one Bronze Medal and the People's Choice Award. These awards were collected by their Australian Agent Treloar Roses. 'Black Forest Rose' was named Best in Trial, Best Floribunda and Australian Rose of the Year. These top performers have proven to be well suited to Australian conditions. Henrienne was delighted to see 'Floriana' bred by Martin Vissers of Belgium win the Trophy for Best Hybrid Tea and a Silver Medal.



Gary and Rachel representing Treloar Roses



'Black Forest Rose' - Photo: Treloar Roses

Starting Wednesday 30th October, Henrienne was officially on holidays and as it was her first visit to Australia she decided to fit in as much sightseeing as possible, including two days in "nature's playground" the world famous Kangaroo Island sanctuary for wildlife and rugged majestic scenery as well as the Barossa and Clare wine regions.

Tuesday 5th November Henrienne visited the International Rose Garden and National Rose Trial Garden of Australia established within the Adelaide Botanic Garden. This was an opportunity to meet Dr. Lucy Sutherland, Director of The Botanic Gardens of South Australia and discuss involvement in the 2021 World Rose Convention.



International Rose Garden, Adelaide Botanic Garden

On Wednesday 6th November Henrienne attended a local radio station for a lengthy interview discussing her involvement with the WFRS and her family history. The media host commenced the radio show with a greeting in perfect French!

Later in the day Henrienne, escorted by Kelvin Trimper, visited the South Australian Museum to meet with relatives of Australia's most famous Antarctic explorer, Sir Douglas Mawson.

Mawson's great grand-daughter Dr. Emma McEwin and her father, Andrew, enjoyed meeting Henrienne and, although they live half a world away, their families have much in common. Both families have famous descendants who were Antarctic explorers. Henrienne was pleased to see the beautifully displayed Mawson Exhibition and receive a copy of Emma's book revealing many untold stories of Mawson's life.

To finish off and fly home Henrienne travelled to Melbourne for a few days to explore "the world's second most liveable city". Melbourne held the title of the most liveable city in the world for seven consecutive years until it lost it to Vienna in 2018.



State Rose Garden of Victoria, Werribee - Photo: Sue Myers

On Henrienne's list was a guided tour of the Victorian State Rose Garden, located at Werribee, now a south western suburb of Melbourne. This beautiful, award winning 4.4 hectare garden has over 5,000 roses and is kept in excellent condition by a large number of dedicated volunteers. On the day Henrienne visited it looked fantastic.

During his meeting with Henrienne, Kelvin Trimper said that he has been delighted by the growth in Australian participation and support for Rose Society events and activities both here and overseas and now looks forward to progressing plans for the 19th WFRS World Rose Convention in October 2021. **Visit the website** for more information and register your interest to receive regular updates: wrc21.aomevents.com.au

Our President should have the last word. Henrienne provided some words of encouragement saying:

"I want to express my gratitude to Gavin Woods and Doug Gregory for giving me the opportunity to participate in the 2019 National Rose Society of Australia's convention and rose show in Adelaide. I have been very impressed how Australia's national body brings together their five State Rose Societies achieving effective promotions with cooperation, fairness and integrity. Australia is certainly one of the greatest contributors to the WFRS since its formation.

The 19th WFRS World Convention venue and the official Convention Hotel are just amazing and if you add the incredible hospitality of our Australian rose friends, there is no doubt that we can expect a fantastic event in 2021.

My warmest thanks to all the rosarians I met for their friendship and especially to Malcolm and Ruth Watson as well as Kelvin and Melanie Trimper for their great hospitality just letting me feel at home sharing their way of life.

I had a tremendous stay in South Australia enjoying visits to private and public rose gardens, meeting great rosarians and rose breeders' local agents, visiting nurseries and wineries, enjoying barbecues, a concert and I experienced the wildlife of Kangaroo Island and, finally, Melbourne's great culture. This included my visit with Sandra Turner to the State Rose Garden of Victoria, one of the four in Australia with a WFRS Garden of Excellence Award. It is an incredible example of how, after so many years, volunteers still enjoy maintaining the garden to the highest standard. I'm looking forward to our next WRC in Adelaide."

(All photos courtesy of Melanie Trimper unless otherwise noted.)

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Great Britain (2018) - The Rose Society UK
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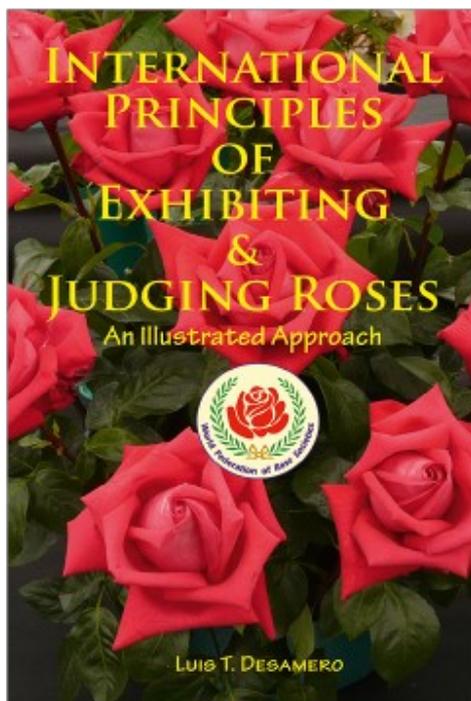
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Roses in Picture Frames

To promote the exhibiting aspect of the hobby to the small rose garden, many rose shows will feature entries devoted to exhibiting a rose in a picture frame mimicking the gardener's beloved hole display so popular in the Victorian era. Generally the show schedule will spell out the exact criteria for such entries, usually one bloom with foliage that need not be attached to the stem of the bloom.

The entry illustrates a number of distinct advantages and a few flaws. The form of the miniature, 'Dr. John Dickson', is impeccable not to mention absolute charm of the color. The clever use of two sets of foliage to augment the setting for the bloom is good strategy. Lower foliage set does not match the upper set to create symmetry and has several dead spots on the lowest leaf. Foliage has been staged to occupy a major area of the frame, again creating a very pleasing display. Using the black background to full advantage with turgid foliage sets not look alive making this entry a winner!

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Australia Supreme Champion Sydney Royal Easter Show 2017 entry of the Floribunda 'White Spray' employing the preferred style of display as a bunch showcasing all stages of bloom with an emphasis on the artistic presentation of a cascade of bloom sizes from top to bottom in a pleasing arrangement.

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Matched Pairs of Roses

ROSE SHOW SCHEDULE WRITERS are constantly searching for new approaches to exhibiting roses that capture the attention of the viewing public. Borrowing from the horticultural exhibiting world of cacti, carrots, and other root vegetables, a new challenge class has been developed. Simply stated the entry demands two large flowered blooms at exhibition stage that look like exact clones of each other, hence the name "Matched Pairs". Choosing two stems that show a cloning effect of exact similarity is no easy task.

This pair of 'Royal Highness' on first sight may seem like a reasonably matched pair, but on closer examination the bloom sizes are not exactly the same size. The younger the bloom, the deeper the color. Comparing the form of the pair also reveals a large deviation in petal openings. This example has illustrated the caution in closer examination that should be exercised when judging this class. Blooms should be spaced apart so as not to touch. In this case, the spacing was a little too close that promoted the visible differences in size and color and form.

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