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EDITOR'S MESSAGE

The Year 2020 has started out as not a good year for all of us. Just before going to press, the sad news came to us that our Founding President, Baroness Lily de Gerlache de Gomery, has passed away. Our hearts go out to her family and we honour her with the cover page.

Then due to the worldwide coronavirus pandemic, the 15th WFRS Heritage Conference in Belgium and many rose trials have been postponed/cancelled. It is best to be safe so we can all get through this together in good health.

This issue features articles on the WFRS 2020 Kolkata Regional Convention and the pre and post tours, in addition to two WFRS Vice Presidents reports, and two new members to the Breeders' Club who share their creations.

A special rose trial this year is the 50th anniversary of the Dugald MacKenzie Rose Garden International Rose Trials in Palmerston North, New Zealand. Special events are planned and highlighted by Hayden Foulds in his article.

Enjoy this issue!

Steve Jones, Fiddletown, CA, United States



'Me & Mrs Jones'

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by any other name?

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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Photo: Henrienne de Briey

Henrienne de Briey
WFRS President

Dear Rose Friends,

In these suspended times, our field of roses will rub shoulders with valleys of tears all over the world.

Humanity is shaken and our societies collapse because of a microscopic virus which came suddenly to take over the world.

The virus upsets the established order and puts everything on hold and pause.

In the world of roses, most of our international rose trials and rose shows will be cancelled in 2020.

The 15th International Heritage Conference with already more than 160 registrants from 23 countries and 17 lecturers is also cancelled. I want to thank the Royal National Belgian Society and its President Frans Thomas but also their partners and sponsors for all the energy deployed to date to ensure the expected success of the event in Brussels.

We have suddenly realized we are all in the same boat and that to oust the virus we will have to stay confined for a while.

Globalization having shown its limits, priorities will change and the economic consequences of this huge crisis will affect a lot of us. It will be more than necessary to review positively the WFRS's operational model while preserving its achievements and objectives for the future.

Of course despite the cancellation of our rose events, let's remain happy that we can take time to pamper our roses even more than usual in our rose gardens.

Our Founding and Emeritus President "Lily" passed away recently, but know that the WFRS, the rose friends and the breeders from all over the world were her second family.

If Lily was in a way a legend due to her elegance, her intelligence and her kindness towards everyone, I would like above all to give, thanks to the Rose, her determination to spread the symbols of Peace and Brotherhood in the world. Many thanks to all of you who supported her in this action for so many years.

Thank you to all the friends of the roses who did us the honor of attending the funeral ceremony in Belgium on March 9th. Thank you also for the two superb crowns of white roses offered by the WFRS and the Breeders' Club that accompanied Lily's last trip to the paradise of roses.

Thank you also for all the kind messages of support and friendship that I received.

More personally I would like to share with you that mom Lily had always been for me the most beautiful of the roses that will never fade in my heart.

Finally, waiting for better days, let us stay positive in any event and let's take the time to understand the value of the words Solidarity and Vulnerability.

I wish that all of us to brave this unprecedented epidemic by making the most of this time fallen from the sky to recharge ourselves.

Take care of yourself and all your beloved.

With all my gratitude and my best wishes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Derek Lawrence

I feel that it's fundamentally important to introduce the pleasure of gardening and rewards that plants can give, to the younger generation. I recall my childhood being fascinated by earth worms, butterflies and making mud pies! It's vital that children, from an early age, explore the natural world which will inspire them to nurture plants and enjoy green spaces.

Here in the United Kingdom, the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) actively addressed this important matter in the early 1990's by inviting school children to visit the Society's four gardens. The scheme in which full-time Educational Officers were employed, became an instant success with activity workshops and garden tours being arranged. Part of the remit was to involve the children to explore the surrounding woodlands, where wildlife thrives, and to make the youngsters conscious of the biodiversity that gardening gives to support the natural world.

Last year, it was recorded that 40,210 school children visited the RHS gardens and 30,216 of these were involved in educational workshops. Likewise, the American Rose Society has addressed the needs of the younger generation, and runs similar schemes.

However, not all countries have the resources or finances to run such active enterprises. But merely putting on educational stands at various events, and encouraging your children or grandchildren, to join you for a spot of gardening could be a start. With a little imagination – it can be fun!

Of course – it may be a tad too early to introduce them to the sheer pleasures that growing roses can bring. A young child would, without doubt, find the *genus Rosa* a rather prickly object to deal with. But once they've discovered what pleasures gardens can give; become more acquainted with plants and developed their gardening skills, the rose might be their next challenge.

I wonder what the rose world will be like in the next fifty years? If we nurture our children to the art of gardening right now, our planet will continue to rejoice in beauty, fragrance, happiness and sheer indulgence that the rose has given us for so many centuries.



RHS Gardens at Wisley, Surrey, England (Photo courtesy Derek Lawrence)

TRIBUTES TO BARONESS LILY DE GERLACHE DE GOMERY

By Henrienne de Briey, WFRS President & daughter

Dear Mom Lily,

Angelus Silesius said:

"The Rose is without why,
flowers because it flowers
without a care for itself,
nor desire to be seen."

And you mom, you made the Rose a fight for life and you wrote:

"C'est la rose qui en quelque sorte m'a sauvée.
La rose c'est la Victoire de l'Amour, de la Beauté,
Ma Victoire sur Ravensbruck."

"It's the Rose that somehow saved me.
The Rose is the Victory of Love and Beauty.
My Victory over Ravensbruck." *

You also said: "La Rose du Faux Silence n'apporte pas un défi au le passé, elle se détache de lui pour accompli une Espérance."

"The Rose of the False Silence does not bring a message of challenge to the past, it detaches from it to fulfill a Hope."

Dear Mom,

The Rose in your garden flowered without why, with good earth, to welcome us or to offer them in all circumstances.

They are called: President van Oost, Lily, Hélène, Henrienne, Mullem and Gomery to celebrate your family Joelle, Espoir, Chopin, Catherine de Kerchove and Baldwinus to remember the great work you did, selling them with determination for the benefit of the fight against cancer.

Resurrection, for the memory of your companions who did not return from the concentration camp.

And also 'Pascali' or 'Peace' amongst plenty of other roses for the unconditional admiration you had for your friends Louis Lens and Louisette Meilland and also for all the breeders who pay tribute for you today.

For the love of the Rose, the gardener is the servant of a thousand thorns. You were looking for souls freed from their human chains and you were silently thinking of a pure and fresh pearly rose, probably that of the Little Prince of Saint Exupéry.

The silence answered you and you found a poor miner, a Princess, a gardener, a child, an old man, a communist, a Saint and Souls in Paradise because with the rose, you said, "we speak the same language, that of the Peace".

You have represented a lot for the world of Roses, but the breeders, Rosa Belgica and the WFRS were for you your second family.

I want to thank everyone who has worked tirelessly with our mother in the four corners of Belgium and in all the countries of the world to spread the love of the Rose, this symbol of brotherhood so dear to her heart.

Before giving the word to Gérard Meyland, Past President of the WFRS, I would like to share with you part of a message I received from the Mayor of Nanyang city in China, the biggest rose city in the world, he wrote to me:

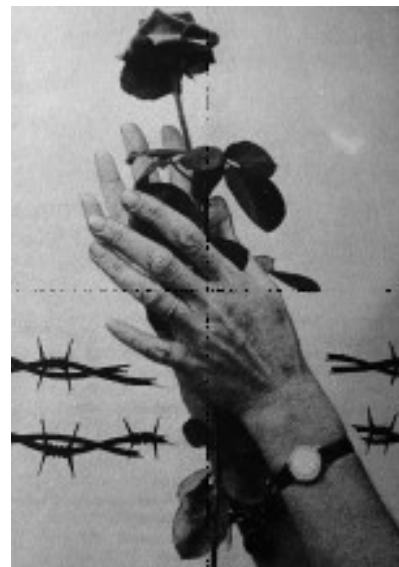
"A Rose Angel she was, a Rose life she had, she would never leave roses, she would never leave everyone of the rose lovers. She just went to the Paradise in another world. May the Graceful Rose Lady rest in Peace with roses and rose angels around her."

May the avalanche of roses that your grandchildren will bring you in a few moments flower for Eternal life around you and your dear Gaston while your daughter Helene will look after those of your native land.

Finally, thank you dear mom for having been for your children the most beautiful rose that will never fade in our hearts.

Good bye.

* - *The False Silence* is the book Lily wrote 25 years after her return from Ravensbruck and the Rose of the false silence is the one in her hands that escapes from the barbed wire.



Lily's hands from her book *La Rose du Faux Silence*

By Dr. Gérald Meylan, WFRS Past President

My dear Henrienne and family,

And, according to the expression very often used by Lily,

My dear rose lovers,

The members of the World Federation of Rose Societies (WFRS) express their sincere condolences to you all and their deepest sympathy. They are extremely grateful that they had the opportunity to share over many years their passion for roses at the instigation of our Founding and Honorary President.

With the passing away of Lily, the WFRS has lost a remarkable president, who, thanks to her commitment to this wonderful flower, THE ROSE, succeeded in federating 41 countries and over 100,000 members.

When the WFRS was founded in 1968, it was only natural that Lily was elected President by her peers. It was under her leadership and due to her drive and vitality that the Federation was developed and extended to five continents.

During conventions, international rose trials and events linked to roses, Lily was always a wonderful host and participant with her enthusiasm, willpower, perseverance, determination, tact, diplomacy and kindness, not forgetting her charm and elegance. For over 50 years, Lily conveyed a message of peace and love in the name of the rose.

At this very moment, in the world of roses, one fact illustrates among many others the personality of our Founding President. In 1983 in Baden-Baden, those present will never forget the exemplary strength, courage and dignity shown by Lily, when with great panache she presided over the World Convention held in Germany.

My dear Lily, our sincere thanks for everything. Rest in peace in the midst of a beautiful garden of roses, and please continue to guide us from above.



Photo: Gérald Meylan

Memorial wreath from WFRS

Favourite Photos by Friends of Lily



WFRS Past President Kelvin Trimper (l), Lily (m), Henrienne de Briey (r), 2018 (photo by Melanie Trimper)



WFRS Past President Steve Jones placing the Chain of Office on Lily, 2013



A young Lily at the Hamilton, New Zealand World Convention, 1971 (Photo from WFRS 50 Golden Years)

ROSE NEWS

From Henrienne de Briey, WFRS President

I would like to send you all my moral support regarding the COVID-19 and I do hope you and all your family members and/or close friends are all safe in your country!

We are facing a global health crisis unprecedented for decades and we all need to follow strict safety guidelines, which are put in place in each country. We have no idea what to expect in the coming weeks. In Belgium we are on strict confinement/lock down until April 5th, but this will be extended for sure and we don't know yet for how long. All countries have adopted measures but are all in very different stages regarding the peaks of the COVID-19, which makes the situation very chaotic.

The unpredictable aspect of the COVID-19 leads me to take the responsibility to cancel the event in June.

You can imagine that this was a difficult decision to make, given the enormous investment and work accomplished to date for a beautiful event worthy of the WFRS and the Royal National Belgian Rose Society.

Frans Thomas, President of the Belgian Rose Society, and myself are very sorry to have to cancel the event but we cannot take any risks for you and for the lecturers.

Nevertheless, even though the event is canceled in 2020, I do hope that it will be only postponed and I will let you know as soon as possible what will be decided at the WFRS level.

We have to respect the rules of the WFRS regarding the planning between different WFRS events and our next World Rose Convention will take place in October 2021 in South Australia.

In this regard with the Force Majeure situation, we will have a discussion to evaluate the different scenarios possible to reschedule the 15th Heritage Conference according to the other conventions already planned.

Of course the COVID-19 will have consequently strong impacts on the world economy and all this will be analysed to see how the WFRS will manage its activities for the near future.

The Belgian Rose Society has decided that our website, rosabelgica2020.com, will still remain active and we asked the lecturers to post their lecture abstracts if they wished. Please feel free to ask any questions on the rosabelgica2020@gmail.com e-mail address.

During this time of difficulties and anxieties, let's cultivate and gather our roses as much as we can...

Many thanks for your understanding.

Keep safe and healthy.

With my very best and kind regards.

From Derek Lawrence, WFRS Executive Director

Dear Members of the Executive, Past Presidents & Chairmen,

It is of much regret and sadness that I announce the passing of Mrs. Ester Boschetti Fumagalli, Honorary President of Associazione Italiana della Rosa (AIR).

Mrs. Boschetti Fumagalli was born on 16th February 1923 and shared a life-long passion for the genus *Rosa* with her husband Niso. In 1963 they founded the Italian Rose Society in Monza which flourished and became internationally acclaimed.

After the passing of her husband in 1990, she continued her devotion to the rose with her tireless endeavours with the rose garden at Villa Reale in Monza, where every year until 2015, International Rose Trials were conducted.

In recognition for her outstanding service to the rose, she was bestowed the World Federation of Rose Societies Silver Medal in 2006.

May this lovely lady and true ambassador to the rose rest in eternal peace.

Editor's note: The AIR, together with the Fineschi Rose Garden, were hosts to the second WFRS Regional Convention in 1996.

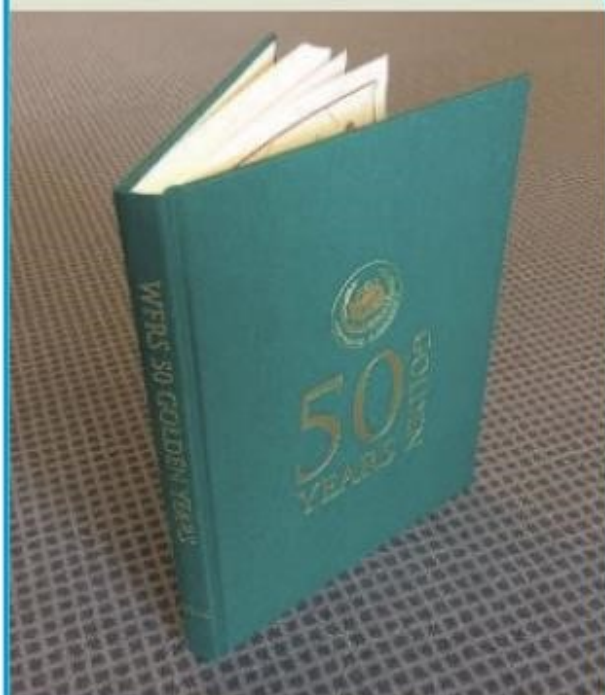


Ester Boschetti Fumagalli

WFRS Publications for Sale

WFRS 50 GOLDEN YEARS

Editor: Jolene Adams



Sumptuous hardback volume fully illustrated in color commemorates the Golden Jubilee of the WFRS celebrated in Copenhagen July 2018.

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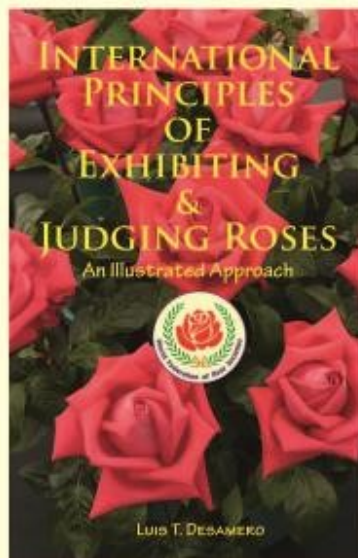
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WFRS PRE-CONVENTION TOUR HYDERABAD, INDIA

WFRS Immediate Past President Kelvin Trimper and I accepted the kind invitation to meet with WFRS Vice President - Asia and President Emeritus of the Indian Rose Federation, Ahmed Alam Khan, to visit Hyderabad and see the new home he was building. With both of us having other plans post-convention, we started the tour before the WFRS Regional Convention in Kolkata.

Our good friend Vijay Kant met us at the airport and took us to a nearby hotel for the day. I got in very early in the morning and Kelvin the evening before. Our driver for the duration, Raiees, was amazing as he traversed back and forth through the never-ending heavy traffic in Hyderabad. This was my first trip back to Hyderabad since the 2014 WFRS Regional Convention where we were wowed by the gardens, architecture, history, entertainment, and the floral displays.

We started our day with a tour of the downtown area of Hyderabad, then to the Salar Jung III Museum, where he had amassed a remarkable display of collectibles from all over the world. We were told only about 1/3 is ever put out on display at a time. He had an excellent collection of walking sticks, guns, swords, porcelain, ivory, clocks, etc. The two highlights were the two-sided wooden sculpture, and the marble Lady with a Veil. How did the artist do this? That afternoon we had an excellent lunch at Ahmed's home. It was delicious and more than I could ever eat. Afterwards we moved over to our new "home" for the next few days, the "Club". The "Club" is located in the town of Secunderabad, next to Hyderabad. It has been in existence since 1878. Since our huge lunch and it was late in the day when we got back, we decided to skip dinner.



Salar Jung III Museum: Left: Double sided wood sculpture, Middle: Lady with Veil, Right: Rose bed at Sanjeevaiah Park

The next day we visited the Sanjeevaiah Park Rose Garden in Hyderabad. We were pre-warned that the rose gardens in Hyderabad were not at their best this year, which is usually at their peak bloom. Due to low amounts of rain during the rainy season, a groundwater table that dropped 100 feet, and hot, 44C winds the whole month, they took a toll on the roses, despite the gallant efforts by the garden workers. This garden was one of my favorites back in 2014. This was a brand-new rose garden with thousands of roses and water features. With the drought, no fountains were operating. We were told they lost about 75% of the roses planted here in 2014. It was sad to see so many empty rose beds and piles of dead roses to be cleaned up. The modern roses such as floribundas and hybrid teas suffered the most. Not surprisingly, the roses that fared the best were the Indian bred roses with many beds were still full of roses and even blooming! I have always said the best roses are ones developed locally. In the park however, not all was lost. The cactus garden and butterfly garden were in excellent condition since they are xeriscape type plants. I loved the butterflies flittering around in mass over the beds of salvia, lantana, and other plants. We met with Ahmed and friends for a delicious lunch at Haiking, a twist on Chinese food.



Sanjeevaiah Park: Left: Indian bred rose 'Pusa Wihangam' surviving just fine, Right: Butterfly Garden

The next day we visited Ahmed's rose gardens at Green Valley, just outside Hyderabad. The first garden is an all-Indian bred rose garden and they were amazing! In full bloom, even with the high hot winds and lack of water. I just wish I had another hour or two to stay with the roses. Afterwards we visited the main rose garden in Green Valley, with over 20,000 roses. In 2014 the garden was very young, and now it has grown into itself. The amount of bloom and quality was amazing. The perennials and annuals planted around the rose beds highlighted the roses. The design of the garden was well planned. Afterwards we visited the home of Ahmed's brother, Khader Alam Khan. His son Anwar Alam Khan, is growing vegetables organically and they were amazing! The plants were healthy and clean of pests. Here we met Ahmed's son Barkat with his wife Kushia and their new baby girl.



Green Valley Indian Bred Rose Garden: Right: Indian rose 'Neelambari' in full bloom

The next morning, we visited many of the old walls of Golconda Fort which dates back to 1518. Near the golf course is one of the largest baobab trees in the world, with a base of 25 meters wide. The Mulla Khayali Mosque next to the tree dates from 1569, older than anything we have in the United States. We toured the tombs of the ancient Sultans at Qutub Shani. For the time they were engineering marvels with large domes as the main feature which tower hundreds of feet above the ground. Some of the tombs are under restoration, but amazing just the same. The first was built in 1543 AD and the last in 1687. There are smaller tombs built for favorite doctors and generals on site.

Afterward we visited Ahmed's new home. All I can say is wow! It is several months from being completed, mostly due to delays for his son Barkat's wedding and business obligations. Next time the home and gardens should be done and ready for the big unveil. So far it is truly amazing.



Green Valley Rose Garden



On our last day we visited Ramoji, the largest movie studio in the world according to Guinness. The studios cover over 1600 acres with 47 sound studios and whole towns of movie sets. There is a theme park for the kids and stage shows throughout the day. The roadways and sections of the park were well landscaped with largely bougainvilleas of all colors and multi-coloured grafts.



Khader Alam Khan home: Right: Barkat Alam Khan, wife Kushia and new baby girl



Left: Baobab tree, Right: Ramoji Movie Studios with bougainvilleas

Afterwards we meet with Ahmed for high tea and toured the Taj Falaknuma Palace, a former palace of the Hyderabad kings and now a five-star hotel. The views were amazing overlooking Hyderabad, and the antiques were one of a kind. Most of the paintings had eyes that followed you as you traversed the room. I also loved the history of the palace and the many famous people who visited it.

The next day we all flew to Kolkata for the Regional Convention.



Taj Falaknuma Palace: City view of Hyderabad on left

2020 WFRS REGIONAL CONVENTION - KOLKATA, INDIA

We arrived the day before the festivities for the WFRS 2020 Regional Convention in Kolkata, India. Our “home” was the Taj Bengal, an excellent hotel near the main venue. This convention centered around the 200th Anniversary of the Agri-Horticultural Society of India (AHSI) and the 40th Anniversary of the Bengal Rose Society (BRS). The Indian Federation of Rose Societies (IFRS) also participated in this momentous occasion, along with the WFRS.



Front gate AHSI and welcoming banner

In 1820, Dr William Carey formed the AHSI to improve crops and farming techniques used by the local farmers. Seeds from all over the world were collected and tested throughout India to determine which areas they would grow best and help improve yields. Professor TK Bose made an excellent presentation on the history of the AHSI which is available on the 2020 Kolkata website (www.wfrs2020kolkata.com).

The first day of the convention was registration and meetings of the WFRS Executive Committee and Conservation & Heritage Rose Committee. The AHSI is headquartered on 12 acres near the center of Kolkata. The property contains various gardens, buildings, displays, and the National Library where the lectures took place. The gardens were the centerpiece for most of the activities during the convention. When we arrived, there was a flower show and judging during this time. India is the king of potted flowers, and the show is unique where the flowers are displayed in pots, arranged carefully by digging each pot into the soil a few inches to keep them in place. I was amazed by the size of the rose plants, the huge dahlias and chrysanthemums.



From left: AHSI rose, dahlia and chrysanthemum displays

The convention officially opened with speeches by WFRS President Henrienne de Briey, AHSI President Sunil Kanoria, BRS President Kalyan Chakrabarti, and IFRS President Khader Alam Khan, brother of WFRS Vice President - Asia Ahmed Alam Khan. There were Consul Generals to India present, including Patti Hoffman from the United States. The convention was officially opened with the lighting of the candles. Dr Rahul Varma served as the convenor and Dr Narendra Dadlani as the emcee for most of the events.



Left: Welcome speech WFRS President Henrienne de Briey, Right: Ceremonial lighting of the candle with United States Counsel General to India Patti Hoffman

That evening we boarded the ship 'The Auspicious' for a dinner cruise up and down the Hooghly River, the main river of Kolkata. The highlight was traveling under the well-lit Howrah Bridge. The food and wine were very good, although the music was very loud and I questioned the genre of the music for our audience.



On cruise ship: Right: President Henrienne with AHSI President Sunil Kanoria, Right: Howrah Bridge

The next day started the technical sessions with opening statements by the organizers and Presidents, an e-book release presentation on *The Indian Rose* by Dr Narendra Dadlani (available on the convention website), awarding of medals, and a keynote presentation by Professor TK Bose on the contributions of the AHSI. Before lunch we traveled to Raj Bhawan, the mansion of the West Bengal Governor, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar, for a special presentation. We were to meet with the Governor the following day but a trip by the Prime Minister of India to Kolkata changed the plans. Here he gave a speech welcoming us and there was a book dedication on *Horticulture: for a Sustainable Future*. We were able to tour around the modest rose garden on the grounds afterwards.

For the afternoon sessions, we heard talks by Dr Henry Noltie on 'Botany in Calcutta: 1790-1820', Dr KV Prasad on 'Panorama of Rose Research in India', Professor Malcolm Manners on 'Roses for Hot Climates: A Florida Perspective', Dr William McNamara on 'Collecting Wild Roses in China', and Dr Sylvie Baudino on 'Perfumes from Roses'. All of the presentations are also on the Kolkata website.

That evening we attended the WFRS Friends dinner, organized by Friend Sushil Prakash at an Indian restaurant at our hotel. We had over 20 friends and special guests in attendance. Sushil did an excellent job hosting this event and the food was excellent. Thank you Sushil!



Left: Professor TK Bose with introductory lecture, Right: West Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar (second from right)

The next day was day two of the presentations, with talks by Professor Nobou Shirasuna on ‘Garden Architecture with Roses’, a panel discussion on ‘Pot Rose Culture in India’, Sushil Prakash on the ‘Trail of Roses in India’, and Mariam (Ahmad) Ghazali on ‘Growing Indian Bred Roses in Malaysia’. The morning sessions ended with WFRS presentations on the WFRS Belgium Heritage Conference by WFRS President Henrianne, and the 2021 WFRS World Rose Convention in Adelaide, Australia by WFRS Immediate Past President Kelvin Trimper and WFRS Vice President - Australasia Paul Hains.



Speakers from left: Sushil Prakash, Prof Nobou Shirasuna, Dr William McNamara, WFRS VP Paul Hains on WRC 2021

The evening presentations offered music by Maestro Bikram Ghosh with help from an American friend, and a “rosy” fashion show by the renowned designer from Thailand, Phubast (Poo) Chesdmethee, who also had a special floral display near the stage. A stand-up dinner followed the festivities.



Left: Poo Chesdmethee with rose models, Right: Poo's floral display

The last day of the convention featured a visit to the Indian Botanical Gardens and the dedication of a new rose garden. President Henrienne participated in the planting of a rose named for the rose gardens' namesake, 'EK Janaki Ammal'. The Indian Botanical Garden was started in 1787 by Colonel Robert Kyd, who was followed by William Roxburgh. One of the highlights of the Botanical Garden is the largest tree in the world by width. This Banyan tree was planted over 250 years ago and covers four acres. The Mother Tree had to be removed in 1925 due to a severe fungal infection. At the time the Mother Tree was 16.5 meters across at 1.7 meters off the ground. Banyan trees grow by dropping roots from their branches, which anchor into the ground and turn into trees, then continue on. Even without the Mother Tree, the tree continues on through its children, grandchildren, etc.



Left: Ceremonial planting of the rose 'EK Janaki Ammal', Right: Actress Nusrat Jahan unveiling 'Kobi Radindranath Tagore' rose

After lunch we went back to the ASHI Gardens for the Award Ceremony and Valedictory. Three well-known Indian actors and actresses participated in the handing out of the awards: Dev, Riya Sen, and Nusrat Jahan. Two roses were dedicated for this event, a hybrid tea 'Kobi Radindranath Tagore' bred by S Ghosh, and a shrub, 'The ASHI Bicentenary Rose' bred by Viru Viraraghavan. A book was dedicated as well, *A Walk Around the Garden*. Lastly, the WFRS flag was handed over to President Henrienne representing the Belgium Heritage Rose Conference in Brussels, Belgium in June 2020. Dinner followed afterward. Many of us headed home that night or the next morning, while others participated in the post-convention tour to the Darjeeling area of India.

It was an honour to be part of this historic event. The only downsides for the convention were the constant changing of events and times, lack of communication about them, meeting places, and delays in starting the day, some unavoidable, others not as critical and could have been avoided. The speakers were very good even with the timeframes they were often given at the last minute.



IFRS President Khader Alam Khan (on left) passing the WFRS flag to President Henrienne (on right)

WFRS KOLKATA REGIONAL CONVENTION

By Veronica O'Brien, A.R.A., Australia

The Agri-Horticultural Society of India celebrated its 200th Anniversary with the World Regional Rose Convention in January 2020 in Kolkata, The City of Joy.

At the Kolkata airport, I was met by a representative of GeTS Holidays with whom I had booked my pre-tour. It is always a relief to find your arrangements are working well specially when arriving late at night at an unfamiliar airport.

Our trip to Jaipur was cancelled because of a strike but other arrangements were quickly made for us to visit temples. For me the highlight was the visit to the home and burial place of Mother Theresa.

We saw our first roses in the grounds of Sheetalnathji Temple and garden. It was impressive with lovely gardens. That evening a cruise on the river Hooghley was very enjoyable with these beautiful illuminated bridges, obviously a big hit with the locals.



Sheetalnathji Temple and a rose in the garden

A detour to a narrow laneway revealed many craftsmen working on figures made of wire and covered in clay and straw for use in an upcoming festival. It was interesting to watch the process. Apparently after the festival, the figures are thrown into the river where they disintegrate. Do they retrieve the wire frames and reuse them? Perhaps! I hope so!

After only two nights at the Peerless Hotel we moved to the Taj Bengal, a very beautiful hotel not far from the Botanical Gardens where the outdoor activities were being held. Most of the potted roses and many other plant varieties, were arranged by classes on the main lawn. The potted roses are impressive considering the relatively small size of the pots they use.

Prof. T.K Bose having a long association with the Agri- Horticultural Society of India was extremely qualified to educate us on the history and progress of the Society and the influence of its Founder Rev. Dr. William Carey. Dr Carey was instrumental in bringing in many seeds, plants, fruit and vegetables from many countries (including Australia) into India.

The lecture program was varied and interesting. I must say I was most interested in their success in growing roses in pots but during the panel discussion we did not quite get the whole story. The basics: ash, cinders(charcoal), fertiliser (no specifics) and water 3-4 times a day. There are members of our society who are working to discover the secrets, I guess we will hear about it in due course.

The lecture from Prof. Malcolm Manners from Florida was of interest to me. *"Roses for Hot Climates"* I thought could be helpful to the Central Coast as I imagine Florida would at times be humid. Dr Henry Noltie from the U.K spoke on *"Botany in Calcutta"* 1790-1820. Dr William McNamara's presentation: *"Collecting Wild Roses in China and their influence on Modern Roses"* with his wonderful photography was most enjoyable. The lecture program on the whole suited me personally. My interest in history and photography was well satisfied. It was a pity there was not an opportunity for questions though.



Left: Craftsman working on a statue, Right: Rose in a pot exhibit

The Gala Concert was certainly a highlight for most people. Bickram Ghosh is a world-famous percussionist who, with his group, (his wife, a Traditional dancer and actress, many dancers and local Tabla players) entertained us for at least 2 hours. He was joined by Greg Ellis, an American drummer whose enthusiasm almost knocked him off his chair! Greg has been involved in many well-known movies and his rapport with the Indian players was very obvious and added to the enjoyment. They played Indian music but also classical, new age and his own compositions. An amazing performer!

Probably the most enjoyable part of my trip to India was the Post Tour to Darjeeling and Gangtok. We flew to Bagdogra (which is also an Air Force Base, housing helicopters) then a four-hour drive (educational to say the least!) to Darjeeling, viewing hills of tea plantations on the way.

Although the view was spectacular, the visit to Tiger Hill (8,400 ft) was a little hazardous. There was a building under construction for the comfort of the millions of visitors who usually come at sunrise over Mt Khangchendzonga (3rd highest peak in the world, 28,208 ft), hence the carpark was a mess.

Gloom Monastery established in 1875 preserves rare handwritten Buddhist manuscripts. We certainly were being educated as our guide Subha was very knowledgeable and eager to please. A ride on the toy train, (steam of course) was unique, winding through houses and businesses with breathtaking views of the Himalayas for a short journey to a military monument.

We drove past never ending tea plantations on our way to the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, a tribute to Tensing Norgay (well known as the Sherpa who accompanied Sir Edmund Hillary to the Mt Everest summit in 1953). The Zoological Park (elevation 7000ft), was our next stop followed by the Tibetan Refugee Centre a self-help unit. Established in 1959, the centre was a very interesting example of helping people to help themselves. I had to be very strong not to be tempted by some of their beautiful handicrafts!

Another four-hour drive along supposed "highways" into Sikkim, India's second smallest state, though the least populated. It is surrounded by foreign countries Bhutan, Nepal, China and West Bengal to the South. Their economy depends on agriculture and tourism (which is thriving). Home stays seem very popular. Trekking, white water rafting and paragliding are the exciting activities of the area. The river Teesta is very beautiful and for much of the way we travelled alongside it, which in part is very wide and extremely clean.

Our last day we visited Rumtek Monastery one of the largest in Sikkim. Here we studied the Kargyu sect of Buddhism. The Namgyal Institute of Tibetology (built in 1958) for the study of the Mahayana Buddhist philosophy and religion is a treasure trove of Buddhist icons, rare "Thankas" statues. The Enchey Monastery belongs to the Nyingma order of Vajrayana Buddhism. The name literally means "Solitary". It was interesting to note that many of the schools are Catholic most with Saints names. The King of Bhutan was educated in one of these schools as well as many famous people.

This young guide was very proud of the association with the English who ruled their country for many years and they are hopeful of Darjeeling (perhaps someday) becoming an independent State.

SECRET GARDEN

Rosaleda Angel Esteban, Spain

By Dr Gérald Meylan, Switzerland

“Rosaleda Angel Esteban”, the rose garden of the Juan Carlos I Botanical Garden, is attached to the University of Alcalá. It is a beautiful garden of over two acres which was inaugurated in 2005. It contains a wonderful collection of varieties of the well-known Spanish rose breeder, D. Angel Esteban.

Situated in the vicinity of Madrid, the collection is made up of more than 3,500 roses representing 300 different varieties from the 18th to 20th century, the majority being Hybrid Teas. Of the roses, 285 varieties are exclusive, conferring great value to the collection.

Although the collection has limited means, it is well maintained and regularly enlarged by a small team of enthusiastic gardeners.

The “Rosaleda Angel Esteban” collection is well worth a visit.



‘Sarabande’ (Meilland, 1968)



‘Escultora Teresa Esteban’ (Esteban, 1980)



Above: ‘Marechal Niel’ (Pradel, 1864)

Left: ‘Raquel Meller’ (Camprubi, 1957)



‘Toresky’ (Torre Blanca, 1956)

NEW ROSE TRIALS

UNIBO INTERNATIONAL NEW ROSE TRIALS

By Prof. Maria Eva Giorgioni & Helga Brichet, Italy

The new Italian Rose Trials will be inaugurated this spring, on the 17- 18th May 2020 under the patronage of the Associazione Italiana della Rosa.



From left: First two, rose trial varieties in June 2019, three months after planting, Third: first rose garden, Fourth: landscape rose trials

The Trial Rose Garden forms part of the 'Raffaele Bazzocchi' didactic-experimental Rose Garden of The University of Bologna (UNIBO), located in central Italy, at The 'Istituto Professionale per l'Agricoltura' in Faenza, approximately 50 km South of Bologna and 40 m from the private company a.s.l..

The Educational/Experimental Rose Garden is a rose germplasm collection at present including more than one thousand species and cultivars collected by the 'Ornamental plants' section of the Department of Agricultural and Food Sciences (UNIBO), nowadays under the scientific and technical supervision of Prof. Maria Eva Giorgioni. This Garden has undergone numerous changes since 1994 when the first old roses were planted. Today it is renowned for the educational area dedicated to 'A journey through the genetic rose evolution' where species and hybrids are planted in 17 beds representing historical periods. Walking around beds, visitors and students can follow the evolution of roses since the Egyptian Age, the varieties of the XVIII and XIX centuries, those imported from China, the early hybrids and those leading to the first Hybrid Tea (HT)-type flowers, David Austin's 'English Roses' and the latest HT and Floribunda novelties. This area is designed to demonstrate the genetic improvements achieved over the centuries by nature and man, according to fashion and scientific knowledge of the various chronological periods.



Left: landscape rose trials, Right: Medieval bed in the Didactic Garden designed as 'A journey through genetic rose evolution'

In 2002 the Garden was enriched by the introduction of an experimental field for the evaluation of landscape roses under low maintenance conditions, i.e. without irrigation, fertilization, phytosanitary treatments and pruning for the first five years after planting, and a mechanical pruning in the 6th year, just before the end of dormancy. About 160 new cultivars have been tested and recorded. Data concerning morpho-phenological parameters and disease incidence, the Flower-Cover Index (FCI), the Ornamental Index (OI) and the graphs of flowering trend from April to October were recorded per year and on average over the first five years after planting. The availability of this data is useful for the amateurs and professionals interested in a correct choice of varieties for hot and dry summers, e.g. in Mediterranean areas, as well as sustainable maintenance.

The Trial Rose Garden is the latest valuable addition completing the hybrid collection and keeping it constantly updated. Above all, the trials will be useful in highlighting the most suitable new cultivars for summers with high light intensity and temperatures up to 37-45°C for 5-10 days, an average yearly rainfall around 750 mm, usually concentrated in autumn with a June-July period of near aridity. Another specific feature of the trial garden is the low and sustainable maintenance of plants, as increasingly required for urban and private areas in Italy. This includes manual weeding, biological pest and disease control, mulching and drip Irrigation limited to the first year after planting. The planting and maintenance are entrusted to the students and professors of The 'Istituto Professionale per l'Agricoltura' with economic support from the Faenza Municipality and local private Companies.

Apart from the specific field management system, The UNIBO International Rose Trials use the WFRS standard judging criteria and give 50/50 final scores to both permanent and international jury. The trials are open to professional and amateur rose breeders with new varieties not yet in commerce in Italy.

The awards include 'The Rose of the Year' for Large Flowered Hybrid Tea (HT), Cluster Flowered Floribunda or Bed roses (FL), Ground Cover, Landscape roses (GC), Shrub (SHR), Climbers, Ramblers (CL), The Most Fragrant Rose (P), The People's Choice, The Students' Choice, *Faventiae Rosa* and several local awards, e.g. The Rose of Rotary members' wives and The Rose of Villa Abbondanzi, offered by the Company amongst the sponsors of the international Trial Day.

The first edition of the UNIBO International Rose Trials has been scheduled for Sunday and Monday, 17th and 18th May 2020, following the rose trials in Rome, thus allowing guests to participate in both events. This first year a total of 42 hybrids are under evaluation, including 21 HT, 16 FL, 4 SHR and 1 GC sent by 12 European breeders. First assessments by the permanent jury have already been communicated to participating breeders.

We look forward to welcoming you to these exciting new International Rose Trials in Italy.



Modern Floribunda bed in the Educational Garden

WFRS VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

By Vivienne Black, WFRS Vice President - Africa

I was privileged to be invited to visit Zimbabwe by Sue and Gil Laver, the owners of Picabella Rose Nursery. I graciously accepted the invitation and welcomed the idea of sharing the love of roses and information of WFRS and the opportunity of extending a warm welcome to the rose lovers of Zimbabwe. The two-day event was in aid of Island Hospice where Gil and Sue were the hosts for the Annual Rose Remembrance Day.

I was collected by the driver at the airport on a very hot 38C degree day. Driving through the streets of Harare I wondered how they managed to grow roses in such a dry, hot country - little did I know what was in store for me. Behind an enormous jacaranda tree lay the beautiful Picabella Rose Nursery. I could hardly believe my eyes – rows and rows of magnificent roses, rose arches and manicured grass verges. This nursery is the paradise for local rose lovers to visit and buy beautiful quality roses and great compost. A dripline watering system which is used throughout the nursery and good mulching is the secret to the large, beautiful rose bushes and healthy leaves.

Two hundred rose lovers from all over Zimbabwe came to share the two-day event where loved ones were remembered and friends shared their stories of the loved ones they had lost. What stood out for me was the friendliness and the hospitality of the people of Zimbabwe. With all the difficulties the country is facing they could still step out and organize a world-class event to remember their loved ones and honour them with the love of the queen of flowers - the rose.



Picabella Rose Nursery



I was delighted to be invited to the 67th International Rose Trials held in Baden- Baden, Germany and honored to be asked to be President of the International Jury for the day.

The International Rose Trials for new rose varieties in Baden-Baden which takes place at the Beutig Rose Garden is annually executed by the Department for Parks and Horticulture. It is meant as an international contest for new varieties of garden roses.

The contest is open to all rose breeders in Germany and around the world. The varieties presented may not have been marketed yet in any country prior to the sending of the roses to the contest. The new varieties of hybrid teas, floribunda, ground cover roses and miniatures are evaluated over a period of two years, climbers and shrub roses after a period of three years.

The Juries evaluate the new breeding according to the criteria of the World Federation of Rose Societies – general impression, flower, disease resistance, fragrance.

On 18 June, a beautiful, hot summer day, 130 judges and breeders attended the event in Beutig Trial Gardens, where the South African flag had been hoisted in first position to signify that a South African judge was presiding over the proceedings. The programme for the day commenced with a welcome and briefing by Markus Brunsing, a welcoming address by Margaret Mergen, the Mayor of Baden-Baden and my speech which went off well. A number of hours of intense conversation and discussion followed as we examined specimens that had made it to the final rounds when our score cards were submitted.

A delicious lunch was served to the judges in a marquee tent erected next to the most photographed series of arches in the world. A magnificent day held in a majestic garden was enjoyed by everyone. We were bused back to our hotels to have a quick change and then a memorable walk down to the impressive Gönneranlage Rose Garden for the award ceremony. Guests were welcomed by Markus Brunsing, the director of all gardens in Baden-Baden. Margret Mergen, Markus Brunsing and I awarded the prizes.

The Golden Rose of Baden-Baden was awarded to Tantau for a beautiful hybrid tea called 'Anuschka'.



Left: Baden-Baden Award Winners. WFRS Vice Presidents Mireille Steil and Vivienne Black (3rd & 4th from left, front row), Baden-Baden Mayor Margret Mergen (4th from right)

Right: Markus Brunsing (r) with Golden Rose 'Anuschka' & Tantau head rose breeder Jens Krüger (l)



Early on the morning of 19 June Markus Brunsing, Sanda Simic and I took off for the International Rose Trials in the beautiful old garden of roses in Saverne, France. The Trials are held in the rose garden which is the meeting place of all local rose lovers in the town.

We were welcomed by the local community with lovely coffee and cakes. We then proceeded to the trial grounds. Many of the roses were unfortunately beyond their prime and couldn't be judged by the international panel, but a fun morning was had by all.

A wonderful lunch of fresh salmon was served by the local residents in a beautiful marquee tent.

A rose that caught my attention was the magnificent rose called 'Alsace', named after the historical town of Alsace.



Left: Judges at Saverne Rose Trial, Right: Rose 'Alsace'



Midlands Rose Society garden display, South Africa

By Doug Grant, WFRS Vice President - Australasia

The biggest news in the New Zealand rose world for 2019 was the passing of Dr Sam McGredy in August. Sam was an icon of roses and one of the greats of the rose breeding world. He left a legacy of many beautiful roses growing around the world. Rosarians who attended the World Rose Convention in Copenhagen will remember my lecture on Sam and his roses and what he achieved over a lifetime of breeding. A number of rosarians, rose breeders and personalities from the horticultural world attended Sam's funeral at Eden Park, the home of rugby in New Zealand. Rugby was one of Sam's passions.

Back in May New Zealand rosarians were saddened to hear of the passing of Mr David Ruston. Many New Zealanders had met David either in Denmark, here in New Zealand or in other parts of the world. David visited New Zealand eight times over many years and loved New Zealand and its roses and he became a good friend to many in our country.

The Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Rose Society was held in Palmerston North in April. Mrs Janet Pike of the Waikato Rose Society was elected President for her second year and Doug Grant (Franklin) continues as Immediate Past President. Mr Hayden Foulds (Manawatu) and Mrs Bev Fletcher (Waikato) were elected as Vice Presidents while Mr Adrian Bullen (Auckland/Franklin), Mrs Daphne Rissman (South Canterbury) and Mrs Eileen Wilcox (Waikato) are joined by former New Zealand Rose Annual Editor Mrs Rachael Chalmers (Otago) on the NZRS Council. Mrs Heather Macdonell, the NZRS Secretary/Treasurer of the Society, has now completed 40 years in this position— an impressive length of service.

At the Annual Meeting, Mr Max Bullen of the Auckland Rose Society was awarded the Frank Penn Memorial Award for services to a district rose society. He has been a member of the Auckland Rose Society since 1985 and comes from a family of rosarians. This includes the Lippiatts who were early New Zealand rose breeders and nurserymen. Max is a well-respected consulting rosarian and exhibitor who has always assisted the Auckland Rose Society when required.

The TA Stewart Memorial Award for outstanding service to the rose in Australia or New Zealand was awarded to Hayden Foulds for 2019. This was presented at the Australian Rose Society Rose weekend in Adelaide. Doug Grant collected this on behalf of Hayden who was unable to attend. The award was presented to Hayden at the Palmerston North Trial Grounds awards day in early December.



Left: The late Sam McGredy, IV, with a bloom of his rose 'My Girl'

Right: Hayden Foulds, awarded the TA Stewart Memorial Award for outstanding service



Photos: Hayden Foulds

The New Zealand Rose Society produces two excellent publications, both edited by Hayden Foulds. The New Zealand Rose Annual was produced in July and it contains a range of articles and reports. The New Zealand Rose Review 2020 was produced in November and continues to be an excellent publication for promoting roses in New Zealand. During the year, the New Zealand Rose Society also updated and reprinted its Guidelines for Judges and Exhibitors booklet. The New Zealand Rose Society again produced its own calendar following on from one in the previous year. This calendar featured photos from members who had submitted them by way of a competition.

Heritage Roses New Zealand (Inc) changed their National Executive in September. This saw the changing of the guard with a new nationally based executive under the leadership of Maria Church from Wellington as President.

The annual spring rose season started in November after an up and down weather-wise October. Hamilton was the attraction for rosarians with both the National Rose Show/Convention 'The Grande National' and the New Zealand Rose of the Year trials being held on the same weekend at Hamilton Gardens.

The Waikato Rose Society did a tremendous job of hosting the National Show and Convention. At the national show the Champion of Champions for large roses went to a small stem of 'Reflections' entered by Sheree Gare of the Waikato Rose Society. Irene Taylor, also from the Waikato Rose Society was awarded the Champion of Champions for miniature-type roses with a fully open bloom of 'Dinky Pinky'. Our fellow Australian rosarians Richard and Ruth Walsh, (NSW), Gavin Woods (SA) and Jim and Pat Cunningham (NSW) attended the convention and judged at the show and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The annual New Zealand Rose of the Year trial was held in the picturesque Rogers Rose Garden as part of the Pacific Rose Bowl Festival. The overall New Zealand Rose of the Year for 2019 went to 'Everlasting Hope' (Somnata) a soft pink fragrant rose bred by Rob Somerfield and named for Postnatal Depression Canterbury. This rose also awarded Best Shrub rose and Best New Zealand Bred rose.

Rob Somerfield was also awarded Best Hybrid Tea for the white edged pink 'Diamond Design' (Somirevan) and Best Floribunda and Most Fragrant Rose for the pink 'Skyla Rose' (Somlasky). The award for best climber went to an Austin rose 'Wollerton Old Hall' (Ausblanket), a pale apricot cream while local school children selected the orange/yellow 'Midsummer' (Tan02280) from Tantau as the Children's Choice Award winner.

The final event of the year was the presentation of awards from the New Zealand Rose Society International Trials in Palmerston North. The awards were presented by the Mayor of Palmerston North in the stunning Dugald Mackenzie Rose Gardens. Rob Somerfield of Tauranga was awarded the Gold Star of the South Pacific for 'Grandma's Rose' (Somvalerie). This is a red/purple coloured rose named for Rob's mother. Rob was also awarded a Certificate of Merit for the cream 'Old Friends' (Sompitymy). Bob Matthews from Wanganui was awarded a Certificate of Merit for the berry coloured 'Berry Nice' (Mattjaz) while Canadian breeder Brad Jalbert was also awarded a Certificate of Merit for the lemon yellow 'Lemon Ruffles' (Jalla2).

At the awards presentation was the unveiling of the name 'Pride of Palmy' for a rose bred by Rob Somerfield to celebrate 50 years of rose trials in Palmerston North in 2020. The National Rose Show is being held there on November 28th and 29th 2020. This will incorporate the 50th anniversary celebrations of the rose trials which will include the first release of the rose 'Pride of Palmy' and the launch of a book on the history of the trials and a display of past winners. It is expected a number of New Zealand and International rose breeders will join the celebrations as well.



Photos: Doug Grant



Left: Rob Somerfield with rose 'Everlasting Hope' , Right: 'Pride of Palmy'

NEW BREEDERS' CLUB MEMBERS

We are fortunate to welcome two new Breeders' Club members. We will start with our youngest member.

My name is Mateusz Sobieszek from Poland. I am a 19 year old amateur breeder and started breeding roses when I was 16. My dad is a rose producer and our company was created in 1991; producing 500,000 roses a year. I have always helped my dad in the nursery, working on budding and other things. When I discovered rose breeding, I fell in love. In time, I did more crosses and got more seedlings. My work is based on my own experience and on what I read on the internet and in books. I have some interesting seedlings, which the most important characteristic is they are very healthy. I enjoy observing my seedlings and take notes on all that catch my attention. My work is limited by time because I am still a student. Roses are my passion, I always dreamed to create something new for the world and now I can do it.

(Photos courtesy of the author.)



Some of Mateusz Sobieszek's unnamed rose seedlings



Our next new member of the Breeders' Club is Andre Eve Roses from France.

Les Roses Anciennes André Eve : rose designer, collector and gardener

The roots of Les Roses Anciennes André Eve draw on the history of Orléans roses and the passion of the men who wrote it for the most marvellous of flowering shrubs, the rose bush. As the last hybridizing rose nursery in the Orléanais region, which once counted dozens of companies, it offers a magnificent example of the most difficult transition for a company, that of the soul. André Eve took over Marcel Robichon's renowned nursery at Pithiviers in the 1960s and inherited his passion for creating new roses. In the 70s and 80s, André Eve fell in love with so-called old roses and a style of English garden that was not very widespread in France at the time. He became one of the most fervent collectors and promoters of these roses with their irresistible power of seduction! To share his passion, he first staged them in his garden in Pithiviers and then in the Morailles garden in Pithiviers-le-Vieil when the company expanded. The André Eve® garden was born!

The rosebush is the star of this garden. Well-chosen "companion plants", tested by the ever-curious master gardener, occupy secondary but essential roles. Sublimated in beds with gentle curves and silky lawn paths, the rosebush knows how to play all the roles: the precious romantic, the simple natural, the exuberant, the unusual winged costume, the tireless flower designer, the learned botanist and the intrepid acrobat. The result is a real rose fairy tale. The visitor experiences the sensations of Alice in Wonderland, especially inside the flowery and fragrant "tunnel" formed by the chain of pergolas. André Eve did not confine this star to his garden. Plant lovers adored his work and created remarkable scenes for the star both in France and beyond, such as the commune of Chédigny. Having become a village-garden of roses, Chédigny is a true hymn to the beauty of the climbing roses that André Eve loved so much.

Today, to ensure their development, Les Roses André Eve has moved again, and put down its roots in Gallerand, in the commune of Chilleurs-aux-Bois, 15 minutes from the former Morailles site. To the north of the Loiret, between Chamerolles castle and the largest state-owned forest in France, the forest of Orléans, which lends itself to green tourism. And we must not forget the gastronomy, dear to André Eve, with the few restaurants famous for their specialities.

If the Gardener of the Roses left the earthly beauties in 2015, his spirit still radiates through the garden he invented and in the hearts of those who knew him. The company's team, with passion and friendliness, pursues the vocation of rose gardener:

- Creator of new varieties, recognized and awarded in international competitions for their beauty and resistance,
- Collector of rare pearls to quench the thirst for the most unusual or simply good plants,
- Gardener of the Jardin André Eve®, soul and emblem of the company. In this garden, Nature feels good and so does Man.

In the Jardin André Eve®, visitors can meet 'Sylvie Vartan®', André Eve's first star creation, 'Jardin de Granville®', Dior's charismatic rose, used for its cosmetics, and 600 other varieties, famous such as 'Red Parfum®', 'Roville®', 'Belle Sultane', 'Jacques Cartier'... or less well known. In the absence of an autograph, each rose has a label with its name on it so as not to forget it. To be photographed or copied, but do not take it with you of course! If it is still young, the Jardin André Eve®, already knows how to make people discover the beauty and diversity of roses, appreciate the nuances of colours and perfumes, learn how to marry the rosebush and its companion plants, how to prune, mulch, take care of it naturally, how to transform a pergola into a garland, how to simply cultivate roses and garden happiness, a natural balance in a world that needs it so much. The boutique and its nursery, allow you to find what you need to make your dream come true, with the enthusiastic advice of the team!



Left: Jérôme Râteau in seedling selection garden, Middle: 'Azay le Rideau', Right: 'Lambert Wilson'

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News from Australia

Australia's Rose Gardens Not Affected by Fires

Australia has often been described as a “*land of droughts and flooding rains*” and it has always had bushfires, (also described as ‘wildfires’).

Worldwide coverage showed wildfires started in our Eastern States, exacerbated by the weather and drought, in August 2019. These conditions aren't new to Australians. High temperatures and strong winds, combined with the lengthy drought and low moisture in the soil kept the fires blazing. The extreme heat came after the driest spring on record, and reports show we are experiencing drier, hotter and longer summers. Finally, well into January, significant rains have come but some inaccessible fires in remote areas are still burning. Many fires have been downgraded.

Fire officers report that the majority of blazes were started by dry lightning storms, many in heavily wooded National Parks where the Australian native trees are highly combustible.

The recent devastating bushfires impacted and burnt about 11 million hectares of land (2% of the Australian land mass). It killed at least 50,000 livestock, burned more than 3,000 homes and the nation is mourning the deaths of 29 people. Sadly, it is estimated that a large number of native animals have also died.

Reflecting on the past, during the summer of 1974-75 Australia experienced one of its worst bushfire seasons when around 117 million hectares sustained extensive fire damage (approx. 15% of Australia's land mass). In a relatively short time, the forests and vegetation regenerated.

We have been greatly encouraged by the large number of letters of support, prayers, concern and requests for news in relation to our recent fires expressed by our rosarian friends and colleagues around the world. These are appreciated – thank you.

The good news is that THE ROSE GARDENS AND MAJORITY OF SCENIC PLACES which we have planned to visit during the 2021 WFRS World Rose Convention in Adelaide, and the Pre- and Post-Convention tours throughout Australia, HAVE NOT BEEN AFFECTED by fires (with one exception a Rhododendron Garden in the Blue Mountains which is doing its best to recover).

The best thing our global rose friends can do to help us and our communities is to honour us with your attendance at the WFRS World Rose Convention in Australia in October, 2021.

A feature article following titled, “WORLD ROSE CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS - DISCOVER AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND IN 2021” written by Melanie Trimper and Hayden Foulds, gives a very good overview of all the tours on offer before and after the Convention. In South Australia and New South Wales, we will take you to some of the fire affected areas so that you can see how quickly our natural vegetation recovers from fire, and some trees are already regenerating.

Indeed, our first nation's inhabitants, the Aboriginal people, regularly burnt the natural forests as part of their hunting endeavours and to manage their food sources and this practice also reduced the fuel loads. As the seasons progress, the bush will regenerate. This cycle of regeneration has been understood by indigenous Australians for thousands of years.

We should also acknowledge the incredible generosity of people here in Australia and overseas making donations. The Australian Red Cross has received \$127 million to date and the Government has committed at least \$2 billion for recovery and rebuilding.

We also sincerely thank the amazing firefighters around the country who have worked tirelessly, and they have been supported by their colleagues from Canada, USA and New Zealand, just to name a few.

People overseas have been concerned by the images of fire and perhaps misled by maps suggesting that nearly the whole of our nation was ablaze, when in fact only 2% of the Australian land mass has been affected. One consequence of these reports was many millions of dollars in bookings made by overseas tourists have been cancelled and current flight bookings are down by 30 to 40 percent in some of our tourism locations. If we see airlines with some “super flight deals” in the next 12 months we’ll let you know. Yes, we are open for business. Our international visitors will return, just as they have returned to other countries after natural disasters.

Thanks again for your ongoing support and our committee and society members look forward to seeing you in Australia in 2021.

Kelvin Trimper AM
WFRS Immediate Past President
Chairman, 2021 Convention Committee



Photo: Melanie Trimper

Koala

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WORLD ROSE CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

DISCOVER AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND IN 2021

By Melanie Trimper, South Australia
and Hayden Foulds, New Zealand

The 19th WFRS World Rose Convention will be held in the beautiful City of Adelaide, in South Australia, from 21 – 28 October 2021. It is described as “one of the world’s most liveable cities” – a friendly, modern city which is safe and affordable. Adelaide is also renowned for its passion for food and wine with great restaurants, our own Chinatown and the century-old Adelaide Central Market is a joy to explore bringing together 70 traders under one roof with artisan producers showcasing food, wine and coffee.

Adelaide is so easy to get around on foot and on the tram (free in the city centre square mile). Given the warm Mediterranean climate, Adelaide has become the rose capital of Australia and is recognised for its magnificent parklands and gardens. The city is located between beaches and the sea on one side and the picturesque hills on the other. It is only one hour’s drive to the wine regions. Adelaide has unique wildlife at the Cleland Wildlife Park and on Kangaroo Island. There is an optional full day tour to Kangaroo Island where you can enjoy the rugged wilderness and view colonies of sea lions and penguins on the coast and kangaroos bounding along the red soil.

The year 2019 and the New Year have brought devastating bushfires across our country. With a strong community spirit and financial backing from the Government, our nation will re-build and recover. Also, do not be put off by our summer heatwave in 2019, the spring weather is moderate in Adelaide with an average October daily temperature usually around 24°Celsius (75.2°F).

Now it’s time to explore some of the exciting tours and locations offering an incredible range of holiday experiences – we know you are going to love seeing these iconic places and some beautiful gardens!



Rundle Mall, Adelaide, South Australia (Photo: Melanie Trimper)



Perth City, Western Australia (Photo: Tourism Australia)



Perth Swan River Cruise (Photo: Captain Cook Cruises)



Uluru, Northern Territory (Photo: Tourism Australia)

TOURS

PRE-CONVENTION TOUR No. 1

PERTH and the Outback Uluru, arrival in Adelaide - 16 Oct. – 21 Oct. 2021

Day 1: Welcome to **Perth**. Private group pick up from hotel and visit Kings Park. Dinner at local restaurant. Accommodation: Travelodge Perth.

Day 2: Visit to Kings Park in Perth and lunch at Zamia Café. Enjoy a **River Cruise on the scenic Swan River** from Elizabeth Quay to the City of Fremantle, now part of Perth's metropolitan area. There's extra free time to explore this historic port, known for its Victorian architecture and maritime and British history. Dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 3: Visit a number of well-known private and public gardens including Araluen Botanic Gardens. Dinner at hotel.

Day 4: Fly to Alice Springs, a remote town in Australia's Northern Territory, halfway between Darwin and Adelaide. It's a popular gateway for exploring the Red Centre and iconic Uluru (Ayers Rock). A tour of Alice Springs and stop at Olive Pink Botanic Garden. Outback dinner under the stars. Accommodation at Crown Plaza Lasseters Hotel Alice Springs.

Day 5: It's an early start to drive to **Uluru** to experience Australia's physical beauty and its spiritual heart. Stop in Curtin Springs. Continue to Kata Tjuta and explore the unique rock formations and Walpa Gorge where there is a walking trail. Return to hotel. As darkness falls on Uluru, the rock is thrown into silhouette, experience the desert and Field of Lights. Accommodation Desert Gardens Hotel.

Day 6: An option to see Uluru at sunrise – a magical time of day. Transfer to Ayers Rock Airport for onward flight to Adelaide. (Breakfast, lunch and dinner included, except for dinner only on Day 1 and no lunch provided on Day 4.)



Sydney Harbour, New South Wales (Photo: Captain Cook Cruises)



Fairmont Resort & Spa - Blue Mountains, New South Wales



Great Barrier Reef, Queensland (Photo: Tourism Whitsundays)



Daintree Rainforest, Queensland (Photo: FNQ Nature Tours)

PRE-CONVENTION TOUR No. 2

SYDNEY, Blue Mountains, Cairns, Adelaide - 15 Oct. – 21 Oct. 2021

Day 1: Welcome to **Sydney**. Private group transfer to hotel. Dinner at hotel. Accommodation Hyatt Regency Sydney.

Day 2: Highlights include visit to the Royal Botanic Gardens and Rose Garden; walk to Government House for a garden visit and reception (to be confirmed), **Captain Cook Lunch Cruise on Sydney Harbour**. In the afternoon travel by coach to the **Blue Mountains**. Evening Cocktail Party (food and drinks included). Accommodation at the award-winning **Fairmont Resort & Spa**, Leura in the Blue Mountains, New South Wales, for two nights.

Day 3: Explore the World Heritage area of the Blue Mountains and enjoy a picnic lunch. Afternoon at Everglades House and Gardens featuring 5.2 hectares of graceful gardens constructed in the 1930s. Return to Hotel with dinner and entertainment at the hotel.

Day 4: Visit the Australian Botanic Garden at Mt. Annan, a large botanical garden specialising in native plants. A feature of the visit to Mt Annan Botanical Garden will be a visit to the Australian Plant Bank. There will be guided tours of the research laboratories and an international guest researcher speaking on '*Roses under the Microscope*'. We are grateful to the NSW Government through Destination NSW for strategic sponsorship of the NSW part of this tour. Arrive in Sydney for flight to **Cairns** in Queensland. Transfer to hotel and have dinner. Accommodation at **Peppers Beach Club & Spa, Palm Cove, QLD**, for three nights.

Day 5: Full Day Tour of the **Great Barrier Reef**. Tour departing from Palm Cove, including tropical buffet lunch. Dinner at local restaurant.

Day 6: Full Day Tour to **Daintree Rainforest**. Dinner at local restaurant.

Day 7: Depart Cairns. Transfer to Cairns Airport for flight to **Adelaide**. (Breakfast, lunch and dinner included).



Peppers Beach Club and Spa, Queensland



The Barn, Mt Gambier, South Australia

19th WFRS WORLD CONVENTION - ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA - 21 – 28 Oct. 2021

Delegates arrive on 21 October and the program commences with a Welcome Reception at the Adelaide Town Hall at 6.30pm.

The **Adelaide Convention Centre** is conveniently located in the city with at least 15 hotels within one kilometre and several are just across the road. The Official Convention Hotel is **The InterContinental Adelaide**, North Terrace, only 100 metres from the Convention Centre. Enjoy a stroll along the cultural boulevard of North Terrace to the Rundle Mall Shopping Precinct. Visit the website for more details and note the special room rates for delegates - www.wrc21.aomevents.com.au

POST CONVENTION TOUR – SOUTH AUSTRALIA AND VICTORIA

Coonawarra, Mount Gambier, Treloar Roses, Great Ocean Road to Melbourne - 29 Oct. – 2 Nov. 2021

Day 1: **Adelaide to Mt. Gambier** with a visit to 'Camawald' private garden and winetasting at Patrick of Coonawarra. Accommodation at The Barn, Mt. Gambier (two nights). The award winning Barn is an outstanding location surrounded by 5 acres of English style gardens with great food and wine.

Day 2: Highlights will be visiting private gardens and the historic Glencoe Shearing/Woolshed built in 1863 now a museum.

Day 3: Travel from **Mt. Gambier to Lorne** on the **Great Ocean Road**. A journey on the Great Ocean Road remains one of the world's great road trips. We'll stop at the Twelve Apostles rock formations near Princetown. These statuesque limestone pillars, up to 50m high, look as if they are floating away from the 70m high cliffs. Visit Treloar Roses, established over 55 years ago, the largest rose grower in Australia. This family business, now third generation, is situated in the coastal town of Portland, Victoria. Arrive in Lorne and enjoy some free time. Accommodation: Mantra Lorne.

Day 4: Depart **Lorne** travel to **Melbourne** and visit the Victoria State Rose Garden at Werribee, a WFRS Award winner. With over 5,000 roses covering 5 hectares, this is one of the gems to see in Victoria. Head to **Flemington Racecourse** to view the famous display of roses (To be confirmed). Accommodation: Novotel Glen Waverly (two nights).

Day 5: Travel to **Morwell Centenary Rose Garden** and **Mornington Botanical Rose Gardens**. Both are WFRS Garden of Excellence recipients. Farewell dinner at a Melbourne restaurant. (Breakfast, lunch and dinner included).



Great Ocean Road (Photo: Tourism Australia)



Melbourne, Victoria (Photo: Shutterstock)

POST-POST CONVENTION TOUR No. 1 – DISCOVER TASMANIA - 3 – 7 Nov. 2021

Visit **Tasmania** and discover this slice of paradise where the locals promote Tasmania's spectacular scenery, wildlife, gardens and wonderful gourmet produce.

Day 1 Arrive in **Launceston** and visit the famous **Woolmers Estate**, Longford, for lunch. This World Heritage Listed Estate was established in 1817. It consists of an 82 hectare property, including a manor house, the **National Rose Garden of Tasmania**, outbuildings, convict cottages and formal gardens. Next stop **Oatlands**, an important historical village on the shores of Lake Dulverton. Arrive in **Hobart** and dinner at the Hotel. Accommodation: Wrest Point Hobart (Five nights).

Day 2 Tour of the UNESCO World Heritage site of **Port Arthur** on the Tasman Peninsula. It was a 19th Century convict settlement and now a museum. Ruins include the huge penitentiary and the remaining shell of the Convict Church, built by inmates. Then visit the **Tasmanian Devil Unzoo** where you can come face to face with a real Devil!

Day 3 Coach to the Ferry. Ferry ride from Hobart to **Mona Museum**. Ferry to the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens and lunch. Attend Hobart Horticultural and Rose Show.

Day 4 Free morning to explore Hobart, a walk around the wharf and Salamanca Markets is recommended. Visit to Rose Show is another option. In the afternoon visit Coal River Valley for lunch. Free time to walk around the historic town of Richmond settled in 1823.

Day 5: Visit **Bruny Island**. This is a famous seven course gourmet Full Day Tour run by highly regarded tour operator Pennicott - enjoy oysters, fine wine, good food including lunch, cheeses, honey, chocolates and Whiskey from local producers. It takes just 15 minutes on the Ferry to get to Bruny Island. On all the different stops there is famous food. Savour their produce and hear the stories behind the harvest. At every stop sit back, relax and enjoy a fully inclusive experience. Throughout the day you'll see incredible scenery. The light bush of the northern island gives way to the dense rainforest and diverse wildlife in the south. (Breakfast, lunch and dinner included.)

Next day, 8 Nov, transfer to the Airport.



Hobart, Tasmania (Photo: Tourism Australia)



Bruny Island, Tasmania (Photo: Tourism Australia)

POST-POST CONVENTION TOUR No. 2 – NORTH ISLAND OF NEW ZEALAND 3 – 7 Nov. 2021

Kia Ora, a warm welcome awaits those who travel to **New Zealand** for the Post-Post Tour following the World Rose Convention in Adelaide in 2021. The New Zealand Rose Society is looking forward to welcoming visitors to New Zealand again as part of a WFRS event. In fact, it will be 50 years since New Zealand hosted the first World Rose Convention in 1971.

Day 1: Fly from Melbourne to Auckland where you will be transferred to your hotel.

Day 2: You will visit the **Parnell Rose Garden** and the Auckland Botanic Gardens as you head south to Hamilton in the Waikato region.

Day 3: Visit the **Te Awamutu Rose Garden** and Hamilton Gardens, home to the **Rogers Rose Garden**. Dinner with members of the Waikato Rose Society.

Day 4: You will travel back to Auckland visiting a rose nursery, retail outlet and garden. Dinner with members of the Auckland Rose Society.

Day 5: We will see you transferred to Auckland Airport for your flight home or back to Australia.

Itineraries may be subject to change and further conditions may apply. The final Itineraries and costs will be published in October 2020 when Registration opens.

Reminder to visit our website www.wrc21.aomevents.com.au to keep up-to-date with the latest news and please note that the program for the **2021 WFRS World Rose Convention** will be finalised and published in approximately May – June, 2020.



Te Awamutu Rose Garden, New Zealand (Photo: Hayden Foulds)



Rogers Rose Garden, New Zealand (Photo: Hayden Foulds)

NEW ZEALAND INTERNATIONAL ROSE TRIALS

By Hayden Foulds, New Zealand

History

The Palmerston North trials were not the first rose trials in New Zealand with early efforts in trialling roses made at Parnell in Auckland and Morrinsville in the Waikato. There were also rose trials conducted at Massey University near Palmerston North in the 1940's and 50's. For whatever reason, these trials did not continue and there were no independent trials available to test new roses under New Zealand conditions. Rather rosarians had to rely on reports on varieties from overseas trials that had different growing conditions than was found in New Zealand.

In the mid to late 1960's, the New Zealand Rose Society Council discussed setting up rose trials and various locations were proposed around New Zealand. In the end, the Dugald Mackenzie Rose Garden in Palmerston North was chosen as the location of the trials. Palmerston North's central location geographically and moderate climate makes for a great rose growing area. The strong support of the Palmerston North City Council and the local Manawatu Rose Society were also a key factor in choosing Palmerston North to host the trials and this support is still strong 50 years later. The trials are the oldest rose trials in the Southern Hemisphere.



Left: Rose trial garden today, Right: New Zealand Council evaluating roses during first trials in 1970

The first trials were initially for one year and 20% of the final score was judged by a national panel on one particular day. It was soon found one year was too short and that the results became skewed with the national panel judging if an entry was not out in flower on judging day. From 1972, the trials were extended to two years and the national panel was done away with.

In the early days of the trials, entries came from overseas breeders via their New Zealand agents while others were solicited directly by the trial grounds committee, imported and quarantined before being planted in the trials. Some also came from New Zealand amateur breeders. Having Sam McGredy move to New Zealand was also of immense benefit to the trials as many of his new roses were entered and we were often the first ones in the world to see his latest material coming through.

By the 1980's direct imports had ceased but overseas bred roses were still entered via New Zealand agents and representatives. There were also more amateur bred roses from New Zealand and overseas breeders being entered with some going on to receive awards. In the early 2000's things changed again. Firstly, the retirement of Sam McGredy meant that the great line of his creations came to an end. Fortunately, Sam had encouraged other New Zealand breeders and soon more of their roses were being entered in the trials. Several long established rose nurseries also closed their doors for a variety of reasons and so there was a changing of the guard to other growers who were now entering roses. The increased cost and difficulty of importing new varieties also led to fewer overseas bred varieties being entered.

This trend has continued since then to the current day with importing new varieties getting even more difficult and it is entirely feasible that one day, the border will close to new material. On the flipside, there are some great roses being bred by New Zealand breeders that are now winning many of the awards and getting great publicity.

How the trials are run

The trials are run as a partnership between the New Zealand Rose Society and the Palmerston North City Council under a set of by-laws which set out how they will operate. The trial grounds committee, a subcommittee of the New Zealand Rose Society carries out the administration of the trials. The local and national rose societies, the rose industry and the city council are all represented on the committee. Staff from the Palmerston North City Council maintains the trials and we are fortunate for their assistance in this area.

The trial grounds are made up of three sets of beds plus two frames for growing climbing entries on. There are 30 - 40 entries per trial and each is identified with a number during trial.

Each trial is conducted over a two year period, although climbing entries are grown for an extra year prior to being judged. Entries are arranged by type and the number of plants required varies according to type. Six plants are needed for Hybrid Teas and Floribundas, three for shrubs and groundcovers, four for miniature/patios and two for climbers/patio climbers

There is no charge to enter the trials apart from freighting costs to send plants to Palmerston North. Entries must not be commercially available at time of entry and New Zealand amateur breeders require a consulting rosarian to confirm that their entry is worthy of trial.

During trial, the roses receive an average level of care. They are not pampered but not left to fend for themselves either. They are sprayed but this is reduced after Christmas and anything susceptible to disease will show up.

After each trial is finished, the winners are replanted elsewhere in the rose gardens while remaining plants are returned to the entrants or destroyed. Each trial is judged by a panel of 20 judges which range from rose society members to gardeners with a few roses in their gardens. Entries are scored on a 1 – 10 system.

In the first year of the trial, each entry is judged four times over the growing season under the categories of Plant Quality, Freedom of Flowering and Flower Quality which contribute 1/3rd of the final score. Fragrance is also assessed separately by the judges

The second year's judging consists of five assessments over the growing season from November to May. Categories are habit & growth, plant health, freedom of flowering, flower form and flower quality. This contributes 2/3rds to the final score. A separate judges panel evaluates for novelty.

The winning roses from each trial are announced at a function held in Palmerston North in late November/early December each year. The Mayor of Palmerston North is usually on hand to present the awards and successive Mayors have taken a keen interest in the rose trials.

An entry must reach an average of 70% across all judging categories and must be released commercially in New Zealand to receive an award.

Certificates of Merit are presented to those entries that gain 70% or more. The June Hocking Award (Fragrance) and Nola Simpson Award (Novelty) are presented to any winner that scores highly in these areas. Both these awards were renamed after two long serving members of the trial ground committee who each gave over 30 years' service.

To recognise the efforts of New Zealand amateur breeders, the Silver Star of the City of Palmerston North is awarded to the best NZ amateur bred rose gaining a Certificate of Merit.

The trial grounds top award, the Gold Star of the South Pacific, is awarded to the highest pointed rose on trial gaining a Certificate of Merit. This is a highly sought after award, particularly by New Zealand rose breeders, and often leads to the rose becoming a top seller commercially. Up until the mid-1980's, a Gold Star was presented to the highest scoring Hybrid Tea, Floribunda and sometimes the best entry under another category such as climber. Since then, only one Gold Star is presented each year. The most successful winner of Gold Stars is unsurprisingly Sam McGredy with 16, although Rob Somerfield also of New Zealand now has 10.

A full list of award winning roses trial by trial can be found at <https://nzroses.org.nz/nzrs-trials/>

50th Anniversary Celebrations

The 50th anniversary of the trials are being celebrated on November 28th and 29th 2020 in Palmerston North with the hosting of the National Rose Show. On Sunday 29th, there will be the awards presentation for Trial 50, judging of the trials and the cutting of the 50th anniversary cake. An invitation is being extended to the Governor General of New Zealand to attend the awards. There will be a group of Australian rosarians attending and some overseas rose breeders. On Monday 30th, there will be a visit to one of our leading rose nurseries, Matthews Nurseries near Wanganui.

A book is also being produced that will cover the history and results of the trials and this will be launched as part of the awards presentation ceremony.

A new rose is also being launched to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the trials. Named 'Pride of Palmy', this golden yellow Hybrid Tea was commissioned by the Mayor of Palmerston North, Grant Smith and bred by Rob Somerfield. Its name was chosen in a public competition.

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(All photos courtesy of Hayden Foulds.)



Left: The 2016 trial grounds committee with Matthias Meilland of France (front center with shovel)

Right: Palmerston North Mayor Grant Smith (left), with Rob Somerfield (right), holding a bouquet of 'Pride of Palmy'

2020 WFRS INTERNATIONAL ROSE TRIALS

By Marga Vermer, Chairman WFRS International Rose Trials

Here are the known International Rose Trials for the Year 2020 subject to cancellation due to the coronavirus.

CITY	Country	YEAR 2020
Monaco	Princ. of Monaco	8-May
Barcelona	Spain	15-May
Rome	Italy	16-May
Bologna	Italy	17 & 18-May
Madrid	Spain	22-May
Tokyo	Japan	May/Oct
Lyon	France	5-Jun
Nantes	France	NA
Hradec Kralove	Czech Republic	13-Jun
Baden-Baden	Germany	16-Jun
Saverne	France	17-Jun
Paris	France	18-Jun
Nyon	Switzerland	20-Jun
Kortrijk	Belgium	26-Jun
Nagaoka City	Japan	Jun-Oct
Den Haag	Netherlands	4-Jul
Belfast	Northern Ireland	17-Jul
Hertfordshire	Great Britain	X
Glasgow	Great Britain	20 & 21-Aug
Warsaw	Poland	28-Aug
Le Roeulx	Belgium	4-Sep
Orleans	France	10-Sep
Asheville, NC	USA	26-Sep
Rose Hills	USA	Cancelled
Adelaide	Australia	20-Oct
Gifu	Japan	May/Oct
Hamilton	New Zealand	19/22-Nov
Palmerston North	New Zealand	28 & 29-Nov

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Austria (2001) - Österreichische Rosenfreunde in der Gartenbau-Gesellschaft
Belgium (1968) - Société Royale Nationale 'Les Amis de la Rose'
Bermuda (1981) - Bermuda Rose Society
Canada (1968) - Canadian Rose Society
Chile (2000) - Asociación Chilena de la Rosa
China (1997) - Chinese Rose Society
Czechia (1994) - Czechia Rosa Club
Denmark (1994) - The Danish Rose Society
Finland (1997) - Finnish Rose Society
France (1979) - Société Française des Roses
Germany (1968) - Gesellschaft Deutscher Rosenfreunde
Great Britain (2018) - The Rose Society UK
Greece (1997) - The Hellenic Rose Society
Hungary (2008) - Hungarian Rose Friends Society
Iceland (2007) - Icelandic Rose Society
India (1968, 1982) - Indian Rose Federation
Israel (1975) - The Jerusalem Foundation
Italy (1968) - Italian Rose Society
Japan (1968) - Japan Rose Society
Luxembourg (1983) - Luxembourg Rose Society
Monaco (2012) - Société des Roses de Monaco
Netherlands (1976) - Nederlandse Rozenvereniging
New Zealand (1968) - New Zealand Rose Society
Northern Ireland (1982) - Rose Society of Northern Ireland
Norway (1988) - Norwegian Rose Society
Pakistan (1992) - Pakistan National Rose Society
Poland (1981, 2017) - Polish Rose Society
Romania (1992) - Asociatia Amicii Rozelor din Romania
Russia (2007) - Russian Association of Rosarians
Slovakia (1997) - Slovak National Rose Society
Slovenia (2000) - Slovenian Rose Society
South Africa (1968) - Federation of Rose Societies of South Africa
South Korea (2018) - South Korea Rose Society
Spain (1992) - Asociación Española de la Rosa
Sweden (1994) - The Swedish Rose Society
Switzerland (1976) - Gesellschaft Schweizerischer Rosenfreunde SA
United States (1968) - American Rose Society
Uruguay (1985) - Asociación Uruguaya de la Rosa

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WFRS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

21-28 October 2021

WFRS 19th World Rose Convention – Adelaide, Australia - wrc21.aomevents.com.au

May 2024

WFRS 20th World Rose Convention - Fukuyama City, Japan

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until the conclusion of the 2021 World Rose Convention in Australia.***

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**Friends Dinner
Kolkata, India.**

**Host: Sushil
Prakash (8th from
left, in back row)**

Photo: Henriette de Brier

AND FINALLY...

Courtesy of Dr Gérald and Christina Meylan.



Amen.