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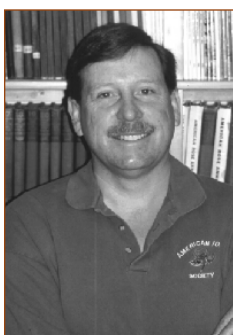


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**Steve Jones, District Director**

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**Kitty Belendez, Editor**



## A NEW BEGINNING

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*District Director*  
*Pacific Southwest District*  
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I would like to begin by thanking all of our members for electing me as your District Director for the next three years. I hope we can all work together to form a great district, as we are the largest district in terms of membership, with almost 3,000 members.

I am proceeding with my campaign promise for better education by appointing Kitty Belendez as the Chairman of Education, and selecting the best chairman for each committee who have the same goals. The Education Chairman will coordinate activities to make sure we have plenty of schools/seminars, articles, information on the webpage, and educational programs at district conventions. Members of this committee will include the Arrangement and Horticulture Judges chairmen, Consulting Rosarian chairman, Editor, and Webmaster. Since Kitty will also be the bulletin editor, a lot of this information will be mentioned in the district bulletin. Our goal is to have a minimum of two schools/seminars for Arrangement Judges, Horticultural Judges, and Consulting Rosarians per year, rotating between SoCal and the rest of our district.

We also have a new webmaster who has produced our new website, [www.geocities.com/pswdistrict](http://www.geocities.com/pswdistrict), which will contain more information and will cover events from all of our local societies. Glenn Fiery has done an excellent job getting this site together for us. We have included lots of new information on the web page, including a number of rose related articles. We are also planning a calendar of events, so I hope all societies will send us information so we can advertise it district-wide.

My other goal is fun. I am currently working on

establishing a hospitality room at each convention where people can kick back and talk roses till wee hours of the night while enjoying snacks and the beverage of their choice. I plan to have a "thank you" party at my room at the District Convention next May in Bakersfield. I hope you will all plan to attend this convention and help start the fun times rolling.

As for better communications, the bulletin and website are critical. We need to get the information out to the members for the district to be more successful. I plan to have a mass e-mailing from time to time to inform local societies of news. So it is important that each local society keeps the name of their president up to date, and to have an e-mail address where I can send this information. Of course, I am available to answer e-mails and phones calls. Kitty has promised a bulletin with more articles from the chairmen of the committees and general information. So please encourage your society members to sign up for the bulletin, and at \$10 a year it is a bargain. You do not have to be an ARS member to receive the bulletin.

Thanks again and let the good times begin!

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## Calendar

**March 3, 2001**

***Pacific Southwest District  
Consulting Rosarian Seminar***

Hosted by the South Coast Rose Society  
Rolling Hills Covenant Church

2222 Palos Verdes Drive North, Rolling Hills Estates  
Info: Gloria Leinbach (310) 373-2858  
Coastrose@aol.com

**March 24, 2001**

***Rose Arrangement Workshop***

10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Ventura Fairgrounds (Seaside Park)

Guest Teacher: Laverne Cottet

Info: Sue Diller (805) 648-7322

Barbara Schneider (805) 659-4193

**May 3-6, 2001**

***Pacific Southwest District  
Convention & Rose Show***

Bakersfield

Info: Bert Grant (661) 822-9065

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**June 6-10, 2001**

***ARS National Convention***

Portland, OR

Info: John Lauer (503) 644-9356

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**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF MATERIALS FOR  
THE NEXT ISSUE OF PACIFIC SOUTHWEST ROSE:**

**January 5, 2001**

**Please send all materials to the editor,  
preferably via e-mail to: rosextkb@aol.com**

## From the Editor's Desk

*By Kitty Belendez*

### Greetings From Your New Editor

Welcome to the new Pacific Southwest District Bulletin, *Pacific Southwest Rose*. For our first issue we would like our readers to get to know the various officers and committee chairpersons of the district. Beginning on page 3, you can enjoy reading all about them.

### And Hello From Your Director of Education

A few people have asked what I will be doing as "Director of Education" or Chairman of Education ... whatever you like to call it. Well, the answer is ... anything having to do with education. I have set a number of goals for this new position. The first one is to have much more information on the District web page. I sent our webmaster Glenn 24 articles by various authors, to be posted on the new web page, and they are already up. So, my first goal has already been accomplished.

Also under the umbrella of "education" is the bulletin. This will be an ongoing project as I have committed to be the PSW District bulletin editor for the next three years. My goal here is to solicit educational articles from many rosarians throughout the district. You know the drill ... if you have an article, please send it to me. We would like to have as many original articles as possible, but we may be reprinting deserving award-winning articles from time to time.

My third goal is to enhance the district educational programs, especially at PSW District conventions. Your suggestions are always welcome.

### Bulletin Competition Winners

Speaking of award winners ... by now you may have heard that the San Diego Rose Society, *Rose Ramblings* edited by Dick Streeper, won the Gold Medal (Queen) for best local society bulletin in the entire United States for 1999. And the Los Angeles Rose Society *The Rose Parade*, co-edited by Janene Rosenthal and Mitra Farshad, won the Bronze Medal (Princess) for bulletins. Additionally, a number of PSWD members won Awards of Merit for outstanding articles written for local bulletins. Steve Jones, Robert B. Martin, Jr., Kitty Belendez, Mitra Farshad, Tommy Cairns, Marty Hammond, Jeri Jennings, Stephen Kepics, Dean Murakami, Jeff Stage, and Dick Streeper are among the talented writers. Congratulations to all!

### President Updates

Local society presidents are asked to please send us any changes for your society listings at year end. We realize that local societies have elections every year, and we want the information on the district web page and in the bulletin to be as up to date as possible.

### Bronze Medal Winners

We would like to publish a complete list of Bronze Medal winners in the February issue of *Pacific Southwest Rose*. We urge you to notify the editor of who won the award from your society. This is an important honor, and your winners deserve to be recognized. Please send the names to me via e-mail or U.S. mail.

# GET TO KNOW THE DISTRICT ROSARIANS

## PACIFIC SOUTHWEST DISTRICT OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS



**LOU PAVLOVICH**  
**District Nominations**  
 Tucson, Arizona

Lou Pavlovich has had an unusual love/hate relationship with roses for the past 20 years. When he began growing roses shortly after marrying his wife, Diane, he planted a rose garden of five plants in the yard just for her. He prepared the soil meticulously with a heavy dose of steer manure which steamed from the package because it was so hot. In addition, he threw in super phosphate and several other items which allowed his tomato plants to grow into monsters.

A funny thing happened after planting bare root roses in those carefully prepared holes ... death. No growth ever came out of the plants. Even worse, his wife began laughing at his rose growing skills. His wonderful mother in law even got into the act and called Lou "The Charles Manson of Rose Growers."

The gauntlet was thrown in front of Lou. He learned about The Rose Society of Tucson, quickly joined, and read every article and book he could about growing these plants. After preparing the soil correctly this time, he planted 20-30 roses and was hooked on the hobby ever since. He then began entering rose shows, called exhibitors from around the nation to hone his skills, and eventually became a judge.

In 20 years of rose growing, he has been heavily involved in his hobby. Lou is currently an ARS Horticulture Judge, Consulting Rosarian, is past president of The Rose Society of Tucson, was Consulting Rosarian chairman of the Pacific Southwest District, Roses In Review Chairman of the PSWD, and was a member of the Product Evaluation Committee with the American Rose Society.

Lou has had a maximum of 250 roses growing in his Tucson home mainly made up of hybrid teas with a few minis and floribundas.



**LEAH WATTERBERG**  
**Parliamentarian**  
 Albuquerque, New Mexico

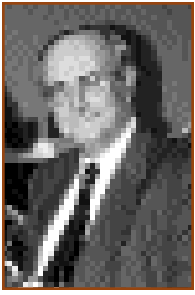
Leah began growing roses in 1947 in Minnesota. After moving to Albuquerque she joined the Albuquerque Rose Society and American Rose Society in 1954. She grows about 450 roses of all types. She became an accredited rose judge in 1959, the year of her first national convention in Kansas City. She was president of the Albuquerque Rose Society for three terms, spearheading the establishment of the public rose garden in 1962. She served on the National Committees for Judging, Classification, chairman of the Program Services, beginning the slide contest, and was the elected-at-large member of the Nominating Committee. Leah received the Outstanding Rosarian Award in 1963, the Silver Honor Medal in 1977, the Outstanding Judge Award in 1982, and the Bronze Medal in 1996. Leah loves working on rose shows and enjoys judging, but doesn't exhibit as much now since her main interest was showing people new types and varieties, and others do that now.



**KITTY BELENDEZ**  
**Editor & Education Director**  
 Santa Clarita, California

Kitty Belendez has been a member of the ARS since 1985. She is currently President of the Los Angeles Rose Society, and was co-founder (1992) and past-president of the Santa Clarita Valley Rose Society, and will return as President of SCVRS in 2001. Kitty and her husband Bob were awarded dual ARS Bronze Medals from both of these rose societies for outstanding volunteer service. They grow 350 roses of all types and exhibit at about 12 shows each year. Kitty is a Horticultural Rose Judge and Consulting Rosarian.

Well known for her editing and writing skills, Kitty was editor of the quarterly ARS publication *Rose Exhibitors' Forum* from 1994 through 1997 and was awarded the ARS Presidential Citation for her exceptional performance. Kitty served on the ARS Publications Committee and the ARS Editorial Advisory Committee from 1998 through 2000. She has also served nine years as editor of the Santa Clarita Valley Rose Society's gold medal award-winning bulletin *Rose Ecstasy*.



## ROBERT B. MARTIN, JR.

Consulting Rosarians  
Pasadena, California

Robert B. Martin, Jr. has been growing roses for over 28 years. He currently resides in Pasadena where he grows about 400 roses of all types. Bob is the current Editor of the American Rose Society quarterly publication *Rose Exhibitors' Forum* and serves as Regional Editor of *Horizon Roses*. He is a frequent contributor to *The Rose Parade*, the newsletter of the Los Angeles Rose Society and was previously the Editor of the award-winning *Pasadena Rose*. He is also a frequent contributor to the *American Rose* magazine and the *American Rose Annual*. Bob is a frequent lecturer at ARS National and District Conventions, and at rose societies throughout California and the U.S. He is an ARS Consulting Rosarian, an Accredited Horticultural Judge and an Accredited Arrangements Judge. He has served as a member of The American Rose Editorial Advisory Committee, and as PetRose@aol.com has served on the ARS On-Line Committee. At the local society level he is currently First Vice-President and Show Chairman of the Los Angeles Rose Society. He is also a past President and was for many years a director of the Pasadena Rose Society, which awarded him the ARS Bronze Medal in 1995. Bob is an active rose exhibitor and has won trophies at the National, District and local levels.



## DONA INGLISH

Roses in Review  
Mesa, Arizona

Dona Inghlish is a native of Arizona and has lived in the Mesa area for 18 years. She has six children, three grandchildren and works as a mortgage broker. Since starting her rose garden in January 1995, she has acquired over 500 roses of all types. This rapid growth has come in part because of enjoying exhibiting and experimenting with new varieties and ideas. Included in the assortment are about 65 hybrid teas on fortuniana rootstock. Awards have been received for exhibiting on the local, district and national level, but winning Best Horticulture in local shows has been most fulfilling.

Dona has served as board member and Vice-President of the Mesa East Valley Rose Society, created and maintains their web site and recently accepted the district position of Roses In Review Chairman. She is also serving on the National Exhibitors Committee and is co-chair of the PSW District Convention, to be held in April 2003. She also enjoys writing and has contributed to the District Bulletin and *Rose Exhibitors Forum*.



## DAN BIFANO

National Nominating Committee  
and District Prizes & Awards  
Santa Barbara, California

I have been growing roses for 40 years. My parents had a home in Montecito with 100 roses when I was young. I installed my first rose garden in 1972 with 48 roses. In 1979, I became a member of the Santa Barbara Rose Society (and a Life member of ARS shortly after). Within several months a sucker was born and I was Vice President followed by 3 terms as President, not consecutively. I am currently in charge of CRs for my local society. In 1981, I led the "Save the City Rose Garden" (as the garden was known at that time) committee for the city, which raised \$50,000.00 to refurbish the garden and have continued to be coordinator since that time. 1984 took me to my first ARS national convention and I have been interested in District as well as National affairs ever since. I have twice been District Convention Chair and served two terms as District Treasurer. Landscaping with roses and designing rose gardens gives me great pleasure, and I do so professionally, having installed gardens at some of the most exclusive homes in the Santa Barbara area. My clients include some of the biggest in the entertainment industry as well as politics and the computer world. I love talking about roses, which leads me to lecture regularly at rose societies, nurseries, & garden clubs. I have also spoken at District CR and judges seminars. This spring I was awarded the District Silver Honor medal, which is very important to me, and in 1995 I received the Bronze medal, which I cherish because the rose society members I am closest to, gave it.



## GLENN FIERY

District Webmaster  
Reseda, California

Currently we have 103 bushes, 75 varieties, and of that 55 are minis of 36 varieties, 9 OGR's, and 14 singles. We have an extremely small yard so we can't put in too many. I like the OGR's but most are too big for our yard, I also like single varieties although they are hard to show. I won my first Queen of Show with Olé at the now defunct El Monte Rose Show. We have won several Mini Queens. I belong to SFVRS. First joined SFVRS in '79 or '80. We enjoy exhibiting. I also enjoy photography when I have the time. Won a couple of photography awards from ARS a number of years ago. Some of my photos are on the San Fernando Valley RS site on the photo page. I also like history and travel. I am currently webmaster for SFVRS and PSWD, and my personal web site is at: <http://www.geocities.com/rockskier/>



## CHERYL HUME

Historian

Las Vegas, Nevada

I started growing roses in 1982, became a member of the Las Vegas Valley Rose Society and the American Rose Society soon after. I was a sometime member of both groups until 1990 when I became a Life Member. I began as most people seem to do, with a small garden of hybrid teas, when I ran out of room I started with minis, in pots. In about 1988, I started with OGRs, buying 5 plants that were alleged to be eligible for Dowager Queen from Roses Of Yesterday & Today. Those also wound up in pots, and survived their first summer that way, and I've never dug another hole. When I moved in 1998 all the roses went with me. They are still in pots, on a drip system, waiting for holes. There were 984 roses in pots in 1996, the last year that I bothered to count. I buy more roses every time I travel or see roses for sale, so the guess was that I moved over 1000 roses to my new house. I now have almost half an acre, recently built a 125' x 5' raised bed and am about to embark on planting my big roses in the bed and the ground. I have tried almost every type of drip system, all have some drawbacks, however they all keep the roses alive if I remember to hand water weekly. I work hard at finding easier ways to take care of my roses, and usually exhibit in the spring. I rarely spray; I have a garden full of birds and lizards and ladybugs and plan to order more beneficials this spring. I enjoy rose travel, conventions, buying trips and garden tours. Of all the joys this hobby has brought into my life the best are my rose friends, and that is part of why I am so pleased to be historian for the PSWD. I read a lot of your newsletters, and when I finally meet the people I've read about, I feel that I know you. I have been a CR for 8 years ... is it possible? I am Past-President & VP of LVRS, and have been District Historian since Zelda Lloyd died. Where do the years go?

## KREG B. HILL

Arrangement Judges

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Kreg has been designing rose beds since he was a teenager. His father was a contractor, and Kreg's job was landscaping the lots on which his father built houses. For the past 15 years, he has been a top horticulture and arrangements exhibitor in the American Rose Society, winning numerous awards in local, district and national shows. He grows more than 1000 different rose cultivars and is knowledgeable about all classes of roses. He is expert in all types of arrangements but is an authority on

traditional arrangements. Kreg has served as President of the Albuquerque Rose Society and as co-chairman of the 1998 Albuquerque Spring Convention of the American Rose Society.

Kreg is an Accredited Horticulture and Arrangement Judge as well as a Consulting Rosarian of the American Rose Society, a Life Flower Show Judge of the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc., and an accredited American Hemerocallis Society Judge. He is a member of the Old Garden Rose and Arrangements Judging Committees of the American Rose Society and has been appointed as Editor of the *Rose Arranger's Bulletin* as well as Chairman of Arrangement Judges for the Pacific Southwest District of the American Rose Society. Awards include New Mexico Garden Clubs Horticulturalist of the Year (1991), the Bronze Medal of the American Rose Society (1999), and Outstanding Consulting Rosarian of the Pacific Southwest District of the American Rose Society (2000).

Kreg is a Realtor® and partner in Hill & Lange Real Estate in Albuquerque.

## WILLIAM I. CHRISTENSEN

Vice District Director

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Bill has been growing roses for more than 25 years, exhibiting for almost 15 years. He has served as treasurer and as president of the Albuquerque Rose Society and was co-chair, with Kreg Hill, of the 1998 Spring Convention of the American Rose Society, held in Albuquerque. Bill has been elected as Vice-District Director of the Pacific Southwest District and appointed to the Old Garden Rose Committee of the American Rose Society. Rose interests center on old garden roses, especially teas, polyanthas, and hybrid perpetuals, but Bill enjoys growing and working with all types of roses. Arranging began with an Ikebana workshop, and his study of Japanese floral design continues.

Bill is an Accredited Horticulture and Arrangements Judge and a Consulting Rosarian of the American Rose Society as well as an Accredited Flower Show Judge of the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc. In 1999 Bill was awarded the American Rose Society Bronze Medal.

Bill works as an Occupational Medicine physician.

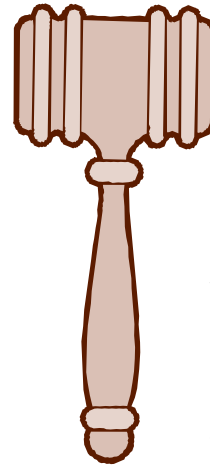




## MARYLOU COFFMAN

District Secretary  
Gilbert, Arizona

Marylou Coffman has been an active member of the American Rose Society for over fifteen years. She is a member of the area rose societies, Desert Designers and the Ikebana Society. She has served four terms as President of the Mesa-East Valley Rose Society and is the Secretary for the Scottsdale Rose Society, and served six years as the Chair of the Arizona Rose Societies. Marylou was awarded the Bronze Medal in 1995. She has participated in establishing three public rose gardens in Maricopa County. She is a Judge for the AARS Test Garden located at Mesa Community College. Marylou is a Consulting Rosarian and a Master Gardener. She gives talks on roses and writes articles for various publications. Marylou grows over 200 roses that include all varieties. Marylou says it certainly is a challenge to garden in the Arizona sunshine. She loves exhibiting, especially rose arrangements.



## The Judges Gavel

*By Frank & Cherrie Grasso*

On behalf of the judges of the PSWD we would like to give Una Lopez a standing ovation for her dedication and guidance during her tenure as District Chairman of Judges. We anticipate the continued support of all the PSWD judges so as to make our term as successful.

Judging is a responsibility we all committed to when we received our full accreditation as judges. It is to that commitment that we now request response from all judges to judge the District Convention Rose Show in Bakersfield, CA in May, 2001. Please send your written request by mail or e-mail. If e-mailing us, please put in the subject box "PSWD Rose Show Judging."

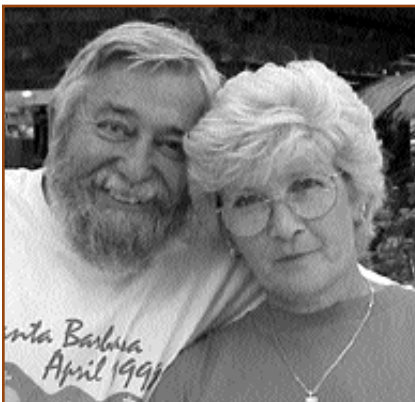
It is with great anticipation that we hope to assist all judges with the most current updates and to provide ongoing education to avoid inconsistencies. Should you have any question or issues you would like addressed please contact us. We are in the process of updating the judges records so if you have any changes, such as a new address, etc., please let us know as soon as possible. You may check with us at any time regarding your records.

**Judges Court:** We plan to stimulate your judging knowledge in our regular judging column with questions that may require us all to pick up our *Guidelines* and refresh ourselves.

**First question:** If not so stated in the show schedule, does a rose in a bowl have to float? Thanks to Beverly Trivitt for that one.

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## FRANK & CHERRIE GRASSO

Co-Chairs of Horticulture Judges  
Vista, California

Frank and Cherrie Grasso started growing roses

in 1988 and became active members of the ARS in 1990. They are avid exhibitors and are District and National Trophy winners. They are currently growing over 450 roses of various varieties in Vista, CA. Cherrie became a Consulting Rosarian in 1993 and Frank in 1994. Frank has been President of the San Diego Rose Society, East County Rose Society and Vice President of California Coastal Rose Society. Cherrie has been President of the East County Rose Society and California Coastal Rose Society. They have served on various committees for local, district and national rose shows and conventions. They were Co-editors of the PSWD newsletter which received the Silver Award for District Bulletins for 1999. They became accredited judges in 1997. They are looking forward to serving the judges of the PSWD and are truly dedicated to exhibiting and judging roses.



## Arrangement Judges Niche

*By Kreg B. Hill*

As the new Pacific Southwest District Arrangement Judge's Chairman, I am here to help,

educate and encourage arrangers and local societies with their Arrangement Division. My other duty will be to assist our current District Arrangement Judges to maintain their certification with the American Rose Society. During the next three years my goal is to increase the number of Accredited ARS Arrangement Judges as well as to encourage all of our district societies to include or expand their Arrangement Division in their show schedules. Another one of my goals is having Rose Arrangement Seminars and Workshops plus a Rose Arrangement Judging School.

ARS Rose Arranging is coming of age. Having just returned from judging the Fall National Rose Show in Atlanta, there were over 180 arrangement entries. Many of the attendees stated that it was a better Arrangement Show than a Horticultural Show. Currently, there are about 175 ARS Arrangement Judges and Dr. Lewis Shupe will continue to be the Chairman of Arrangement Judges. Dr. Tommy Cairns has appointed me as the new editor of the *ARS Rose Arranger's Bulletin*. The four quarterly issues are available from Shreveport for only \$10 per year. Hopefully, all the arrangers in this district will subscribe and will contribute articles to this publication.

All the local societies are to have their arrangement schedules for their local shows approved by the District Chairman of Arrangements prior to the publication of the schedule. This procedure was developed to ensure that there is consistency in the schedules, and the rules from the *Guidelines for Judging Rose Arrangements* are followed. If the *Guidelines* are not followed, the judges are unable to award the American Rose Society's Arrangement Rosettes and Certificates.

I am here to assist the local societies. If you need help writing the schedules, let me know. The technical portion of the schedules, the rules and descriptions, I can assist you. What I am unwilling to do is select your theme and think of the class titles – that's up to you, but we can go from there. Please do not copy the same schedule from year to year – that is boring to the arrangement exhibitor! Most of our societies do not have enough entries to warrant enough classes to award all of the ARS Awards. Rotate the type of classes, so that different awards may be possible. When was the last time your society had a Princess or Duchess Class? How about Junior Arrangement Award or Court of Etiquette? Every

## SNEAK PREVIEW

2001 District Convention  
Bakersfield, CA

*By Bert Grant*

May 3rd to the 6th of 2001 are the scheduled dates of the next PSW District Rose show and Convention in Bakersfield. The Kern County Rose Society is hard at work putting the finishing touches on the programs and tours.

The Rose Show promises to be excellent as both the time of year and the venue favor many exhibitors in the district, as the weather is not too cold nor too hot, just right for working with the roses. Our show room has good lighting, both natural and artificial, lots of space and plenty of setup room.

The educational tours will be a sellout, as registrants will have a choice of Mourning Cloak Ranch and Botanical Garden, a 32-acre wonderland with several thousand roses and many varieties of plants. On the return trip to Bakersfield, we will stop at the beautiful garden of Gehard and Mary Schmidt.

The opportunity to view the production area and fields of Wasco's Bear Creek Facility of Jackson and Perkins will be another choice sure to be a hit.

For those who enjoy the western scene, The Crystal Palace will be a must see. (Note: reservations are required and you need to make them several months ahead.)

Of course, there will be plenty of time to visit and to enjoy the banquet where the District Awards will be presented.

Registration materials will be sent to each society bulletin editor and President before Christmas so be looking for it.

schedule should have Visiting Judge's classes. Please e-mail (attach your schedule document, if you wish), call or write and I will promptly answer all your questions: kreg@swcp.com, (505) 345-1344 or P.O. Box 6408, Albuquerque, NM 87197-6408. There will be arrangement information and articles in all future editions of the *Pacific Southwest Rose*.

## REPORT FROM ATLANTA

*By Steve Jones, District Director*

The ARS Fall convention in Atlanta, GA, was a lot of fun and it was well attended with over 660 registrants. There were also over 100 volunteers to help out the armies of people. Congrats to Kitsy Mostellar and Pam Denham for an excellent convention. Everyone was entertained to say the least.

The board meeting was in two parts, the old and new boards. It took 11 hours to get through all of the agenda items and elections. There were many major items for the old board. All but 4 members attended their final board meeting. The first was the ratification of Mike Kromer's contract for the next three years, which was approved as is. Next, the Consulting Rosarian and Judges Manuals were both approved. Now, the *CR Manual* will be proofread and Carolyn Fyiling of Arvada, CO, volunteered to help with the proofreading, and once that is done, the manual will be ready to print. We expect both new manuals to be available around April 2001, and should be available to members as a pre-purchase. The new *CR Manual* is a major rewrite of the first edition, and contains considerably more information, graphs, and color prints of diseases, fertilizer deficiencies, and insects. The suggested price will be \$10 for just the pages, or \$15 if you want it in a new binder. The pages will fit into the current binder. The new *Guidelines for Judging Roses* appears to be a rewrite of the existing one, and would also run about \$10.

The most controversial subject at the convention was Howard Walters missing the 2/3rds vote needed to become the next President Emeritus by one vote. There were a lot of hard feelings and discussions about this. The other hot subject was the board approved to raise ARS dues by \$5 a year for regular memberships, and less for the other classes. We have not had a dues increase in eight years, and with our cash flow problems, it was necessary to increase the dues. The vote was tight as well, winning by one vote. There will be a special offer that if you pay for 3 years, or life, you can do so at the old price. The increase will not take affect until April 1, 2001. Also increased were life memberships to \$1000 for regular members only (not seniors).

There is no doubt that the ARS is short of cash, largely due to the monies paid to the fundraiser the board hired. It was a big mistake in the long run, so now we have to recoup the monies back. Also, it appears that the magazine now costs what we pay for it. Summer is always a tough time of the year for cash flow, and we are in better shape than a few months ago. ARS laid off all of the part time help, and deleted a few positions as well. Janice Conduff left and was replaced by Jennette Mladenka. Advertisements were also increased 2%. A new publication just listing show names was approved. This will be mostly a list of the show names in alpha order, the color class, date, and hybridizer. No other information will be provided. There were two items to bring back the classification changes that were made in Nashville as the Classification Committee violated their charter. It failed to receive a 2/3rds vote to bring it back to

the table.

Jan Shivers was pre-approved to be the new slide contest chairman. There will be 2 new sections, a winter scene or arrangement for the Christmas cards, and new members. The Calendar contest was not approved. For national rose shows, it was approved that mini-floras will be shown in a separate class, but will be eligible for mini queen, king and princess. It will be up to the local shows and districts if they want to follow suit or not. Another judge's change was the "majority of the votes" when balloting for the court is now a simple majority. In other words, if a rose gets 2 more votes than the next rose, even though it failed to get 50% or more of the vote, it will still win. For arrangements, the table arrangements will be eligible for the medal certificates. The option of an open book exam was approved for the arrangement judges exam. A new trophy was approved by the Rose Hybridizers Association for fall conventions for the best seedling by an amateur. The trophy will be a Steuben Crystal inscribed with the RHA logo.

It was announced that Jim and Anne Herring pledged \$100,000 to the Klima Fund as a planned gift. All ARS members should consider the planned gifts. You can donate a portion or all of your estate to ARS and get tax breaks now. Thanks Jim and Anne!

The new board voted in the new officers and committees. The new Executive Committee will be Tommy Cairns, Marilyn Wellan, Jeff Wyckoff, Robbie Tucker, and Marilyn Young. The new Judges Chair will be Ed Griffith and CR Chair will be Stan and Janet Kosidlak, who were on my committee and will do a great job! Lew Shupe, Art Emmons, and Bunny Skran will remain in their current committees: Arrangement Judges, Garden Evaluation, and Old Garden Roses, respectively. Oline Reynolds will be the new Awards and Prizes Chair and former PSWD director Sam Trivitt will be the new Bulletin Contest Chair.

The rose show was great. There were a lot of blooms, and competition was tough. In the end, SoCal's Jeff Stage won the hybrid tea King and Princess with Crystalline and Moonstone respectively, and the 3 hybrid tea blooms. Bob Martin won the mini palette. Tommy Cairns and Luis Desamero won the Lawton. The North Carolina group won a fair share of awards: Dennis and Suzy Bridges the Warwick, Steve House won his 4th in a row Millie Walters trophy. Steve is the first person in ARS history to win the same national trophy 4 years in a row, and is quickly becoming the all-time national trophy winner, if he isn't there already. The big winners were Vernon and Nancy Rickard from NC, who won the hybrid tea Queen with Signature, the Dowager with Sydonie, and the Kirk with St. Patrick. The rest of the major awards were: John Hefner of IN, won the McFarland, the Pacific was won by George Poe of TN, the Moore won by Paul and Charlotte Blankenship, the Ben Williams (mini-flora) by Bob and Sandy Lundberg, and the Overesch by Sandy Dixon of FL. Doug and Anne Baker from SC won Mini Queen with Fairhope.

As usual, the convention was well worth attending and I hope all of our PSWD members will consider going to a national or district convention in the future. The people and roses are great!





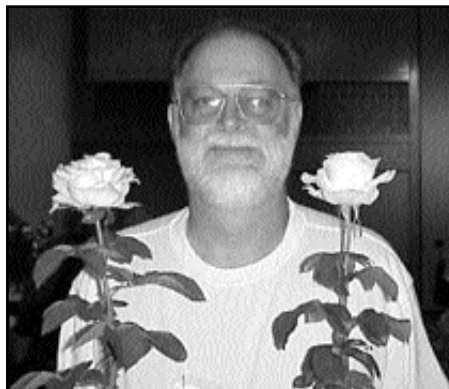
## ROSE SHOW HIGHLIGHTS

This is a condensed listing of winners. For the complete list, visit the ARS Pacific Southwest District web page at: <http://www.geocities.com/pswdistrict/>

**AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY**  
National Convention & Rose Show  
Atlanta, Georgia  
September 29 – October 2, 2000

**NATIONAL CHALLENGE CLASSES**  
J. Horace McFarland Memorial Trophy  
Louise Estes, Dublin, Lynette, White Success, Crystalline, Natasha Monet, Brandenburg Gate / John & Donna Hefner  
Earl of Warwick Urn  
Garden Party, Sheer Bliss, Christian Dior, Touch of Class, St. Patrick, Bewitched Dennis & Suzy Bridges  
Nat'l Pacific Rose Society Perpetual Challenge Trophy  
Moonstone, Veterans' Honor, Louise Estes George Poe  
Dr. T. Allen Kirk Memorial Trophy  
St. Patrick / Nancy & Vernon Rickard  
Robert E & Mildred C. Lawton Trophy  
Fairhope, Irresistible, Glowing Amber, Cachet, Behold, X-Rated, Jean Kenneally, Scentsational  
Tommy Cairns & Luis Desamero  
Ralph S. Moore National Award  
Mobile Jubilee, Sweet Melody, Odessa, Gala, X-Rated, Miss Flippins, Sweet Revenge, Carolina Lady, Ina Paul & Charlotte Blankenship  
J. Benjamin Williams Natl Trophy  
Autumn Splendor, Patriot's Dream, Tiffany Lynn, Bella Via, Violet Mist  
Sandy & Bob Lundberg  
Queen of Show  
Signature / Nancy & Vernon Rickard  
King of Show  
Crystalline / Jeff Stage  
Princess of Show  
Moonstone / Jeff Stage  
Dowager Queen  
Sydonie / Nancy & Vernon Rickard  
Victorian Queen  
Nastarana / Fred Bettin & Dean Ickes  
Three Hybrid Teas  
Crystalline / Jeff Stage  
Miniature Queen of Show  
Fairhope / Doug & Ann Baker  
Miniature King of Show  
Mobile Jubilee /  
David & Tammy Clemons

Miniature Princess of Show  
Carolina Lady / Paul & Char Blankenship  
Miniature Artist's Palette  
Miss Flippins, Irresistible, Behold,  
Sam Trivitt, Soroptimists International  
Robert & Kathleen Martin  
Judges  
Behold / Alice Hart  
ARRANGEMENTS  
Dr. & Mrs. Harry B. Overesch  
Rose Arrangement Trophy  
"America the Beautiful"  
Elina / Sandy Dixon  
Judges Challenge Class  
"Plains - Home of Jimmy Carter"  
Evelyn, Wife of Bath / Kreg Hill



*Jeff Stage with Nat'l King & Princess*

Millie Walters Trophy Miniature Rose Arrangement Award  
"Peach Blossom Trail"  
Kristin, Chelsea Belle, Jumpin' Jack Flash  
Steven House

**SANTA BARBARA ROSE SOCIETY**  
October 7, 2000  
*Reported by Robert B. Martin, Jr.*

Queen of Show  
Gemini / Cal & Barbara Hayes  
King of Show  
Louise Estes / Kitty & Bob Belendez  
Princess of Show  
St. Patrick / Cal & Barbara Hayes



*Q: Gemini, K: Louise Estes,  
P: St. Patrick, at Santa Barbara*

Three Blooms  
St. Patrick / Kitty & Bob Belendez  
Dowager Queen  
Panachee D'Orleans / Clay & Jeri Jennings  
Victorian Award  
Barbara Worl / Clay & Jeri Jennings  
One Polyantha Spray  
China Doll / Robert B. Martin, Jr.  
One Bloom or Spray - Modern Shrub  
Abraham Darby / Lynn Snetsinger  
Artist's Palette - 5 Large Roses  
Dolly Parton, Signature, Touch of Class,  
Moonstone, Louise Estes  
Bob & Kitty Belendez  
Bouquet of 12 stems  
Veterans' Honor / Cal & Barbara Hayes  
Mini Queen  
Yantai / Frank & Cherrie Grasso  
Mini King  
Miss Flippins / Frank & Cherrie Grasso  
Mini Princess  
Carrot Top / Frank & Cherrie Grasso  
One Mini Spray  
Little Eskimo / Clay & Jeri Jennings



*Bob Martin's Mini Palette shown at the ARS National in Atlanta*

**WASCO ROSE SOCIETY**  
September 9, 2000  
*Reported by Robert B. Martin, Jr.*

Queen  
Oldtimer / Larry & Kathy Duerksen  
King  
Mister Lincoln / Sandra Balzer  
Princess  
Gemini / Jane Sill  
Dowager Queen  
Souvenir de la Malmaison / Jane Sill  
Victorian Award  
Vick's Caprice / Richard Shiell  
Mini Queen  
Little Carol / Jeanette Ransom  
Mini King  
Jennifer / Mildred George  
Mini Princess  
Figurine / Jane Sill

*All Photos by Kitty Belendez*

**SANTA CLARITA VALLEY RS**

**October 14, 2000**

*Reported by Robert B. Martin, Jr.*

**Queen of Show**  
 Lanvin / Jeff Stage  
**King of Show**  
 Veterans' Honor / Frank & Cherrie Grasso  
**Princess of Show**  
 Mother's Value / Robert B. Martin, Jr.  
**Court of Honor**  
 Brandenburg Gate / Cal & Barbara Hayes  
 Diana, Princess of Wales / Lynn Snetsinger  
 Kardinal, Moonstone, Signature / Cal & Barbara Hayes  
 Silverado / Jeff Stage  
 St. Patrick / Bob & Kitty Belendez  
 Six Hybrid Tea Blooms  
 St. Patrick / Bob & Kitty Belendez  
 Twelve Hybrid Tea Blooms  
 Veterans' Honor / Cal & Barbara Hayes  
 One Floribunda Bloom  
 Sheila's Perfume / Vicki Wanek  
 One Polyantha Spray  
 Lullaby / Robert B. Martin, Jr.  
 One Bloom or Spray - Austin  
 The Squire / Lynn Snetsinger  
 Dowager Queen  
 Eugene de Beauharnais  
 Robert B. Martin, Jr.  
 Victorian Award  
 Baronne Henriette de Snoy  
 Jeff & Suzanne Miladin  
 Large Rose Artists Palette  
 Opulence, Raphaela, Signature, Veterans' Honor, St. Patrick  
 Bob & Kitty Belendez



*Dicky shown by Bob & Kitty Belendez at Santa Clarita Valley*

Fl/Poly Bouquet- 6 or More  
 Dicky / Bob & Kitty Belendez  
 Cycle of Bloom  
 St. Patrick / Bob & Kitty Belendez  
 Rose in a Picture Frame  
 Sombreuil / Glen & Donna Fiery  
 Mini Queen  
 Glowing Amber / Frank & Cherrie Grasso  
 Mini King  
 Sam Trivitt / Cal & Barb Hayes  
 Mini Princess  
 Soroptimist Int'l / Robert B. Martin, Jr.  
 Mini Court of Honor  
 Behold, Incognito / Cal & Barbara Hayes

Fairhope / Bob & Kitty Belendez  
 Fancy Pants / Robert B. Martin, Jr.  
 Hot Tamale / Glen & Donna Fiery  
 Irresistible, Yantai / Grassos  
 One Miniature Spray  
 Gourmet Popcorn / Candy LaChance  
 Mini Artist's Palette  
 Mixed varieties / Cal & Barbara Hayes  
 Mini Bouquet



*Bouquet of OGRs shown by Barbara Hilliard at Los Angeles*  
 Best Horticultural Entry (50+ Blooms)  
 Irresistible/ Frank & Cherrie Grasso

**EAST COUNTY ROSE SOCIETY**

**October 14, 2000**

*Reported by Miriam Yoder*

**Queen of Show**  
 Moonstone / Carl & Bobbie Mahanay  
**King of Show**  
 Signature / Coe & Rita Applegate  
**Princess of Show**  
 Gemini / Carl & Bobbie Mahanay  
**Court of Honor**  
 Natasha Monet / Carl & Bobbie Mahanay  
 Spring Break, Elizabeth Taylor / Roger & Madeline English  
 Veterans' Honor / Paris Merriam  
 One Floribunda Bloom  
 Kanegem / Carl & Bobbie Mahanay  
 One Floribunda Spray  
 First Kiss / Sally Long  
 Dowager Queen  
 Sydonie / Ivy Bodin  
 Victorian Award  
 Marie Pavie / Robert & Gloria Tremolini  
 Mini Queen  
 Child's Play / Doug Kalal  
 Mini King  
 Miss Flippins / Carl & Bobbie Mahanay  
 Mini Princess  
 Fairhope / Paris Merriam  
 Mini Court of Honor  
 Luis Desamero / Jack & Bonnie Shultz  
 Irresistible / Doug Kalal  
 Incognito / Coe & Rita Applegate  
 Innocence / Frank & Lila Hastings

**LOS ANGELES ROSE SOCIETY**

**October 21-22, 2000**

*Reported by Robert B. Martin, Jr.*

Queen of Show  
 Crowd Pleaser / Lynn Snetsinger  
 King of Show  
 Kardinal / Jeff Stage

**Princess of Show**  
 Moonstone / Cal & Barbara Hayes  
**Court of Honor**  
 Elizabeth Taylor, Veterans' Honor, Gemini, Orlando, Signature / Bob & Kathy Martin  
 Octoberfest / Coe & Rita Applegate  
 Secret / Lillian Biesiadecki  
 Three Blooms  
 Spring Break / Carl Mahanay  
 One Floribunda Spray  
 Sun Flare / Suzanne Miladin  
 One Polyantha Spray  
 Yvonne Rabier / Carolyn & Clint Monday  
 Climber or Rambler  
 Altissimo / Bob & Kathy Martin  
 Classic Shrub  
 Prosperity / Karen T. S. Gubert  
 Modern Shrub - Bloom  
 A Shropshire Lad / Lynn Snetsinger  
 Modern Shrub - Spray  
 Perdita / Bob & Kitty Belendez  
 Dowager Queen  
 Glorie de Dijon / Barbara Hilliard  
 Victorian Award  
 Paul Neyron / Bob & Kathy Martin  
 Mini Queen  
 Miss Flippins / Bob & Kathy Martin  
 Mini King  
 Fairhope / Cal & Barbara Hayes



*K: Kardinal, Q: Crowd Pleaser, P: Moonstone, at Los Angeles*

Mini Princess  
 Glowing Amber / Bob & Kathy Martin  
 Mini Court of Honor  
 Carolina Lady / Suzanne Horn  
 Hot Tamale, Irresistible / Lil Biesiadecki  
 Incognito, Luis Desamero, Pucker Up / Frank & Cherrie Grasso  
 Soroptimist Int'l / Bob & Kathy Martin  
 One Miniature Spray  
 Marriotta / Bob & Kathy Martin  
 Twelve Mini Blooms  
 Irresistible / Peter Alonso

**ALBUQUERQUE ROSE SOCIETY**

**September 23-24, 2000**

*Reported by Al and Virginia Troyer*

Queen of Show  
 Double Delight / Andy Core  
 King of Show  
 Touch of Class  
 Al & Virginia Troyer  
 Princess of Show  
 Gemini / Jackie & Alan Hunton

*All Photos by Kitty Belendez*

**Court of Honor**  
 Tempie Lee / Al & Virginia Troyer  
 Marijke Koopman / Jackie & Alan Hunton  
 Stainless Steel / John & C. J. Lucero  
 Slats / Al & Virginia Troyer  
 Moonstone / Bob & Pat Scharrer  
 St. Patrick / Kathy Greene  
**Dowager Queen**  
 Anna de Diesbach / Hill & Christensen  
 Victorian Rose Award  
 Papa Hemeray / Jackie & Alan Hunton  
**One Bloom Floribunda**  
 Sweet Vivian / Jackie & Alan Hunton  
**Floribunda Spray**  
 Evening Star / Carroll Sue Wagner  
**Polyantha Spray**  
 Best in Section  
 China Doll / Jackie & Alan Hunton  
**Mini Queen of Show**  
 Miss Flippins / Al & Virginia Troyer  
**Mini King of Show**  
 Cachet / Al & Virginia Troyer  
**Mini Princess of Show**  
 Fairhope / David & Lynn Bossert  
**Mini Court of Honor**  
 Maurine Neuberger / Al & Virginia Troyer  
 Kay Denise / Al & Virginia Troyer  
 Jean Kenneally / Bob & Pat Scharrer  
 Denver's Dream / Jackie & Alan Hunton  
 Behold / Jackie & Alan Hunton



*Puanani shown by Karen Gubert at Orange County*

**ORANGE COUNTY ROSE SOCIETY**

**October 28-29, 2000**

*Reported by Robert B. Martin, Jr.*

**Queen of Show**  
 Crystalline / Bob Martin  
**King of Show**  
 Veterans' Honor / Bob Martin  
**Princess of Show**  
 Louise Estes / Bob & Kitty Belendez  
**Court of Honor**  
 Moonstone / Cal & Barbara Hayes  
 Signature / Frank & Cherrie Grasso  
 Stainless Steel / Lynn Snetsinger  
 Sunset Celebration / Bob Martin  
**One Floribunda Bloom**  
 French Lace / Karen T. S. Gubert  
**One Floribunda Spray**  
 Lavaglut / Robert B. Martin, Jr.  
**Three Floribunda Sprays**  
 Dicky / Bob & Kitty Belendez  
**Single-Petalled Floribunda Bloom**  
 Puanani / Karen T. S. Gubert  
**Single Petalled Floribunda Spray**

Playgirl / Bob & Kitty Belendez  
 One Polyantha Spray  
 Paquerette / Robert B. Martin, Jr.  
 Modern Shrub  
 Golden Celebration / Jeri & Clay Jennings



*Sombreuil shown by Frank & Cherrie Grasso at Orange County*

**Dowager Queen**  
 Sombreuil / Frank & Cherrie Grasso  
**Victorian Award**  
 Mons. Tillier / Jeri & Clay Jennings  
**Mini Queen**  
 Fairhope / Robert B. Martin, Jr.  
**Mini King**  
 Sam Trivitt / Cal & Barbara Hayes  
**Mini Princess**  
 Soroptimist Int'l / Robert B. Martin, Jr.  
**Mini Court of Honor**  
 Hot Tamale, Incognito, Irresistible / Cal & Barbara Hayes  
 Miss Flippins / Peter Alonso  
**One Miniature Spray**  
 Kristin / Bob & Kitty Belendez

**DESERT ROSE SOCIETY**

**November 4, 2000**

*Reported by Robert B. Martin, Jr.*

**Queen of Show**  
 Signature / Robert B. Martin, Jr.  
**King of Show**  
 Mother's Value / Robert B. Martin, Jr.



*Yvonne Rabier shown by Carolyn Monday at Los Angeles*

**Princess of Show**  
 Timeless / Jennifer Helm  
**Court of Honor**  
 Crowd Pleaser / Cal & Barbara Hayes  
 Kardinal / Cal & Barbara Hayes  
 Moonstone / Lynn Snetsinger

*All Photos by Kitty Belendez*



*Irresistible shown by Peter Alonso at Los Angeles*

Paradise / Cal & Barbara Hayes  
 Silverado / Cal & Barbara Hayes  
**Dowager Queen**  
 Sydonie / Lillian Biesiadecki  
**Victorian Award**  
 Mme. Isaac Periere / Lillian Biesiadecki  
**One Floribunda Bloom**  
 Sentimental / Larry C. Kelly  
**One Floribunda Spray**  
 Playboy / Lynn Snetsinger



*Golden Celebration shown by Jeri & Clay Jennings at Orange County*

**One Polyantha Spray**  
 Verdun / Lillian Biesiadecki  
**Miniature Queen**  
 Fairhope / Robert B. Martin, Jr.  
**Miniature King**  
 Behold / Cal & Barbara Hayes  
**Miniature Princess**  
 Soroptimist International  
 Robert B. Martin, Jr.  
**Miniature Court of Honor**  
 Glowing Amber / Robert B. Martin, Jr.  
 Irresistible / Robert B. Martin, Jr.  
 June Laver / Suzanne Horn  
 Miss Flippins / Lynn Snetsinger  
 Ralph Moore / Cal & Barbara Hayes



*Lady of the Dawn shown by Candy LaChance at Los Angeles*

## DID YOU KNOW THAT THE DISTRICT HAS A NEW WEB SITE?

<http://www.geocities.com/pswdistrict/>

*By Glenn F. Fiery, Jr.*

Webmaster  
dhskier@iname.com

Last August after the District elections were announced, I received an e-mail from Steve Jones asking if I'd like to be the new webmaster for the District. It came as quite a shock as well as an honor to be asked. Some of you may know I'm also the San Fernando Valley Rose Society's (<http://www.geocities.com/sfvroses/>) webmaster. The focus of a local rose society's web site is primarily on their events within the immediate geographical area. The District site I view as the hub for all the local rose societies within the District. Therefore, it should create interaction among the local societies, help new people find a society in their area and promote cultivation and exhibition of the rose.

Having traveled extensively throughout the southwest, I selected a color scheme to represent the entire Southwest. The reds and shades of yellow, orange, peach, turquoise and greens pull together the desert from West Texas, Southern New Mexico, Nevada and Arizona to the coastal regions of California and lush mountain regions of NM and AZ. So, put on your sunglasses, grab the sunscreen and let's take a quick tour of the new site.

The site map is the group of red buttons on the pages to ease navigation throughout the site. Check the "Latest Updates" button frequently to see what new items have been added. The home page itself contains a guest book and a message forum. We are going to have Consulting Rosarians answering questions as they appear in the message forum. Any volunteers? You may have also noticed a link to a VOICE/TEXT chat room. Reduce your phone bill expenses to buy roses! Use the chat box for conversations with your fellow rosarians around the district or country.

Probably one of the most important areas on this site is the "Events Calendar and Rose Show" page. There I list the upcoming rose shows for all the societies. In addition, I will either provide a link to those societies that have their show schedule posted on their web site, or I will post the show schedule right in the District site. When it's on the District site, I also provide an MS Word version of the schedule for download.

Here is where I need some help. I ask that the show chairpersons keep me informed as to their upcoming shows AND provide me with an MS Word show schedule

or a link to their show schedule. I for one like to travel to other shows providing I have the schedule in advance. This should encourage exhibitors to attend other rose shows that they might otherwise have skipped.

The next most important area is the "Rose Show Results" page. Here I obviously post the results of the shows as they are provided to me. Bob Martin is terrific about getting me the show results, but in some cases he hasn't been able to obtain some show results. Therefore, I would appreciate it, if the show chairpersons would provide me a copy either e-mail or U.S. Mail so I can post the results.

I encourage all show chairpersons to have an e-mail address. It will benefit you and your rose show greatly.

Next we are trying to provide an accurate listing of all Consulting Rosarians and Judges. This can only be accomplished with the help of the local societies keeping accurate records and notifying the District and/or me of changes. There is nothing more frustrating than to have out-of-date information. Keep in mind that these people are your resources for your rose shows and rose information. Again I encourage all CR's and judges to have an e-mail address. You can view the CR's and judges pages either alphabetically or geographically by state.

For those concerned about privacy regarding their address and phone number on the web, I have provided the option so that each individual CR or judge can have either or both their street address or phone number suppressed. However, if one does wish both phone number and street address suppressed, I strongly encourage that an e-mail address be provided. Please let me know if you would like your information suppressed.

Periodic District-related information is going to be provided via e-mail so please let the District know your e-mail address. Those without e-mail will be at the mercy of U.S. Mail, which will have an impact regarding time sensitive information.

The list of "District Rose Societies" provides basic information pertaining to individual societies. I strongly recommend that the president or other officer check what I have for your society. If I don't have an accurate time and place of your society's meetings and an e-mail contact, new and interested people will probably skip over you and look elsewhere. Further, I provide a link to all district web sites. Those societies that do not have a web site are strongly encouraged to get a free site and free e-mail. I will be more than happy to give assistance on this. SFVRS has already had visitors because they found us on the web. Today a web site is as necessary as the newsletter!

Thanks to Donna Banovich-Pybus we have public and private "Rose Gardens" with photos (if available.) This is

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## CONSULTING ROSARIANS

*By Robert B. Martin, Jr.*

District Chairman of Consulting Rosarians

I am pleased to accept my appointment by District Director, Steve Jones, to serve as the Pacific Southwest District Chairman of Consulting Rosarians.

The Consulting Rosarian program of the American Rose Society, now in its 80th year, exists to inspire the love and appreciation of roses, their culture and exhibition. Consulting Rosarians are the ambassadors of the American Rose Society and its local societies, charged simply with the duty to share their knowledge and love of roses with anyone who is interested in learning about roses and their culture. This is something I enjoy doing and I trust that you do as well.

The Pacific Southwest District is the largest and most geographically diverse of all the ARS Districts. Its 270 Consulting Rosarians are spread throughout Southern California, Southern Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico and West Texas. Our climates and rose-growing conditions vary widely and the availability at each society level of CRs familiar with local growing conditions is important to our communities. My primary goal is to nurture our existing CRs and to expand the availability of CR services to all who are interested in roses.

This, of course, is the age of the Internet. I am pleased that we are able to attract Glenn Fiery as

District Webmaster. A complete listing of local CRs has been posted to our District website and I encourage all CRs with e-mail addresses to send them to me or Glenn so that we may list your availability to answer questions about roses posed through the Internet.

I have obtained from ARS headquarters a listing of PSWD Consulting Rosarians and am reviewing the list to determine everyone's current status. Initial plans have been laid to sponsor two CR Seminars in 2001, one in Southern California and one in Arizona. At each we will provide the opportunity for CRs to update their credentials, as well as to administer the CR test so that we might add new CRs. My objective is to see that two CR seminars are organized during each year of my term with a view to updating our rose knowledge, retaining existing CRs and adding to our ranks.

A revised *CR Manual* was approved by the ARS Board of Directors at the Atlanta National Convention. This revised manual is expected to be released in 2001 and will fit in the existing binder. The *CR Manual* is a great resource for all CRs as well as being one of the best values in the ARS. We should encourage all rosarians in the District to obtain this Manual whether or not they intend to ever become CRs.

I also encourage all CRs to remember that their designation as a Consulting Rosarian is not just an honor, but an opportunity. Let us all use that opportunity as often as possible to enthusiastically spread our love of roses. It is a good message.

in a growth stage. If anyone would like to be listed or know of a public rose garden not listed, please let Donna or myself know. "Garden of the Quarter" is coming soon, written by Donna.

The site provides "District History and Awards" of past District trophy winners and past convention results. Another area that's growing rapidly is the "Rose Related Articles" page which is for the novice as well as the experienced rosarian. If you have written an article about roses, please submit it! Coming next month is "Rose of the Month" by Dona English; look for it!

Check out the "Other Rose Links" to find links to other rose societies and rose related sites, both non-commercial and commercial.

Other rose society webmasters are encouraged to link to the District pages. The site is stable now so your links should remain valid. But check them once or twice a year to be sure the page hasn't been removed or

relocated. I selected this new URL specifically for longevity to continue past my term of office.

That's just an overview; there is much more to be found than what is described here. I am open to suggestions for new additions to the site. Let me hear from you!

I could not have done this site without a lot of help from others. I would like to thank particularly Steve Jones, Kitty Belendez, Dona English and Susan Gregg for their extensive input and corrections. Further, I would like to thank Sam Trivitt for the information he graciously provided to me. Special thanks to the previous District webmaster and current Pacific Rose Society webmaster, Bill Hillman who pioneered the District site and laid the foundation for what we have today.

So check out the new District site, be counted and see if I spelled your name right!

# Roses in Review

## 2000

Scores Compiled and Submitted  
by Luis T. Desamero

### TOP SCORES IN THE PACIFIC SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

#### HYBRID TEAS

Garden Ratings	
1. Moonstone	8.8
2. Signature	8.7
3. Rina Hugo	8.6
4. Steppin' Out	8.5
Sunset Celebration	8.5
Veterans' Honor	8.5
5. Billy Graham	8.4
6. Diana, Princess of Wales	8.3
Helen Naude	8.3
Opening Night	8.3
Ultimate Pink	8.3
7. Delicate Beauty	8.2
8. Elegance	8.0
Grande Finale	8.0
Opulence	8.0
Perfectly Red	8.0
Tempie Lee	8.0

Exhibition Ratings	
1. Moonstone	9.0
2. Signature	8.8
Steppin' Out	8.8
Veterans' Honor	8.8
3. Helen Naude	8.5
4. Rina Hugo	8.4
5. Perfectly Red	8.3
Tempie Lee	8.3
6. Full Sail	8.2
Opening Night	8.2
7. Delicate Beauty	8.0
Diana, Princess of Wales	8.0
Frederic Mistral	8.0
Grand Finale	8.0
Opulence	8.0

#### GRANDIFLORAS

Garden Ratings	
1. Melody Perfumee	8.7
2. Fame	8.5
3. Octoberfest	8.0

Exhibition Ratings	
1. Melody Perfumee	8.2
2. Fame	8.0
3. Octoberfest	7.8

#### FLORIBUNDAS

Garden Ratings	
1. Livin' Easy	8.6
2. Betty Boop	8.5
3. Easy Going	8.4
4. Bill Warriner	8.3
5. Blueberry Hill	8.2
Gracie Allen	8.2
6. Fragrant Apricot	8.0

Exhibition Ratings	
1. Betty Boop	8.3
2. Bill Warriner	8.2
Livin' Easy	8.2
3. Blueberry Hill	8.0
4. Easy Going	7.9
5. Fragrant Apricot	7.8
6. Gracie Allen	7.7

#### CLIMBERS

Garden Ratings	
1. Fourth of July	8.8
2. Pearly Gates	7.8

Exhibition Ratings	
1. Fourth of July	8.5
2. Pearly Gates	7.5

#### MINIATURES

Garden Ratings	
1. Miss Flippins	8.6
2. Glowing Amber	8.5
3. Autumn Splendor	8.3
4. Cachet	8.2
Sweet Caroline	8.2
5. Absolutely	8.0
Amy Grant	8.0
Bambino	8.0
Dazzler	8.0
Odessa	8.0
Playgold	8.0
Lasting Impression	8.0

Exhibition Ratings	
1. Miss Flippins	8.9
2. Cachet	8.5
3. Glowing Amber	8.4
Odessa	8.4
4. Cl. Rainbow's End	8.2
Sweet Caroline	8.2
5. Playgold	8.0
Ultimate Pleasure	8.0
6. Autumn Splendor	7.9
Lasting Impression	7.9
Sweet Melody	7.9

#### SHRUBS

Garden Ratings	
1. Countess Celest	8.7
2. Jude the Obscure	8.3
3. Kaleidoscope	8.1
4. First Light	8.0
Flutterbye	8.0
Pat Austin	8.0
5. Purple Heart	7.9

Exhibition Ratings	
1. Countess Celeste	8.2
2. Kaleidoscope	8.0
3. Jude the Obscure	7.9
4. First Light	7.8
5. Purple Heart	7.5
6. Pat Austin	7.4

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By Kitty Belendez

"Roses in Review" is the ARS annual survey of rose ratings. All Consulting Rosarians are required to participate in Roses in Review. The information benefits all of us as the scores are included in the *ARS Handbook for Selecting Roses*. All rose growers are encouraged to participate, and do not need to be a member of the ARS.

This year, ARS had the survey on-line at their web site. It was so easy to do. I personally reviewed 24 roses in less than one half hour.

In the Pacific Southwest District there were 302 reporters who participated in Roses in Review in the year 2000. Those reporters reviewed a total of 171 varieties of roses, which represented 3024 plants. It appears that having the survey on-line helped to increase the percentage of participation.

For the years of 2001 through 2003, the Roses in Review Coordinator will be Dona English. All rosarians in the Pacific Southwest District will again be asked to participate.

Look for the national RIR report in the January ARS Magazine.

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