



The Rose Beacon

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's already November and time to close and protect the rose gardens for the season - except Cathy and I still have roses blooming.

O'NEILL GARDEN

The November 21st meeting is the scheduled date to close the garden for the season. We have six yards of mulch given to the society through the generosity of the Robert Our Company. Carolyn Carey, the Director of the Community Center with the cooperation of the Town of Harwich Highway Department will have the mulch picked up and stored for the society until we need it on the 21st. A special **thank you** to Mrs. Robert Our, the Harwich Highway Department and Ms. Carey for their cooperation and help. Remember November 21st is the scheduled meeting date and the closing of the O'Neill garden. If I remember correctly it took less than an hour to complete the task in 2008 so lets see if we can break the record. Bring a couple of buckets, a shovel and we can beat last year's time.

PHOTO CONTEST

The photo contest is scheduled for November 14th at the Harwich Community Center. It isn't too late to get that great picture developed and entered. Remember the picture does not have to be of your garden or any of your roses. The picture just has to be taken by you. Lets make this contest a success. Call Clem Smith 508-221-0854 and tell him that you want to enter the photo contest.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER MEETING

The December meeting and Christmas party is scheduled for December 12th at the Harwich Community Center. Start planning now for that delicious dish you will bring to the party. Greg and his gourmet team of tasters will be judging and awarding prizes for the best salad, the best main course and the best dessert. He may have other categories so bring your best dish so we can all enjoy it. Of course the best part of the party is the gift exchange. Bring a gift wrapped that has a value of \$15 and hope you take home that perfect item you always wanted. Your gift can be a garden item such as a shovel or rake or it could be a beautiful one of a kind painting or a cut glass vase to hold a long stemmed rose. Lets make this the best party of the season!

TERM OF OFFICE

At the December 2007 meeting I was elected President of the Lower Cape Rose Society for a year to complete the two-year term of Irwin Ehrenreich. He had to resign his presidency due to his business commitments as the Rose Man. At the end of 2008 I was elected for a full two year term as was the rest of the present team of officers. At the end of 2009 I will have held the position of President for two years. Therefore I am resigning as President of the LCRS at the end of 2009. I want to thank all who have helped me in a position that I have been very proud to hold.

Bill Dillon

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

November 10th

12 - 2:00 p.m.

Clem will be at the Community Center foyer to accept entries for the photo contest.

November 14th

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Photo Contest

Harwich
Community Center

November 21st

10:00 a.m.

LCRS Meeting

Winterizing
roses

Hospitality needs for

November 21st meeting 10AM

Ann Marie and Juell have reminded me that coffee and tea is always available at our meetings. Members with last names M - Z are asked to bring goodies for the table. Thanks



Project Rose 2010

The Project Rose is a rose that is selected by the Rose Society members to be grown for one year and exhibited at the June Rose Show. Many members are reluctant to exhibit for fear of not measuring up to the seasoned exhibitors. That's what makes the project rose an ideal rose to exhibit. Everybody starts out equal and this class is only open to members of the LCRS.

This year we've put together a selection of five roses to be voted on at the November meeting. A power point presentation of these roses will be presented at this meeting. All of these roses are excellent garden roses in addition to easy to care for and quite beautiful. The five selected are all part of a series called Easy Elegance put out by Bailey's Nursery.

The first is "Macy's Pride". This rose is a crème color with touches of yellow. We've grown this rose for two years and it has preformed beautifully. Visitors to our garden are drawn right to it.



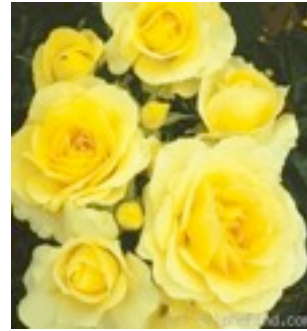
Kashmir was new for this year and we were very pleased with it. We planted it at Heritage Museums & Gardens and it bloomed non-stop. It's a nice deep red with a formal form, although it's considered a shrub rose.



Super Hero is a red floribunda with incredibly clean, satiny green foliage. The blooms on this nicely shaped bush last for weeks at a time.



Forty Heroes is a lovely yellow floribunda with beautiful clean green foliage and nicely formed hybrid tea shaped blooms. Forty Heroes is a tribute to the passengers on United Flight 93 who fought back against the hijackers on 9/11. It has a nice fruity fragrance.



Grandma's Blessing is a pink grandiflora with a moderate fragrance. It has a nice formal shapes and blooms in clusters. The foliage is a nice deep green.



All Easy Elegance Roses are grown on their own root which makes them especially winter hardy. Most of the Easy Elegance are very resistant to black spot, although regular spraying is always suggested.

While we carry these roses at The Rose Man Nursery, we would need a head count so that we would have enough available of the selected variety. The price of these roses will be \$18.75 with the rose society discount, out of which \$5.00 will be donated to the Lower Cape Rose Society.

Irwin & Cindy Ehrenreich

Ramblings with Oz

It was late on Monday night, November 2nd, while reading my E-mails I opened a yankeeroses@googlegroups.com which relayed the sad news “ We lost Tessie McKeown today at 3:25 pm. As most you you know, Tessie has been battling with leukemia and it turned into acute leukemia. Tessie was taken to Brigham and Women’s Hospital for chemo. She had a bad day and passed away today.” Many members of the Lower Cape Rose Society who have been involved with our June Rose Shows, September Lobsterfests or Yankee Spring Conventions will immediately recognize the name and recall the warm face of a petite Filipina lady who blessed us with her kind heart and welcoming smile. Tessie was such a wonderful, charming and gracious woman, we were very fortunate to share a small part of her life. Yesterday Audrey and I traveled to Milford, NH because of our respect for Tessie and to share our sorrow and give some comfort to her husband Bill.

Tessie was quite a rose lover, growing over 400 plants. But more impressive were her contributions to the rose world. She was the immediate Past President of the New Hampshire Rose Society, serving in that capacity for the last six years. Tessie was the Membership Chairperson of the Yankee District, an ARS Horticultural Judge, a Master Consulting Rosarian, a member of the American Rose Society and the New England Rose Society. Bill mentioned that there might be a rose digging at his house next spring, if so we will go up to Wilton NH to bring back a few of her roses. We will plant them in a special place in our garden, just as Tessie will always have a special place in our hearts. May God bless her, with her passing goes a piece of us all.



It’s that time of year that brings mixed emotions about the changing seasons. I walk by a rose bud that is struggling to open or the final tomatoes that has weathered while still clinging to the vine. During the summer months I love to spend hours in our gardens, but now the temperature is dropping, the light is fading, and every plant is slowing down as the damp aroma of falling leaves fills the air. The haunting melody and words of one of my favorite Barry Manilow songs always comes to mind. “ And when October goes the snow begins to fly, above the smokey roofs I watch the planes go by. I should be over it now I know, it doesn’t matter much how old I grow, I hate to see October.” One chore that still has to be accomplished is the winter protection of the rose plants. There are many materials that are available for this job, and they all work. In the past Audrey and I have used sea weed from Red River Beach, horse manure from various sources and the so called free mulch from the Harwich disposal area. You can also use your backyard compost and leaf mulch. Another good material is the large bags of pine bark mulch that is available at several of the local nurseries. One thing that you shouldn’t do is scrape-up the surrounding soil from around the bush, although your attentions are good, you will be exposing the horizontal feeder roots to less protection. You should try to mound each plant with your material to a height of 12 inches. The major caveat of this entire process is not to apply the winter protection until the the ground begins to freeze. The little critters are looking for homes for the winter, and you do not want to provide a warm cozy spot where they can stay warm and eat the rose canes when they feel like a snack. As a final note, while painting my house behind the English roses I noticed light blue spots on several of the leaves. It seems to be spreading quickly as I also noticed some of these spots on my paint pants and shoes too. If you can identify these spots or have a cure, please let me know.



An Adventure in Rose Growing

By Laurel Swanson

This past year, I decided to spend \$40 and purchased from Jackson & Perkins four roses that are still not on the market but are called “test roses”. They were not named and I did not know what color they would be. They were roses that were hybridized by J&P and have been tested for a number of years. They are almost ready to be released for final sales. The last test for them, is to be grown in all parts of the country and evaluated by regular rosarians and gardeners who put them in their gardens and see how well they will do. There is an evaluation form that is given to growers to fill out at the end of the season. This helps the company determine if the roses will do well enough out on the retail market. A great deal of time and money goes into growing a rose and this final phase of testing for these roses comes before the decision is made to actually sell them throughout the United States the following year.

I have known about this program for many years and never wanted to participate. I have purchased most of my roses after checking in the yearly **Handbook for Selecting Roses**, put out by the **American Rose Society**, talking to other more knowledgeable rosarians usually at rose club or at local nurseries, or checking on Help Me Find which has much information on the internet about roses and often includes opinions of growers in our area. I always love looking through the various catalogs which come out yearly, but my final decision to purchase usually ends up when I go to the nursery and actually see the rose in color or form. I also like to buy fragrant roses and I can only do that by actually smelling the rose while it is in bloom.

As you can understand, I went out on a limb buying these four roses. I had no idea what I would end up with. I guess the adventure of not knowing was what inspired me to try it. Well, the end of the season is upon us and here are the results:

One of the roses turned out to be Sedona: Jackson & Perkins Rose of the Year 2010. The company must have gotten lots of excellent feedback on this rose. I found the color, a pink/orange blend to be quite beautiful. It is a smaller, averaged size hybrid tea rose bush. I have a rose called We Salute You that is similar in looks. It is mildly fragrant but a slow bloomer (still only in its first year) and I would like to see how it does next year before I would recommend it to anyone.

The second rose, and the best one I grew, is a orange/red color with a bush that is remarkable in growth for the first year. It is only a semi-double hybrid tea but a very profuse bloomer and the color is very unique. I will be looking for this one in the catalog next year, though I only have a number for it with no name yet. I would highly recommend this rose for our area and am glad to have grown it. It is a keeper.

The other two roses I grew were just average. One was a light yellow hybrid tea which did well but was similar to Sedona in that it didn't produce lots of blooms. The last one was a light mauve (purple) grandiflora with a white stripe similar to Sentimental (red and white stripe) but not as striking. I would like to see how these roses do next year before I would recommend them for purchase.

The one major factor about all these roses was that they were all very disease resistant and had a lot less black spot than many of my hybrid tea roses. This is the trend that major rose growers are looking for. With these four roses, they were successful.

I enjoyed this process and may do it again. Ron is now worried I may want to take more of his lawn for a rose test garden. Wouldn't that be fun! October is almost over and I still have roses in bloom! I hope you do too!!