

The AUGUST 2010
ROSE BEACON

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE LOWER CAPE ROSE SOCIETY
NEXT MEETING: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2010 - 10AM
HARWICH COMMUNITY CENTER, 100 OAK STREET, HARWICH

✧ Summer 2010 ✧

How did your roses grow this summer? Hot sun, little rain, a lot of humidity - many different areas of concern this year for the rose gardener. Did you have blackspot? Downy Mildew? Spider mites? Or was your garden clean of problems? Let us know!

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

When I was ten years old Arthur Godfrey fired Julius LaRosa on the air. Although I was too young to understand all the details, one comment I still remember was the infamous "It wasn't the heat, it was the humility". How ironic that fifty years later, the major story this past month hasn't been the heat but the humidity!

Some of these past days have been two or three (four?) shirt days.

The Cape has such a short growing season, but sometimes it was almost impossible to stay outside and do any type of garden work. Even the rain didn't break the humid and m u g g y conditions. (Continued on



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Propagation!!

Increase the miniature and mini-flora roses in your garden by participating in the Yankee District Rose Show. Anyone who helps with set-up or breakdown, clerking, or showing roses is invited to participate in the program immediately following lunch at the rose show. Yankee District will supply containers, mix, rooting hormone so you can try your hand at making cuttings of minis & mini florals.

Join us for a ride on the Starfish!!

*When: Friday, Sept 10. 3PM
Where: Rte 28, West Dennis Sundancers. Cost - \$15.00*

Join us for a fun-filled leisurely cruise on the Bass River. Learn some local lore - and history of old houses lining the Bass River and the wildlife living there. Oz and I took the ride a few weeks ago, and we were very pleased.



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As the plants wilted and we suffered, the weeds prospered. Roses have great self esteem and are very sure of their beauty. They don't care why you didn't water them, they don't care if you were too busy to fertilize them and they don't care if you forgot to protect them against diseases. They sometimes wait for some making up before they will forgive you.

Don't let those beautiful plants shut down for the year. If you let the blooms turn into seeded hips, the roses will have completed their job for the season. If you simply cut off the spent bloom you will trigger a new growth pattern. To assure maximum growth, cut the stem high, just above the first leaf. If you plan on exhibiting your roses at the Yankee District Rose Show, then you might want to cut down to a set of five leaflets. It is also very important to keep the rose leaves on the bush, where they can deliver energy to the plant through the photosynthesis process. Whether you use a granular product that has to be worked into the ground, or a product that has to be mixed and poured from a watering can or a spray product applied every seven or ten days, whether you buy a blue, green or gray plastic container - do something to protect those leaves. Past National President Frank Benardella once told me that the rose bush is the factory, the leaves are the workers and the bloom is the beautiful product.

Wasn't it a great picnic? I hope everyone enjoyed themselves as much as I did. The LCRS provided the burgers, dogs and soft drinks, while the members brought their libations and a favorite dish to share. It was a wonderful gathering of all the society members to celebrate and tell of some of their rose successes and secrets and other personal stories. It was also a chance for me to greet and thank the many members who have contributed so graciously with their time and efforts supporting the many Society projects. I must mention that I especially enjoyed the presence of Alice and Walter Paroby, she was our original treasurer and he helped plant the beautiful roses at the Millie & Tip O'Neill Garden.

Looking back, the rose show at the Heritage Museums and Gardens went off smoothly due to the large number of volunteers. I know that Audrey, Julie, Diane and Greg spent many hours with programs, prizes and judges weeks before the show. In addition, there were the many members who came down to Sandwich to help set-up, assist during the show and the necessary clean-up, when everybody is tired. It is always good to see the long time faithful show up, but it was particularly pleasing to see the newer members and some other first time helpers on hand. We gambled, leaving our comfortable surroundings in the Community Center for the unfamiliar setting down in Sandwich. Everyone was pleased with the results, particularly the exposure the Society received. Thank you to all for a fine show of support.

The Millie and Tip O'Neill Rose Garden has never looked better. The beautiful blooms from the hundreds of different roses are the only rewards that the "Rose Crew" have received. This small group of dedicated members have re-pruned, fertilized, deadheaded and protected the bushes from diseases and insects, week after week after week. Their work continues every Thursday around 6:00, why not come down, socialize and talk roses while you tend to the garden. You could also come down any time and improve an area, and please let us know when you were there. Your help is greatly appreciated. Allow me to give you special people a special thank you, thank you, thank you!

The Yankee District will hold its annual Fall Weekend on Sept 10-12. Every year I mention that all the members of the Lower Cape Rose Society are members of the Yankee District. The other rose societies that make up the District are the Connecticut Rose Society, the Rhode Island Rose Society, the New England Rose Society, the New Hampshire Rose Society, and the Maine Rose Society. There will also be rosarians visiting from New York, Michigan, and California ! This is a great time to meet other people from outside our Society that share your interest and love of roses. Although there are details elsewhere in the newsletter, I must admit that I am excited about Friday's boat ride down the Bass River, with informative stories about the million dollar homes that we will be passing. I'm not sure what will be the hi-lite on Saturday. There will be beautiful cut roses on display in the District Rose Show at the Congregational Church in the morning.

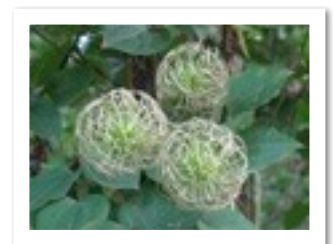
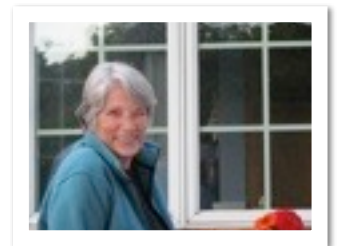
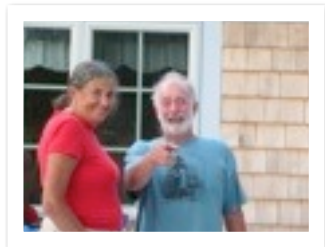
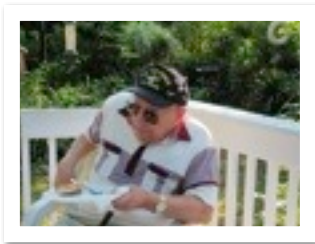
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There will also be LobsterFest on Grays Beach in the early evening, completely catered by Morrell's Restaurant . After a brief business meeting on Sunday morning, we will briefly stop at the Salt Pond Visitors Center, then off to Provincetown for a walk and some shopping on Commercial St. There must be something for you, please come out for one thing or everything !

Finally, I want to see everybody at our regular meeting on the third Saturday of the month, Sept 18. It will be an interesting meeting, one that you will enjoy. The meeting will be divided into two parts, we will be discussing and showing our gardens. There will be several "round table" topics that will allow all of us to share our spring and summer experiences. "What I would do differently / what I would do better" should lead to some soul searching confessions and resolutions. "Good rose, bad rose" will give members a head start with their wish list for next year and rethink some of our members' unpopular choices. Finally a chance to brag and share secrets will be discussed during "Success and Failures". Part Two will be a hands-on "3 Pack Rose Show". We will have a step by step rose show, with a limit of three roses per person. Any member without a rose will be encouraged and helped to select a few roses from the Millie and Tip O'Neill Rose Garden. That's right! Here is a one time opportunity to cut one of those roses for your entries for a rose show. You will be helped to put them in the vases and groom them to their best advantage. You will have to fill out the entry cards and place your rose on the tables. Judging of each rose will be discussed with everyone. Wouldn't it be wonderful to find the Queen of the Show outside the building. I am sure that some of our experienced exhibitors will be glad to share their behind the scenes preparation "secrets" with you. I have a feeling that the show-bug will bite you and that you will help raise the bar on the quality of next year's show

The Lower Cape is hosting the Yankee District Convention in March 2011. Would you believe that Audrey and I are already in the planning stages of this event. It is going to be held at the Ocean Edge Resort in Brewster. Past National ARS President Steve Jones will be our featured speaker. We will be in the bedrooms that are now costing over \$500 a night, the water will be a little colder but the rooms will be about \$400 cheaper. Much more later, I know that this will be a most enjoyable time.PS I hope you had a good time at the picnic, the weather, the food and company (wives, husbands, and fathers) were terrific.

See you in the Garden, OZ





YANKEE DISTRICT WEEKEND

September 10,11,12, 2010

Friday: Afternoon boat ride on the Bass River, Grab-a-bite, Friday evening programs, Rose show set-up.

Saturday: Yankee District Rose show, propagating seminar immediately following rose show, Lobster fest at Bass Hole,

Sunday: Business meeting, Salt Pond Visitors Center - Day in P-Town

Lobster Fest: \$30 (lobster or steak), Starfish Boat ride: \$15 Send check payable to LCRS Convention to: **The Osborns, 12 Scotch Pine Farm, East Harwich, MA 02645**

The Yankee District invites **YOU** to a fun-filled weekend on Cape Cod.

Friday afternoon around 3PM we will be boarding the StarFish for a cruise on the Bass River. We are able to accommodate 60 people and the cost will be \$15 for a boatride that will last an hour and a half. Oz and I took the cruise last week and had a great time. There are a number of nice restaurants in the area where we can grab a bite to eat, then go to the Congregational Church on Rte 6A in Yarmouthport and have a lively presentation by the Bug Man, Baldo Villages. After coffee and cake, we will set up for the Yankee District Rose Show which will be held the following morning.

Saturday morning the doors will open at 6:30 for exhibitors to begin prepping their roses for the show. The rose show schedule is very broad, and there should be places for everyone growing roses to be able to show their blooms. The exciting part that will be new for this year's show is that **all participants** in the show will have the opportunity to make cuttings (for their own personal use) from roses brought by other exhibitors. The Yankee District will furnish the soil, containers and rooting hormone. This will be done after the rose show is judged, and the judges have eaten. Only participants: exhibitors, set-up people, clerks, judges, breakdown and clean-up people will be invited to take place in this activity. We need your help, even if you do not have roses to show, this is our way of saying, Thank You!! Oz and I have a very good success rate (90+%) with minis and mini-flora cuttings done in September and we do not have a greenhouse. The Lobster Fest will be catered once again by Morrells Restaurant and held at Gray's Beach, in Yarmouth Port. They cook on-site. Chowder, mussels and steamers, corn-on-the-cob, baked potato, linguica, and watermelon for dessert. The cost has been lowered to **\$30 person**. This is a reduction from past years, this was agreed upon at the business meeting in March, 2010. Special diets can be accommodated if needed, please call:

508-221-1256*** NEW PHONE NUMBER!!!! Or email me at caperose@gmail.com and I can contact the restaurant for you. Send your check, made payable to **LCRS Convention** to: Audrey Osborn 12 Scotch Pine Farm, East Harwich, MA 02645.

Sunday morning the Yankee District business meeting will be start at 10:00 in the Osborn's backyard, 12 Scotch Pine Farm, East Harwich (right off Rte 137, near the intersection of Rte 137/Rte 39) Following the business meeting, we will drive to the Salt Pond Visitors Center, learn about the National Seashore and then board the Flex Bus to Provincetown. What an adventure filled weekend we have in store! Please save the date, and plan to join members of **your rose society** at the Yankee District weekend on Cape Cod for as much or as little as you choose! Hope to see you there!!

Any questions: | Audrey 508-221-1256 - caperose@gmail.com
Oz 508-221-6734 - ozrose12@gmail.com



Photo Contest

Hopefully you have been taking pictures of your garden - or gardens you have visited and the photos have turned out nicely. We will once again have the photo contest - either at the October or November meeting. The gardens get a second wind in the Fall, so get your camera out, and start taking pictures. You never know which one will be the award winner! More details to follow from Clem in the next newsletter. One, two, three: CHEESE!!

The Starfish



Join us on September 10th for a ride on the Bass River aboard The Starfish!. We will be leaving around 3PM for an hour and a half narrated ride from the dock behind Sundancers on Rte. 28. Learn about the history and lore of the Bass River area from the Captain - some very interesting tales - and info about some of the beautiful homes on the waterfront. Cost of the trip \$15/person. Send your check made payable to LCRS Convention and send it to Audrey at 12 Scotch Pine Farm, E. Harwich, 02645

Lobsterfest

Once again the Yankee District is putting on a rose show and lobsterfest. Join members of all the local rose societies in New England that make up the Yankee District. Meet rose lovers from The Rhode Island Rose Society, The Connecticut Rose Society, The New England Rose Society, The New Hampshire Rose Society, The Maine Rose Society and THE LOWER CAPE ROSE SOCIETY.



Lobster or Steak will all the trimmings: \$30 - send the check made payable to LCRS Convention to

Audrey Osborn at 12 Scotch Pine Farm, East Harwich, MA 02645

ROSE SHOW RESULTS - June 26, 2010 AT HERITAGE MUSEUM & GARDENS, SANDWICH

SECTION 1 HYBRID TEA/GRANDIFLORA

QUEEN Elizabeth Park Centennial	EXHIBITOR Zack & Mary Lau
KING Hot Princess	EXHIBITOR Julie Gammon
PRINCESS Moonstone	EXHIBITOR Julie Gammon

SECTION 2 HYBRID TEA/GRANDIFLORA SPRAY

Cherry Parfait	EXHIBITOR The Osborns
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SECTION 3 HYBRID TEA/GRANDIFLORA OPEN BLOOM

Fame	EXHIBITOR The Ehrenreichs
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SECTION 4 FLORIBUNDA BLOOM

Sentimental	EXHIBITOR Julie Gammon
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SECTION 5A FLORIBUNDA SPRAY

Sexy Rexy	EXHIBITOR The Osborns
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SECTION 5B POLYANTHA SPRAY

The Fairy	EXHIBITOR Julie Gammon
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SECTION 6 LG FLOWERED CL OR H. WICHURIANA

Polka	EXHIBITOR The Ehrenreichs
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SECTION 7 LG FLOWERED CL OR H. WICHURIANA SPRAY

Dublin Bay	EXHIBITOR Jon Heino
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SECTION 8 MINI OR MINI CLIMBER

QUEEN Chattanooga	EXHIBITOR Zack & Mary Lau
KING Gem of the Rockies	EXHIBITOR Dave Candler
PRINCESS Baldo Villages	EXHIBITOR Dave Candler

SECTION 9 MINI OPEN BLOOM

Black Jade	EXHIBITOR Dave Candler
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SECTION 10 MINI SPRAY

Chattanooga	EXHIBITOR Dave Candler
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SECTION 11 MINI FLORA

QUEEN Liberty Bell	EXHIBITOR Zack & Mary Lau
KING Edisto	EXHIBITOR Dave Candler
PRINCESS Shameless	EXHIBITOR Dave Candler

SECTION 12 MINI FLORA OPEN BLOOM

King Mountain	EXHIBITOR Dave Candler
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SECTION 13 MINI FLORA SPRAY

Vice Versa	EXHIBITOR Dave Candler
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SECTION 14 SPECIES

Rosa Rugosa Alba	EXHIBITOR Greg Davis
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SECTION 15 OLD GARDEN ROSE (PRE-1867)

La Reine EXHIBITOR Jon Heino

SECTION 16 OLD GARDEN ROSE (1867 & after)

Rose de Resch EXHIBITOR The Osborns

SECTION 17 DAVIS AUSTIN ONE BLOOM

The Squire EXHIBITOR Jon Heino

SECTION 18 DAVID AUSTIN SPRAY

The Alexander Rose EXHIBITOR The Osborns

SECTION 19 CLASSIC SHRUB

Polar Ice EXHIBITOR The Ehrenreichs

SECTION 20 MODERN SHRUB

What a Peach EXHIBITOR Ken Whiting

SWEEPSTAKES

OF BLUE RIBBONS EXHIBITOR The Osborns

FAVORITE EXHIBIT IN SHOW

Lavaglut EXHIBITOR Sally Cavicchi (Novice Winner)

CHALLENGE CLASSES

SECTION A "PICTURE THIS" (MINI OR MINI FLORA)

Leading Lady EXHIBITOR Julie Gammon

SECTION B ROSE IN A BOWL

Watercolor EXHIBITOR Cynthia Fraser

SECTION C ROSE IN A BOWL (MINI)

Luis Desamero EXHIBITOR Dave Candler

SECTION D NOVICE

Lavaglut EXHIBITOR Sally Cavicchi

SECTION E BIG/LITTLE LOOK-A-LIKE

Hot Princess Daddy's Little Girl EXHIBITOR Julie Gammon

SECTION F MOST FRAGRANT

Mister Lincoln EXHIBITOR Gregory Davis

SECTION G TRAILING ROSE

The Fairy EXHIBITOR Diane Goers

SECTION H BEST RED ROSE

Dublin Bay EXHIBITOR The Osborns

SECTION I DAVID AUSTIN SPRAYS (2)

Tess of the D'Uberville

EXHIBITOR The Osborns

SECTION J DAVID AUSTIN TRIO

Tess of the D'Uberville

EXHIBITOR The Osborns

SECTION K ROSE COLLECTION

Bantry Bay

EXHIBITOR The Osborns

SECTION L CYCLE OF BLOOM

Gemini

EXHIBITOR Julie Gammon

SECTION M - TWO OF- A -KIND

Charlotte

EXHIBITOR The Osborns

SECTION N - PAR 3

Jeanne Lajoie

EXHIBITOR The Osborns

SECTION O CAPE COD LIGHTHOUSE

Glamis Castle The Squire

EXHIBITOR The Osborns

SECTION P ENGLISH BOX

Julia Child

EXHIBITOR The Osborns

SECTION Q ENGLISH BOX (MINI)

Jeanne Lajoie

EXHIBITOR The Osborns

SECTION R OLD GARDEN ROSES (3 DIFFERENT)

Rose de Resch, Mme. Plantier, Zephrine Drouhin EXHIBITOR The Osborns

SECTION S SINGLE PETAL ROSE COMPETITION

Ballerina

EXHIBITOR The Osborns

SECTION T THE ROCKY MARCIANO CHALLENGE

Knock Out Blushing KnockOut, Pink KnockOut EXHIBITOR Julie Gammon

SECTION U INSTANT BOUQUET

Hot Cocoa, Julia Child

EXHIBITOR Alma Madden

SECTION V JUDGES AWARD

Gentle Giant

JUDGE Herma Altman

