



Bench Newsletter

Our next meeting is: **Friday March 7th 2014**

Horticultural Hall

7-30 am Hall open

11am Meeting

Bench & Hospitality

Arrangement Title - 'East meets West'

Program

Talk on Judging with Peter Carpenter & Clare Russell

We have included a lot of information within this news letter. We want to make sure you don't miss all the tours and exciting places to visit through out the world, some come as attachments and the rest are included inside the newsletter, every time I think the letter is complete, some other rose news comes up. So apologies if it is long. Needless to say there are a lot of pictures of our 60th Anniversary held at the Southampton Princess Hotel. Enjoy



Best in Show Diana Antonition's
Lady Waterlow



Bermuda's Yellow Mutabilis

Photographs in March's news letter were taken by Sally Madden, John Howells, Peter Holmes and George Peterich. They also feature in the Bermuda Rose Society Face Book page.

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Barcelona Regional Convention May 8-18, 2014 post trip details attached PDF

Dear Rose Friends,

As there are many people who travel from far away to attend the **Barcelona's Regional Convention in May**, I asked Breda Copi, one of the Vice-Presidents from Europe, to organize a **Post tour to Slovenia, Croatia and maybe Belgrade...** She contacted me with Maona Travel Agency from Slovenia and we have prepared a tour

On Sunday 18th May 08.50 am we will fly from Madrid to Venice arrival at 11.20 am in IBERIA (IB 3242) and there we start the tour to Slovenia, Croatia and optional: Belgrade
SEE ATTACHMENT with the itinerary of garden visits and touristic places.

Can you please distribute amongst your members and associates and those who are interested, please contact me : rosal3004@adinet.com.uy

Rosarian regards,

ROSARIO ALGORTA

WFRS VP South America

Schedule for 2013 - 2014

Friday March 7th 2014

Horticultural Hall

7-30 am Hall open

11am Meeting

Bench & Hospitality

Arrangement Title - 'East meets West'

Program

Talk on Judging Peter Carpenter & Clare Russell

Friday April 4th 2014

Tea Meeting to be held at

Diana Antonition's house

1. Hat Competition

2. Title for Table arrangements "Easter Basket"

3. Cut Flower Bench there will be a 10 entries only per person cut rose bench with a prize no points.

4. Bring your unidentified rose along for ID.

Friday May 2nd 2014

Horticultural Hall

7-30 am Hall open

3 pm Meeting

Bench & Hospitality

Arrangement Title

1) 'Rhythm and Dance' – 24" x 24", no height restriction

2) 'Into Orbit' - no size restriction

3) 'Summer Sunrise' - 15" x 15" x 15"

Program

AGM award Ceremony

Rachel Louise Carson writer, scientist & ecologist was an American marine biologist and conservationist whose book *Silent Spring* and other writings are credited with advancing the global environmental movement. She died in 1964. Here is one her profound quotes.

"In nature nothing exists alone."

Flower Arranging Schedule 2013 - 2014

Exhibitors may bring in bench exhibits and competitive flower arrangements between 7-30 am and 9.15 am on the morning of the meeting. Exhibitors must vacate the area by 9.15 am so that judging may begin promptly at 9.30 am.

Meeting to begin at 11.00am.

Coffee, tea and refreshments will be available before all meetings from 10.30 am.

March 7th 2014

'East meets West'

Class E Title – "All foliage"

April 4th 2014

'Easter Basket'

Roses must predominate but other spring flowers may be used.

May 2nd 2014 Annual General Meeting

- 1) 'Rhythm and Dance' – 24" x 24", no height restriction
- 2) 'Into Orbit' - no size restriction
- 3) 'Summer Sunrise' - 15" x 15" x 15"



Shadow Boxes by Diana Hindess & Liesbeth Cooper

Flower Arranging Schedule Notes

Flower arranging class description:-

Class A - 24" wide x 24" deep, NO height restriction.

Class B - 15" wide x 15" deep x 15" high.

Class C - 9" wide x 9" deep x 9" high, design must be more than 4" high, wide and deep this does not apply to the diagonal dimension.

Class D - Shadow Box – The aim is to create a 'Picture' within a frame and no titles are given. The plant material may extend forward out of the box but may not extend sideways across the frame to create a 3D effect but/and must NOT touch the Interior or Frame of the box. There are different size boxes available on first come-first served basis or reserve a box by calling Alison Masters at 236 8917. Shadow box sizes are:- 10"x13", 18"x 22", 10 1/2"x 13", 10" x 7", 11"x 15", 11"x 23", 15"x 19".

Class E- Open Category for all members just for fun. There will be a prize given every month at the meeting.

There are NO restrictions on size or content in these arrangements.

Titles for Class E

December 6th 2013 – Arrangement with a candle

January 3rd 2014 – [Arrangement with dried AND fresh plant material](#)

February 7th 2014 – Using two or more containers

March 7th 2014 – All foliage

April 4th – 2014 - Easter Basket

Internationally accepted Rules for Floral Art

- 1) Plant material must predominate over all other components.
- 2) Plant material must be in water or water retaining material, unless such plant material is known to remain turgid for the duration of the show.
- 3) Artificial plant material must NOT be used.
- 4) Painted and/or artificially coloured or treated plant material may be used unless otherwise stated in the schedule.
- 5) An exhibit may include accessories such as bases, drapes, backgrounds and title cards unless otherwise stated.

The Bermuda Rose Society requires that locally grown Roses and /or plant material from the Rosaceae family must predominate in all arrangements.

Some examples are apple, cotoneaster, loquat, peach, pear, potentilla, pyracantha, spirea, strawberry, dewberry, yeddo-hawthorne.

Roses of any classification grown in Bermuda may be used and need NOT have been grown by the Exhibitor. Other locally grown flowers and foliage may be included.

Plant materials are living plant, flowers, grasses, branches of bushes or trees.

All plant material should be in scale with the roses used and must be appropriate in size, colour and texture to complement the roses and be subordinate in the design.

Classes A, B, and C should be in scale within the space allotted.

Internationally accepted Rules for Floral Art

Guess the Rose Competition



If you think you know what this rose is, please email your bench team.

In our February newsletter the rose was Bermuda's Yellow Mutabilis see below.
John Howels, Marijke Peterich and Sheenagh Harris were correct!



ROSE GARDENING TIPS 2014**Getting your roses to bloom for the Ag. Show.**

Five to six weeks before the Ag. Show do the following:

Prune to promote new growth.

Weed all around the plant & loosen the soil.

ALWAYS WATER PLANTS WELL THE DAY BEFORE APPLYING DRY FERTILIZERS.

Fertilize with your favourite rose food. I like to use Osmocote Indoor& Outdoor 19-6-12, because it is a slow-release formula. Most commercial fertilizers will work. If using a high Phosphorus (the middle number on the label) product, do not use consistently as the Phosphorus is not water soluble and will build up in the soil, thus altering its composition. Keep fertilizer 8-10 inches from stem, as it may 'burn' the bark.

Sprinkle Epsom Salts (Magnesium sulfate) around plant (like sugar on porridge). This promotes new basal growth.

Sprinkle One tablespoon of Nitrate of Soda on the soil which will slightly acidify it.

The following are optional:

Dried Blood is beneficial, sprinkled around the stem.
Alfalfa pellets (Rabbit food) are loaded with Nitrogen;
two or three handfuls sprinkled around each bush.

Lightly work the dry 'goodies' into the loosened soil and top all with a layer of 'Black Kow' or similar sterile cow manure as a top 'dressing'.

WATER THOROUGHLY. Without water plants cannot utilize fertilizers.

Foliar feeding is beneficial from time to time as the nutrients are utilized almost immediately.

Contributed by Liesbeth Cooper

Belinda's Dream
Shrub

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ROSES in BERMUDA REVISITED BOOK REVIEW

Heather Knowles of New Zealand very kindly offered to review our latest book *Roses in Bermuda Revisited*

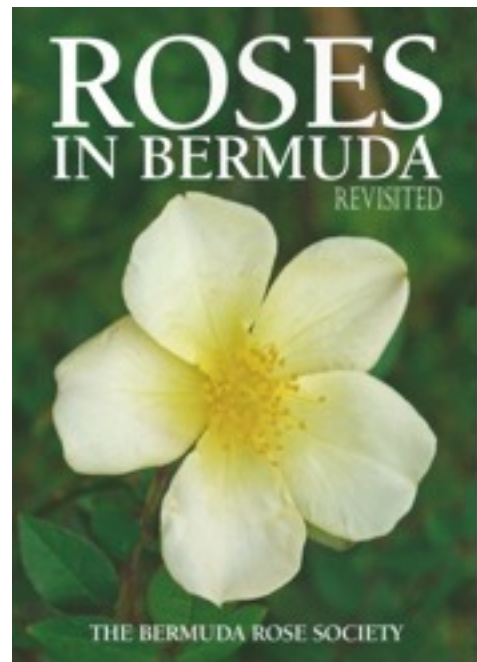
Heather is the editor of the *Heritage Roses New Zealand* and as you can see from her review below, she has done a great job with a lot of thought.

This review has now gone to the World Federation of Rose Societies to be included in the next *World Rose News*. Thus giving our book maximum publicity to interested rosarians.

Roses in Bermuda Revisited Reviewed by Heather Knowles

In effect the third edition of *The Bermuda Rose Society's* 1984 publication (*Old Garden Roses in Bermuda*), *Roses in Bermuda revisited* is a handsome hard-covered eminently readable and informative book that sits comfortably in the hand, beside the desk or on the coffee table. A fitting tribute to The BRS on its sixtieth birthday. It contains a wealth of material relating to the roses that grow on this group of humid sub-tropical Atlantic islands whose native flora includes primarily mangrove and endemics like the Bermuda cedar (*Juniperus bermudiana*) and Bermuda Palmetto (*Sabal bermudiana*). Bermuda is within the hurricane belt although the small total land mass means they rarely make landfall, the 2003 Category 3 Fabian a recent exception. Doesn't sound good for roses...

Bermuda was 'discovered' in 1503, the earliest documentary reference to roses growing there being 1639. In common with many countries settled/colonised by Europeans, roses have been found growing in cemeteries and churchyards and near sites of early habitation. Untended and unnoticed for many years, these resilient plants are Bermuda's Mystery Roses. With the exceptional dedication of The BRS and laudable cooperation of the authorities, these roses have been propagated and widely dispersed among Bermuda's gardening community and planted in many public gardens, including the Repository Garden at Waterville. Their 'names' usually reflect the location in which they were discovered growing: "Smith's Parish", "Alton", "Miss Atwood", etc. Much work has been done attempting to identify them; since the previous 'edition', several mysteries have been resolved, some after rigorous DNA testing have deepened, stories have emerged and more than one conundrum remains to tantalise. Is it possible that the iconic "Smith's Parish" is 'Fortune's Five-Coloured Rose', or that



the much loved and widely grown “Spice” is the stud ‘Hume’s Blush Tea-Scented China’?

The content is not limited to the Mystery Roses and includes sections on Hybrid Teas, Floribundas, Hybrid Perpetuals, Shrub, English and Miniatures, as well as the families represented by the identified Mystery Roses. Each rose is well-described, illustrated with a fine colour photograph and accompanied by easily understood symbols denoting aspects of its nature and nurture. An exhaustive Glossary, Index of Roses and Bibliography contribute to the reader’s ease of access to information. Elizabeth Wingate’s delightful drawings reappear from *Roses in Bermuda* 1997 to embellish chapter headings.

Even in this most conservation conscious country though, roses are under threat - the original “Miss Atwood” bush was destroyed as a result of road-widening; vigilant BRS members had fortunately grown other bushes from slips. The more difficult to propagate have been lost. Between 2009-11, BRS in tandem with the Ministry of Environmental Protection conducted EarthKind Trials of some of the Mystery Roses along with other EarthKind roses growing in Bermuda with very good results, furthering the cause of rose conservation.

The Bermuda Rose Society (BRS) is to be commended for having, in the 1986 words of Charles A Walker Jr, “played no small part in preserving these living museum pieces” and indeed for publishing a book rich in botanical and practical cultural guidelines, whether for exhibition, floral arrangement, landscaping or the unabashed joy in growing all members of this wonderful plant group, the rose.

Roses in Bermuda Revisited

Published by The Bermuda Rose Society

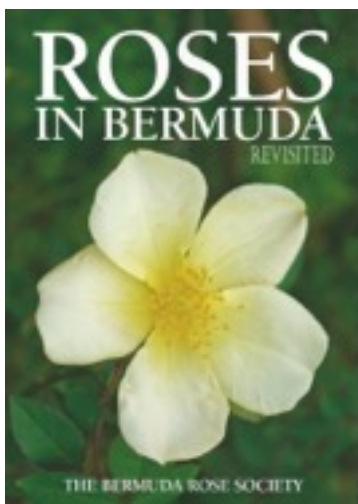
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Payment to BRS bank by wire - please contact Essie Hans at ehans@ibl.bm or visit www.rosesinbermuda.com

This is the a copy of the advert which was prepared in order that we can sell & ship to North America via Fedex so that we can ensure the customer receives the book.

A selection of Photos from our 60th Anniversary Luncheon held at the Southampton Princess Hotel on Sunday 9th February 2014



Liesbeth Cooper Diana Hindess & Tuppy Cooper



George & Marijke Peterich chat with Penne Leasure



Table arrangements by Diana Hindess & Felicity Holmes



Entrance Arrangement by Diana Hindess



Sheenagh Harris with Elizabeth Carswell and Nea Willits



The Wade table



The Antonition Table



The Cooper Table



The Swift Table



Organising Committee Diana Hindess,
Mariike Peterich & Felicity Holmes



Sheenagh Harris gave us a wonderful talk and
slideshow of Royal Roses – roses named for
British Royalty from King Arthur to the pre-
sent day



Past President Eugene Rayner conducts the singing of rosy tunes in celebration, accompanied by member, Lloyd Mathews, on the piano.



Sheenagh Harris is thanked for her wonderful slideshow by our Treasurer and Past President Marijke Peterich



Eight Past Presidents with Sheenagh Harris our special guest from South Africa and Diana Antonition our President with the wonderful cake from the Fairmont Southampton Princess Hotel



Bermuda's Kathleen
Original watercolour by Bessie Ramsbottom
donated by Syd and Dibble Clark

Our menu copied from a delightful original water color by the late Bessie Ramsbottom painted around 50 years ago. See also page 75 of our book where you can read more about Bessie Ramsbottom and the Mystery "Bessie's Rose"

[A message from Sheenagh Harris](#)

Dear Members of the Bermuda Rose Society,

Thank you for inviting me to celebrate your 60th anniversary with you on your beautiful island among delightfully friendly Bermudians.

It was an honour for me to visit you and I thank you for your warm welcome and sincere hospitality. I so enjoyed your meeting which I found was attended and supported with great enthusiasm. It was a pleasure to be involved with the judging of your very special roses and thank you for a BRS gardening apron which will be a constant reminder of a happy time among Bermudian rosarians.

Well done to the organisers of the birthday celebration which I thoroughly enjoyed and thank you for the beautiful Bermuda's Botanical Wonderland. I am so enjoying it and the illustrations are beautiful – a real treasure. I am so sorry about all those whose cars got stuck in the mud and especially Molly with her broken foot. I also want to thank all those kind Bermudians who gave of their precious time to show me a great deal of the island and entertain me. You made me feel like a Queen! When I think of Bermuda turquoise sea, pastel coloured ouses, an abundance of churches and delightful friendly people is my image of Bermuda.

Thank you again.

Rose Regards,
 Sheenagh

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Bermuda Rose Society held at Botanical Gardens, Horticultural Hall on Friday February 7, 2014 at 11.00 a.m.

The President, Diana Antonition welcomed members and guests. There were six guests Marian Fogerty, Jim and Margaret Astwood from Canada, Olivia de Guzman, Mary Doughty and Jay Stailpole.

Minute of the General Meeting held on January 3, 2014 were approved by Molly White and seconded by Liesbeth Cooper.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Chequing a/c balance at January 1, 2014 \$15,322.22 and Strata savings account balance is \$36,405.46.

60TH ANNIVERSARY

69 members have signed up for the luncheon. Luncheon will held in Poinciana Room 1 at the Southampton Princess.

BOOK SALES

Essie reported just under 900 books have been sold in the period September to December 2013. Anyone requiring books should contact the sales team of Essie and Marijke. Overseas sales to US & Canada individual soft cover books would cost \$65 with shipping and hard cover books will be \$75. Overseas sales for wholesale by case lots will cost \$35 for soft covers (30 per case) and retail at \$45, and hard covers (24 per case) will cost \$40 and retail at \$55. Payments can be made by wire transfer to the BRS chequing account. Contact Essie for details and further info.

Ads for our new book are being sent to international rose societies and info will also be in our next newsletter.

CALENDAR SALES

BRS have sold 325 and Printlink have sold 392. Still plenty in stock and members urged to help with promoting the calendar.

WATERVILLE

No report

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Big Guns and Bermuda Roses initiative – Peter Holmes, Diana Antonition, Penny Leseur and Susan Conyers will open their gardens for the event. Propagation demonstrations planned.

Bermuda National Trust plant sale will be on Saturday February 15th starting at 8.30 a.m.

The President thanked all those who will be hosting Sheenagh Harris during her visit to be our guest speaker at the 60th Anniversary celebration.

A condolence letter was sent to the family of Michael Burpee who was a volunteer at Tulo Valley and the Ag Show.

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Bermuda Rose Society held at Botanical Gardens, Horticultural Hall on Friday January 3, 2014 at 11.00 a.m.

Felicity Holmes and Diana Hindess, flower arrangers for the 60th anniversary celebration, would like members to bring roses, particularly long stemmed, to their homes before 10am so they can provide arrangements for the tables and pedestal.

Judy Ingham was sent a letter from friends overseas who enjoyed our calendar. Letter was read to the membership.

There being no further business the meeting closed.

Sheenagh Harris, Immediate Past President of the World Federation of Rose Societies, gave a presentation on "Rose Gardens of South Africa" and was presented with a BRS apron and Rose Stamp First Day Cover.

Flower Arrangement Report

Date: February 7, 2014

Flower Arrangement Judges: Susan Conyers, Deanna Moss

Number of Exhibits: 10

Number of Exhibitors: 4

Title: "Weave a magic web"

Class A

First: -

Second: -

Third: - Mingo Cook, Molly White

Class B

First: -

Second: -

Third: - Mingo Cook

Class C

First: -

Second: - Felicity Holmes

Third: -

D Shadow Box

First: - Diana Hindess

Second: - Felicity Holmes

Third: - Mingo Cook

Overall Flower Arrangement Points

First:	- Felicity Holmes	20
Second:	- Diana Hindess, Mingo Cook	15 each
Third:	- Molly White	5

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Bermuda Rose Society held at Botanical Gardens, Horticultural Hall on Friday January 3, 2014 at 11.00 a.m.

Class E For Fun and TITLE : Two or more containers
Overall Winner Mingo Cook

Cut Rose Bench Report

Date: February 7, 2014

Cut Rose Judges: Susan Swift, Sheenagh Harris, Marijke Peterich, Sally Madden

Apprentice Judges: Peter Holmes, June Bean, Sylvia Outerbridge

Stewards: Judy Godfrey, Jeanette Vallis, Alison Masters, Gill Gaade

Recording: Clare Russell, Diana Hindess, June Bean

Ribbons: Jeni Southern, Elena van Beelen, Diana Antonition

Number of Exhibits: 178

Number of Exhibitors: 10

Best in Show

Name: Diana Antonition

Rose: “Lady Waterlow”

Cut Roses Total Points

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>
First:	Gerry Ardis	315
Second:	Felicity Holmes	280
Third:	Diana Antonition	190
Fourth:	Robert Masters, Clare Russell	75
Fifth:	Jeanette Vallis	70
Sixth:	Nea Willits	60



7th Feb Meeting



Candidates for best in show



Sheenagh Harris gets ready for her slide show titled Rose Gardens in South Africa



Captive Audience



Calendar

March 7th 2014
Horticultural Hall

April 4th 2014
Tea Party at Diana Antonition's home

April 24th 25th 26th 2014
Ag Show

May 2nd 2014
Horticultural Hall
AGM



Last hurrah
60th Anniversary Lunch
Top: John & Judy Howells
Middle: Neville Richardson & Jeanette Vallis
Bottom: Kit & Denise Astwood, Kit is the son of one of our founders Sir Jeffery Astwood

Rosy regards
Your Bench Team

The Bermuda Rose Society