



Bench Newsletter

NEXT MEETING

Friday Feb 5th 2016

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Lunch at

The Tempest, St George's

Tickets \$50.00 each see menu in this
newsletter

11-30 am start for drinks from the Bar

Flower arrangement for tables

Title: "Hidden Treasures"

with prizes

Program

A talk on "New organic approaches in
rose growing" & the "Empress of the
Garden"

With Mike Shroup

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Bouquet of Old Garden Roses at our last meeting

PROGRAM for 2016

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Thursday Mar 3rd 2016

SET UP

Horticultural Hall

Set Up for the Friday meeting

9 – 10 AM

Friday Mar 4th 2016

MEETING

Horticultural Hall

7-30 am Hall open

11am Meeting

Bench & Hospitality

Flower Arrangement Title

"Anything Goes" – using fresh and dried plant material – there is NO height limit in ANY of the classes this month

Class D - Shadow Box

Program

Lyon 2015 slide show with Diana Antonition

Friday April 1st 2016

TEA MEETING

To be held at the home of Diana Antonition's home in Jennings Land

Rose Hat and Arrangement in a Tea Pot Competitions.

Program

2.00pm-2.30pm - Everyone arrives and can view the rose gardens and orchid house
Receiving of yummys.

Tea Pot arrangement competition

2:30pm - Open up the refreshment table

3:00pm-4:00pm - Brief meeting (update on upcoming AGM

AOB

Announce winners of the Tea Pot arrangements and award prizes - Fancy Hat parade/ judging and award prizes.

Thursday May 5th 2016

SET UP for AGM

Horticultural Hall

Set Up for the Friday meeting

9 – 10 AM

Friday May 6th 2016

Annual General Meeting

Horticultural Hall



Rose News

Does anybody have a projector screen they do not want. Please contact me.
Thanks.

The Wait is Over! The Bermuda Agricultural Show 2016 Catalogue is now Available for Download!

The AG Show Ltd. is excited to announce that the 2016 Bermuda Agricultural Show Catalogue is now available. The catalogue provides an all-inclusive reference guide for all the divisions and sections that the public can enter. It features 13 different divisions and more than 1,000 different types of entries.

The 2016 catalogue also includes entry forms for the poultry, rabbits and cavy and general entry forms.

Close of entries for this year's AG Show is March 18, 2016 at 5pm.

For additional information about what you can enter in this year's show, or to request a copy of the 2016 catalogue, please visit <http://bit.ly/agshow2016catalogue>.

The Bermuda Agricultural Show - registered charity number 968 is a public-private initiative formalised through memorandum of Understanding between the AG Show Ltd and the Government of Bermuda. The AG Show Ltd was established in Bermuda in February of this year as a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee. The guarantors are all Bermudian and they all volunteer their time to help manage the affairs of the company. For more information please email secretary@theagshowbda.com

Mike Shoup has kindly donated copies of his book *Empress of the Garden* to The Bermuda Roses Society so the Society will be selling them at The Tempest and Mike will be signing them



The Tempest, St George's

As you know our February 5th meeting will be held at The Tempest in St George's. Tickets \$50.00 each. Please contact Peter Holmes holmes@northrock.bm if you wish to reserve a ticket. Cut off day for reserving tickets is 1st February as we have to give numbers to the restaurant. Below is the menu.

The Bermuda Rose Society

Friday, February 5th, 2016

SOUPS

Rustic Fish Chowder | tomato | seared fish | peppers | potato...

Potage Crecy | bermuda carrot purée | horseradish crème fraiche | carrot ribbons...

OR

SALAD

Baby Spinach & Arugula | strawberry | goats cheese | honey coffee vinaigrette...

ENTRÉES

Grilled Chicken Breast | mushrooms | marsala wine...

Sauté Mahi-Mahi | chive beurre blanc ...

Vegetarian Risotto du Jour...

All served with family style vegetables & potatoes

DESSERTS

Dessert Platters | fruit flans | chocolate brownies | banana bread pudding...

"What's in a name?. That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet".



Meet well known Rosarian Mike Shoup our dynamic speaker and author next week at
The Tempest

Guess the Rose Competition



If you think you know what the rose above is, please email your bench team.
In our Jan 8th newsletter (below) the rose was Graham Thomas
Thank you those who responded .



Please keep trying it's all about getting to know your roses!

“ADVENTURES IN THE LAND OF WINE AND ROSES”**Another ramble from Gerry Ardis**

On Thursday we were, once again, up early for a full day’s tour. Our day started with a morning visit to the Abbey of Cluny in the Loire, Saône area of Burgundy. Cluny is about an hour and half by bus from Lyon. On the tours our buses usually took the back roads which gave us a great view of the French countryside. We had an enjoyable guided tour of the old town of Cluny and the famous Abby. The Abbey was founded in 910 by a gentleman who went by the grand name of William the Pious, Duke of Aquitaine and we are told the Abbey adhered strictly to the Benedictine Order rules and the Abbot reported directly to the Pope. There is only about ten percent of the original Abbey left but it must have been quite an impressive complex of buildings and religious center in its heyday as it housed over one thousand Benedictine monks. For us the highlight of our visit to the Abbey was a local choir singing in the ancient tower. The choir singing in the tower in some ways resembled the Gregorian chant that the monks would have sung centuries ago. A lot of renovation work and new building has taken place in and around the Abbey of Cluny in recent years. The new buildings house display models of the ancient Abbey and also include a museum and a school of engineering. Before we left the area of the Abbey we had another very typical French four course lunch in what we later found out were renovated stables.

Our next stop was a display of horses manoeuvring in a large paddock. The display was very impressive and both the young trainers and the horses seem to be enjoying themselves and having fun. At this juncture it was becoming very hot and we were lucky to find a seat



in the shade. I didn’t feel that well, whether it was too much sun or I had picked up a bug, I don’t know. We learned later that many people in our pre-convention tour bus had felt ill and under the weather. The rumour was

that a group of Australians, or it could have been American, rosarians who had been touring Italy prior to the Convention had introduced us to a nasty Italian virus.

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Our last stop in Cluny was the 'Cle de la rose' rose garden at the edge of the town. The old town of Cluny was interesting; however, we thought the rose garden was exceptional because it had been created by a group of volunteers who live in and around Cluny. They had formed an association, or society, that literally translated from French was the "Red Key" association. The "Red Key" was founded some four or five years ago and is very similar to The Bermuda Rose Society in that the members meet socially and tend their rose garden every Tuesday and Friday mornings. I even met a gentleman from Northern Ireland who was a member and had retired to live in France almost ten years ago. He selected Burgundy to live because he found the people charming and very welcoming. He told me that there were 300 rose varieties in the garden and the local council had given them an additional area to plant roses and maybe grant a subsidy to extend the garden.



Jeanne Corbecuf 1899



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Our next stop was at the Lacenas Cellar to sample the Beaujolais wine and attend what is known as a “Soiree Beaujolais”. Unfortunately, at this stage I felt ill and didn’t feel like sitting inside the building with hundreds of people. I managed to find a chair and sat outside in the shade where there was a nice breeze. I think our French hosts were a bit concerned about my welfare because I was joined by a gentlemen who spoke excellent English and told me he was trained in first aid. It turned out the gentlemen was a Mr. Denis Chastel-Sauzet owner of the Chateau Portier Winery which produces Beaujolais wine, among others. In any event we chatted for almost three-quarters of an hour until I felt a bit better. Mr. Chastel-Sauzet was able to tell me, in some detail, about producing Beaujolais wine. He also told me that because of competition from abroad the wineries of the region had been reducing the area under grape cultivation and they have had to diversify into what is known as wine tourism, providing tours, accommodation, food, wine tasting etc. for visitors.

I eventually felt a bit better and went inside in time to hear a few speeches and watch while American Steve Jones, President of WFRS, Mr. Ludwig Taschner from South Africa, a Japanese gentleman whose name escapes me along with a few other notables of the WFRS who were being inducted as honorary members of the Order of “Compagnons du Beaujolais”. I understand the Order has its headquarters at the Lacenas Cellars and is a sort of Beaujolais wine guild based on the trade guilds of the Middle Ages and was formed in 1948 to support, promote and encourage drinking of Beaujolais wines with fine French cuisine. The members of the Order are dressed in the same dark suits with long green aprons.



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The induction ceremony was quite entertaining and involves swearing various oaths and drinking large quantities of Beaujolais wine out of silver ceremonial cups. At the end of the ceremony the before being accepted in the order the inductees were required to shout the Order’s motto “Vuidons les tonnaeux” or translated means “Let’s empty the Barrels”. I must say I thought this was a very appropriate motto for such a fine organization of gentlemen and my admiration for the Order of “Compagnons du Beaujolais” went up accordingly.

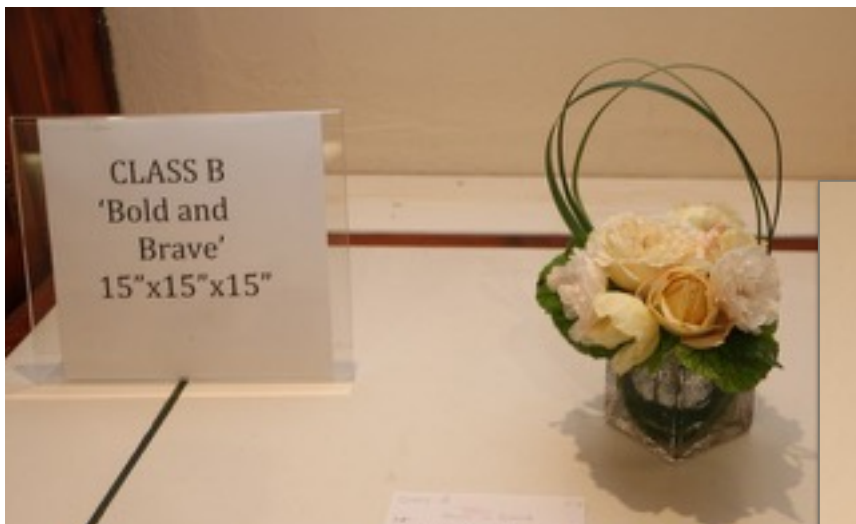
After the Beaujolais Order induction entertainment there was a reception hosted by the Order for the 600 rosarians attending the Convention before we all trooped into a huge dining room with vaulted ceilings to enjoy yet another five course French dinner complimented by a suitable supply of different Beaujolais wines. Peter, Felicity, Steven, Diana, Millicent and myself were joined at our table by three Australians who were good company. My memory of this meal was that the food and the wine were excellent and I especially remember they served a fruit sorbet that tasted like it was laced with either neat brandy or some other sort of straight liquor. While the food and the service were good we still didn’t finish the meal until almost ten o’clock and by the time we got to the buses and back to our hotel in Lyon it was close to midnight.



To be continued next month

Photos from our last meeting, January 8th, 2016





Mingo Cook above
Felicity Holmes right
Molly white left
Best in Show below
Peter Holmes' Par-
sons' Pink China



The Bermuda Rose Society

Monthly Meeting

Friday, 8th January, 2016

The President, Peter Holmes, welcomed members and guest, Vivien Seaman.

Apologies were received from Eugene Rayner, Essie Hans, Care Russell, Molly Godet, Marijke Peterich, Kay and Ray Latter, Michael Darling, John and Judy Howells.

The minutes of the 4th December, 2015, meeting :

Approved by: Betsey Mobray

Seconded by: Lady Gibbons

Peter Holmes invited Susan Conyers to inform members of the Garden Club's beginners flower arranging three day course starting on 23rd January, 2016. She encouraged anyone interested to sign up.

Treasurer's Report: No report as Marijke was away

Tulo Valley Report: As Essie Hans was absent, Peter Holmes explained that the new water tank had been ordered and is due to arrive mid February and that a concrete base would be poured prior its arrival.

Waterville Report: Lisa Marshall informed the meeting that the garden had had a rough start to the season with dry, hot, humid weather and having to recover from the October 2015 hurricane damage. As the base of Beaute Inconstante was split, lots of slips had been taken prior to removing this old rose. She mentioned that she loved weeding near this rose as she enjoyed its beautiful, typical, tea rose scent. She thanked Betsey Mobray and Liesbeth Cooper for their combined efforts in propagating Dan's rose, which is doing really well. It was not planted using the cardboard box as it was decided the soil was good enough but it had the usual treatment of crumpled newspaper at the bottom to keep it moist, rotted manure, bonemeal, rabbit pellets, etc,. Lisa reminded the meeting that she is still looking for a Pricilla's Rose to plant at Waterville.

Bench Results were reported by Diana Hindess. She remarked that, considering the recent weather, there was a lovely bench of exhibits. She thanked all those who had assisted in judging, stewarding, setting up and tidying up and congratulated everyone on their efforts. She reminded members of the judges' comments about grooming and presentation.

Cut Rose Report:

Set up: Peter & Felicity Holmes, Alison Masters, Marlene Ferguson

Cut Rose Judges: Peter Carpenter, Diana Hindess, Jennie Watlington
Apprentice Judge: Susan Conyers

Stewards: Kelly Sousa, Alison Masters, Jermaine Wilson, Judy Godfrey, Jeanette Vallis, Gill Gaade

Recording: Felicity Holmes, Kelly Sousa

Ribbons: Jermaine Wilson, Susan Swift

Number of Exhibits: 123

Number of Exhibitors: 6

Best in Show: Peter Holmes' Parsons' Pink China

Cut Roses Total Points:

First	Peter Holmes	350
Second	Millicent Ardis	250
Third	Molly White	230
	Jeanette Vallis	55
	Mingo Cook	40
	Gill Gaade	35

Bench Results - Flower Arrangements Report:

Title: Bold and Brave - modern arrangement

Flower Arrangement Judges: Debbie Burville and Maggie Miller

Number of Exhibits: 7

Number of Exhibitors: 3

Class A:

First:	Felicity Holmes
Second:	Molly White
Third:	Mingo Cook

Class B:

First:	Mingo Cook
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Class C:

Third:	Mingo Cook
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Class D - Shadow Box

First:	Felicity Holmes
Third:	Mingo Cook

Overall Flower Arrangement Points:

First:	Felicity Holmes and Mingo Cook	30
Second:	Molly White	10

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- Peter Holmes advised members he will giving a presentation about Bermuda Mystery Roses to The Garden Club on Friday, 16th January and holding a workshop on propagating roses on Friday 29th January. He invited members to attend. Peter reminded members of Mike and Jean Shoup's upcoming visit and the 5th February, luncheon meeting at The Tempest, he encouraged members to bring table arrangements. There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed.

Peter then introduced Cindy Young, Vice President of The Garden Club and International Flower Arranger and Judge.

Cindy gave an interesting and informative presentation about interpreting titles for flower arrangements. She reminded members that the title for the luncheon meeting at The Tempest will be Hidden Treasures and described how she would go about interpreting this title.

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Felicity Top
Mingo below

