



Bench Newsletter

NEXT MEETING

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7-30 am Hall open

11am Meeting

Bench & Hospitality

Flower Arrangement Title

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Class D - Shadow Box

Program

Translating “Titles” into arrangements --- Cindy
Young

Thursday Jan 7th 2015

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Help Needed

Horticultural Hall

Set Up for the Friday meeting

9 – 10 AM

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Dec 4th Millicent Ardis's Best in Show 'Souvenir de St Anne's' (Bourbon)

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Friday Feb 5th 2016**MEETING**

Lunch Meeting
The Tempest, St George's
Tickets \$50.00 each see menu in this newsletter
Flower arrangement for tables
with prizes
Program
A talk on “New organic approaches in rose growing” & the “Empress of the Garden”

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

Secretary

The Society is looking for a new Secretary. If you are interested, please contact Peter Holmes. This is your society please help.

Black Plastic Pots

Please start saving your 1, 2 and 3 gallon pots as they will be required at Tulo in the very near future. They should be cleaned and placed in a bin bag, we will advise when they can be delivered.

WFRS Regional Conference Beijing China

The World Federation of Rose Societies Regional Convention will be held in Beijing China the home of China Roses from May 18 - 14, 2016, with a Pre tour starting May 13 and a post tour May 25 - 29 **The Chinese Rose Society have offered us free registration to one member of BRS, so if you decide to go please contact Peter Holmes.**



Clare's class - making christmas decorations proved very popular at our December meeting

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 will be on sale at our January meeting, below is the menu, copies of which will be available when you buy your tickets. Many thanks to Diana Antonion for organizing

The Bermuda Rose Society

Friday, February 5th, 2016

S O U P S

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

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

OR

S A L A D

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

E N T R É E S

Grilled Chicken Breast | mushrooms | marsala wine...

Sauté Mahi-Mahi | chive beurre blanc ...

Vegetarian Risotto du Jour...

All served with family style vegetables & potatoes

D E S S E R T S

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”.

Juliet, Romeo & Juliet, (II, ii, 1-2)

Guess the Rose Competition



If you think you know what the rose above is, please email your bench team.
In our Dec 4th newsletter (below) the rose was Maitland White correctly guessed by
Michael Darling & Gill Gaade,
Thank you those who responded as well.
Please keep trying its all about getting to know your roses!



“ADVENTURES IN THE LAND OF WINE AND ROSES”

Another ramble from Gerry Ardis

After our late return to our hotel from our pre-convention tour of Provence on Tuesday 22nd of May we had another early rise on the Wednesday morning because it was registration day for the Federation of World Rose Societies Convention.

I must say we thought the conveners of the Convention, the Lyon Rose Society volunteer members and the organizers, did an excellent job with the actual registration procedure. A few days prior to leaving Bermuda they had sent us a registration document with a bar code by email. It was a simple matter of scanning the bar code document and all the documents and tickets we needed for the convention activities and tours appeared out of a machine, much like the airline check-in and luggage system. The whole procedure took about 30 seconds and then it was only a few steps away to collect our personalized convention “goody” bag with ID tags and lots of useful information about roses in Lyon, the upcoming tours and the actual convention programme.

We were fortunate our hotel was only a few steps from the actual convention center so we were always able to have a good buffet breakfast in the morning which left us plenty of time for the short walk to any convention activity or the buses leaving on the tours.

After our registration the first tour of the day was a visit to the private garden of “La Bonne Maison” rose garden in Lyon.

La Bonne Maison was started in 1966 when Georges and Odile Masquelier purchased the property and over the last forty nine years they transformed what was a two and a half acre private garden with a large orchard, sizable kitchen garden and lawns all enclosed behind



walls into a really spectacular rose garden, which in 2010 was designated the title of “Remarkable Garden” by the French Ministry of Culture. The garden is located in La Mulatiere, essentially a residential suburb of Lyon, and sits on the slope of Sainte-Foy-les-Lyon hill which is close to the Basilica of Notre Dame on the Fourviere Hill and overlooks the city of Lyon and the Saone river below. Because the actual garden is located on a hill the closest point the buses could reach by road meant a trek of some four or five hundred meters down steps and quite a steep path to the entrance to the house and garden. While walking down was easy enough coming back up posed a

bit of a problem for some of us more mature and less agile folk. Our proactive Bermuda Rose Society President, Peter Holmes, anticipating a problem, arranged for a car to drive him back up the hill to where the buses were parked.

We can understand Peter's reluctance because some years ago he had a couple of knee replacements which resulted in him avoiding steep slopes and steps, whenever possible. Odile and Georges spent the first ten years of the project landscaping the garden by building low walls, steps, beds and interlinking lawns and paths at different levels. Because the site is on a hillside Odile and Georges' primary concern was to first construct the low walls to prevent soil erosion caused by the violent storms that are common in the area and also grow wind break hedges to provide protection from the strong northerly Mistral winds and the south winds that blow through the Rhone valley with a withering effect on plants. For forty years tons of peat moss were dug into the beds to let the soil breathe along with large amounts of home-made compost fertilizer. Local blacksmiths manufactured 65 arches, pergolas, climbing rose supports and porticos which are located along and over the paths to great effect and at the entrance to the different sections of the garden.



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Odile informed us that for the last twenty years no chemical fungicide, weed killers or insecticides had been used in the garden and she took pride in showing us the area where they produce the organic compost from their garden waste. They use all the garden waste except the waste from roses, clematis and conifers. I never found out the reason but I suspect it has to do with the transmission of disease.

This garden has a huge collection of historic roses collected from France, England, Scotland, Persia, China and different parts of Europe. There are over 800 varieties of heritage roses in the garden along with 110 varieties of clematis and numerous other trees, shrubs and flowers.

The garden is also well known for the collection of spring flowers, particularly the many different varieties of daffodils. In 1989 the garden became the non-profit making “Association des Roses Anciennes de La Bonne Maison” with the aim to preserve and research historic roses.

We chatted to a number of the young men and women who work in the garden and they all appeared very enthusiastic, knowledgeable and obviously enjoyed their work.

I think we visited the garden at the best time of the year because all the roses were in full bloom including the climbers and ramblers. Many of the ramblers and species roses had entangled themselves in the cedars, cypresses, paulownia, judas tree, sophora and the other large trees in the garden. Odile pointed out to us a magnificent yellow climber (I can't remember the name), in full bloom, that had grown, to the top of a tree that must have been over a hundred feet high.



LYON 2015

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After a most enjoyable morning it was back to the hotel for a leisurely lunch and a few hours relaxation before the official opening of the Convention.

The opening ceremony for the convention was well done with teenage school children carrying the national flags of the 38 participating nations into the auditorium and up onto the stage in alphabetical order. This was followed by speeches of welcome from the President of the World Federation of Rose Societies (WFRS) Mr. Steve Jones, The Executive Director of WFRS Mr. Malcom Watson, Convention Liaison Chairman of the WFRS Mr. Gerald Maylan, The Deputy Mayor of Lyon and President of the Executive Committee Mr.



Student Fashion Designers gave a demonstration of the latest rose inspired fashions. This young lady used a rosy body paint

Alain Giordano and the Senator and Mayor of the City of Lyon Mr. Gerard Collomb who quite rightly lauded the City of Lyon as the historic, and present day, world capital of roses. After the opening Ceremony the delegates were guided by the school children, dressed in green shirts, who lined the route from the Convention Auditorium in the CITE Center de Congress the short distance to the beautiful rose gardens in the public Tete d'Or Park for the unveiling of the exhibition "La Rose & le Vent" or translated "The Rose and the Wind". The three Tete d'Or Park rose gardens had been extensively renovated especially for the Convention and are truly magnificent public park gardens just a few steps across the road from the Center de Congress and our Marriott hotel. The rose gardens run for about a mile along the banks of the Rhone river, cover five hectares of land and are planted with ten thousand roses. The huge collection of roses were in full bloom and complemented by the superb "The Rose and the Wind" exhibition which was unveiled to commemorate the opening of the Convention.

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The exhibition ran from the 27th May to the 10th of October in the park and is essentially a celebration of the rose and, according to the City of Lyon Library and Department of Culture, the artist created the exhibition to explore the relationship between the rose, the wind and man .

The City of Lyon asked the well-known French artist and photographer, Nicolas Roux Dit Buisson, to prepare an exhibition which not only complimented the actual Tete d'Or Park's magnificent rose gardens but turned the gardens into an art gallery and an actual work of



art. I don't intend to go into any great detail about the exhibition because all the information is available on the internet; however, I will try to briefly explain how the artist, the City of Lyon, groups of local photographers and Serge Ferrari (French manufacturer of very light, but very strong composite membrane fabric), among others, came together to create the actual exhibits.

As part of the year-long project artist, Nicolas Roux, ran eight workshops for local amateur photographers in the techniques of close up rose photography. Photographs of roses were selected and enlarged to where they could be printed onto large sheets of very light, weather resistant composite membrane material. These very light sheets of fabric, printed with different roses, were mounted against a green foliage background under what could be described as a boulevard of pergolas which also supported different climbing roses in full bloom. In addition to the pergolas, the artist hung different rose printed sheets of the fabric on specially designed raw timber frames throughout the rose garden. The raw timber had the bark removed and looked very effective. The interesting aspect was that the light fabric, with the enlarged printed rose images, were split into strips in such a way that when there was even the slightest breeze the rose images seemed to become fluid and flow and shimmer in the early evening light.

This technique was particularly effective because each exhibit throughout the gardens moved differently and seemed to be complimented by the different varieties of blooming roses planted nearby. I suspect this was due to the different light at the different locations throughout the gardens and, of course, the speed of the wind(breeze) that happened to be blowing at the time.

Peter, Felicity, Diana and Steven along with Millicent and myself spent a very pleasant late afternoon attending the opening of the "Rose and the Wind".

exhibition and strolling through the gardens enjoying the roses and the marvelous exhibits. After the gardens it was back across the road to a very enjoyable buffet reception in one of the large rooms at the Convention Center where we enjoyed a selection of very tasty local food and the red wine of the region. I understand all the wine was produced in the Rhone – Alpes region of France and was supplied by the local wineries. The wine was mostly red and I must say it was enjoyable to taste and compare the local vintages.



A very large rose standard growing in the Tete d'Or Park



To be continued next month

The Bermuda Rose Society

Monthly Meeting

Friday, 4th December, 2015

The President Peter Holmes welcomed members and guests to the Christmas meeting. Apologies were received from Eugene Rayner, Rosemary Davies, Pat Thomas, Kay Latter, Gerry Ardis and Rosemary Talbot.

The minutes of the 6th November meeting :

Approved by: Molly White

Seconded by: Katie Fetigan

Treasurer's Report: Marijke informed the membership that we presently have \$45,901.34 in the Strata account.

Tulo Valley Report: Essie explained that she was presently awaiting a 2nd quote for a solution to the water supply at Tulo. Hoped to be able to report a decision by the January meeting.

Waterville Report: Lisa did not have a report but did thank John Howells for all his help at Waterville.

A.O.B

- Peter thanked all those involved in decorating Norwood Cottage - Diana & Rachael Antonion, Felicity Holmes, Mingo Cook, Judy Kitson, Lee Davidson and Deanna Smith. Ana Fulton, on behalf of The Garden Club, thanked the BRS for their partnership/relationship which helped raise \$37,000 .
- Peter thanked all those who provided roses and arrangements for Ms. Wingood's Memorial Service at Trinity Church - Diana Hindness, Clare Russell, Liesbeth & Neil Cooper, Millicent & Gerry Ardis, Jennie Watlington, Marijke Peterich, Mingo Cook, Peter & Tuppy Cooper, Jane Cooper, Robert Masters, Felicity Holmes and Sally Gibbons. Susan Swift on behalf of the family, also thanked everyone involved in decorating the church.
- Peter informed the membership of the recent passing of Rev. Douglas Seidel, on 3rd October, who was 66. Rev. Siedel was last in Bermuda in January 2008, where he gave a lecture and workshop at Waterville. He was scheduled to judge at the 2012 Ag Show, but had to cancel due to his sister being ill. He was a trustee of the Heritage Rose Foundation.
- Peter Carpenter presented Accredited Rose Judge certificates to Peter Holmes and Diana Antonion.

Bench Results - Cut Rose Report:

Set up: Peter & Felicity Holmes, Clare Russell, Alison Masters, Katie Fetigan and Gill Gaade

Cut Rose Judges: Gill Gaade, Kelly Sousa (Apprentice Judge), Molly Luthi, Peter Carpenter

Stewards: Judy Godfrey, Kelly Sousa, Clare Russell, Alison Masters

Recording: Felicity Holmes, Clare Russell, Kelly Sousa

Ribbons: Katie Fetigan, Susan Swift

Number of Exhibits: 158

Number of Exhibitors: 10

Best in Show: Millicent Ardis with Souvenir de St. Annes

Cut Roses Total Points:

First	Peter Holmes	275
Second	Millicent Ardis	195
Third	Molly White	120
	Diana Antonition	100
	Mike Spurling	95
	Mingo Cook	75
	Jeanette Vallis	75
	John Howells	60
	Robert Masters	55
	Maureen Moore	15

Bench Results - Flower Arrangement Report:

Title: Memory Lane

Flower Arrangement Judges: Susan Conyers and Maggie Miller

Number of Exhibits: 8

Number of Exhibitors: 3

Class A:

Second: Mingo Cook

Class B:

First: Felicity Holmes

Third: Molly White and Mingo Cook

Class C:

Second: Mingo Cook

Third: Molly White

Class D - Shadow Box

First: Felicity Holmes

Second: Mingo Cook

Overall Flower Arrangement Points:

First:	Mingo Cook	35
Second:	Felicity Holmes	30
Third:	Molly White	10

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed.

The membership then had a chance to make their own Christmas Floral arrangements, with roses from the bench, all organized by Clare Russell. Special thank you to everyone who brought foliage, candles and baubles for the arrangements and sandwich's, cookies and the lovely selection of deserts.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, 8th January, 2016



The new Waterville signpost kindly organized by the Bermuda National Trust with festive decoration

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Roses from our 4th December bench shown above. With the lovely weather we have been experiencing through the christmas break, roses are doing well so we expect a bumper entry in our January show!