Nomination from the Rose Society of Victoria Inc.

Citation for Australian Rose Award 2014

Mrs Joyce Chapman

- Member of the Rose Society of Victoria Inc. since 1983 and of the American Rose Society since 1989.
- Joyce has served on the RSV Inc. Committee of Management firstly as Treasurer 1987-1988, and as Vice-President from 2003 to the present time and has acted in many other capacities when required including chairing the Committee of Management Meetings and the Monthly Meetings.
- Awarded Honorary Life Membership of the Rose Society of Victoria Inc. in 2006.
- Committee member for the David Jones Festival of Roses 1988 which helped to raise the profile of The Rose Society of Victoria.
- Committee member for the WFRS Regional Conference in Melbourne in 1999, (Roseweek '99) which celebrated 100 years of the Rose Society of Victoria. This Committee worked for 3 years to plan and promote this event which included an International Rose Show.
- Committee member for the Australian Conference and Rose Championships which was held in Melbourne in 2007.
- Joyce has won many awards at Australian Rose Championships, in particular, for her bunches and miniature roses for which she is well known.
- Joyce's outstanding exhibits in many categories, including floral art, have been award winners and a major feature of Victorian rose shows and exhibitions.
- Joyce has also helped many others to stage their roses with valuable advice and encouragement.
- Joyce has conducted many in-depth training sessions for exhibitors and would-be exhibitors, freely giving her time, sharing her knowledge and expertise.
- Joyce is a world-class expert on growing many varieties of roses, miniature roses in particular.
- Hosts many international and interstate rosarians over a long period of time.
- Outstanding ambassador for the rose and has built strong relationships with many prominent rosarians and rose-growers, both in Australia and overseas.
- Has ably supported her husband, Dr. Bruce Chapman, with his very successful and internationally recognised breeding and hybridizing program.
- The new miniature rose "Joyce Abounding" was named in her honour by her husband.
- For over 20 years has coordinated the monthly rose meetings and has been responsible for organising payments, keeping attendance records and overseeing sales of rose society books and other related items.
- Her experience over 30 years is invaluable to the present Committee of Management and also to other members in all states.
- She is always very professional in her approach and is a great asset to the RSV Inc. and the NRSA with her wealth of knowledge and expertise.