

T.A. Stewart Memorial Award

Mrs Joyce Chapman ARA SMA

Mrs Joyce Chapman has been a distinguished member of The Rose Society of Victoria Inc. since 1983, serving as Treasurer 1987–1988 and as Vice-President 2003–2015. For over 25 years Joyce coordinated the monthly meeting, keeping attendance records and overseeing sales of rose books and other related items. Joyce was awarded Honorary Life Membership of the Rose Society of Victoria Inc. in 2006 and was honoured with the Australian Rose Award in 2014.

In 1988 Joyce was a committee member for 'David Jones – Festival of Roses', a very successful event, which helped to raise the profile of the Rose Society of Victoria. She was a committee member for the WFRS Regional Conference held 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.

Joyce was on the committee for the Australian Rose Conference and Rose Championships held in Melbourne in 2007 and has also attended many NRSA Conferences as a Victorian delegate.

Joyce has won many awards at the Australian Rose Championships, particularly for her bunches and miniature roses. Joyce has also mentored and helped many others to stage their roses with valuable advice and encouragement.

Joyce has also conducted many in-depth training sessions for exhibitors and would-be exhibitors, freely giving her time and sharing her knowledge and expertise.

Joyce is a world-class expert on growing many varieties of roses, miniature roses in particular. The miniature rose *Joyce Abounding*, released in 2012, was named in her honour by her husband, internationally recognised hybridiser Dr Bruce Chapman. This rose has won many awards on the show bench.

Joyce is an outstanding ambassador for the rose and has built strong relationships with many prominent rosarians and rose-growers, both in Australia and overseas.

Her experience of 40 years and her professional approach is invaluable and she is a great asset to The Rose Society of Victoria Inc. with her wealth of knowledge and expertise.



Janet Wright

Joyce Abounding