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'Queen Elizabeth'
JPMattia Cover Photo

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

In this edition, we are featuring the Heritage Rose Conference in Brussels, Belgium from 5 - 8 June 2023. If you haven't registered yet, do so quickly as the Conference, pre and post tours are limited on attendees, and may already be full.

Unseasonably cool and wet weather didn't deter us from attending the World Rose Convention in Adelaide, Australia. Despite the weather, we all had a fun time seeing each other after all these years. Congratulations to the Adelaide Organizing Committee for putting on a splendid convention!

Our cover by John Mattia honours the late Queen Elizabeth. The photo of 'Queen Elizabeth' was taken at Elizabeth Park, the oldest existing rose garden in the United States.

My photograph for this issue is 'Easy Does It' an orange blend Floribunda from Harkness. It is also known as Firestar. Enjoy!

Steve Jones, Fiddletown, CA, United States



'Easy Does It' (2009, F) (HARpageant)

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



2022-2025

March 2023



Photo: Diane vom Berg

Diane vom Berg

I look forward to attending the 15th International Heritage Rose Conference in Brussels and participating in a number of International Rose Trails in Europe.

Our hosts, The Belgian National and Royal Rose Society and the organising committee members, have dedicated many, many hours of their time to prepare an informative lecture program, exciting visits to places of interest and gardens, social functions and pre and post tours for the participants attending. It's not too late to book, registration closes on the 31st May, 2023.

Our Executive Director, Derek Lawrence, is currently arranging for the manufacture of the plaques for the gardens awarded a WFRS Award of Garden Excellence in Adelaide. Once received, the gardens will discuss a suitable presentation ceremony with their region's WFRS Vice-President.

The Friends of the Federation welcomes the generous support of new members, providing further opportunities for promotion of the World Federation of Rose Societies.

Our global sponsorship agreement with FELCO will greatly assist the WFRS. The company is a worldwide leader in the production of high precision professional secateurs and pruning tools. It is pleasing to see many member countries promoting this association.

Whether it is Autumn or Spring in your country may your roses be blooming. Here in Adelaide, on a beautiful Autumn day are photos of two of my best performing roses.



Buff Beauty



Blushing Pierre de Ronsard

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Derek Lawrence

March 2023

Some plants inspire wonder in all that see them; the older rose varieties have virtues and charms, which can grace their presence in any garden. From single petaled pastel shades to full quartered blooms with heavenly scent, they deserve to be admired, treasured and conserved for future generations.

During my early formative years, the Hybrid Teas and Floribundas reigned supreme; their large, fragrant, blooms seemed to fuel my boundless teenage energy to dizzy heights. As soon as the catalogues arrived, I'd marvel at the intense colours. However, as time passed and my youthhood began to evaporate, I developed a mellow affection for the rose. I hankered for less intense hues, delicate flowers and subtle perfumes. I simply wanted to drift back in time, and discover the rose-filled joys experienced by my forefathers. On reflection, my appetite for older cultivars was fuelled by observant writings of the late English rosarian, Peter Beales, whose books *Classic Roses* and *Twentieth Century Roses* have become definitive works of reference.

Peter Beales developed his interest in roses from an early age. In his revealing autobiography, *Rose Petals and Muddy Footprints* (2008) he recalls a fascinating moment, when as a baby, he sat in a pushchair in his parent's Norfolk garden as his grandmother hung out the washing on the clothes line. His attention was immediately drawn to a pink rose bloom – which years later – he concluded was probably 'Dorothy Perkins'. I can only assume that this moment was when Peter became mesmerised by the sheer beauty and charms of the rose. It is well-documented that as a youngster, 'Great Maiden's Blush' was the first rose he developed a deep infinite affection for. This attachment lasted throughout his lifetime.

Many years ago, I joined the Historic Roses Group, and discovered that being a Member is very inspirational. Visits to gardens that are renowned for containing a treasure trove of historical cultivars are frequently arranged by the group. The enthusiasm and camaraderie shared by the Membership remains infectious, and a truly enlightening experience.

As Executive Director of the WFRS, I am conscious that this passion is evident throughout the globe, with similar heritage organisations based in such countries as Australia, New Zealand and the United States. Many indulge in the fascinating pursuit of rose rustling; where older cultivars are saved from extinction, and preserved for future generations to come.

In June, the magnificent city of Brussels will become centre stage for the sheer majesty and infinite beauty of heritage roses. The Royal National Rose Society of Belgium will host the WFRS 15th International Heritage Rose Conference. Visits to sumptuous rose gardens will be arranged, with an impressive showcase of international guest speakers who will be happy to share their passion and wisdom, in a series of fascinating lectures.

To join us all at this enchanting event, simply visit: www.rosabelgica2023.com



Left: 'Mlle Cecile Brunner', Right 'Jacques Cartier' (aka 'Marchesa Boccella') (Photos courtesy of author.)

ROSE NEWS

From our Executive Director comes three newsworthy items:

- Congratulations to our newest Life Friend, Heidi Matter from Switzerland.

- We have received a most generous donation from Mori Manufacturing Research, Japan.

- The World Federation of Rose Societies is delighted to announce that the Very Reverend Dr Philip Hesketh, AKC DL Dean of Rochester, will be in attendance as an honourable guest at the 15th International Heritage Rose Conference in Brussels, on Wednesday 7th June 2023.

In December 1876, the then Dean of Rochester, Samuel Reynolds Hole was installed as the President of the world's first national rose society.

We look forward to welcoming Dr. Hesketh to this truly inspirational Heritage Conference.

American Rose Center

Congratulations to the American Rose Center, located at the American Rose Society's headquarters in Shreveport, Louisiana, USA, for having their test garden being approved as an WFRS International Test Garden by the WFRS International Rose Trial Committee and Executive Committee.

The Executive Board approved their application recently and the first trial under the auspices of the WFRS will be held on May 6, 2023 during their annual convention.

Margaret Macgregor



It is with great sadness we learned of the passing of former WFRS Vice President Margaret Macgregor from Victoria, Australia. Margaret served as WFRS Vice President for three terms from 2000 to 2009 representing Australasia. She was awarded the WFRS Silver Medal in 2006 at the World Rose Convention in Osaka, Japan for her dedication to roses and the WFRS.

Margaret started in roses with her husband John in 1966 when they joined the Rose Society of Victoria (RSV). She served in various positions with the RSV. In 1981, her and John opened a rose nursery which she ran until his death in 1987.

She returned to the RSV and served as Vice President from 1990-2000.

Margaret was present at the initial WFRS meeting in London in 1968, which helped set the foundation for our organization.

Margaret was ever present at most of the WFRS World and Regional Conventions all over the world. In 2003 she qualified as a rose judge with the American Rose Society.

She wrote many articles during her life, especially for the Rose Society of Australia as well as the RSV. She is best known for her tribute to the 'Peace' rose that was printed in the WRN.

In 2006, she was awarded the WFRS Silver Medal at Osaka, the only Australian to have won that honour to date. The same year she was also given an Honorary Life Membership in the RSV.

In 2008, she was awarded the Australian Rose Award. From the citation it said, "Mrs Margaret Macgregor is one of the most outstanding rosarians of this or any generation that Australia has produced. It would seem fitting and appropriate that Australia acknowledges her incredible service to the Rose by awarding her its highest honour, The Australian Rose Award."

In 2016, Margaret was awarded the TA Stewart Memorial Award, which is awarded to a person deemed by the Contributor Societies as having given outstanding service to the Rose in Australia and New Zealand. The Award is managed by the Rose Society of Victoria and awarded annually.

Marie-Louise Velge

News came to us that one of the Grand Dames of the WFRS, Marie-Louise Velge has passed. We decided to tell her story in the next edition of the WRN so we can do a proper job and not rush it.



**The 15th
International Heritage
Rose Conference**

INVITATION

5-9 June 2023
Brussels - Belgium

WFRS

The **World Federation of Rose Societies** is a federation of the national rose societies representing **rose lovers around the world.**

Our goal is to expand contact among them and increase the flow of knowledge about the rose and act as a clearing house for rose research.



5 DAYS OF CONFERENCES, EXCLUSIVE VISITS TO ROSE PRODUCERS AND ROSE GARDENS, SOCIAL EVENTS, PRE & POST TOURS

PRE-TOUR June 2-5
15th INTERNATIONAL HERITAGE ROSE CONFERENCE June 5-9
POST-TOUR June 10-15

Dear Rose Friends,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you all to the 15th International Heritage Rose Conference in my country. The **Belgian Royal National Rose Society** is more than honoured to host this event under the auspices of the World Federation of Rose Societies (WFRS). The attachment that Belgium has for the Rose goes back to the time of Emperor Charlemagne (the father of Europe) as around the 800's he encouraged the cultivation of the rose in our country and of course at that time only some species were available.

Belgium has a long rose history. Parmentier, Crépin, van Houtte and Lens are famous names that have in the past made Belgium's renown throughout the world. P.J. Redouté, born in Belgium was certainly the "Raphael" of the rose painters. He was a favourite of Marie-Antoinette and he tutored Empress Josephine. Famous for his water paintings of old rose cultivars he gave a good picture of early rose breeding.

For all rose lovers, our organizing committee is preparing a beautiful event with speakers dedicated to the old rose family and their conservation along with exciting visits and a Belgian cultural experience. During the Pre and Post tours, participants will have the opportunity to see more historical places and gardens. I strongly encourage you to visit us in **June 2023 for friendship around the roses.**

"It is the time you have wasted for your rose that makes your rose so important." (Saint-Exupéry)

With all my rosey regards,

Henriette de Brier
WFRS Immediate Past President



We have the pleasure to give you some early insights of the 2023 June event.

Each day will provide beautiful surprises and short stops on the way to castles and rose gardens.

Amongst the **most important rose gardens:** Hex, Le Roeulx, Meise, Coloma and Vrijbroekpark.

The dedicated website will give you all the needed information on the optional pre-tour in the North of Belgium, the main programme in Brussels and the optional post-tour in Luxemburg, Germany and Switzerland.

 WWW.ROSABELGICA2023.COM

MAIN PROGRAMME from Monday June 5 till Friday June 9, Brussels and region.

Main hotel nearby the park of Brussels, the Royal Palace and the meeting venues: Hotel**** Motel One.

Monday, June 5

06:30pm-09:30pm: Opening Ceremony of the 15th Rose Heritage Conference and **Meet & Greet** Théâtre du Vaudeville, Brussels.

Tuesday, June 6

Morning: Lectures at Cercle Gaulois, Brussels • lunch at Cercle Gaulois.

Afternoon: **WIDOOIE** private estate • **HEX** castle and its magnificent rose gardens • free evening in Brussels • (For those Members) WFRS Friends' Dinner.

Wednesday, June 7

Morning: Lectures at Cercle Gaulois, Brussels • light lunch at Motel One.

Afternoon: **MEISE** Botanical Garden and François Crépin herbarium • visit and dinner at **VRJUBROEK** Park in Mechelen.

Thursday, June 8

Morning: Lectures at Cercle Gaulois, Brussels • lunch at Cercle Gaulois.

Afternoon: **Le ROEULX** Rose Garden and rose trials • free evening in Brussels.

Friday, June 9

Morning: Lectures at Cercle Gaulois, Brussels • lunch and visit at **COLOMA** Rose Garden.

End Afternoon: optional visit of Brussels Historical Center.

08:00pm 15th Rose Heritage Conference

CLOSING DINNER at Cercle Gaulois, Brussels.

MORNING LECTURES, Cercle Gaulois, Brussels.

Tuesday, June 6

Welcome by the WFRS President and the President of the S.R.N les Amis de la Rose.

"François Crepin and the Heritage Roses in Meise Botanical Garden", Ivan Hoste, Belgium.

"Hybrid Musk Roses from Lambert Pemberton to Lens", Rudy and Anne Velle for Lens Roses, Belgium.

"The Conservation of Heritage Roses: Problems and Solutions", Charles Quest Ritson, United Kingdom.

"A Great Taxonomist and the World's Largest Rose- a Magical Interaction", Viru and Girija Viraraghavan, India

Moderator: Behcet Ciragan, President Gesellschaft Schweizerischer Rosenfreunde, Switzerland.

Wednesday, June 7

"Historical Roses in the Europa Rosarium Sangerhausen", Hella Brumme and Eilike Vemmer, Germany.

"Roses in Bhutan", Prakash Sushil, India.

"On the Origin of the Cultivated Roses: DNA Authentication of the Bourbon Rose Founding Pedigree" Pascal Heitzer, France.

FELCO, presentation

Moderator: Helga Brichet.

Thursday, June 8

"Rosedal Juzna de Ibarbourou, Mondevideo's Historic Rose Gardens", Inés Diaz de Licandro, Uruguay.

"The Unique Beauty of Old Chinese Roses", Zhengzi Jiang, China.

"A Time Capsule of Roses-Building a Future for Heritage Roses", Greg Lowery, USA.

Panel Discussion, moderated by Helga Brichet.

Moderator: Brigid Quest Ritson, UK.

Friday, June 9

"André Dupont Rose Herbarium, the Story of a Discovery" Vincent Derkenne, France.

"Thirty Years with Roses in Sakura and the Aim of our Rose Garden" Katsuhiko Mebara, Japan.

"Rose Social Legacy", Lukasz Rojewski, Poland

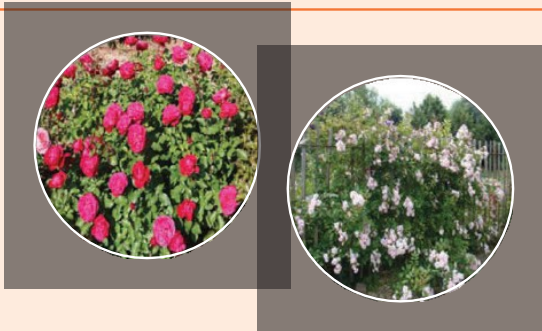
"In Search of the Lost Heritage of the Rose in Korea", Wook-Kyun Kim, South Korea.

"Project rescue: Rescuing the heritage rose collection of Aoteara New Zealand", Murray Radka, New Zealand

Moderator: Rosario Algorta de Carrau, Uruguay.

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Registration open: 🌐 www.rosabelgica2023.com



**(OPTIONAL) PRE-TOUR
in the North of the country**



**BRUGES, KORTRIJK & GHENT
3 DAYS**

Friday, June 2

Arrivals in **Brussels** • From 03:00pm check in possible at Hotel Motel One • free evening.

Saturday, June 3

08:00am Departure by bus from Brussels • Visit of LENS rose producers • private rose garden in OUDENBURG • lunch in LISSEWEGE • Castle garden OOSTKERKE • ADORNES domain in Bruges • dinner in a privately owned castle in LOPPEM • stay in Ghent.

Sunday, June 4

Starting from Ghent, • BEAUCARNE HOUSE • visit and lunch at the International rose garden in KORTRIJK • visit with an art historian of the Mystic Lamb by van Eyck "flowers and plants in art" • dinner at Hotel FALLIGAN • boat tour on the canals • stay in Ghent.

Monday, June 5 (end 05:00pm)

Starting from Ghent, the beautiful landscapes of the river Lys • OOIDONK castle • LATHEM-St-MARTIN and lunch • back in Brussels at 04:00pm for "Meet & Greet".

"WFRS Garden Awards" for Belgium:

HEX, VRIJBROEKPARC, KORTLIJK



(OPTIONAL) POST-TOUR



**LUXEMBOURG, GERMANY
& SWITZERLAND 6 DAYS**

Saturday, June 10 • Luxembourg & Germany

08:00am Departure by bus from Brussels • private garden in ERLONFOUET • ANSEMBOURG castle • Munsbach castle rose garden • free evening • stay in Freiburg-im-Breisgau.

Sunday, June 11 • Germany & Switzerland

Departure from Freiburg-im-Breisgau • visit ETTENBÜHL rose garden • visit the largest Swiss collection of historic roses in KARTAUSE ITTINGEN • visit and dinner in MAINAU, the flower island on the Bodensee • stay in Konstanz.

Monday, June 12 • Switzerland

Departure from Konstanz • visit FELCO premises and lunch with the management team • visit and wine tasting at Château d'AUVERNIER • typical Swiss dinner • stay in Neuchâtel.

Tuesday, June 13 • Switzerland

Departure from Neuchâtel • ESTAVAYER LE LAC rose garden • Picnic in a private rose garden hosted by William Guinness in EPALINGES • Alain and Gisèle Tschanz historical and English roses in ACLENS • visit the arboretum and its wild roses in AUBONNE • free evening • Stay in Neuchâtel.

Wednesday, June 14 • Switzerland

Departure from Neuchâtel • visit the Camille BLOCH Chocolate factory • visit and lunch at the BELLELAY monastery and cheese maker • Swiss Clock Museum in la Chaux-de-Fonds • free evening • stay in Neuchâtel.

**Thursday, June 15 • Switzerland,
End Post-tour in Geneva**

Departure from Neuchâtel • visit PIAGET Manufacture with the Patrimonium Gallery and Piaget rose jewelry collection • rose garden in PARC DE LA GRANGE • the historical rose garden at the BOTANICAL garden of Genève • end post-tour late afternoon.

June 15, end afternoon:

Flights or trains from Genève.

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MEET THE 2023 WFRS HERITAGE ROSE CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

Here are the speakers and their biographies for the Heritage Rose Conference in Brussels, Belgium.

Tuesday, June 6



“François Crépin and the Heritage Roses in Meise Botanical Garden”, Ivan Hoste, Belgium

Ivan Hoste, historian and amateur naturalist, became involved in the preparation of the third edition of the Belgian Flora (*Flora van België*) in 1997. Over the next quarter century, until retirement, he was employed at the Meise Botanical Garden. His activities and interests include editorial tasks, the mechanisms that drive the arrival and spread of non-native plant species (including *Oxalis* and C₄ grasses) and the history of Belgian botany in the 19th century, with a special interest for the life and works of François Crépin.



“Hybrid Musk Roses from Lambert Pemberton to Lens”, Rudy and Anne Velle for Lens Roses, Belgium

Both Rudy Valle and Ann Boudolf studied in Ghent, he in landscape design and she in social work.

And so in 1984 they got married and that same year started a small nursery of roses and hedge plants, about 1ha in size. At that time Rudy also designed gardens.

In 1992, the company ‘Boomkwekerijen Louis Lens / Pepinieres Louis Lens’ was for sale. Rudy and Ann took the leap and took over the company. They changed the name to Lens Roses. From then on roses became their main focus. Ann became very interested in the history and then hybridization of roses, while Rudy ran the nursery and fields. Gardens design shifted towards rose gardens only. Together they introduced over 50 new rose creations, including ‘Henriette de

Gerlache’, named for the convenor of the Conference.

They also co-authored three rose books including *Rozen voor altijd, Uitbundig bloeiende rozen – De mooiste moschata van Lens Roses*, and *Une fabuleuse foison de roses – Les plus beaux moschata de Lens Roses*.

Rudy also served as Chairman of Webos, the professional association for West Flemish tree nurseries and ornamental growers and Chairman of Tuinhier (Oudenburg) an association of gardeners in Oudenburg. While Ann served as Chairman of the association Markant Oudenburg for 8 years (1998-2006), Member of Rotary Gistel and incoming chairman (chairman 2024-2025), and in Rotary Gistel, Chairman of the Committee Community Services (from 2020) that founded a funds for children in poverty (0-12 years), founded in December 2021, www.kinderkansenfonds.be via the King Baudouin Foundation.



“The Conservation of Heritage Roses: Problems and Solutions”, Charles Quest Ritson, United Kingdom

He is an English horticulturalist, garden writer and translator. He started as a lawyer, then he worked in investment management in London. It was boring, so for the last 35 years he has enjoyed writing books instead. He is very well known in England as a journalist and is also a regular columnist for *Country Life* magazine. With his wife Brigid he wrote the *Encyclopedia of Roses* for The Royal Horticultural Society and a book called *Climbing Roses of the World*, in which 1650 cultivars are described. The garden of Charles and Brigid in England was first open to the public in 1983. When they lived in Normandy on the Cherbourg Peninsula from 2006 to 2020, they grew 1,500 different roses. He has been a director of the Royal National Rose Society, founder of the Historic Roses Group and a fellow of the Linnaean Society. He has British and Irish nationality.



“A Great Taxonomist and the World’s Largest Rose - A Magical Interaction”, Viru and Girija Viraraghavan, India

Viru fell in love with roses at age 18, in 1955 when he saw a beautiful shrub of ‘Julien Potin’ in full bloom, at Sim’s Park, Coonoor. Roses became a passion right through school and college, where he did his Masters in Chemistry. He passed the premier government examination for administration, and entered the Indian Administrative Service, in 1959, and worked in various senior capacities, including Director, and Secretary, Agriculture and Horticulture Departments in the state of Andhra Pradesh, which is in central India. He retired voluntarily after 20 years with the government, in 1980, to concentrate on rose breeding. Girija did her Masters in History and has also a Bachelor of Education degree. She is researching on the history of the rose in India.

In 1980, Viru and Girija settled in Kodaikanal, a hill station (2200 meters elevation) in southern India, as they felt the climate there was more conducive to rose breeding. Viru had been hybridizing roses since 1965, and his early aims of breeding were to raise roses in unusual colors, and in the ‘handpainted’ strain. Since the 1990’s he has concentrated on breeding with the two Indian rose species, *R.clinophylla* and *R.gigantea*. He is experimenting with other rose species like *R.bracteata*, *R. chinensis spontanea* and others which he feels will lead to new hybrids adaptable to the warm climates of the world. He has registered a number of his new hybrids with these species, many Teas, climbers, pillar and shrub roses.

Both have held positions as Vice Presidents of the Indian Rose Federation, of which they were founder members and for over 30 years were Editors of the Indian Rose Annual published by the Indian Rose Federation. Both have received Gold Medals from the Indian Rose Federation for hybridizing and administrative work. Viru has received The World Rose Award of the W.F.R.S. (World Federation of Rose Societies). Both were honoured with the ‘Great Rosarians of the World Award’ in 2006. Viru received the Lifetime Achievement Award for Rose Breeding in 2020 at the WFRS Regional Conference, Kolkata.

Both are keen environmentalists having founded a conservation society in 1985 in their town of Kodaikanal which is in the Palni Hills, part of the Western Ghat mountain range of peninsular India, one of the two bio-diversity ‘hot spots’ in India.

Wednesday, June 7



“Historical Roses in the Europa Rosarium Sangerhausen”, Hella Brumme and Eilike Vemmer, Germany

Hella Brumme worked for 34 years in the Europa-Rosarium, eventually as the managing director.

Eilike Vemmer has been working on historical roses for over 20 years. From 1999 until 2015 she organized the educational event of the German rose-friends, called 'Kasseler Rundgespräch', which had been established by her parents Hedi and Wernt Grimm. This forum offers rose lovers the chance to share their knowledge about roses.

In 2020 Hella Brumme and Eilike Vemmer published the book 'Historical Roses in the Europa-Rosarium Sangerhausen, Gallica-, Damask-, Alba-, Centifolias and Moos-Rosen'.

Their book 'Noisette- und Bourbon-Rosen, Historische Rosen im Europa-Rosarium Sangerhausen' ('Noisette- and Bourbon-Roses, Historical Roses in the Europa-Rosarium

Sangerhausen') has only just been published.



“Roses in Bhutan”, Prakash Sushil, India

Mr. Sushil Prakash is an engineer by profession and started growing roses as a hobby.

He started exhibiting roses since 1986 in the local shows and winning soon became his habit. From hobby to exhibitor, exhibitor to Rosarian, from Rosarian to judge & trainer and then to a consultant, Mr. Prakash’s dedication to flowers and gardening made him take up office in the MP Rose Society. He also regularly talks on Roses and Environment on Radio and TV shows.

He has attended ten WFRS Conventions- Regional, Heritage and World conventions in Germany, New Zealand, Spain, France, India (Hyderabad), Slovenia, Denmark, China, India (Kolkata) and Australia. He is also a member of Heritage committee of WFRS and is currently in the quest of old roses in Himalayas. He has attended Rose trials in Baden-Baden, Germany and Saverne, France. He also holds the position of the Treasurer of the World Federation of Rose Societies.



“On The Origin of the Cultivated Roses: DNA Authentication of the Bourbon Rose Founding Pedigree”, Pascal Heitzer, France

Pascal Heitzler is a geneticist at the Institut de Biologie moléculaire des Plantes (IBMP), Strasbourg (France) and director of Research at the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS). He is a specialist in rose genetics and breeding. He recently created the Rosarium *Rosa arvensis* and has been investigating the biology of this wild species as a new genetic model for the rose since 1995.

Thursday, June 8



“Rosedal Juana de Ibarbourou, Montevideo’s Historic Rose Gardens”, Inés Diaz de Licandro, Uruguay

Inés lives in Uruguay, both in Montevideo and in Punta del Este, where she has her rose garden. She is married and has one son. Graduated in Accountancy and Administration, she specialised in financial entities, tax and financial planning and trustee activities. Since 2022, she has served as the Vice-President for South America of the World Federation of Rose Societies, and served as Vice Chairman of the WFRS Heritage & Conservation Committee from 2019 to 2022, and delegate for Uruguay for that Committee since 2016.

She is a member of Asociación Uruguaya de la Rosa, Asociación Argentina de Rosicultura, Roses Anciennes en France, Heritage Rose Foundation, and other Heritage rose associations, and volunteer advisor of Intendencia Municipal de Montevideo concerning Montevideo’s Rose Garden and identification of roses (since 2016). She has researched heritage roses in Uruguay since 2015, concerning inventory, identification and preservation.



“The Unique Beauty of Old Chinese Roses”, Zhengzi Jiang, China

Jiang Zhengzhi, rose collector, rose breeder and practitioner, general manager of Suzhou Huaguanyuan Chuang Horticultural Technology Co., Ltd., has been engaged in rose breeding for 15 years, and has cultivated and promoted more than 200 new varieties of roses. The main cultivation direction is environmentally protected roses. Wild roses in Xinjiang and in China are used to cultivate disease-resistant and drought-resistant roses. At present, we have collected about 500 varieties of wild roses and historical roses.



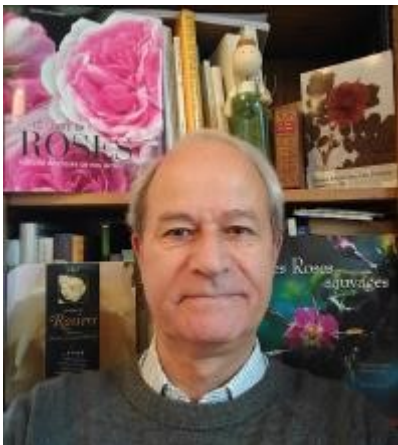
“A Time Capsule of Roses-Building a Future for Heritage Roses”, Gregg Lowery, USA

Gregg Lowery spent forty years developing a collection of rare old roses that has become one of the largest historic rose collections in North America. It formed the basis of Vintage Gardens, a rose nursery in the small Northern California town of Sebastopol, from 1984 through 2014. A former High School teacher and Social Worker in London and Paris in the 1970s, since 1984 Gregg has designed and developed gardens and has consulted on historic rose garden plantings including Boone Hall Plantation in South Carolina, and Hearst Castle in California.

Founding member of the Heritage Rose Foundation, Gregg served as Vice-President for publications from 2005 through 2015. After organizing the HRF conference on California’s Rose History in El Cerrito in 2005, Gregg and fellow editors of the conference journal, ‘California’s Rose Heritage’, conceived and developed a new heritage rose magazine, *Rosa Mundi* and co-edited *Mystery Roses Around the World*, an anthology of stories about finding, collecting, and preserving old roses in China, Japan, India, South Africa, Italy, France, Sweden, Bermuda, the USA and Australia.

In 2012 he handed over his historic rose collection to The Friends of Vintage Roses, a non-profit dedicated to preserving these roses for their educational, cultural, and scientific value. He currently serves as curator of that collection. To preserve roses, this non-profit has worked to develop a community of rose lovers in the USA whose mission is to propagate, share and cooperate with others.

Friday, June 9



“André Dupont Rose Herbarium, The Story of a Discovery” Vincent Derkenne, France

Vincent Derkenne is a historic rose lover, with a passion for rediscovering the often-astonishing lives and work of French gardeners of the 18th and 19th centuries, to whom the world of the *Rose* owes so much.

He has been researching in many different archival locations for over twelve years now, in France and abroad, to trace André Dupont (1742-1817), the main supplier of roses to Empress Joséphine's estate at Malmaison, Louis-Toussaint Charpentier (1759-1833), head gardener of the Luxembourg gardens in Paris, Julien-Alexandre Hardy (1787-1876) who succeeded him, and also Philippe-Stanislas Noisette (1773-1835) who was the founder of the Noisette roses.



“Thirty Years with Roses in Sakura and the Aim of our Rose Garden” Katsuhiko Maebara, Japan

Mr Maebara is from Sakura, Japan, and is the Chief Executive Director of the NPO Rose Culture Institute, Director of the Sakura Kusabue-no-Oka Rose Garden and the President of the Sakura Rose Society.

In 1970 when attending college he met Seizo Suzuki, a noted rose expert. Afterwards, he received 450 plants of 250 different varieties of heritage roses from Seizo Suzuki, and to display those roses to the public, he opened the Rose Garden Alba. Then with the help of some rose-loving friends, he started the Rose Culture Institute.

He opened a library to preserve about 9000 rose-related books and documents also donated by Suzuki, to prevent those precious items from disappearing. Since then, the donations of important rose-related documents from other people have also been accepted, and now the library, preserving more than 10,000 items of rose-related books and documents, is regarded as one of the prominent collections of rose literature in Japan.

Currently, the garden preserves about 4,500 plants (about 2,000 of them are planted in pots) of about 1,350 different species and heritage rose varieties. There are a total of about 3,000 volunteer workers who take care of those roses and the garden every year.



“Rose Social Legacy”, Lukasz Rojewski, Poland

Over the decade I have focused on breeding rose varieties that are frost resistant with sustainable growth responding to climate changes. In my search of a new genes, I looked at roses from the *Rosa alba* group. From them, I have selected seven varieties. I also experiment with many other species roses or close related varieties such as: *R. setigera*, hybrids of *R. x kordesii*, *R. x virginiana*, Geschwind's roses, Canadian Explorer series and many more. Before breeding, I worked in a global multinational corporation what gives me the opportunity to visit a lot of countries and learn about fascinating differences in cultures. Those experiences pushed me also to study in subjects of anthropology, folklore and ancient history, human behavior and human non-material heritage. I'm privileged to be a member of the Breeders Club at the World Federation of Rose Societies and founder and first president of the Polish Rose Society.



“In Search of the Lost Heritage of the Rose in Korea”, Wook-Kyun Kim, South Korea

It wasn't until after my fiftieth birthday that I became interested in plants. From that time on, I felt so easy in my mind when I could appreciate nature and plants. This inspired me to pursue graduate studies under the theme of People-Plant Interaction, with a focus on human perspectives in horticulture, and finished my doctoral course. As my curiosity grew, I was fascinated with the aesthetic implications of roses in particular with its recurrent effect on the landscape. My wife and I run a nursing home and assisted living facility for the old, peacefully amidst the greenery decorated with a rose garden. Today, roses are within our reach of daily life. I serve as Chair of the South Korea Rose Society in addition to my profession engaged in the cruise tourism industry, I translated 'The Rose Garden of Fukushima', a winner of the WFRS Literary Award in 2018, into Korean.



“Project Rescue:-Rescuing the Heritage Rose Collection of Aoteara, New Zealand”, Murray Radka, New Zealand

I am a New Zealander of mixed Maori and European descent living in the south of the South Island of Aotearoa New Zealand. Married to Noeleen and with four sons, in a former life I worked in high school education, first as a teacher of history and then as a guidance counsellor. I now work full time on the land. In our early married life we purchased Brandy Hill, a barren hill close to Alexandra and in our forty year connection to this land have seen its transformation from a rabbit warren into a woodland garden. As well we operate several horticultural enterprises including commercial strawberries and exporting cut flower lilac to the Asian market. Presently we are sourcing and grafting cider apple varieties to create a cider apple orchard for our son who is a craft beer brewer and wishes to branch into cider production.

My journey with heritage roses began almost forty years ago with a casual glance at a book in our local bookstore. A love of history plus the possession of the land made a collection inevitable and thus began a magnificent obsession that continues to this day. Brandy Hill is now home to the largest collection of species and heritage roses in the country where they grow as naturally as possible in their families in woodland clearings.

This project has required hours of study and research. I write frequently for several publications both in New Zealand and overseas and received a scholarship for research in 2012 which assisted me in publishing my book *Project Rescue* a history of the work of the Register team and outline of the work and careers of many of New Zealand's significant rosarians from the past who were important in the importation and promotion of heritage roses. I presented at the Dunedin conference in 2012 and the Australian conference in Tasmania in 2014.

When I began collecting heritage roses, gardeners were spoiled for choice from at least twelve nurseries, but as fashions changed and most suppliers closed down, we were in danger of losing the New Zealand collection with few prospects for reintroducing them. It occurred to me that a national register would help us to locate and save them and after discussions with the then President of our society, The New Zealand National Register of Heritage Roses was created along with an independent management team of four people.

2023 INTERNATIONAL ROSE TRIALS

By Marga Verwer, Chairman, WFRS International Rose Trials

	TRIAL	Country	Year 2023
1	<i>Monaco</i>	Princ. of Monaco	Not this year
	<i>Shreveport</i>	USA	6-5-2023
2	<i>Barcelona</i>	Spain	12-5-2023
3	<i>Madrid</i>	Spain	19-5-2023
4	<i>Rome</i>	Italy	20-5-2023
5	<i>Bologna</i>	Italy	27-5-2023
6	<i>Tokyo</i>	Japan	May/October
7	<i>Lyon</i>	France	2-6-2023
8	<i>Paris</i>	France	15-6-2023
9	<i>Hradec Kralove</i>	Czech Republic	17-6-2023
10	<i>Nyon</i>	Switzerland	17-6-2023
11	<i>Baden-Baden</i>	Germany	20-6-2023
12	<i>Saverne</i>	France	21-6-2023
13	<i>Kortrijk</i>	Belgium	23-6-2023
14	<i>Nagaoka City</i>	Japan	May/October
15	<i>Den Haag</i>	Netherlands	1-7-2023
16	<i>Belfast</i>	Northern Ireland	14-7-2023
17	<i>Hertfordshire</i>	Great Britain	11-8-2023
18	<i>Glasgow</i>	Great Britain	Not this year
19	<i>Warsaw</i>	Poland	26-8-2023
20	<i>Le Roeulx</i>	Belgium	1-9-2023
21	<i>Orleans</i>	France	8-9-2023
22	<i>Rose Hills</i>	USA	Not this year
23	<i>Adelaide</i>	Australia	30-10-2023
24	<i>Gifu</i>	Japan	May/October
25	<i>Hamilton</i>	New Zealand	12-11-2023
26	<i>Palmerston North</i>	New Zealand	19-11-2023

DEREK LAWRENCE, OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, STEPS INTO THE WORLD OF.....

JUDGING ROSES AT BRITISH FLOWER SHOWS

My quest to become a national qualified rose judge began in the early 1980's. I volunteered to become a steward at the Royal National Rose Society's British Rose Festival, which was held annually in the prestigious 'Gardens of the Rose' at St. Albans. I recall standing by an entrance to a large marquee; protecting it diligently like a guard sent from a security company! The Head Steward had vehemently advised me that no one must enter the tent because the judges had arrived. I was wildly curious to discover what was going on underneath the shrouded cover of the marquee's white canvas. It seemed a mystery which I was eager to solve. The following summer, I returned to the Society's gardens to attend a judges training day, where participants were given an insight to the required skills and practices of becoming an accredited judge. As autumn tints and chillier temperatures descended upon the St. Albans gardens, I drove back to sit the examination. I must confess, as a young man, I thought I was well prepared and taking part would be a doddle. My stupidity was confirmed when I received a letter to state my failure in successfully completing the test. The embers of my dream to become a qualified judge was reignited many years later when Rose Society UK Secretary, Ray Martin and his wife, Pauline announced that the Society was seeking to appoint a new team of judges. A fully comprehensive training day was duly arranged. It proved to be a thoroughly enjoyable and awe-inspiring experience. The accomplished judges gave us lots of friendly advice; regaling us with lots of stories; sharing their wit and wisdom.



Left: Author judging at a rose show, Right: Artist pallet (all photos courtesy of the author)

In essence, we were taught that a judge must remain impartial and have no vested interest in the exhibit that they are viewing. The judges must always respect exhibits. Under no circumstances should judges touch the blooms or rearrange them. They may handle containers, if this is deemed necessary, to ensure a full and fair adjudication. However, the marks for presentation must be established prior to any exhibits being moved. One of the fundamental principles we learnt is that exhibition blooms can be entered into any class, provided that it meets the given criteria of the show schedule. For example, a Large Flowered variety can be entered into a UK Cluster Flowered Class, providing that the grower has skilfully manipulated the bush to produce relatively small clusters to fulfil the standard required or vice versa. On judging individual blooms, the TRSUK (The Rose Society United Kingdom) standards stipulate that the 'bud stage' to be showing full colour with one or two petals unfurling above the opening calyx. The Double bloom type in the 'perfect stage' to be half to three-quarters open with the petals symmetrically arranged within a circular outline. For any 'Large Flowered' (Hybrid Tea) type, the outer petals should regularly surround an upright and well-formed shaped conical and pointed centre. If the bloom is at 'full bloom stage' and the stamens are exposed, they should be fresh and of a good colour. All flowers are assessed by their freshness of blooms, brilliance of colour, purity of colour, condition of stems and foliage. The most important feature is the overall presentation of the exhibit. It must be gracefully balanced, in relationship to the container, for height and width and enhanced by a good colour combination. The blooms and foliage should be artistically arranged to avoid either crushing or excessive spacing. In exhibits comprising a number of individual blooms in either boxes, bowls or palettes; the flowers must be uniform in size, state of development and freshness. To put it all into context, a judge must be observant and have good knowledge of roses to give a worthy evaluation on any given exhibit.

In February 2020, we students were invited back to the Church Hall in Pelsall to sit our assessment. I must confess to feeling a great sense of trepidation and excitement as I began to write down my answers over a period of one hour. Our preparation

paid off, because the following week, Ray advised us that we had all passed the written paper. We were due to take our practical exam the following summer at the National Show being held in Shepperton, but due to the ravages of the Covid-19 pandemic that swept over the UK, all rose shows for 2020 were subsequently cancelled.

However, undaunted, we students were invited to attend a rescheduled practical assessment being held at the especially arranged Members only rose show being held in Pelsall on Saturday 24th July 2021. It was decided that although lockdown restrictions had been somewhat eased, a more modest event would be more appropriate in the present situation. On arrival, we discovered that the Society's band of competent exhibitors had pulled out all the stops to ensure the quality of the show was of an exceptionally high standard. It suddenly occurred to us that the judging process would challenge our knowledge and newly acquired skills. But we were determined to demonstrate that we were able to successfully complete any hurdles or challenges that may come our way. All students were given a qualified judge to act as a personal assessor as we began to examine and scrutinise the various classes, checking that each exhibit met the given show schedule and TRSUK standards. We were invited to give feedback on how we would potentially mark each exhibit and the Judge would record our findings. One of the challenging parts was evaluating a bowl of large flowered roses that deliberately contained a number of faults. We discovered that there were a number of split, bull-nosed blooms and some damaged petals had been removed which failed to give the desired circular effect of the flowers. Afterwards, we settled down with a welcome cup of tea and a chat. As ever, the warmth and camaraderie were evident amongst the exhibitors and judges.



Left: Miniflora English Boxes, Right: Old Fashion Rose Basket

As autumn descended, with the usual season of mists and mellow fruitfulness, myself and fellow student Daniel Myhill were fortunate enough to be invited to join legendary British Rose Judge Jim Anderson as he conducted his usual duties around the show benches of the Malvern Show. Using the knowledge we had gleaned from previous lessons, it enabled us to demonstrate our acquired observant skills in accessing the season's blooms. Jim listened intently to our deliberations; willingly giving constructive feedback and practical advice on how we could enhance our competency even further. His indispensable wisdom will serve as a worthy toolbox in the future. The entire experience of becoming a qualified National Rose Judge has proven to be a truly rewarding and exhilarating one. Collectively, as a team, we're proud of what we've achieved.

The Rose Society UK's panel of Judges will continue to harness the highly acclaimed standards, which were set by the early Victorian pioneers of the National Rose Society.

Judging rules can vary from country to country, and not always observe the UK judging criteria. But this makes it an even more challenging and fascinating pursuit. If you are interested to become an appointed accredited Judge, I thoroughly recommend that you contact the Secretary of your national rose society. Pauline Martin has recently been appointed as Chairman of the WFRS International Judges Committee. I am confident that the lady's vast experience of exhibiting and judging roses will be of immense benefit to the aims of the Federation, and encourage rosarians to participate in this worthwhile and thoroughly rewarding pastime. For details about the panel of WFRS International Judges, email: paulinemartin50@hotmail.com.



Left: Derek (left) judging with Jim Anderson (middle) and Daniel Myhill (right), Right: Vase of 12 Hybrid Teas



Left: Hybrid Tea Bouquet, Right: Roses in a Bowl



Above: Rose Society UK Summer Show held at Shepperton, London in June 2022

WFRS VICE-PRESIDENT REPORTS

By Robert Ardini, VP of North America, United States



I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the World Federation of Rose Societies (WFRS) for electing me at their Council Meeting in Adelaide, last year. Steve Jones, Editor of *World Rose News*, asked me to please begin by telling readers a little bit about myself.

I am a former advertising executive, have traveled to all seven continents, and am a Juilliard-trained pianist. In 2020 I ran for the U.S. Presidency. My campaign prevailed well into the Primary season, and I was one of the last remaining candidates in the race. Roses are my passion, and I have been a member of the American Rose Society for 45 years - serving on the Board of Directors, Chairman of one of the Trusts, and Chairman of the 1992 Centennial. I joined my local rose society – the Long Island Rose Society – at the age

of 17. My first World Rose Convention was in 1994 in New Zealand. I can be found on Facebook as Robert.Ardini and on Twitter as @RobertArdini. I reside in New York City.

Although I was unable to attend last year's convention in person, I had the privilege of experiencing the Opening Ceremonies, all of the programs, and the Closing Ceremonies, over the internet. I appreciate the Convention Committee having offered Virtual Registration as an option. Since I was not present to thank key retiring members for their service, and congratulate the recipients of various honors and distinctions, my first order of business was to send out quite a number of emails to accomplish just that. The kind replies I received started a wonderful dialogue with rose enthusiasts from all over the world.

I utilized my 'fresh perspective' as a new officer to provide our esteemed President, Diane vom Berg, with a number of suggestions related to WFRS operations, marketing, and finances. President vom Berg, as well as Executive Director Derek Lawrence, were always very receptive to, and appreciative of, my input. I understand a number of those suggestions have already been added to the agenda for the Executive Committee meeting in Brussels in June.

Since social media is now an important component of our hobby, I contributed a number of North America-related posts to the WFRS Facebook page. All were well received, each garnering a good number of 'Likes.' I made contact with the Executive Director of the Tournament of Roses Parade to volunteer to serve as a Judge - if not in 2024, then in a subsequent year - as my life-long study of roses, combined with my professional background in advertising, would allow me to provide a well-rounded perspective. And, I was honored to receive an invitation from my fellow WFRS VP Inger Schierning to speak at the WFRS 2024 Regional Convention in Kalmar, Sweden. My topic will be "*Great American Rose Gardens You've Never Heard Of.*"

AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY:

The American Rose Society multimillion dollar 'Great Garden Restoration' at the American Rose Center in Shreveport, Louisiana is now complete. Please see the accompanying aerial photo (taken by a drone) to grasp the scope of the construction phase. The beds were designed to resemble the various circles in the interior mechanism of a clock. They have been named the *Wellan Circles*, in honor of Marilyn and Myron Wellan. Marilyn, a Past President of the American Rose Society, served as Project Coordinator of the Great Garden Restoration - having been appointed in 2016 by then American Rose Society President Patricia A. Shanley. In an effort to showcase the stunning results of the garden in bloom, the American Rose Society is staging its national convention and rose show at the American Rose Center on May 5-7, 2023.



Left: Drone photo of new beds after construction, Right: ARS Rose Trials at Windsong Garden (photo credits: American Rose Society)

Further adding to the enthusiasm surrounding the convention, is the news that the American Rose Center was recently recognized as a WFRS International Trials Garden. American Rose Society President, Diane Somers is asking all convention registrants to cast their vote for a "People's Choice Award" chosen from the Trials Garden. She has also reached out to WFRS Corporate Sponsor FELCO to discuss a number of potential initiatives including a possible 'FELCO Booth' at the convention - for members to bring in their pruners in need of help. (Other projects being explored with FELCO are a possible webinar, and a retail relationship - think pruners with the blades engraved with the initials of the American Rose Society - ARS.)

Growth in both membership and fundraising have been achieved of late. This is likely due in part to the hardcover book *Rose Atlas/World of Roses* having been offered as an incentive. Copies were generously donated by the Beverly Hills Rose Society. This is one of the books that was honored with a 2022 WFRS Literary Award.

The Piaget Foundation has already funded two very worthwhile rose projects as a result of its generous grant to the WFRS. The American Rose Society has identified an initiative which meets the criteria for funding and expects to file a request in the near future.

In recent months, the American Rose Society has taken the following actions to promote the WFRS:

1. Article in the March issue of the American Rose Magazine "A Look at the World Federation of Rose Societies." I am the author.
2. Listing of WFRS Conference in Brussels in "Rose Happenings" calendar in American Rose Magazine.
3. Announcement in American Rose Magazine encouraging members to read *World Rose News* at WFRS website.
4. Email from President Sommers scheduled to be sent to every member to call attention to the March issue of *World Rose News* at WFRS website.
5. Speakers on heritage roses at the upcoming national convention were asked to make mention of the WFRS Conference in Brussels during their lecture.

Some of the Award of Garden Excellence listings from the USA on the WFRS website are out of date. I have already started to contact a few of those gardens to seek more current photos and stats. One of the gardens is not being maintained to an acceptable standard and offers little or no hope that the situation will improve, so I have reluctantly begun the process to request that it be delisted.

On a more positive note, the American Rose Society has asked me to study the feasibility of hosting a WFRS Convention, and prepare a recommendation to be considered by their Board. I have informed the Chairman of the WFRS Convention Liaison Committee, Kelvin Trimper AM, of my study. Readers, I would like to ask for your help. Would you please be so kind as to let me know what city you would most like to visit as part of a potential WFRS convention in the USA? Please reply to me at robertardini@yahoo.com.

BERMUDA ROSE SOCIETY

I reached out to my fellow Vice President of North America – Diane Antonion of Bermuda - to offer to work together and avoid any duplication of our efforts. She wholeheartedly agreed.

CANADIAN ROSE SOCIETY

I established contact with Janice Schmidt, President of the Canadian Rose Society, and provided her with an announcement for their newsletter encouraging their members to regularly access this very publication – *World Rose News* - via the WFRS website. In addition, I have taken steps to put her in touch with the Canadian Representative from Felco - our WFRS Corporate Sponsor - in an effort to forge a mutually advantageous relationship. Lastly, I encouraged her to update her countries' two Award of Garden Excellence listings on the WFRS website in the event any information was not current.

LOOKING AHEAD

North America may have 23 countries, but only three of them – the U.S., Canada, and Bermuda - have national rose societies. In an effort to change this, I recently contacted the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, Linda Thomas Greenfield, to request a list of key individuals in each of the remaining 20 countries who I might contact to encourage the establishment of a national rose society in their locale. If only one new national rose society comes into existence in some future year, my efforts will have been worthwhile. If anyone would like to assist in this effort, especially with a particular country, please contact me at robertardini@yahoo.com.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Ardini

WFRS VP for North America



Above: Bed of 'McFarland' a 2019 Hybrid Tea by Meiland (*photo courtesy Marilyn Wellan*), Below: ARS Convention Logo (*courtesy ARS*)



WFRS VICE PRESIDENT REPORTS - CENTRAL ASIA

By Vijay Kant, VP, India



Born in December 25, 1946, Vijay graduated with his degree in Botanical Sciences in 1966. He served in the Dept. of Atomic Energy, Govt. of India from 1970 -1978 as Senior Scientific Officer (Horticulture) and as Chief Horticulturist in the Dept. of Defense Production and Supplies, Ministry of Defense, from 1978 - 2006. At present advisor to various Government and private organizations.

Life member of the following organizations for the past four decades, Agri- Horticultural Society of Hyderabad, which is affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society, London, The Hyderabad Rose Society, and The Indian Rose Federation, which is affiliated with the WFRS.

He has held various positions in the management committees of the above societies and at present the Secretary of the "Hyderabad Rose Society" and Vice President of the "The Indian Rose Federation" and "World Federation of Rose Societies" (Central Asia).

He was awarded a Commemorative 'Bronze Medal' by the WFRS and a 'Gold Medal' by the Indian Rose Federation.

Vijay gives periodic technical lectures on Rose and its culture to the Amateur rose enthusiasts.

He has attended all the WFRS World Rose Conventions from 2012 onwards. As the newly elected Vice President of the WFRS, he is very confident to work with full enthusiasm.

In India, roses are in full bloom right from December in all the regions. The Rose Societies across the country organised Rose Shows and it is a festive season. The first to host the show was the Pune Rose Society, celebrating their 60th Year with the 106th Rose Show and the 39th All India Rose Show and Convention under the aegis of The Indian Rose Federation, held on 23, 24 and 25 of December, 2022. It was a grand affair, with roses coming from various places, a total of 187 delegates registered for this grand event, and the show was inaugurated by eminent scientist and an ardent rose lover Dr. R. A. Mashelkar. In the evening a gala dinner was arranged with an orchestra in attendance which was enjoyed by the delegates till late midnight. Citizens of Pune attended in large numbers to view the roses at the exhibition hall. Technical sessions were held on 24th December, 2022, on 25th a visit to the Tilak Rose Garden, maintained by the Pune Rose Society, and a few rose nurseries were organized. The garden was in full bloom with trusses of roses on each plant. This was followed by Bengal Rose Society having their 33rd Rose Show at Lions Safari Park, Kolkata. The show ground was beautifully arranged with a large number of potted rose varieties and the cut flower section was sparkling with different varieties of roses. Roses in pots stole the show, with each 10-inch pots having more that 75 to 150 blooms depending on the variety.



Left: Pune Rose Show, Right: Kolkata Rose Show

Next was Bhopal, hosting their three-day 42nd All India Winter Rose Show of the M.P. Rose Society at Bhopal from 6th to 8th January, 2023. There were about 6000 flowers displayed on the show table in various sections. A total of 70 rose gardens maintained by Government/Institutions and Private individuals participated in the competition. Bhopal has a very conducive climate for growing quality roses. The M.P. Rose Society has plans to develop a few more large Rose Gardens in and around Bhopal in the near future.

The Jabalpur Rose Society also celebrated their 50th year by organising a grand rose show for two days, which was attended by the denizens in large numbers. All senior members of the Society were honoured on this occasion, and a two-day festival was organised.



Left: Winning exhibits at the Jabalpur Rose Show, Right: a rose in a pot entry, Kolkata Rose Show

Malwa Rose Society had their show at Indore, Mumbai Rose Society held their show along with MNP (MMRDA) at Mumbai, Rajasthan Rose Society too had their show at Jaipur, and practically all areas had their shows which were very well attended. Hyderabad Rose Society organised a visit to the Green Valley Rose Garden at Vikarabad.

Rose Festival is one of the prime events in Chandigarh. Chandigarh is a centre of commerce for various Botanical products, and the Rose Garden is the most reputed for the exquisite varieties of roses and are on exhibition. Thirty acres of land is allotted for the Rose Garden and every year festivals are held at this place every year at the end of February and the beginning of March. The Rose Festival is organized in Chandigarh and is visited by thousands of people from across the country.

(All photos courtesy of the author.)



IRF President Mrs. Sanyogita Dhanwatey (center) at the Jabalpur Rose Show

WFRS VICE-PRESIDENT REPORTS - CENTRAL EUROPE

By Mireille Steil, VP Central Europe, Luxembourg

My rose year 2022 started in **Monaco**, where, in February, I visited the Rose Garden “Princesse Grace”. Nevertheless, it's not the best time to visit a rose garden, but this garden is always a nice place to visit for a rose lover.

In April my function took me to **Ljubljana**. Matjaz Mastnak from the Arboretum Voltic Potoc had invited some guest speakers from Eastern countries to give lectures. Among them Lukas Rojevsky and Danielle Konstacky.



Left: Princesse Grace Rose Garden, Right: Arboretum Voltic Potoc, from left, WFRS VP Breda Copi, WFRS International Rose Trials Chairman Marga Verwer, WFRS President Henriette de Briey, Lukas Rojevsky, and author

A highlight of this stay in Slovenia was visiting a Franciscan monastery in Kostanjevica, Nova Gorica, with a collection of Bourbon roses already in bloom. In May 2004, in the former garden of the monastery, at the southern facade of the Kostanjevica monastery near Nova Gorica, this collection of Bourbon roses was opened to the public. It is one of the biggest and most complete collections of Bourbon roses in the world. In May and June, you can admire thousands of them blooming here.

The weekend closed with a visit to Porto Roz where many of the roses were already blooming.

The rose trial season took me again to **Monaco** in May. I was invited to judge the rose novelties in the biennial International Rose Trials in the wonderful Princesse Grace Rose Garden.

From there, the journey continued to **Barcelona**, where this year the Rose Novelty Competition took place again in its usual form. Thanks to the commitment of Lluís Abad Garcia the 22nd competition was a complete success.



Left: Barcelona Rose Trials, Right: Bologna Rose Trials

On 20th of May, **Madrid** was on the agenda for the 66th edition of the “Concurso Rosas Nuevas International”, where international judges were invited. Among others, the President of the WFRS Henrienne de Briey and Daniel Boulens, WFRS Chairman of the Awards Committee were also in Madrid.

In the evening we continued to **Rome** for the Rose Trial that took place the following day. Under a bright sky, we rated the beautiful roses with international guests.

On 25th of May I took a short trip to **Baden-Baden** to have a short look at the “Rosengarten on the Beutig”. I am sure I missed roses after a week without a rose trial.

On the 28th of May, it was the new rose competition in **Bologna**. Also, here my thanks to Eva Maria Giorgioni and her team who organized the first edition of this competition. I was impressed by the beauty of the roses and the rose garden.



Left: Hradec Kralove Rose Trials, Right: Author and Paul Lefèvre in Luxembourg

On 4th of June, I had the great pleasure and honor to welcome Paul Lefèvre, President of the “Amis de Roses de L'hay-les-Rose Val de Marne” in **Luxembourg** and to show him our beautiful city. He was invited by the “Luxemburger Rosenfriends” as a representative of the company Andre Eve in Pithivier, for the baptism of their rose on the name 'Alisontia Ville d'Esch-Sur-Alzette', in honour of a city in the southern part of Luxembourg.

On June 7 was the rose judging in L'Hay-Les-Roses (France) for the Grand Prix SNHF

On the next Day, June 8, was the Rose judging in Baden-Baden.

Unfortunately, I couldn't participate to the traditional “Rose Trial” in **Lyon** this year. My flight was canceled at the last minute and I was very disappointed about this last year because I couldn't participate because of Covid.

On June 16th it was **Paris Bagatelle**. In wonderful weather conditions, we rated the roses. The Rose Garden was perfect and it was nice to see my French rose friends again. A perfect day.

The next rose-trial in **Hradec Kralove** was on the schedule.

Early in the morning we took the plane to Prague, from where we continued to Hradec Kralove. It's my first visit to the Czech Republic. The Rose Club of the Czech Republic, which is a union of Hradec Kralove, is managing the Rose Garden in cooperation with the Municipal Authority of Hradec Kralove and Technical Service Organization.

Marga Verwer (NL) Chairman of the trials, was appointed to be President of the Day.

After the Rose judging by the international jury, a rose by Martin Visser was baptized in honor of 'Libuše Šafránková, a Czech actress. (7 June 1953 – 9 June 2021). We had a very pleasant day in this lovely rose garden.

Just a week later, we met in **Baden-Baden** (Germany) for the legendary 70th Rose Novelty Trial. On this day, an international jury of some 80 rose experts from numerous European countries and also from the USA, Canada and India met in Baden-Baden to evaluate the best and most beautiful new roses and to award the coveted prize of honor of the Golden Rose of Baden-Baden. Mr. Sushil Prakash from India had the honor of being appointed President of the Jury.

The winner of the Golden Rose of Baden-Baden was “Trudy”, a floribunda rose from David Kenny, an amateur breeder from Ireland.

The following day took place, as usual, the traditional trial in **Saverne**. Like every year, President Ralf Schmit and his team have

done everything to offer us a wonderful trial. Like the other trials, this concurs is very familiar and we all like being in Saverne. This year Daniel Boulens had the opportunity to be the President of the Day.

A week later I participated in the Rose Trial in Courtrai (Belgium). Under a sunny sky we had as usual a well-organized sympathetic Trial.

During the rose-season, I regularly travel to Paris to the “Roseraie Val de Marne” in L'Haÿ-les-Roses, where I participate every month in the jury of the Grand-Prix de la Rose SNHF.

In August, the second edition of the “Rose Academy”, took place in Grünberg, Germany. Organized by the Society of German Rose Friends, it was very well attended and I had the opportunity to meet again the President of the German Rose society Renate Neumann-Schaefer.

In September we all were happy to attend the competition in **Le Roeulx**, Belgium, which we are always looking for all over the summer.

One week later we met for the last rose competition of the year in **Orléans**, France.

This is my brief overview of my rose year 2022 and am looking forward to see all my rose friends again **in June** on the occasion of the **Heritage Rose Convention in Brussels**.



Above Left: Le Roeulx Rose Trials, Right: Nyon Rose Trials

Below Left: Rome Rose Trials, Right, the three lady WFRS VPs with President Henianne de Briey (r), from left, the author, Inger Schierning, and Breda Copi



LËTZEBUGER ROUSEFRËNN

By: Christina Kohl, Luxembourg

Lëtzebuger Rousefrënn: The rose year 2022. The year of colours and confidence.

For over 43 years, the Lëtzebuger Rousefrënn have been preserving the national rose heritage of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. In our "Roseraie Château de Munsbach", which is open to the public, volunteers maintain all Luxembourg rose varieties in a unique, living museum.

In 2022, our numerous activities, which we unfortunately had to cancel sometimes during the pandemic, awakened to new blossoms. Traditionally, we started in spring with pruning courses for bed and shrub roses and climbing roses which are exciting rose events for the year.

Four Special Rose Baptisms

But what would 2022 be without our traditional rose baptisms?

We have christened four extraordinary new roses: like 'ALISONTIA – VILLE D'ESCH SUR ALZETTE' in honour of the European Capital of Culture 2022 Esch-sur-Alzette, Luxembourg. The colourful rose was bred by the French breeder Jérôme Rateau "Les Roses Anciennes André Eve" (France).



Christening of: Left: 'La Sauvage', Right: 'Cara Mia'

The christening of the beautiful rose 'LA SAUVAGE' (breeder Martin Vissers, Belgium) in the romantic Luxembourg village of Lasavage close to the French border was also an impressive experience. According to the legend, a wild woman once lived here in a rock cave and later haunted the place.

In autumn, on the occasion of the 55th anniversary of the Luxembourg gardening association Gaart & Heem Uewerkäerjeng, we and the municipality of Kärjeng christened the rose 'CARA MIA'. This richly varied coloured beauty was bred by Martin Vissers, too. That day, the "Rousegäertchen" was also opened in the village, which the Lëtzebuger Rousefrënn have designed and created for the municipality.

A unique occasion was the rose baptism during our annual Rose Festival at the Roseraie Château de Munsbach in September. Health Minister Paulette Lenert (godmother), *Director of Health* Dr. Jean-Claude Schmit (godfather) and the Lëtzebuger Rousefrënn christened an important rose in the rose garden of Munsbach Castle: '#YESWECARE' is dedicated to the personnel working in the health sector for their tireless efforts during the corona pandemic. The white fragrant rose was bred by the German rose breeder Tantau (Germany).

During the Rose Festival, handpicked exhibitors presented unique rose products in the picturesque rose garden and the beautiful park of Munsbach Castle.

Garden of Excellence 2022

We received a special honour in November when our Roseraie Château de Munsbach was awarded as "Garden of Excellence 2022" at the World Rose Convention in Adelaide/Australia. As a representative of Luxembourg, Mireille Steil was delighted to pick up the prize for the WFRS Literary Award, too. The award also went to the book *Luxembourg – Land of Roses* by Heidi Howcroft (author) and Marianne Majerus (photographer).



Left: Awarding the Garden of Excellence for the Roseraie Château de Munsbach. From left , WFRS President Henrienne de Briey, WFRS VP Mireille Steil, WFRS Executive Director Derek Lawrence and WFRS Awards Chairman Daniel Boulens

Right: Baptism of 'YESWECARE'. From left: Jean-Paul Jost (Mayor municipality of Schuttrange), Dr. Jean-Claude Schmit (Director of Health), Art Westdijk (rose breeder Tantau Benelux), Maryse Weirighensel (President Lëtzebuerger Rousefrënn), Paulette Lenert (Minister of Health) and Céline Wagner (Bad Mondorf Rose Queen 2022).



Socially committed, inspired together

In 2022, we continued to support social projects with our work and therefore donated 1,000 euros to the non-profit Luxembourg association “De Leederwon” in Betzdorf in July. It enables disabled people to ride on a so-called “hoof bed”: Thanks to this unusual form of therapeutic activity, people with limited or disabled mobility can experience unforgettable leisure time. We will also promote the preservation of “De Leederwon” by selling a rose with the same name (breeder Martin Vissers).

But the Lëtzebuerger Rousefrënn members were not only active in Luxembourg, but also in neighbouring countries. For example, they were at the Rose Novelty Competitions in Monaco, Barcelona, Madrid, Rome, Lyons, Paris, Bagatelle, Nyon, Hradec Králové, Saverne, Courtrai, The Hague, Le Roelux and Orléans.

At the International Rose Novelty Competition in Baden-Baden (Germany), we awarded the honorary prize of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg in the form of a special, hand-made trophy again. In addition, eventful day trips took us to popular destinations for rose lovers: to the largest and oldest German rose village, Steinfurth, and to the plant and garden market of the Belgian Abbey of Aywiers, both well worth seeing. During our members' trip to Nice, we were inspired by the splendour of roses at the Côte d'Azur.



Left: 'Alisontia – Ville d'Esch Sur Alzette', Right: Roseraie Château de Munsbach



2022 Baden-Baden Rose Trials: awarding the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg Prize for the rose 'Susan Daniel' (below, from Davide dalla Libera), from left: Markus Brunsing (Head of the Department of Parks and Gardens Baden-Baden); Mireille Steil (Honorary President of the Luxembourg Rose Society & WFRS Vice President); Susan Daniel (Opera Star for whom the rose is named for); and Luisa Pfohl (Staff)



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