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From the Garden

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AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY NEWS

Great Lakes District 2025 Rose Conference Success

By Duane DeDene, GLD Consulting Rosarian Coordinator

The District held its third gathering of the clan on Saturday, June 21, 2025, in East Lansing. What a gathering it was. There were 33 participants and 3 fabulous speakers. It would be an understatement to say a good time was had by all because we had a great time. Our three speakers were:

Steven Roussell – Steven joined us from Lake Charles, Louisiana. He shared his secrets with us regarding the creation of a new rose through the art of hybridization and the multiplication of an existing rose by propagation. Both programs were down to earth giving each of us the courage to try it ourselves. He said if he can do it so can you.

Matthew Ross – Matthew is the Director of The Botanic Gardens at Historic Barns Park in Traverse City. Matthew took us on the tour of the unusual. His topic of discussion was how cemeteries were the foundation of today's botanic gardens. He showed us how early cemeteries were

designed as beautiful scenic and serene places and how many of these contain specimen trees, beautiful rambler roses, scenic ponds and grand vistas. Who knew? Matthew opened our eyes.



Steven Roussell's Presentation on Rose Hybridizing

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Natalie Carmolli – Natalie hails from Spring Meadow Nursery in Grand Haven. She provided an insider's look at Proven Winners Color Choice Roses and some companion perennials. Attendees now have the upper hand as to what to look for at their local garden center. There are quite a few great looking roses and shrubs on their way. Not only did Natalie provide us with a fantastic talk, but she also provided a huge number of roses and plants for us to use as door prizes. What a pleasant surprise this was. It put the icing on the cake for an already great conference.

In addition to the speakers, the Conference included a District-wide Rose Show. The number and quality of the entries was overwhelming. It is always interesting to see the many colors, shapes and varieties that roses come in and to share these with others. Thank you to all who brought in roses to share with the group. Rose Show Winners were (unfortunately, I don't have the names of all the winning roses):

Queen of Show Large Bloom – Stiletto (Hybrid Tea, ARS 8.1) – exhibited by Jennifer Hodges

King of Show Large Bloom – Burst of Joy (Floribunda, ARS 7.8) – exhibited by Judy Leininger

Princess of Show Large Bloom – Sexy Remy (Floribunda, ARS 8.5) – exhibited by Jennifer Hodges

Miniatures/Mini Flora – All exhibited by: Harlan and Kaye Schumaker

Queen – Power Point (Mini Flora, ARS 7.6)

King – Joy (Miniature, ARS 8.0)

Princess – Incognito (Miniature, ARS 8.2)

Best Shrub – Fred Loads (ARS 8.3) – exhibited by Harlan and Kaye Schumaker



Queen of Show – Stiletto



Princess of Show – Sexy Remy

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Miniature/Mini Flora Royal Court: Queen – Power Point, King – Joy, Princess - Incognito

A huge thank you to the following: The Greater Lansing Rose Society, The planning committee – Diane Bennett, Dan Sibo, Gerald Ferguson, Dan Mills, Duane DeDene, MSU, the rose show judges, all the speakers, the donors of door prizes – Dan Mills, Carol Holtrop, Wiegand's Nursery, Spring Meadow Nursery and all the persons who attended.



Judges: Mickie Leibrand, Ellie Kressbach and Roman Kwarczynski making the tough decisions.

If you missed this year's Conference, plans are in the works for 2026. It will be held on Saturday, June 20, 2026 at MSU in the Food Safety and Toxicology Building.

Mark your calendars and plan on attending –

SEE YOU THERE!



The American Rose Society exists to promote the culture, preservation and appreciation of the Rose, and to improve its standard of excellence for all people, through education and research.

Save the Dates -- 2026

It's not too early to start thinking about rose events for 2026. Here are two to consider. Mark your calendars and plan on attending. You won't be disappointed.

Great Lakes District Summer Conference

Date: Saturday, June 20, 2026

Place: Michigan State University Campus, Food Safety and Toxicology Building

What: A gathering of rose and garden enthusiasts from around the State and beyond sharing their love of roses and gardening in general. Informative Speakers, Rose Show, Prizes, Good Conversations and more.



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OCTOBER 2026

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American Rose Society National Conference

Date: October 2 through 5, 2026

Place: Nashville, Tennessee - Sheraton Music City Nashville Airport

What: Rose lovers from all over the country will be gathering to share their knowledge and learn from experts. Past national conferences have included top notch national and international speakers, fabulous rose shows, tours of local historical sites, tours of beautiful gardens, panel discussions with top rose breeders and more. If you have never been to a national you owe it to yourself to give this one a try.

Nashville is an easy drive from Michigan.

Do like I do, take your time and take in some of the sites along the way there and back.

Further details of each of the above events will be sent out as they become available.

The So Far Garden Tour

By Duane DeDene

Let me start by saying last winter I purchased 30 bags of pine bark mulch from English Gardens. The intent was that I would use this for winter protection/2025 garden bed mulch. That didn't happen. I still have 30 bags of mulch stacked in the yard. I guess I will wait until this Fall. Despite this, the roses came through winter 2024/25 quite well.

We are now halfway through the warmer months, and I have to say that the roses and other flowers in the garden have never looked better. I must admit that I'm a bit behind with my spray and fertilizer programs.

The first flush of roses earlier in June produced some magnificent blossoms. My Aunt Ruth



Aunt Ruth Climber

climber was filled with wonderful pinkish white double blooms, Rosa Gallica Officinalis (The Apothecary Rose) was the best I can remember filled with brilliant pink blossoms giving out a fabulous scent and my William Baffin was a huge mass of orange and growing like a weed.



The Apothecary Rose

Speaking of weeds, they were and are growing faster than I can keep up with them. So far 3+ standard garbage cans full and counting. Seems to be an over abundance of those spiny dandelion type weeds this year.

I just finished deadheading and filled another garbage can and still have a few more to clean up. A few of the roses seem to have slowed due to the extreme heat but others like Maurice Utrillo (HT) and Rio Samba (HT 7.8) have continued to set new buds and are ready for their second flush. It should be noted that these roses were purchased at Menards last year as those plastic bag specimens.

Harmful insects to date have been aphids, a few rose slugs and Japanese Beetles which have been a few more than usual. I usually only see a couple of these beetles. However, this year I have killed around 6 or 7 so far. I don't spray to get rid of

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these guys. My method of removal is a squish between the fingers – even the beetles. The trick is to walk your garden every couple of days and look at the roses. If you do this, you will be able to see these little guys before they take over the garden. An ounce of prevention is worth its weight in gold.



Rio Samba
Ready for a Second Flush



Oriental Beetle

I recently came upon a new insect invader – the Oriental Beetle. I had never seen these beetles before this year. They seem to favor my yellow daylilies. Like Japanese beetles, they feed on petals. So be on the lookout.



Maurice Utrillo
Putting on a Show

Proven Roses For the Garden

By Duane DeDene

As I get older my taste in roses seems to be changing. In my younger days I was all about getting the newest variety or the showiest Hybrid Tea. Now that is not to say that I don't still like a nice perfect rose or dabbling in new varieties. However, I'm now looking for nice, hardy and disease resistant more often. I want my cake and to be able to eat it, too. Luckily, the industry has heard the challenge and is making great strides in developing roses that meet these criteria.

Fortunately for us, not only are there new roses being developed, but there are also quite a few old standby roses that meet this challenge as well. You simply must know where to look. To help you out, the Cleveland Rose Society has compiled a list of old and new rose varieties that have proven to be winners in their gardens. The roses on their list are nominated by actual rose growers like you and me

(not a salesperson from the breeder). These roses have proven their worth in real world conditions.

Don't let the "NE Ohio" title fool you. The growing conditions in a great deal of Michigan are very similar. I grow several of the listed roses (Blanc Double de Coubert, The Fairy, William Baffin, Elina, Nearly Wild and more) and all certainly live up to the criteria of nice, hardy and disease resistant. In addition to those listed I'd like to add the following:

Chinook Sunrise (49th Parallel Series)

Italian Ice (Oso Easy Series)

Aurora Borealis (49th Parallel Series)

Coral Cove (Easy Elegance Series)

Oscar Peterson (Easy Elegance Series)

Canadian Shield (49th Parallel Series)

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Chinook Sunrise

Italian Ice

Aurora Borealis

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I grow these in the Upper Peninsula close to the shores of Lake Superior. They receive no winter protection except what Mother Nature gives them. They receive little supplemental water (primarily sandy soil). I have not yet had to spray for disease

and have only had to spray twice (once last year and once this year) for a leafhopper infestation early in the season. Despite the “neglect” they grow and bloom profusely all season long. See another photo below.



Coral Cove

Oscar Peterson

Canadian Shield

Earth-Kind Roses For Northeastern Ohio

	Names	Year Intro	Type	Color	Coldest Zone
1	Marie Daly	1999	Polyantha	mp	5
2	The Fairy	1932	Polyantha	lp	4
3	Knock Out	2002	Shrub	rb	5
4	Belinda's Dream	1992	Shrub	mp	5
5	Else Poulson	1924	Floribunda	mp	5
6	Carefree Beauty	1977	Shrub	mp	4
7	New Dawn	1930	Climber	lp	4
8	La Marne	1915	Polyantha	pb	4
9	Sea Foam	1964	Shrub	w	4
10	Cecile Brunner	1881	Polyantha	lp	5

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Rose Name	Type		Rose Name	Type
Abbaye de Cluny	Hybrid Tea		Golden Gate	Hybrid Tea
Abigail Rose	Hybrid Musk		Greetings	Shrub
All Dressed Up	Grandiflora		H. C. Andersen (America's Choice)	Floribunda
Aloha	Climber HT		Hawkeye Belle	Shrub
Anne Graber	Floribunda		Henry Hudson	Shrub
ARII - S	Shrub		High Voltage	Shrub
Ashley Elizabeth	Miniature		Honey Perfume	Floribunda
Aydan Renee	Miniature		James Galway	Shrub
Baby Love	Miniature		Jens Munk	Shrub
Baroness Rothchild	Hybrid Perpetual		Julia Child	Floribunda
Belinda	Hybrid Musk		Kiss Me	Grandiflora
Benjamin Alexander	Hybrid Musk		Lady Elsie Mae	Shrub
Black Forest Rose	Floribunda		Lady of Shalott	Shrub
Blanc Double de Coubert	Shrub		Lauren Claire	Polyantha
Bonica	Floribunda		Lily Grace	Polyantha
Brass Band	Floribunda		Madame Legras de St Germaine	Shrub
Brite Eyes	Climber		Mango Veranda	Floribunda
Cal Poly	Miniature		Marie Pavie	Polyantha
Camille Rose	Shrub		Martine Guillot	Shrub
Cape Diamond	Shrub		Mary Manners	HRg
Carefree Delight	Shrub		Matilda (Charles Aznavour)	Floribunda
Carefree Wonder	Shrub		Mayor of Casterbridge	Shrub
Chateau de Vair 93	Polyantha		Mein Schöner Garten	Shrub
Colette	Climber		Morden Sunrise	Shrub
Constance Spry	Shrub		Nearly Wild	Floribunda
Courtney Marie	Polyantha		Olivia Rose Austin	Shrub
Crown Princess Margaretta	Shrub		Olympiad	Hybrid Tea
Cuyahoga	Shrub		Peter Frankenfeld	Hybrid Tea

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Rose Name <i>(cont)</i>	Type		Rose Name	Type
Day Breaker	Floribunda		Peter John	Hybrid Musk
Debut	Miniature		Picotee	Miniature
Diamond Eyes	Miniature		Pink Double Knock Out	Shrub
Dixieland Linda	Climber HT		Polar Express	Shrub
Dortmund	Shrub		Polka	Climber
Double Delight	Hybrid Tea		Ruby Meidiland	Shrub
Double Knock Out	Shrub		Savannah	Hybrid Tea
Earth Angel	Floribunda		Stadt den Helder	Floribunda
Easy Does It	Floribunda		Stämmeler	Hybrid Perpetual
Electron	Hybrid Tea		Strawberry Hill	Shrub
Elina	Hybrid Tea		Susan Williams-Ellis	Shrub
Eliza	Hybrid Tea		Sweet Diana	Miniature
Emma June	Hybrid Musk		Sweet Jane	Floribunda
Escapade	Floribunda		Sweet Mademoiselle	Hybrid Tea
Europeana	Floribunda		Sidonie	Shrub
Fire Bird	Hybrid Tea		Tess of the d'Ubervilles	Shrub
Florentina	Climber		The Mayflower	Shrub
Flower Carpet	Shrub		Ty	Miniature
Gartendirektor Otto Linne	Shrub		Violet Hour	Miniature
Gebrüder Grimm	Floribunda		Violina	Hybrid Tea
Giggles	Miniature		William Baffin	Shrub



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	Disease Resistant Roses – Groups:
1	Austin Roses - 2010-->
2	Drift Roses - Meilland
3	Earth Kind Roses
4	Easy Elegance Series – Ping Lim
5	Knock Out Roses
6	Kordes Roses - 21st Century Introductions
7	Oso Easy Roses
8	Pavement Rugosas
9	Renaissance collection – Poulsen Roses

Resources

- *Help Me Find – www.helpmefind.com/roses
Information & photos; search by color or other criteria; comments
- **Combined Rose List* – www.CombinedRoseList.com
- * *Right Rose, Right Place* – Peter Schneider - www.freedomgardens.com
359 recommended roses for specific uses in Northern Ohio
Plus complete information & photos on rose culture
- *American Rose Society – www.rose.org
Articles on rose care & membership
ARS Consulting Rosarians
American Rose Magazine– bi-monthly for members
- **American Rose Society Handbook for Selecting Roses*
Annually updated rose performance ratings by and for ARS members
- *Local rose societies – find a Rose Society website

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Updated / Upgraded Membership Benefits

Dear American Rose Society Local Rose Society Presidents and Members,

Greetings!

The new ARS member portal is up and running. You can renew your membership online, opt in for auto-renew, and take advantage of a new discounted **Senior Rate** (with or without the printed magazine).

I just renewed as a senior myself and signed up for **auto-renew** (I also forgot my “MyARSLogin” password and was able to reset it very quickly). Don’t forget to check out the bookshelves for copies of the magazine and other published digital resources. This is in the **members-only** area.

I am in the process of getting the other official membership promotional materials as well. I do know there will be a promotion for **NEW** membership and **RETURNING** members. Plus, anyone can sign up for the newsletter [The Fragrant Rose](#).

There are new documents available on [Rose.org](#) under the Local Rose Society Tab to help you spread the word about ARS benefits.

1. There are two senior discount pages that can be used digitally or to print.
2. There is [The Fragrant Rose](#) Page that can be used digitally or to print.

These resources that were developed by the staff in Shreveport come from the ARS Membership Committee who is working to support membership goals.

Please use these resources to spread the word about both benefits. Email blasts, inclusion in your newsletter, and printed handouts are just a few ways to easily put these resources to work.

To locate:

1. Open [Rose.org](#)
2. Top of landing page, click [“LOCAL SOCIETIES”](#) button at top header.
3. Scroll down to the Orange Section (background is orange).
4. Locate the first large box on the left titled “ARS Promotional Material & QR Code Printable Posters.”
5. There are 12 options in there, but we are emphasizing these three for this newsletter:
 - * ARS Senior Discount Rack Card
 - * ARS Senior Discount Half Page
 - * ARS Fragrant Rose Sign Up

Thank you for your help in spreading the word and for your dedication to our members.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to your local district resource committee representative or me.

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Consulting Rosarians

By Duane DeDene – GLD CR Coordinator

When you have trouble with your roses and don't know what to do, who do you call? In this case it certainly isn't Ghost Busters. Instead call your local American Rose Society (ARS) Certified Consulting Rosarian. Just what/who is a Consulting Rosarian (CR)? A CR is every rose enthusiast's friend when the going/growing gets tough. CR's are rose growers who have decided that they want to share their love of roses and their experiences and knowledge gained over the years with others. Though true, it goes far beyond this.

To become a CR one must attend classes covering topics such as Ethics, Chemical Use, Soil and Water, and Insects and Diseases. These classes (performed online and in person) are taught by experts in their fields. In addition to the classes each CR is provided a Consulting Rosarian's Manual that they can refer to at any time. The manual places a vast amount of information on the above topics and more at their fingertips. It is this information along with their personal rose growing knowledge that CR's pledge to willingly share with others.

Once a person becomes a CR they must earn continuing education credits (4 every 4 years, one of these credits must be on chemicals). Credits can be earned in several ways – monitoring a CR School, giving presentations, writing articles, etc.

CR's share this knowledge with others by performing individual garden visits when called upon, holding rose information days at local nurseries, presenting at local garden clubs, writing articles for local papers. All of this is done at no charge. That's right, CR's are not allowed to charge for these services. All are performed because of their love of roses and their desire to spread this

love and the rose to others.

The Great Lakes District currently has 22 dedicated Consulting Rosarians. That said, we are always looking for more rose persons to step up and join our ranks – all are welcome. Our newest CR is **Audra Hynes**. Audra became an ARS CR this year after attending online classes and passing the CR test (have no fear it is open book). Audra is the main horticulturist at Dow Gardens in Midland, MI, where among her other duties she cares for the Garden's rose collection. Audra was gracious enough to be one of our featured speakers at our 2023 Great Lakes District Conference. Her presentation gave us an insight into how the Garden cares for their roses with many of the practices being able to translate to the home garden.

If you would like to become a Consulting Rosarian please send me an Email (roseprez@att.net). I will then make sure that you receive the CR application and are notified when the next CR School is to be held. CR Schools have lately been held online over two Saturdays in February. If this holds true the next will be in February 2026.

The current Great Lakes District Consulting Rosarians are as listed. Feel free to contact any of them with your rose growing questions. If they don't have the answers they will contact the rest of us and together I'm sure we will be able to help you solve the issue and get you back to beautiful blooms.



Consulting Rosarians in the ARS Great Lakes District

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Upcoming Webinars

RETHINKING LATE SUMMER & FALL ROSE HEALTH STRATEGIES

* **August 23, 2025 — 12:00—3:00 p.m. EDT**

* Speaker: Dr. Mark Windham, Professor Emeritus of Plant Pathology, The University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture



* Join us as Dr. Mark Windham shows us the way to encourage a healthy spring garden, it starts with actions in late summer and fall.

* As the days get shorter, rose foliage becomes less effective in converting energy to sugars. Leaves become nutrient sinks (use more nutrients than they produce via photosynthesis).

* Rose roots have become saturated with starch leading to a change in the rose's physiology which triggers the slow transition toward dormancy.

* At this time, plants become more susceptible to many diseases that can overwinter on canes or in debris on the soil surface.

* In this seminar, we will look at ways to maintain healthy roses as they begin the dormancy transition.

* Proper planning and direct actions in the fall will pay dividends for healthy roses the following spring.

* The seminar will look at cultural ways to successfully maintain rose health in both spray- and no-spray gardens.

* **CR CREDIT APPROVED**

* Register here: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/#register/7493080932168446812>



DESIGNING A GARDEN FOR ROSE COLLECTORS. THE NORMAL RULES DONE APPLY!

* **September 27, 2025 — 12:00-3:00 p.m. EDT**

* Speaker: Paul Zimmerman, Owner, Paul Zimmerman Roses Consulting and Design



* Join us for an engaging webinar as Paul Zimmerman presents the following about his program. "As passionate rose growers we are always adding new roses to our gardens. This makes it hard to be able to design a garden using traditional means like color groups, growth habit, etc. This webinar gives you some tips from my own gardens on how to create a good-looking garden while still allowing roses to come and go."

* About Paul: "I started Paul Zimmerman Roses Consulting and Design around one simple message. Roses are nothing more than flowering shrubs and that's how you should use, and treat them. Through consulting, design, writing, lecture and workshops my goal is to make roses less intimidating."

* **CR CREDIT APPROVED**

* **Register here:**

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4975009088334771544>



There is a \$5 charge for these webinars.

NOTE: ARS members are asked to reset their password on the new website when registering for webinars.