

The Empire State Rosarian

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Rose Society New York District

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From the District Director - Joe Gibson

THANKS AND CONGRATULATIONS!

In a time period of the Pandemic (Covid 19), many rosarians continued to support and maintain the needs of the New York District. I would like to thank them all for what they have provided. The first person would be Pat Shanley for continuing to be the Editor of The Empire State Rosarian. She continued to provide the latest information about all aspects related to the realm of the rose world. Her effort to gather the most current and noteworthy information was greatly appreciated by all of the membership.

Thank you to Ann Gibson for maintaining the treasury for the New York District. Ann's efforts through proper management have generated a greater amount of funds than when the treasury was collecting dues, over a decade ago.

Many people helped to keep requirements for judging rose shows current. They include Jackie Bruskin and David Rink for Horticulture. MaryAnn Rink has done an exceptional job in communication the requirements for Arrangements.

In the area of Miniature/Miniflora roses, Dave Stever continued to share his knowledge and understanding in this field of rose horticulture.

As always, Steve Styn was more than willing to provide and deliver the responses for all aspects of Nominations. A special thanks for always being prompt and a job well done. Thus, the awards were always ready at the appropriate time.

A responsibility that has never been given the thank you that it needs is Roses In Review. Richard Giese has done very well with this over the years. Thanks again.

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From the District Director - Joe Gibson, cont.

The Old Garden Roses are a real sense of pride for Nancy Marr. She works very hard to enlighten about what a wonderful compliment they can be to a rose garden, especially Albas and Gallicas.

Membership is always a concern, and Jane Knoeck has provided local societies with a means to keep people involved during the Pandemic. She has very creatively developed methods of hosting on-line communication opportunities.

I have to give a very special thank you to Lois Folkes. Lois, before I was a District Director, provided the extra financial support the District needed. She never wanted to be recognized, but she was most generous in support of the New York District over the years. Thank you, Lois.

I have two more individuals I would like to give recognition to. The first is Jason Capote, who is currently completing the requirements to be a Horticulture Judge. Jason has served as Secretary for the District and has done a great job keeping the minutes.

Last but not least is Louis Arce. A BIG CONGRATULATIONS on becoming the next ARS New York District Director. Louis will represent us on the ARS Board of Directors. He has worked very hard over the years keeping the records for Consulting Rosarians. Since I have been a member, for almost 20 years, the requirements for a Consulting Rosarian were always being upgraded. Louis has done an excellent job of keeping and reminding people of what is needed to be done to keep current.

Louis, I wish you the very best and hope the membership supports you as well as it did me.

Thank you all, Joe



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In Memoriam – DR. EUGENE "GENE" P. NOTO *July 30, 1935 - June 01, 2021*

A SAD GOOD-BYE...

by Lois Fowkes

Our District experienced a devastating loss on Tuesday, June 1, 2021. Former ARS New York District Director,, Gene Noto passed away.

Gene joined the American Rose Society - thus becoming an ARS New York District member - on July 5, 1979. Through succeeding years his New York District and American Rose Society roles included being part of various committees - often as the Chair, presenting programs and workshops, and serving as ARS New York District Director from 2003-2006 - a thriving time in our District's history.

Many will miss him, like **DAVE STEVER** who shared this memory: "I was a clerk for Gene at a local Rose Show. One of my roses was being questioned if it was in the right class. Gene essentially said it didn't matter because it was the ugliest bloom he had ever seen. From that day on, he used it in all his judging schools as an example of how not to make negative comments - because it might be your clerk's rose! We always laughed - it was our private joke."

ROBERT ARDINI remembers... "My first meeting with Gene was my most memorable - the 1979 District Convention in Southampton. That was my very first District Convention and it just happened to be Gene's first as well! Not only were we newbies, but we were also two of the youngest registrants. Despite it being Gene's first convention, and Southampton being far from home for him, he went out of his way to make me feel especially welcome, and also went out of his way to integrate me into the group. I returned the favor by explaining to him our District's rules, regulations, guidelines, traditions, etc. on which I seemed to be more versed. This initial camaraderie in 1979 set the stage for our friendship in the ensuing decades. We frequently commented to each other how nice it would be if only we lived closer and were members of the same local society. I will miss him and I suspect the District will experience a void without him."

From **MARY ANN RINK**: "It seemed like every time Gene exhibited, he won awards in Horticulture and Arrangements with his favorite rose 'Christopher Columbus'! Dave never failed to admire it and when Gene was moving out of his house in 2019, he wanted Dave to have his plant. Gene's 'Christopher Columbus' must have been in the ground since being introduced nearly thirty years ago and it was HUGE!

A SAD GOOD-BYE... continued

After an hour and a half of work using two shovels, a pick, and saw, Dave had a small section of the plant dug up to bring home. Preparing the plant, the next day he discovered it had crown gall. Wanting to keep this special gift from Gene, he did his best to remove the gall. Dave planted it and prayed it would survive. What a surprise when in three weeks it nearly tripled in size and was blooming. Today it is still one of the strongest plants in my garden. I will always treasure it as a reminder of a very dear friend, Gene."

LOUIS ARCE recollects - I am saddened by the death of Gene. He was very much on my mind this past week. How much we miss him for his moral courage, kindness, and generosity. So well educated and dedicated to his family and friends. I knew him as an administrator, a Rosarian, a judge, and arranger. Whatever he did, he did it with devotion, and was single-minded in his efforts to do the best. I measured him to be good, honest, sincere, and of a generous nature. We shall never be able to encompass all of anyone or anything in terms of what they gave. We can only witness their presence and be grateful that we met them.

Perhaps **LOUISE COLEMAN** summed it up best by saying "Gene was always ready to help promote the rose and rose people. He was generous with his knowledge at the many programs and schools he presented. He also was a really nice person and will be missed."

I'd like to thank Dave, Robert, Mary Ann, Louis, and Louise for their remembrance of Gene. I'll just add this passage:

Live your life to the fullest.

When you need to,

Just whisper my name

I will be there.

Gene will always be missed. He will never be forgotten. He will always be remembered.

- Lois B. Fowkes, Past NY District Director

Editor's note – Gene Noto was an extraordinary person. In addition to his work in the New York District, he was a pillar of the Greater Rochester Rose Society and served 2 terms as its President. He was a Master Gardener & worked with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Monroe County since 1998. He was an ARS Master Rosarian, ARS Horticulture Judge and ARS Arrangements Judge.

Gene Noto was a gentleman. He was kind and generous and a mentor to many, including me. He was my friend, and I will miss him very much.



Manhattan Rose Society Day at the 2012 NY State Fair, Syracuse, NY. From left to right: Louis Arce, Pat Shanley, Rosemarie Murphy, Gene Noto (seated), Lois Fowkes, Tim Hahn, Mary Hahn.

Deepest sympathy

To the family of longtime Syracuse Rose Society member Lou Pennacchia who has passed away. Condolences can be sent to Annette DelGiorno, LLLIB2001@yahoo.com

Get Well Wishes – to Ellen Minet!

Longtime member of the Long Island Rose Society and Manhattan Rose Society suffered a fall and was hospitalized. We wish her a speedy recovery. Get Well cards can be sent to her at Glen Cove Hospital, 101 Saint Andrews La, Glen Cove, NY 11542



From Paul Zimmerman

Introducing my new project "The Everyday Rose Show" hosted on my You Tube channel. My eventual goal with this is to find a sponsor so please share this link everywhere and encourage folks to watch it. Number of viewers is the key! I hope you like it and feel free to suggest future ones. Since this is done with Zoom, I can talk to people all over the world.

Here is Paul's latest episode!! Rose Myth Busting with Special Guest Michael Marriott - Part 1

<https://youtu.be/ZDkzudacwWk>

A Dedication to Marjorie Marcallino
The Roosevelt Island Garden Club
The Marjorie Marcallino Rose Garden

Saturday, June 12, 2021

Editor's note: For those who have asked, "Where do roses grow in New York City?" Roosevelt Island is a very special part of the city and Marjorie Marcallino was a very special part of Manhattan Rose Society. Her memory and her contribution to the world of roses lives on in the garden there now named for her.



Founding member and Past President of the Manhattan Rose Society and "Master Rose Gardener", Marjorie Marcallino, was honored with a song and a plaque, donated by Manhattan Rose Society, on June 12, 2021 in the front common area of the community garden. The rose garden was formally named for her. Two of her family members were present for this occasion.



Marjorie Marcallino with Geof Kerr and Ali Schwayri at a garden picnic in 2014



This dedication commemorated Marjorie's tireless work and expertise in the rose gardens that she planted in several garden sites during the history of Roosevelt Island Garden Club on Roosevelt Island.

Marjorie Marcallino & many other Roosevelt Island gardeners at the second site of RIGC in the 1980s.

Marjorie physically moved the roses from the second Roosevelt Island Garden Club location to the present one. She cared for the roses for decades and grieved the loss of many plants during the Rose Rosette Disease seasons in about 2018-2019. Her expertise was sought by all gardeners who grew roses, and this expertise was graciously shared. Marjorie's wisdom was also shared with fellow gardeners, fellow RIGC Board members, and fellow Manhattan Rose Society members. The roses miss her just as we do.



Roses planted by Marjorie in the 1980s at RIGC when the garden was located near where the subway is now.



These photos don't begin to cover all the beauty she provided through roses, but they give a glimpse.

Roosevelt Island Garden Club

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From Our Local Societies

Finger Lakes/Southern Tier Regional Rose Society.

We cover more than a six-county radius and began virtual meetings in late 2020. For further information contact Leon Ginenthal. derrosenmeister@gmail.com

The Finger Lakes/Southern Tier Regional Rose Society will meet June 26 from 1-3 at Der Rosenmeister Nursery, 304 Seven Mile Drive, Ithaca, NY 14850. Leon Ginenthal will do a garden tour with a focus on climbers and ramblers

July 24 from 1-3 at the Cutler Botanic Garden, 840 Upper Front Street, Binghamton, NY 13905. Cheryl Miller will do a tour of the rose collection.

Greater Rochester Rose Society

While we're enjoying a bumper crop of roses this spring, Greater Rochester Rose Society is waiting for our regular meeting venue to reopen. In the meantime, we're enjoying garden tour meetings and will have our annual picnic in August.

Our regular rose show location remains unavailable as well, so we've opted to have an online photo show for this year.

We're looking forward to upcoming programs once our meeting venue opens, including one on the history of Jackson and Perkins given by the director of the Newark, NY Historical Society.

The unexpected passing of our friend and mentor, Gene Noto is a big loss. Besides his knowledge of roses, Gene shared rose plants with many of us and donated a number to Maplewood rose garden. His memory lives on as we see these plants produce beautiful blooms.

Long Island Rose Society

Thanks to covid our meetings were suspended. Thanks to GoToMeeting we had a few board meetings and then 2 virtual meetings with guest speakers. Finally, on June 11th, we were able to have a in person meeting at Plainview/Old Bethpage library. Our group was the 'cold open' for this library and we had to abide by their covid protocols. We decided on having a 'little show' rather than the usual much larger rose show we have each June. Our 'little show' only had a somewhat truncated horticulture section - no arrangement or collection sections. We invited two judges, Pat Shanley and Louis Arce (both long time members and past presidents of LIRS) rather than the usual 12 to 15 for our bigger June rose show. Both judges were very generous with the 'blue ribbons' and all 7 of the exhibitors had at least one blue ribbon winning entry.

Southampton Rose Society -

Dates and times are not yet completely finalized for all 2021 events, but we are planning the following events. Please attend as many as you can!

Saturday, July 4 at 10 AM

The SRS plans to participate in the Southampton Village 4th of July Parade
Location: Southampton Village, Railroad Plaza to Agawam Park

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Southampton Rose Society – cont.

Friday, August 6

Annual Cocktail Party Fundraiser

[Click here to purchase advance tickets](#)

Location: In Carole & Fred Guest's beautiful gardens at Folly Fields, 359 Wickapogue Rd, Southampton, NY

Sunday, September 12

Annual Members Garden Party

Location: The Home & Gardens of Jim Berkrot & Michael Staples

Annual Members Meeting

To Be Announced

Annual Luncheon & Lecture

Luncheon/Lecture To Be Announced

Additional information on this program available on our website:

www.southamptotnrosesociety.org

Manhattan Rose Society -

2021 Events – Our members have asked to continue presenting our programs online. All programs will be via GoToMeeting, until further notice! We have had attendance from all over the country as well as Canada!

Saturday, July 24, 2021 – 2:00pm - via GoToMeeting

Dr. Mark Windham – presenting “Being Your Rose’s Health Coach” – a holistic view at rose care including nutrition, rose ‘well-being’ and rose health. *New in 2021.*

August – No meeting scheduled!

Saturday, September 25, 2021 – 2:00pm ET - via GoToMeeting!

Mike and Angeline Chute – presenting “à La Carte Travel : An International Virtual Garden Tour”

Saturday, October 16, 2021 – 2:00pm ET - via GoToMeeting!

Curtis Aumiller - presenting: “A New Shot – Expert tips on Rose Photography!”

Syracuse Rose Society

NYS Fair 2021 Edition - After a hiatus in 2020, the NYS Fair is back! The extended, 18-day fair will be held August 20-September 6, 2021. While it appears that plans are still fluid and that the fair is being reimagined, Syracuse Rose Society has been told that the Horticulture Building will be open, and we will be able to have our rose information booth.

The booth is a great opportunity for the public to see and smell roses up close, ask rose-related questions and pick up rose information and catalogs to take home. In the past it has been an opportunity for SRS and ARS to recruit new members, and we expect this will continue this year. We invite other societies in the NY District to consider signing up to staff the booth for a

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day or two. It's fun and rewarding to talk with people at all stages of rose growing, and to spend time with other volunteers. The Fair provides parking and entry tickets to all volunteers. The booth is staffed in three-hour shifts, and with the extended days, individual or group volunteers from other societies will be greatly appreciated. To sign up, please contact Diane Fini at 315-699-1963 or frogladyi@aol.com.

For more information on the Fair, including a great lineup of free concerts, check out www.nysfair.ny.gov. As of this writing, there are no competitions so no rose show this year, but hopefully that will return next year.

Syracuse Rose Society is in the midst of a busy week, with Rose Day at the Dr. E.M. Mills Garden on June 16, a member garden tour of five gardens on June 18, and our June Rose Show at Destiny Mall on June 19. The Mills Garden looked wonderful for Rose Day, and many members report their gardens are the best ever.

Looking forward, our program schedule for the rest of the year is:

July – Soil testing, deer problems and insects with John Piston of Cornell Cooperative Extension

August – Asian Jumping Worms with Dr. Timothy McKay of Colgate University

September – Composting

September 15 – Garden Volunteer Appreciation and Awards Lunch at the Mills Garden

October – Closing the Garden with Pam Dooling

November – Roses 101 with Jim Kahler and photography contest

July and August programs will be held at the Mills Garden. By September, we hope to return to in-person meetings at the Reformed Church on Teall Ave, Syracuse. Meetings are the second Tuesday of the month, with July and August outside meetings starting at 6:30 and fall meetings indoors at 7:00.

Western New York Rose Society

Wednesday, June 16, 2021 7pm – Our program was an “Educational Rose Show” by Steve Styn. Members were encouraged to bring as many roses as they liked but could only enter 1 of any particular rose. We voted on first, second and third place winners. Steve also presented how to prepare your roses before a rose show.

Wednesday, June 30, 2021 7pm – Board meeting via zoom

ANNUAL PICNIC – AUGUST 14, 2021

Annual Picnic will be on August 14 at 2:00 pm. It will be at Mayor's Park, Shelter #3. The shelter is at the end of the parking lot.

Craig for ARS Vice President

I'm Craig Dorschel, and I am a candidate for Vice President of the American Rose Society.



Since I joined the ARS in 1998, I have served as District Director for the Yankee District from 2012 to 2018 and am currently serving as Regional Director for Region 0. I am also currently National Chair of Arrangement Judges. During the 2015– 2018 term I served as a member of the Executive Committee and as Chair of the Bylaws Committee. In these positions I became intimately familiar with the operations of the ARS and with the issues we face. I strongly believe that this is invaluable experience for a Vice President and future President of the ARS. I am a Master Rosarian and both a Horticulture and Arrangement Judge. I truly enjoy rose shows, both as an exhibitor and a judge. I grow about 150 roses, many of them miniatures and minifloras, on my small city property.

The primary duty of the Vice President/President is to advance the mission of the American Rose Society. Three major aspects of that mission are **education, research and preservation.**

- **Education** - Our adoption of electronic communication such as GoToMeeting has greatly enhanced our ability to offer educational programs to our members and has probably done more than anything to bring us together as a national organization. We need to continue to evolve this activity as we move into the post-COVID era. We should also expand our outreach to first-time rose buyers who are potential members, but who may not know about ARS. I support investments in advertising and promotion to reach these new rosarians.
- **Research** – As a PhD in organic chemistry (Stanford), research is of great interest to me. I have supported our funding of research into rose rosette disease during my time as a Trustee of the Research Trust. I would like the ARS to be in a position to fund more research, but the modest funding of the Research Trust limits this. I support encouragement of legacy gifts to the Research, Education, and American Rose Society Endowment Trusts to enable all these to support new initiatives. To that end I support establishment of a dedicated staff position for Development.
- **Preservation** - Many significant rose cultivars are no longer in commerce in North America or only available from a limited number of sources. I support compilation of a list of such off-patent and trademark cultivars and a poll of public and private gardens to locate possible sources of budwood and cuttings to ensure that these roses do not become extinct.

I support and applaud the soon to be completed **Great Garden Restoration** and the vision for it being a source of revenue to support the initiatives I suggest.

I am asking for your vote and welcome your support in the upcoming election. Voting begins on June 30 and closes on July 30. To learn more about me and my priorities for the American Rose Society, please visit my web site at www.craigforarsvp.org and like and follow my Facebook page, 'Craig for ARS Vice President.'

Thank you and enjoy your roses!

Craig for ARS Vice President *continued*

EXPERIENCE MATTERS!

- ARS Member since 1998
- ARS Region 0, 2018-2021
- ARS Yankee District Director, 2012-2018
- ARS Executive Committee, 2015-2018
- ARS Bylaws Committee, 2015-2021,
- ARS Horticulture Judge, 2003-present
- ARS Arrangement Judge, 2012-present
- ARS Consulting Rosarian, 2003-present
- ARS Master Rosarian, 2013-present
- Trustee, ARS Research Endowment 2012-2018
- ARS Yankee District Silver Honor Medal, 2009
- ARS Yankee District Outstanding Consulting Rosarian, 2011
- ARS Yankee District Outstanding Horticulture Judge, 2019
- Past President, New England Rose Society and At-Large Board member - present
- ARS Bronze Honor Medal - 2008

The ARS Triennial Election begins on June 30 at 12:00 noon, Central Daylight Savings Time and ends on July 30th at noon, Central Daylight Savings Time.

All Ballots are now Electronic, and you must be a regular or associate member of ARS to vote.

You will receive an email from Intelliscan, Inc. with a personalized link to vote. At the onset of the election Intelliscan will send personalized emails to ARS members with functioning email addresses. The message will list instructions for voting online, along with a personalized embedded hyperlink that will take members directly to their ballot. Each voter must sign into the voting page separately and use their own embedded hyperlink. (Members, Associates and Societies will receive their own separate emails.)

The online ballot will include the slates that the members are eligible to vote on. The voter will be able to click on a candidate's name to view his or her biography.

After casting votes, members will be taken to the voter review page and will then have the choice to "submit" their votes as shown or go back and change selections. This process will continue as many times as necessary until the members click the "submit" button. After clicking "submit", members will be sent to page thanking them for voting and will include a link to the ARS site.

The Vice President will be chosen in this election and will become the next ARS President. **EVERY VOTE COUNTS SO PLEASE VOTE!!!**

Notes on Defense Mechanisms Against Pathogens in Plants

By Dr. David Byrne

Professor, Prunus and Rosa Breeding and Genetics

Basye Chair of Rose Genetics

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On a molecular level, there are two main defense mechanisms in plants. One is a general defense reaction to any invasion. For this to work, the plant needs to know that the pathogen is there which it does by recognizing the surface of the fungal hyphae. Presumably, the pattern recognized dictates the intensity of the plant reaction. Thus a rose that does not recognize the invading black spot fungus is completely susceptible to black spot. Roses differ both in their ability to recognize these patterns and in the intensity of their induced defense against the pathogen. This determines their level of resistance and susceptibility. This type of resistance is usually referred to as partial or horizontal resistance.

The other is a defense against an active offense of the pathogen. The black spot fungus produces “effector proteins” which have the purpose of suppressing the immune response of the plant. In this case, different races of the pathogen have different “effector proteins”. For the plant to be resistant, it needs to recognize and neutralize the effect of these pathogen genes. It does this with “R-proteins”. This is a constantly evolving arms race between the rose and the black spot fungus. As with the rose, not all races of the pathogen are genetically the same. The pathogen has races with different “effector proteins” which require different “R-proteins” to be recognized and neutralized. Thus the plant may need several “R-proteins” to be resistant to black spot. For a plant to be completely resistant to the disease in a region, it needs to have the appropriate “R-proteins” to recognize and neutralize all of the pathogen “effector proteins” in the population of pathogen in the region. This is generally referred to the gene-for-gene model of resistance, complete resistance or vertical resistance. In rose, several dominant genes coding for “R-proteins” denominated as Rdrs have been reported.

There have been 11 races of black spot fungus identified and a good probability exists that there are others as well.

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Chemical Safety Course for CR Credit – will be presented on Saturday, August 21, 2021 at 2pm EDT. If you are interested in attending this meeting please contact pshanley@aol.com

American Garden Rose Selections™ 2021 Winners



AMERICAN GARDEN ROSE SELECTIONS™
ANNOUNCES 2021 WINNERS - *Six roses take home honors in national testing program that recognizes roses on a regional basis.*



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The AGRS™ testing program recognizes roses that are easy to care for, disease-resistant and suitable for different regions of the country. In addition, awards are given for fragrance to help guide consumers who desire roses for their fragrance.

All roses entered into the AGRS™ are tested for two years in six different geographical regions, each containing two test gardens. Additional characteristics that are evaluated include: vigor, foliage, proportion, plant habit, flowering effect, rebloom habit, bloom form, aging quality of blooms, fragrance

and hardiness. In order for a variety to be granted an award, it must demonstrate superior performance in at least three (3) of the six (6) regions entered.

By recognizing and recommending the best garden-worthy rose varieties for the various regions of the United States through testing, the AGRS™ has the goal of providing objective and reliable information to the general public.

To learn more about the American Garden Rose Selections™, visit <http://www.americangardenroseselections.com>

The GoFundMe page for Rose Rosette Research, hosted by AGRS™, has raised over \$10,000! Thank you to our donors! If you haven't yet made a donation to this important research, please check out our fundraising campaign on GoFundMe and make a donation today!

<https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/raising-funds-for-rrd-research>

Those who would rather not donate online have the option of donating offline and still having their donation listed on the GoFundMe page. Please contact Pat Shanley for details on how to make your offline donation – pshanley@aol.com

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Imagine a world without Roses! Rose Rosette Disease (RRD) poses an existential threat to the Rose, the Rose Industry and the Rose Hobby organizations, such as the American Rose Society, Heritage Rose Foundation, World Federation of Rose Societies. It is a virus that attacks the rose and currently there is no treatment or cure.

The good news is that research is underway at Texas A&M University and the University of Tennessee, mainly funded through a federal program called Specialty Crops Research Initiative (SCRI). The bad news is that the recent SCRI grant proposal wasn't funded and unless we can raise enough money to continue the research through September 2021, when hopefully it will be funded, much of the progress made toward a cure (resistant rose cultivars) will be lost.

Paul Zimmerman has made a video on RRD with Dr. David Byrne and Dr. Kevin Ong from Texas A&M University and Dr. Mark Windham from the University of Tennessee. He has donated that video to be used in conjunction with the GoFundMe page. This is a joint effort between AGRS™, Paul who is a member of the AGRS™ Advisory Board, the University of Tennessee and Texas A&M University. The video is in conversational format and was done via Zoom with many wonderful and informative visuals. They cover its history, how it spreads, how to recognize it, possible ways to prevent it and what to do about it. Then they answer questions submitted by folks on Paul's Facebook Group Page. This video was done independently under Paul Zimmerman Roses. There are no sponsors.



The video launched as an Instant Premiere on Paul's You Tube Channel, Saturday, August 22nd. The Instant Premiere video can still be viewed by you and the fund raising will continue.

American Garden Rose Selections™ (AGRS™) has organized a GoFundMe Page to help raise the needed funding. The page is up and running now. The entire program needs \$563,000 in overall funding. Our goal is \$200,000 to keep the two research gardens going - one at



Watch "A Discussion about Rose Rosette Disease" and support our GoFundMe Fundraiser for Rose Rosette Disease Research!

Texas A&M and one at University of Tennessee. The loss of these gardens would set the research back 5-10 years and place the future of Rose in jeopardy.

**Paul Zimmerman's UK Garden Tour Rescheduled!
June 2022**

[Click Here](#) for more information and how to reserve your spot.
www.paulzimmermanroses.com



Hello Facebook friends! Check out our ARS New York District Facebook Page, which contains updates on events across our district. (Logo by Robin Gee)



Check out this free online resource available on the newly revamped Rose.Org. This document is an easy to use, quick reference that can be used as a diagnostic to all the diseases that typically affect garden roses with their treatment options. It is one of the best guides on Rose Disease Management that we have ever seen!



For 129 Years!

American Rose Society Founded in 1892

ARS is the oldest single plant horticultural society in the United States and a founding member of the World Federation of Rose Societies. The ARS is the International Cultivar Registration Authority Rosa (ICRAR), appointed by the International Society of Horticultural Science in 1955. Our mission is education, research and preservation, and we work to ensure the future of the rose. We have a rich history and a great future before us and you can be a part of it!

<http://www.rose.org/>

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ARS National Convention & Rose Show

Pfister Hotel

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

September 10-14, 2021

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