From the Editor

Sometimes it seems there are two kinds of people in the world: those who like spring and those who like fall. I am a spring girl. However, one thing that get me springing through fall is finding out the new rose introductions! Chris (VanCleave) and I are in the throes of Rose Chat Podcast interviews on the 2018 introductions. I can tell you we have so much to look forward to in 2018! I get so excited I can hardly sleep. We are hearing words like beautiful, disease resistant and fragrant! Music to our ears. This week we released our interview with Michael Marriott of David Austin Roses. Don't miss this interview with the charming Michael. He talks about new rose releases and so much more! Listen in here. Catch all the interviews as they are released at rosechatpodcast.com

Look at this yummy fragrant beauty coming from David Austin Roses ... 'Roald Dahl'. Check out our Sep/Oct issue of American Rose for more rose intros!

Regardless of the season, keep blooming and growing!

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The Fruit of Our Labor
Marci Martin, Connecticut Rose Society

The growing season is always a busy time for every rosarian I know. Here in the Connecticut River Valley in the center of our state, our season usually begins in early April. The forsythia blooms, weed seeds begin to sprout as the soil warms up, and our roses begin to bud out. We prune our plants to stimulate new growth and to shape the bushes, we water when needed to help our bushes to jump start, and those of us who spray our roses usually get started by the end of the month.

Every month has important chores in the gardens to make our roses the best they can be. When the hot weather arrives, we water more often, and I will often shower my plants in the morning to cool them down, knowing the foliage will be dry before dark. All summer long, we deadhead our roses to encourage them to regrow and set buds again for more blossoms in a few weeks. I am in my gardens every day, happily performing chores to make them better and better.

Then, all of a sudden, September arrives with some fall-like temperatures. The days are noticeably shorter, and here in Connecticut, we stop dead-heading so the roses can either form some hips or the terminal bud just falls off after blooming. We still have plenty of roses, but our chores shrink and there is more time to enjoy the blossoms we have. The roses take longer to develop, the colors are much more intense, the blossoms grow huge, and the fragrance is rich and deep.

This picture is fall in the rose garden, and the beautiful roses we enjoy are the fruit of our labors. This is the time of year I cut my beauties and bring them inside to enjoy.

I used to feel sad when autumn rolled around because I knew winter could not be far behind. When I was younger, I felt that winter lasted forever. I
don't feel that way anymore, every season races past! These days, when fall arrives, I know I have fewer chores to perform and it’s time for a little rest. After working so hard all summer, the fall respite is really welcome. The roses have set buds for a final bloom and then their winter rest will come. Our winter respite from the gardens comes after our plants fall asleep in early winter. Then, my roses and I will build the strength we need with this well-deserved rest to break dormancy in the coming Spring; full of energy and anticipation for the new season to come.

Want To Name A Rose?

One lucky ARS member will have the opportunity to name a rose thanks to the generous support of Richard J. Anthony and For Love of Roses. Can you imagine a more fitting tribute of your love of roses than to have a rose named after you or a loved one of your choosing? All who support the ARS Annual Fund in 2017 with a gift of $125 and above by December 31, 2017 will be eligible to be entered into the drawing for a chance to win this wonderful gift as well as many others. Please click here to learn more.

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Fall Rose Care

Heirloom Roses

High temperatures may have induced a brief period of summer dormancy, especially in hotter parts of the country, but once the weather starts to cool, many roses put on a fantastic show well into fall. The change in weather often brings wind and rainy conditions; the reappearance of diseases like blackspot and powdery mildew provide a reminder that next year’s success depends on putting the roses to bed for the winter. Read on.

'Salmon Sunblaze' courtesy of Heirloom Roses

The Big Win: Rose Study Garden a Year Later

Ron Daniels, Nashville Rose Society President

The rose study garden at Cheekwood Botanical Gardens in Nashville, Tennessee has been a huge success for the Nashville Rose Society and for Cheekwood Botanical Gardens!

You may remember that last year the Nashville Rose Society partnered with Cheekwood to build a rose garden on their beautiful grounds. You can read about that process here.

In April of this year we joined together again and that same partnership launched the first “Growing & Caring for Roses” workshop for Cheekwood members. We had 22 register for the workshop. We did a power point on “Growing and Caring for Roses” inside and then went outside to the rose study garden and did demonstrations on planting, pruning and
fertilizing. While we were outside for the demonstration, we had 10-15 people walk up and join us. We didn't have enough Consulting Rosarians to do the demo in small groups as planned, but we were able to do it with three large groups.

The study garden has been a big hit with NRS members and has improved our relationship with Cheekwood and the public. Other workshops are planned for the fall and one of them will be for children.

We have been asked by many on how we care for the garden. For that part of our story, read on here.

ABOVE: Ron Daniels in the garden

10 Fascinating Things About Roses
House Beautiful

"These blooming beauties are way more interesting (and much older) than you think.

1. They're A Part of a Big Family
There are over a hundred species of roses, which vary widely in color, shape, and climate preference — tea roses, however, are the most common."

Of course you will know many of these, but some just might just surprise you.

Click to read the full story here.
The ARS Fall National Convention and Rose Show

From ARS President, Pat Shanley

The ARS Fall National Convention and Rose Show took place September 8 – 10, 2017 in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. It was a wonderful event and we are most grateful to the Penn/Jersey District for hosting this incredible weekend of roses and rose friends.

As ARS President, I had the honor of presenting the National Awards at the Awards Banquet in Gettysburg and this year we presented several.

It was my great honor to present the ARS Gold Honor Medal to ARS Past President, Marilyn Wellan. The Gold Honor Medal is the highest honor one can receive in the American Rose Society. Marilyn Wellan has spent more than 30 years in service to ARS and the Rose and her legacy is great. She is truly deserving and we send our congratulations to her once again. (LEFT: Laura Seabaugh, Marilyn Wellan and Pat Shanley)

Also presented was the David Fuerstenberg Prize for 2017. This award is presented to the hybridizer(s) “of any new rose (registered within the 10 years prior to the award), of American origin, suitable to the American climate, which may deserve honor”. This year’s award winning rose was ‘Dick Clark’, a beautiful red blend, grandiflora bred
The James Alexander Gamble Fragrance Medal for 2017 was awarded to 'Firefighter', bred by Pierre Orard, introduced by Edmunds Roses in 2004, and currently with Weeks Roses. 'Firefighter' is a gorgeous dark red, hybrid tea with intense fragrance. In September, 2003, "Remember Me" Rose Garden announced 'Firefighter' (LEFT: courtesy of flowerpatchfarm.com) the first of the 11 roses to be named. 'Firefighter' was named to honor the 343 firefighters who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

And finally we presented the Rising Stars Award for the very first time. This brand new award is intended to honor and encourage young individuals who are doing outstanding work in promoting the culture and appreciation of the rose. Nominees do not need to be ARS members but must be 45 years of age or younger at the time the nomination was received.

This year’s winners vary in age and areas of achievement. But all are vital to the future of the rose and to ARS. The real purpose of this award is to encourage their participation in the American Rose Society and their help in fulfilling our mission of education, preservation and research by bringing their knowledge and love of the rose to the organization. Ideally, this award should have been available many years ago, but it was not. The result is that, in this year’s selection process, some of those chosen are people who have been in the world of roses for many years and should have been honored years ago. Since we are at the beginning of this award, we wanted to be sure we didn’t miss the opportunity to honor them as well. (LEFT: Jim Redington, Jace Hiers, Christian Bedard, Laura Seabaugh and Pat Shanley)

Congratulations to Christian Bedard, Lucy Contreras, Jace Hiers, Jim Redington, and David Slezak. It is our hope that these five honorees will be active members of ARS for many years to come. They are our future! Look for their stories in upcoming issues of American Rose!

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We Love Our Local Societies
From ARS Executive Director, Laura Seabaughs

Local societies, we are here for you and our goal is to provide resources to help you grow!

**Programs:** At the National Convention in Gettysburg, Tennessee ARS Membership Director Jon Corkern gave a great presentation to a packed room on recruiting new members to local societies! We plan to offer more sessions designed to support your society in Jacksonville, Florida at the Mini-National in May 2018 and in San Diego, California at the National Convention in October 2018. Come join us and meet other local society leaders!

**Local Society Officers E-newsletter:** If you are a local society officer, make sure you are reading your “Local Society Officers” e-newsletter. This newsletter not only reminds you of important tax and insurance deadlines, it provides much need tools and information for growing your local chapter.

**New Local Rose Societies:** We have added three more local chapters so far in 2017! We welcome the Riverwalk Rose Society in Pueblo, Colorado, Shreveport Rose Society in Shreveport, Louisiana and the Tipton County Rose Friends in Brighton, Tennessee to our rosie family!

**Wish you had a local rose society to connect with?** Click here to find one. Or email jon@rose.org to start your own!

Looking forward to our next 125 years!

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**Members Only Password**

The password to the Members Only section of the ARS website is now wiggy but will change to love on October 1st. Please note this is all lower case.
Be sure to catch these events if they are in your area!

**National Conventions**

May 4th-6th: Jacksonville, FL — 2018 National Miniature/Miniflora Conference, Rose Show, & Deep South District Conference. [Website](#)
Contact: Ray Guillebeau, 904-777-1256, kokosrose1@gmail.com

October 25th-29th: 2018 ARS Fall Convention, Rose Show, & Pacific Southwest District Convention. [Website](#)
Contact: Ruth Tiffany, 619-462-5753, ruthsgarden@msn.com

**Local/District**

September 23rd: Castro Valley, CA — NCNH District Convention
Contact: Jolene Adams, 510-537-2326, jolene_adams@sonic.net, [website](#)

September 29th-30th: Bowling Green, KY — Tenarky DIstrict Convention & Show
Contact: Howard Carman (270) 536-3580, howardr@bbtel.com

September 30th: Glen Cove, NY — New York District CR School, 4 credits.
Contact: Louis Arce, 347-495-5637, louisarce101@msn.com
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