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SECOND ANNUAL DR. ALLEN OWINGS REGIONAL HORTICULTURE SYMPOSIUM AT AMERICAN ROSE CENTER

Shreveport, LA – The American Rose Center and Gulf District of the ARS will host the Second Annual Dr. Allen Owings Regional Horticulture Symposium. The event will be held on Saturday, April 6 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. It will be a day filled with speakers on various topics concerning disease management, soil management, chemical safety and a passion for roses.

The public is invited to attend but seating is limited to 150 gardeners, so early registration is advised. Registration is required and fee is \$40 per person. Register through the American Rose Society at rose.org/hortsymp. Deadline to register online is March 22, 2019. Contact Carol Spiers at (318) 938-5402 or carol@rose.org for more information on registering. On-site registration, if seating is available, 8 a.m. day of event. INCLUDES - lunch, handouts, four-month trial membership to ARS for non-members

Speakers and topics include:

Marilyn Wellan, Past President, American Rose Society, The Great Garden Restoration;

Dr. Alan Henn, Plant Pathologist, Mississippi State University, Disease Management, Identification and Control;

Dr. Gary Bachman, Horticulturist, Mississippi State University, The Changing Garden Paradigm;

Mark Wilson, **Dr. Ed Bush**, Horticulturists LSU AgCenter with **Dr. Allen Owings**, Region 7
Director, ARS,

Soil, pH, Water, Irrigation, Mulching, Culture and More;

Bob Martin, President, American Rose Society, Being Safe with Chemicals in the Garden;

BJ Abshire, **Kelly Texada** and **Billie Flynn**, ARS Gulf District Members, Our Passion for Roses:

Table Exhibits will include: Home Vegetable Gardening, Soil Testing, Gulf District – American Rose Society, Shreveport Rose Society, American Garden Rose Selections, ARC Great Garden Restoration Project, Encore Azaleas & Southern Living Plant Collection.

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About American Rose Center: The American Rose Center was established in 1974 and serves as the national headquarters site for the American Rose Society. The Center is the largest public garden in the United States dedicated to roses.