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## FROM THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR

I hope everyone had a great and happy holiday season. While we have had some spots of bad weather (cold and snowy), our weather has not been too bad this year. We are staying warm while reading seed and plant catalogs and making new plans for our garden. There are always many new plants and roses to tempt us, and 2023 will not be a disappointment.

We have finished planning the arrangements for our Spring District Meeting in Effingham, Illinois. We have picked Effingham again for its central location within the district, even though we do not have a local society in the area. It is centrally located and appears everyone can arrive at the meeting within a 3-hour drive time. Many members will have an even shorter drive. The meeting will start at 10:00 AM and end before 4:00 PM, which means most people can make it a day trip. We have reserved a few rooms for people who wish to stay Friday night. We are going out to eat on Friday evening at Niemergs Steak House at 1410 W. Fayette Avenue at 6:00 PM. Dinner is on your own but very reasonably priced.

The meeting will feature two exciting speakers. Jon Corkern, the Executive Director of the American Rose Society, will give an overview of the renovations which have been completed at the American Rose Center in Shreveport and the beautiful new gardens at the center. Jon's enthusiasm for all the new programs and initiatives undertaken will be apparent. This is a special time in the development and expansion of the American Rose Society and America's Rose Garden.

Our second speaker will be Carrie Bergs, along with her husband, Joe, who owns a 15 Acre historic farmstead. Her talk will be "Food for Thought When Fertilizing Roses, More is Not Always Better". Carrie, the current Treasurer of the American Rose Society, and Joe grow over 400 rose bushes of all varieties.

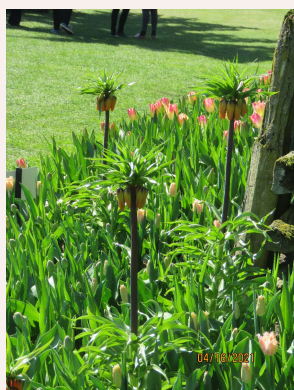
## Mark your Calendar 2023

**Saturday  
March 18**

**Illinois-Indiana  
District  
Conference, in  
Effingham, IL**

**May 4-7**

**ARS National  
Convention  
Shreveport, LA**



Her talks are always informative with a great uplifting spirit. Also, after lunch, Carrie will update us on the ARS Spring Convention planning.

Carrie is Co-Chair of the upcoming 2023 ARS National Convention and Rose Show in Shreveport, May 5-7. This is the only national convention being held until the installation of our next president in the fall of 2024. It's a great opportunity for you to see the newly updated garden at the American Rose Center. The multimillion-dollar redo of the garden will be on display, along with an outstanding array of speakers. There will be a program on New Roses for 2023-2024. It includes five major rose hybridizers: Will Radler, Mike Shoup, Ping Lim, Stephen Roussell, and Jim Sproul.

Registration data, including details on the speakers, and meeting agenda are available later in this issue of the Illi-Ana.

I hope everyone will attend the IL-IN District meeting. The district meeting is centrally located, not very expensive, great programs and a great opportunity to discuss roses with old and new friends.

Roger Brueckman,  
District Director



"The primary function of a garden, is to give happiness and peace for the mind." – Jacques Prévert



## ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

### CONFERENCE

SATURDAY MARCH 18, 2023

#### Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Full name as you would like for them to appear on your name badge)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Rose Society \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

List any dietary restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEE \$35.00 PER PERSON INCLUDES ALL PROGRAMS**

Registration before March 5th, \$35.00 per person Number attending \_\_\_\_ total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Registration after March 5th, \$40.00 per person Number attending \_\_\_\_ total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donation (optional) \$5 \_\_\_\_ \$10 \_\_\_\_ \$20 \_\_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please consider donation of a silent auction item.

Contact the Fairfield Inn directly for Reservation by March 4<sup>th</sup> :

Phone: (217) 540-5454 Discount code: ROSE SOCIETY

Hotel rate: \$109.00 plus taxes and fees

Make Checks payable to Illinois Indiana District.

Name as it appears on credit card: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Code \_\_\_\_\_

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## SATURDAY MARCH 18, 2023 AGENDA

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| Registration/Welcome<br>(Coffee and Breakfast Snacks Provided)   | 9:00am - 10:00am  |
| Board Meeting  | 9:15am - 10:00am  |
| Program<br>"Food for Thought:<br>When Fertilizing Roses, More is Not<br>Always Better"<br>Carrie Bergs - ARS Treasurer | 10:00am - 11:00am |
| Silent Auction   | 10:00am - 2:00pm  |
| Program<br>American Rose Society<br>Jon Corkern - ARS Executive Director   | 11:00am - 12:00pm |
| Buffet Lunch   | 12:00pm - 1:00pm  |
| 2023 Fall Meeting & Rose Show  | 1:00pm - 1:15pm   |
| 2023 National Convention Program   | 1:15pm - 1:45pm   |
| 2023 New Rose Introductions<br>and Rose Auction  | 1:45pm - 2:15pm   |
| IL-IN District Business Meeting<br>Adjournment   | 2:15pm - 3:00pm   |

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Jon Corkern

Jon Corkern is currently the Executive Director of the American Rose Society. Before joining the team at the American Rose Society, Jon earned his degree in Forestry from Louisiana Tech University. He began his career as a Park Naturalist educating visitors of the local fauna & flora of Northwest Louisiana. He often would collaborate as a Park Naturalist with the local Boy Scout Council, which led to him being offered a position with Boy Scouts of America. Jon spent 16 years with the Boy Scouts of America where he developed a strong background in membership and development. During his tenure with the Boy Scouts, he was honored to receive several career advancements as well as recognition for membership and development. Though grateful for these recognitions, his most cherished memories while working for the BSA were serving as Summer Camp Director for 6 years and receiving the Vigil Honor Award. Jon is also proud of his family. He is married to the beautiful Mrs. Shelly Corkern; they have one son Andrew Stroud. Jon has enjoyed being a part of the American Rose Society family and working with its many wonderful members for the last six years. He looks forward to continuing to grow the ARS and the Gardens of the American Rose Center!



### ARS Membership

Five issues of *American Rose* magazine, a \$50 value. The only magazine devoted exclusively to roses and rose culture, these bi-monthly, 84-page issues feature informative articles and beautiful photography for beginners and experienced rose growers alike. View a free issue online at [www.rose.org](http://www.rose.org). • One issue of *American Rose Annual*, a \$20 value.

The November/December issue of *American Rose* features 128 pages of the latest in rose research, growing techniques, tips and more, from writers across the country and abroad.

- The *Handbook for Selecting Roses*, a \$10 value. Every year, Rosarians from across the country participate in rating the newest roses. From many reports, we tabulate the ratings and publish the results in this guide.
- Free online access to the Modern Roses database.
- Free Advice from Consulting Rosarians (CR). The CR program connects members with expert Rosarians who provide free assistance with your rose questions.
- Discounts of up to 30% at merchant partners. The ARS Membership Benefit Partner program offers discounts at a number of merchants with new partners being added continuously.
- Free or reduced garden admissions, a \$25 value after just three uses. With the Reciprocal Garden Admission program, members enjoy free or reduced admission to and discounts at hundreds of gardens, conservatories, and arboreta nationwide.



Carrie Bergs and her husband Joe have been gardeners since they purchased their 15-acre historic farmstead in Union Grove, WI in 1989. Ten years ago they discovered roses and their collection has grown to over 400 rose bushes of all varieties. They have been winning exhibitors at the local, district and national level, including winning the Best in Show Garden Web Trophy at the 2021 National Rose Show in Milwaukee. Carrie is currently serving as ARS Treasurer and is excited to be a co-chair of the 2023 ARS National Convention and Rose Show in Shreveport, May 5-7.



A subscription to *Better Homes and Gardens* magazine, a member benefit from the American Public Gardens Association Gardens & Institutions members. Available to new and renewing members with ARS. • A \$130+ value for only \$49!



# American Garden Rose Selections™ Announces 2022 Winners

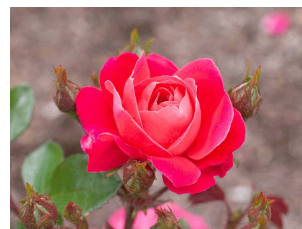
## FIVE ROSES TAKE HOME HONORS IN NATIONAL TESTING PROGRAM THAT RECOGNIZES ROSES ON A REGIONAL BASIS

### BRICK HOUSE PINK

Excellent Disease Resistance • Great Flower Habit • For Your Porch, Patio & Deck

Brick House® Pink is a very compact Floribunda with fluorescent pink flowers that bloom continuously from spring through frost. It thrives in both containers and the landscape.

|           |                                     |              |                      |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| Breeder   | Dr. James Sproul                    | Flower Color | Fluorescent Pink     |
| Rose Type | Floribunda                          | Features     | Attracts Pollinators |
| Use       | For Containers, Porch, Patio & Deck |              |                      |



### BRINDABELLA ROSES™ Pink Princess

Time to smell the roses!

Brindabella Roses™, a collection of tough shrub roses selected for superior garden performance and show-stopping flowers. These roses have a bushy growth habit, excellent disease resistance, and fragrant doubled flowers in an array of traditional and modern colors. These low maintenance roses are very vigorous yet grow to only 4 feet tall and wide in 2 years' time. Very well suited to home gardens and commercial landscapes alike, the foliage is among the cleanest to be found in any shrub rose and the fragrance will stop any passerby in their tracks.

Colors: Pink

Vigor: Vigorous      Earliness: Mid      Usage: Container Gardens, Gardens, Landscapes

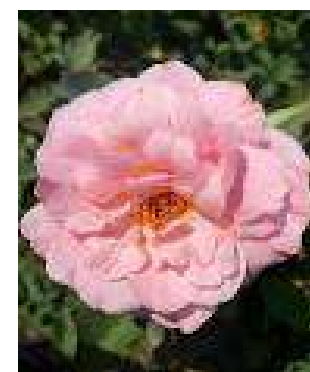


### MAGNOLIA MEMORIES

With outstanding vigor and prolific blooming power, 'Magnolia Memories' should be a focal point in any garden. This rose is the most hardy, clean and disease resistant rose that we have produced thus far. It can easily create a large, informal hedge when planted in mass.

Breeder: Antique Rose Emporium

Height 5 to 6 feet    Z4-11      R Fr pb





## OSO EASY® URBAN LEGEND®

A truly red landscape rose - believe it!

Oso Easy® Urban Legend® landscape rose seems to always be in bloom during the season. Exceptionally disease resistant, it has been a real standout in our no-spray rose trials, both in a production setting and the landscape. Bright red double flowers really pop with the contrasting yellow stamens. Dark, glossy green foliage and a dense, rounded-upright habit make for a great addition to the landscape. Developed in the UK by Chris Warner.

## Awards

American Garden Rose Selections 2023 five-time regional winner, American Rose Society Award of Excellence, Lord Burleigh Award for Best Disease Resistance and Chauncey Beadle Award for Best Shrub Rose - 2018 Biltmore International Rose Trials

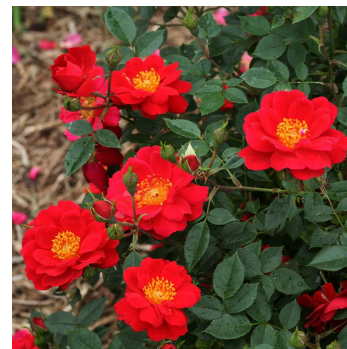
USDA Zone 4 - 9 (-30°F/-34.4°C)

Height 2.5 - 3' Width 2.5 - 3'

Bloom Time Summer

Flower Color Red

Foliage Color Green



## PETITE KNOCK OUT

Petite Knock Out® is the first-ever miniature Knock Out® Rose! It has the same flower power and easy care as others in The Family, but in an adorable, compact size! Not only is the plant petite, but it displays smaller blooms than other Knock Out® Roses. Plant in decorative containers for your porch or patio, or in groups for a dramatic pop of bold red color.

Color: Fire engine, Flowering: Abundant and continuous

Flower size: 1 ½" average Habit: Compact and bushy

Size: 18" tall Zone 4-10

Breeder: Meilland®

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 scent.

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