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Spring 2025

From the District Director

Welcome to a New Year of rose gardening.

In September, I assumed the role of your new District Director. I live and garden in Rockford, Illinois, near the Wisconsin border. I have about 90 roses, most of them in a formal garden with hedges that protect them from the brutal winds and cold temperatures we have here. I have a mixture of roses, my favorites are probably the heritage roses and some newer English roses.

Rockford did have a vital rose society years ago, but now I need to travel to Milwaukee or much farther south to talk roses. I am a member of the Milwaukee and Indianapolis Rose Societies, and several other societies across the country. I am a consulting Rosarian and try to attend the district and National meetings.

The most important part of my new job will be to learn to know our members and their priorities. My plan is to visit all the rose societies this year. I have started with Belleville, a very enthusiastic group.

I hope to visit the other Rose Societies in the upcoming year.

Our first district gathering of the New Year will be March 14th and 15th in Effingham, Illinois. It will be jam packed and I hope a lot of you will come.

We will have four speakers addressing some of your expressed interests of

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R'Queen of Denmark', Alba 1826

fertilizing and pest control, plus a lecture addressing the beauty of old roses.

Our first lecturer on Saturday will be Dr. Diana Lopez Arias from the University of Minnesota. She gave, in my opinion, one of the best lectures at the National convention this September. She works in the lab with Dr. David Zlesak, and specializes in plant genetics and breeding. Her topic will be "Topics in Current Research on Black Spot Disease Resistance". She will be taking time to talk to us via Zoom from France where she is doing research.

We will also have our beloved Gaye Hammond talking with us via Zoom. Her topic will be "Fertilizing".

Dr. Raymond Cloyd will be coming in person from Kansas State university to give two brand new lectures. He will be talking about "Pesticide Use and Unintended Consequences" and "Pesticides and Bees".

We will be doing something new this March as well. On Friday evening, we will have a casual gathering and "bonus" speaker. Our own Sonja Lallemand will give us a presentation on Old Garden Roses. This will be a chance to unwind after your travels, talk with old friends and begin learning.

This will be a very busy weekend so come ready. We plan to have a silent auction and live auction as well. If you can make a donation or volunteer some time to help, that would be great.

Hope to meet you in Effingham in March.

Sharon Shipp
District Director

Rose Black Friday Sale

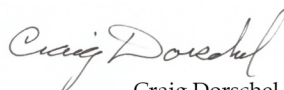
Dear ARS Members

Sustaining your membership and reaching out to other people, interested in roses, is the lifeblood of our Society. Many of your local rose society members are not ARS Members. At this festive season, with the custom of giving of gifts to family and friends, consider the special gift of membership in ARS to promote the joy of growing roses.

Take advantage of this unique opportunity to give a double gift - ARS membership and a gift of the brand-new rose book, *Rose Atlas, Creators of Roses*, all for \$50! Your sponsorship of a first-timer member will open up a whole new world of roses for them and the many benefits of belonging to the premier horticultural Society for Roses in the USA. In addition, new members will receive our flagship bimonthly magazine, the key to staying updated on emerging trends as well as providing a platform to enhance their knowledge with validated techniques on growing. The magazine will be sent hard copy and digital.

Please consider this "Rose Black Friday Sale" as a golden opportunity to ensure the growth of our Society.

Yours sincerely,



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ARS President

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IL IN DISTRICT MEETING

FRIDAY MARCH 14, SATURDAY MARCH 15, 2025

SPEAKERS

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SATURDAY

DR. DIANA C. LOPEZ ARIAS

DR. RAYMOND CLOYD

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Agenda

Friday March 14

- 6:30 PM Registration
Informal social time, light snacks
- 7:30 PM *Old Garden Roses and their Origin,*
SonjaALLEmand

Saturday March 15

- 8:30 AM Registration
- 9:00 AM *Current Research on Black Spot Disease and
Resistance*
Dr. Diana C. Lopez Arias
- 10:30 AM *Pesticide Use and Unintended Consequences*
Dr. Raymond Clyod
- 11:45 AM Lunch
- 12:30 PM District Meeting
- 1:30 PM Pesticides and Bees
Dr. Raymond Clyod
- 2:30 PM Fertilizers, Right Place, Right Time
Gaye Hammond
- 3:45 PM Closing Remarks

Silent Auction will run from Friday 6:30 PM -- 2:30 PM Saturday

The Speakers

Sonja Lallemand

My love of plants began at a very young age in my mother's rose garden where I learned the art of grafting roses with the gardener at the age of nine. Observations made in that garden developed in me a love of nature and appreciation for roses as well as the flora of my native island of Haiti where the mountains are never too far from the Caribbean Sea.

With degrees in Botany (BS) Horticulture (BS) and Fruit Science (MS), it took 20 years to put my knowledge of the plant word into real practice. My most challenging job was to restore the Phelps Grove Park Rose Garden established in the 30s (Springfield, MO, Green County Park District). The garden was pristine when I first saw it in 1983, but when the only volunteer caretaker retired 10 years later, it rapidly became an eyesore. Generous donations from members of the Rose Society of the Ozarks, the garden was rescued and I learned a great deal about roses in the process. I served the group as editor of the newsletter Rose Review, and president. Currently I am a member of the Belleville Area Rose Society.

I became interested in the Earth-Kind® system of growing roses after attending a presentation in Kansas City. Since then, I have made it a point to apply these principles of feeding the soil, creating a healthy environment, and minimizing the use of non-organic chemicals in my garden. My rose collection has evolved and now I focus on old garden roses (OGR), and some of the newer roses on their own roots. Every year I exercise self-restraint because new roses mean breaking new ground for a new garden....

In 2015, I retired from the University of Illinois Extension where I served five counties as Horticulture Educator.

Dr. Diana C. Lopez Arias

Topics on current Research on Black spot Disease Resistance.

Diana C. Lopez Arias joined the University of Minnesota as post doctoral associate to work on various projects related to woody ornamental plant genetics and breeding. She completed her Ph. D. At L'Institut Agro-Angers in France and did her research at the Research Institute of Horticulture and Seeds. Her research focused on the phenotypic and genetic characterization of the partial resistance to black spot disease in a member of the *Rosa wichurana* species. While at the University of Minnesota, she would like to challenge her knowledge in rose genetics with polyploid mapping populations for diverse traits.

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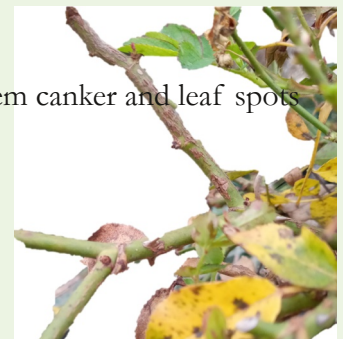
Alton Rose Society

President:

Joel Anderson

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Stem canker and leaf spots



Dr. Raymond A. Cloyd

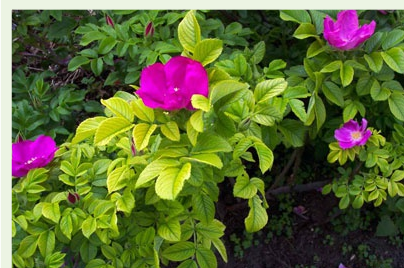
Professor and Extension specialist in Horticulture Entomology/Plant Protection, Department of entomology, Kansas State University (Manhattan, KS)

Raymond has an extension (70%) and research (30%) appointment in the Department of Entomology at Kansas State University (Manhattan, KS). Raymond received his MS and PhD from the Department of entomology at Purdue University (West Lafayette, IN), and was employed as a professor at the University of Illinois (Urbana, IL) in the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences for six years prior to his employment at Kansas State University. His research and extension program involves plant protection/pest management in greenhouses, nurseries, Landscapes, turfgrass, conservatoires, interiorscapes, Christmas trees, vegetables, fruits, cannabis, hemp, and pollinators. Raymond is the Extension Specialist in horticulture entomology for the state of Kansas with major clientele that includes homeowners, master gardeners, and professional and commercial operators. Raymond has published over 90 scientific refereed publications, over 900 trade journals, and over 60 extension publications on topics related to pest management/plant protection. In addition, he has authored or co-authored humerus books (*Greenhouse Pest Management*, *Pest and Disease of Herbaceous Perennials*, *IPM for Gardeners*, *Plant Protection: Managing Greenhouse Insect and Mite Pests*, *Compendium of Rose Diseases and Pests*, and *Compendium of Bedding Plant Diseases and Pests*) book chapters, manuals, PICT or picture-pocket guides, and extension-related publications. Raymond is a frequent speaker at state, national, and international conferences and seminars; and has received numerous awards and honors during his over 20 year academic career. Raymond's professional specialty areas include: Plant protection, biological control, plant-insect interactions, insect ecology, pesticides, integrating pesticide with biological control agents, and sanitation.

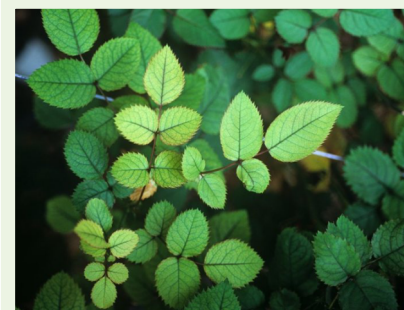
Gaye Hammond

Gaye is the Past President of the Houston Rose Society. She is a life member and patron of the American Rose Society and serves on the Marketing Committee of the national organization. Gaye is also the study liaison between the Houston Rose Society and the Texas A&M Agrilife extension Service in connection with Earth-Kind® Rose Research - the largest environmental rose research study done in the U.S.

Gaye is an entertaining speaker and an avid writer of more than 300 articles that have been published in local, state, national and international magazines and newspaper. She has co-authored a peer-reviewed journal article on Earth-Kind Roses published in 2009 in *Floriculture & Ornamental Biotechnology*, a chapter in *The Sustainable Rose Garden* and authored a chapter in the book,



Iron and manganese deficiencies



Nitrogen deficiency

Gulf Coast Gardening. Her photography has appeared on the cover of *HortScience* (December 2010) and she was awarded the cover story for the September 2011 issue of *Parks & Recreation Magazine*.

Around the District

Belleville Area Rose Society

The Belleville Area Rose Society Meets the first Sunday of each month from February to November.

Location: St. Clair County Farm Bureau, Belleville

Meeting time: 2:00 p.m.

Agenda:

February 2nd: New Rose Offerings

March 2nd: Planting Technics for Roses

Indianapolis Rose Society

Mark your calendars for a great webinar on Tuesday January 14, 2025 presented by Robin Jennings of Heirloom Roses. The seminar 'Bridging Generations of Gardeners' will be held via Zoom at 6:30 pm (EST). Details at: indianapolisrose society.com

Join Zoom Meeting

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Logansport Rose Society

The first meeting will be March 6th. The Logansport Rose Society meets on the first Thursday of the month from March-November.

Sauk Trail Rose Society

For information on meetings dates and location, contact John Pais, President

Stephen Decatur Rose Society

For information on meetings dates and time contact Bob Shake, President

Alton Rose Society

For information on meetins date and time contact Joel Anderson, President. You should also visit the Nan Elliott Rose Garden when you visit.



R. 'Boule de Neige' -- Bourbon



R. *foetida bicolor* 'Austrian Copper'



R. 'Rose de Maux' -- Centifolia

Roses in Review 2024

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2024 Roses in Review survey. We had twenty-one reporters that reviewed ten different roses. Unfortunately there were several problems with the database this year. First, it was discovered that about 25% of the people attempting to submit a review did not click SUBMIT when they completed each review, resulting in unsaved data. Secondly and most importantly, the database was corrupted by a programming error that resulted in multiple reports from the same person covering the prior report so only the last report could be recovered. Our Chairman estimated that he recovered only about 20 to 25 percent of the reviews and he was not sure if there were some errors. We did get a complete list of reviewers though.

Following is the summary list for our district, but it is a sampling of experience with a particular rose, not a hard and fast rating. We did not receive a comment section so we were not able to provide any notes given on the roses reviewed.

We know the problem will be resolved for the 2025 Roses in Review survey, so please look for the cultivar list in an email or as part of the ARS magazine.

Again thanks to everyone that submitted a review.

Jim and Kaye Wessbecher

Illinois Indiana Roses in Review Coordinators

Reviews	Cultivar	#Grdn Rtng	#Ex Rtng	# of Cult	Years Grown	Blacks pot	Mildew	Winter Hardy	Fragran ce	Height
1	Diane Sommers Min pb	9.0	9.0	1	3	Slight	None	Yes	None	Medium
1	Eustacia Vye Eng op	10.0	10.0	2	2	Slight	None	Yes	Light	Medium
1	Healthcare Hero MinFl pb	8.0	9.0	1	3	Slight	None	Yes	Light	Medium
1	Heavenly Scented HT pb	9.0	8.0	1	1	None	None		Heavy	Tall
1	Oso Easy Double Pink Gc dp	7.0	7.0	1	2	None	None	Yes	None	Medium
1	Raspberry Cupcake HT mp	9.0	9.0	1	1	None	None	Yes	Heavy	Medium
1	Rise Up Amberness S ab	7.0		1	3	None	None	Yes	Light	Tall
2	Top Cream HT w	8.5		3	2	Slight	None	Yes	Heavy	Tall
1	White Princess HT w	8.0	10.0	2	1	None	Slight	Yes	None	Tall
10	Total			13						

"New Membership Drive"
SPECIAL INCENTIVES FOR FIRST-TIME ARS MEMBERS



ROSE ATLAS
CREATORS OF ROSES
Pioneers & Dynasties
David Bassani, President Beverly Hills Rose Society

Exciting News
Incentive Book Award Campaign!
Second volume in the successful ROSE ATLAS series has been selected for donors to promote this exclusive ARS Membership Drive.
Local Rose Societies in particular are invited to meet the challenge and lend their support to fulfill the goals.

Special ARS Membership Drive
Incentive program represent a unique opportunity extended to those non-ARS members of affiliated local rose societies to join ARS for the very first time and enjoy the rewards of full membership (domestic within the USA only). This option involves the giving of a donation of \$50.00 to the ARS. Under this campaign donors will receive -

- \$ ARS Membership with all benefits
- \$ ARS bimonthly Magazine for one calendar year 2025
- \$ Complimentary copy of this new exciting 432 page book

Spotlight has been placed on the collective insight and wisdom of rose breeders from the last 250 years. Listing selective and representative details of their varieties, parentages when available, together with family backgrounds, has given a unique retrospective understanding of the passions that propelled breeders to create roses in a diverse palette of colors and form. Readers should be delighted not only by the novel presentation of registration data but also the over 800 photo illustrations displayed in an equitable format, comfortable to read and digest the wonderful saga of each and every rose grower who contributed to the early 19th century development of rose breeding as a profession.

Throughout the USA there are several hundred affiliated local rose societies. If each society were to recognize just THREE of their deserving prominent non-ARS volunteer members with an ARS membership at \$50.00 each, our membership ranks would swell by over 600 members gaining new income source of \$30,000.00. This approach may seem ambitious but is achievable!

INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR COMPLIMENTARY BOOK AWARD
Name, Address, Email, Local Society and Telephone Number (optional).
\$50 for special first-time ARS Memberships: checks made payable to ARS



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ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT CONFERENCE

FRIDAY & SATURDAY March 14-15, 2025

Fairfield Inn 1111 North Henrietta St, Effingham, IL 62401

::REGISTRATION FORM::

Name _____

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 includes all programs and district luncheon

Before March 5th

Friday & Saturday registration \$35.00 each. Number attending ____ total \$ _____

Friday & Saturday after March 5th, \$40.00each Number attending ____ total \$ _____

Donation (optional)\$5__ \$10__ \$20__ \$25__ Other ____ \$ _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

Please consider donation a silent auction item.

Contact the Fairfield Inn directly for Reservation by March 1st:

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

Hotel rate: \$129.00 plus taxes and fees

6:30 pm – Friday Evening informal gathering will be at the Fairfield Inn

light snacks and refreshments will be provided

Let us know if you are joining us. Yes__ NO__

Name as it appears on credit card: _____

Credit Card No. _____ Expiration Date _____ Code _____

Mail registration form and check to:

Sonja Lallemand

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AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY ANNOUNCES 2025 WEBINAR LINE-UP

The American Rose Society offers numerous educational opportunities including monthly webinars on a variety of topics. Pat Shanley, Chair of the Webinar Committee, has put together an exciting line up with speakers from around the world. These webinars are provided free of charge for all American Rose Society members. There is a \$5 fee for all others interested in attending a webinar. Questions about registering for webinars should be directed to Tanya Cole at Tanya@rose.org or 318-938-5402, ext.108.

- **January 18, 2025** • 11:00am – 1:30pm: “2024 Digital Photography Contest Winners Reveal”

Speaker: Pam Powers, Chair ARS Digital Photo Contest

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5348277886587620191>

- **February 15, 2025** • 1:00 - 3:00 pm: Consulting Rosarian School Part 1: CR Mission & Ethics, Soil & Water, Insects & Diseases

Speakers: Craig Dorschel, Diane Wilkerson, Bill Kozemchak, Dr. Baldo Villegas

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1221854729406187102>

- **February 22, 2025** • 1:00 - 3:00 pm: Consulting Rosarian School Part 2: Fertilizers, Chemical Safety

Speakers: Brenna Bosch and Jim Beardsley

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8977110462342866784>

- **March 22, 2025** • 11:00am – 2:00pm: “Special Roses!”

Speaker: Christian Bedard, Research & Licensing Director, Weeks Roses

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3991848876343001941>

SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE FUTURE PROGRAMS:

- **April 26, 2025** • 11:00am – 2:00pm: “American Garden Rose Selections™ Regional Rose Trials – Bringing You Roses You Can Grow where You Live!”

Speaker: Chris VanCleave, the Redneck Rosarian, RoseChat Podcast; Marketing & Publicity Director, American Garden Rose Selections™

- **May 17, 2025** • 11:00am – 2:00pm: “Coming Up Roses – The High Country Roses Story”

Speaker: Matt Douglas, Owner, High Country Roses

- **June 28, 2025** • 11:00am – 2:00pm: “Rose Selection in Different Soil and Climate Conditions”

Speaker Matthias Meilland, Sixth Generation Rose Breeder, House of Meilland

- **July 26, 2025** • 11:00am – 2:00pm: “An Update on Breeding Roses for Black Spot Resistance”

Speaker: Dr. David Zlesak, Professor of Horticulture, University of Wisconsin River Falls

- **August 23, 2025** • 11:00am – 2:00pm: “Rethinking Late Summer & Fall Rose Health Strategies”

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

- **September 27, 2025** • 11:00am – 2:00pm: “Designing a Garden for Rose Collectors. The Normal Rules Don’t Apply!”

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

- **October 25, 2025** • 11:00am – 2:00pm: “What’s New with Jackson & Perkins”

Speaker: Wes Harvell, Rose Category Manager & Rosarian for Jackson Perkins Park Acquisitions Inc.

- **November 22, 2025** • 11:00am – 2:00pm: Topic TBA Speaker: Thomas Proll, Chief Hybridizer, Kordes Roses

About the American Rose Society: The American Rose Society is a non-profit, educational organization founded in 1892 to promote the culture, preservation and appreciation of the rose and to improve its standard of excellence for all people through education and research. Its headquarters is located in Shreveport, Louisiana, at the American Rose Center, home of “America’s Rose Garden.”

About the American Rose Center: The American Rose Center was established in 1974 and serves as the national headquarters site for the American Rose Society.

“America’s Rose Garden” is the largest public garden in the United States dedicated to roses.