



ILLINOIS-INDIANA ROSE DISTRICT WEBSITE

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FROM THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR

Dear Rosarians,

What a summer so far, here in Northern Illinois. My roses have withstood about a month of daily downpours, thunderstorms, humidity, temps of 99 degrees, black spot, and midge. Unbelievably, they are all in bud now. Just plain fortitude. I hope your gardens are all doing better.

There is much news. On the national level, the big news is that the American Rose Society has sold the property known as the American Rose Center, our well-known national Rose Garden in Shreveport, Louisiana. This will bring financial stability to the ARS and allow them to move on serving members. The Rose Garden will remain open for the public to enjoy a beautiful display of roses.

On the District level, our local societies remain busy with monthly events and lots of extra garden tours and events.

The final arrangements are being confirmed for our Fall District meeting. This time we are moving the location to Indianapolis, Indiana. We hope to see lots of new friends.

We are proud to announce a wonderful line-up of speakers for Saturday.

Mike Shoup, President of the Heritage Rose Foundation, will be coming from Texas to tell us about the original Texas Rose Rustlers.

Dr. Raymond Cloyd of Kansas State University will give us an update on Roses and Pests. He wrote the book.

Leslie Lewis will present "The New Paradigm" in soil science. She is a

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R. 'Variegata di Bologna',
(Bourbon), Italy, Lodi before 1909

UPCOMING EVENTS

FALL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 18-19
INDIANAPOLIS, IN

ARS NATIONAL CONVENTION
OCTOBER 2-5
NASHVILLE, TN

FROM THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR

DISTRICT TEAM

soil consultant with Living Systems Soil and protégé of Dr. Elaine Ingham.

Linda Beutler is the President of the International Clematis Society and curator of the Rogerson Clematis Garden in Oregon. She will be talking about Roses and their Climbing Companions.

On Friday evening, we will have an informal supper followed by a presentation of a “newly discovered” public garden with 140 old garden roses. This garden was started by our newest member, Raz Bancos, and maintained by his remarkable friends, the Miller Garden Club in Gary, Indiana.

More details, including a registration form, will be listed below in this newsletter or mailed out to you soon.

Back in the National Arena, remember the National Rose Convention in Nashville, Tennessee October 2-5, 2026. There are more great speakers and special events in gardens and the exciting city of Nashville.

I hope to see some of you at the Illinois State Fair and other summer events.

Enjoy your roses,

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Save the Date

2026 AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY
National Convention & Rose Show
OCTOBER 2-5

Sheraton Music City Nashville Airport Hotel | Nashville, TN

Visit medleyofroses.org
or scan QR code for more
information. Register today!

FALL MEETING, INDIANAPOLIS IN

SEPTEMBER 18-19, 2026

Hotel Holiday Inn Express Indianapolis Airport
6296 Cambridge Way, Plainfield, Indiana 46168
1-317- 839- 9000 X 2

MEETINGS

**ALL EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS AND THE FRIDAY PIZZA
SUPPER WILL TAKE PLACE AT
ST. SUSANNA CATHOLIC CHURCH, 1210 E. MAIN ST.
PLAINFIELD, IN**

FRIDAY EVENING

6:00 PM -- Registration and Pizza dinner (free). You must register

Razvan Bancos, *Old Garden Roses at the Woodson Public Library,*
Gary, Indiana

SATURDAY

Registration

SPEAKERS

Dr. Raymond Cloyd, *Rose Pests*
Professor of Entomology Kansas State University

By Zoom
Leslie Lewis *The New Paradigm*
Consultant Soil Food Web School. Baltimore County, Maryland.

Mike Shoup President of the Heritage Rose Foundation
Lessons from a Texas Rose Rustler, Brenham, Texas

By Zoom Linda Beutler Director, Rogerson Clematis
Collection *Match Made in Heaven*, West Linn, Oregon



R. Heirich Schultheiß, (Hybrid Perpetual), UK, Bennet 1882



R. Duchesse de Rohan, (Portland/Damask perpetual, Centifolia), Lévêque, France before 1846



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 September 10th \$40.00 each

Friday & Saturday registration Number attending _____ total \$ _____

After September 10th, \$45.00 each

Friday & Saturday Number attending _____ total \$ _____

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

Total enclosed \$ _____

Please consider a donation for the silent auction

Hotel location: Holiday Inn Express, 6296 Cambridge Way, Plainfield, IN 46168

Contact the Holiday Inn Express directly for Reservation by September 4th:

Phone 1-317-839-9000 wait and PUSH #2

Group Discount code: IPA

Hotel rate: \$135.00 plus taxes and fees

6:00 pm – Friday Evening informal gathering will be at St. Susanna's R. C. church. Pizza supper and refreshments will be provided. Let us know if you are joining us. Yes _____ NO _____

Checks payable to: Illinois-Indiana Rose District

Name as it appears on credit card: _____

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Mail registration form and check to:

Linda Kimmel

7825 S. Sherman, Indianapolis IN 46237

Questions?

Contact: Sharon Shipp,

District Director

Registering late? Text Linda 317-+03-6016 and bring registration to the meeting.

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Belleville Area Rose Society

The Belleville Rose Society meets the First Sunday of the month, from February to November, but does not meet in July. Meetings are at 2:00 p.m. at the St. Clair County Farm Bureau, Belleville, Illinois. contact Roger Brueckman at rrosyacres@gmail.com

2026 MEETINGS Schedule

August 2nd	Climbing Roses: How and When to Prune Different Types of Trellis
September 13th	Spraying for Black Spots and Other Diseases
October 4th	Attracting Birds and Bugs to Your Yard
November 1st	Pot-Luck Luncheon at 2:00PM

Indianapolis Rose Society

Meetings, Workshops, Garden Parties
Visit our website for meeting schedules

We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm at the Sullivan Munce building in charming downtown Zionsville except for special events. Our time together ranges from guest speakers and member garden tours to workshops on general rose care, dealing with rose pests and diseases, rose propagation as well as recommendations for growing roses in our region. Contact us at IndplsRoseSoc@gmail.com

Logansport Rose Society

Our club consists of garden enthusiasts focusing on a love for roses. We share our knowledge of roses along with experts in their specified fields to help us with our journey through the garden path. You can contact president, Cristie Rans, at crisrans@aol.com for any questions that you may have. We meet the first Thursday evening of each month from March through November. Our meetings are opened to the public and anyone is welcomed to attend.



R. Madame Hardy (Damask),
France, Hardy 1832



R. Alain Blanchard (Gallica),
France, Vibert, 1829

AROUND THE DISTRICT

2026 Meetings Schedule

August 6th	Photo Contest, Ice Cream Social, Rose Bingo and Games Celebration of St. Fiacre de Breuil
September 3rd	Decorating with Items from Your Garden
October 1st	Scary Pests
November 5th	Tag team Topics on Rose Gardening

Sauk Trail Rose Society

Our mission is to promote the “Rose” through education, Consulting Rosarian activities, Rose Shows, dissemination of plant materials, garden walks and other social functions. For information on membership, the annual rose sale or how we can help you grow rcontact John Pais at johnpais@sbcglobal.net.

Stephen Decatur Rose Society

Meets the third Monday night of the month at 7:00 pm at Temple Baptist Church, 1818 E Mound Road, Decatur, IL from March – October. Our meetings are opened to the public and you are very welcome to come! Occasionally we host ZOOM meetings to bring in National speakers. You are welcome to join us for those too. To learn more about upcoming meetings, contact Jojn or Kaye Wessbecher at jkwessbecher@gmail.com

2026 Meetings Schedule

August 19th	TBA
September 21st	Illinois Raptor Center, Travis Wilcoxon - In person
October 19th	End of Year Dinner

Three Rivers Rose Society

For information on meeting date and time, Contact Joel Anderson at janderson317@charter.net



R. Gislaine de Feligonde (Rambler)
France, Turbat, 1916



R. Chapeau de Napoléon (Crested Moss), Switzerland, Kirche, 1836



R. Prince Napoléon (Bourbon),
France, Pernet, 1864

2026 Spring District Recap

Teresa Byington

When you hear, “we need to set up more tables”, it is music to your ears.

Spring was in the air, and a room full of rose lovers and gardeners were ready to be inspired to get our gardens off to a great start. Our wonderful speakers and programs did just that...

ROSES IN ART

Friday night, we took an informative and beautiful trip through art history with Melissa Schiff, VP of the Albuquerque Rose Society, via the magic of Zoom. From the very realistic to the abstract, roses have always played a huge part in our history and culture.

SATURDAY:

PHYSIOLOGICAL AND GENETIC DISORDERS OF ROSES

Dr. Mark Windham, who assured us that this was one of his most boring programs, was, as we suspected, completely wrong. With his wit and wisdom, this program proved to be incredibly helpful in teaching us how roses respond to various stresses, such as nutritional deficiencies and water issues. Additionally, it provided valuable insights into identifying different genetic disorders that could affect our roses. Early detection and diagnosis can make a big difference, and now we are better equipped to handle what comes our way.

JUST DON'T CALL IT DIRT!

Our Vice Director, Sonja Lallemand, shared that there is in fact a difference in soil and dirt and how this “living organism” we call soil supports life! Taking a look at components, textures, structure, color, pH, and fertility, we were reminded of not only how having the right foundation for our roses makes all the difference but also what we can do. Can you say soil test???

GROWING & CARING FOR ALL TYPES OF ROSES

Ron Daniels took us back to the basics and beyond, sharing his tips and tricks of a lifetime of growing roses. He also inspired us to look at sharing our gardens differently. Ron gives the gift of an “open garden”. He shared beautiful stories of those who have come — many coming when they were in their last stage of life and wanted the comfort of being in a garden. He shared that passersby often stop to ask a question or take a picture. I think most of us gasped when he shared that on one day of a recent open garden, he had 350 guests. Ron lives out his passion and ministry to share his love of growing roses with others. We also had the opportunity to purchase Ron’s book, *Rose Therapy*.

GROWING ROSES IN POTS

Jason Capote, ARS Consulting Rosarian and Horticulture Judge, shared his hands-on experience of growing roses in containers. Jason grows 170 roses in his New York City Garden and many of those he

grows in containers. We learned how to pair the size of the rose and container, just what the lines on the containers actually mean, the best soil, products to use, and how to winter protect! Many of us had no idea full-size roses could flourish in containers. But now we've seen the pictures to prove it!

THANK YOU

Thank you to our wonderful speakers. We appreciate your sharing your valuable time and talent to educate and inspire us.

We send our sincere thanks to Star Roses and Plants for the donation of their wonderful roses so that each person who attended could take something beautiful back to their garden.

And last but not least, a huge thank you to our District Board, especially Director Sharon Shipp and Vice Director Sonja Lallemand, for the unimaginable hours spent making sure this special weekend could happen.

American Rose Society



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It is our mission to provide rose horticulture education and information to our members. We are here to help you enjoy your roses.

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