

Tenarky District Rose Show

Panel of Speakers

Holiday Inn – Millington, TN

October 11, 2014

Mary Ann Hext & Paula Williams 1:00 PM

"Creative Containers for Arrangements"



Mary Ann Hext is the Editor of the ARS and You, the monthly publication of the American Rose Society. She is also the webmaster for the Tenarky District of the ARS. Mary Ann serves as the President of the Bowling Green Rose Society having previously served as Secretary and also publishes the society's newsletter. She is also a Consulting Rosarian and an ARS Apprentice Horticultural Judge. Mary Ann resides in Rockfield, KY and has been growing roses for over 40 years. Mary Ann is a distinguished rose arranger and has won numerous ARS Gold, Silver and Bronze Arrangement Certificates.



Paula Williams is the Secretary of the Louisville Rose Society and has written the Arrangement Schedule for local rose societies. She has won National American Rose Society Horticultural Queen and King of Show. She has also won ARS National Gold Certificates for Arrangements. While not having any formal arrangement training, she has a passion for creating arrangements and particularly enjoys making her own containers. Finding unusual items that can be amended, bent, glued, and/or painted is a specialty of hers as her signature arrangements often include her own hand crafted or modified containers.

Rev. Dr. Sam Jones 2:00 PM

"How we do it: Joys and Challenges of Growing Roses"



The good Reverend Doctor is the ARS Tenarky (Tennessee, Arkansas and Kentucky) District Director and an announced candidate for the American Rose Society Vice Presidency in the up-coming 2015 ARS election. The Rev. Dr. Jones is a retired United Methodist Minister and Counseling Psychologist. Sam, as he is affectionately known, serves on the 5 member ARS Executive Committee and previously served as a member of the ARS Prizes and Awards committee. Sam is a Master Consulting Rosarian and an Accredited ARS Horticultural and Arrangement judge.

Sam and his lovely wife Nancy were Co-Editors of the prestigious ARS Annual and have had articles about the challenges of enjoying and growing roses published in the ARS magazine, ARS and You monthly newsletter, District and local rose society publications. When Sam and his wife Nancy were Editors of the Nashville Rose Societies Rose Leaf, the publication received ARS Gold and Silver bulletin awards.

Sam recently toured China as part of the 12 member delegation representing the American Rose Society. They toured several rose gardens and consulted with Chinese rose and botanical experts in 5 major cities during the tour which was hosted by the Chinese Rose Society.

Brenna-Leigh Bosch 3:00 PM
“Name That Rose”



Brenna is the owner of B Bosch Blooms, a rose garden design, installation and maintenance business catering to rose growers in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Brenna is also a partner in For Love of Roses, LLC, a miniature and miniflora rose nursery that specializes in exhibition and novelty roses via the internet.

Brenna is a graduate of Penn State University and attended Yale University for graduate studies. Bren, as she is affectionately known, is an American Rose Society Consulting Rosarian, an ARS Apprentice Horticultural judge and the First Assistant Director of the Penn-Jersey District of the American Rose Society. She is also VP of the Jersey Shore Rose Society and the Chair of the Landscape Committee at the Wyck Historic House, Garden & Farm. She has given numerous presentations to garden clubs and rose societies in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Tennessee.

Brenna is currently in the process of transitioning her 200+ rose garden, which includes both modern and old garden roses, from New Jersey to Tennessee. Brenna began growing roses in earnest in 1995 and has a fondness for all roses but maintains a passion for any rose that is either mauve or orange in coloration.

Key Note Speakers

Dr. Gary Rankin and Dr. Monica Valentovic 8:15 PM
“Growing good roses – Tools of the trade”



Dr. Gary Rankin and Dr. Monica Valentovic- Professor and Chair and Professor respectively, Department of Pharmacology, Physiology & Toxicology, Joan C Edwards School of Medicine, Marshall University.

Gary and Monica have been growing roses for many years and have been active in the Huntington, WV Rose Society since the early 1990's. Together their garden has grown from about 25 roses to over 300 rose bushes today. They are highly successful exhibitors having won on the District and National level many times. Both have served as President of the Huntington Rose Society and have held numerous other positions with the society including rose show chair on several occasions. They are the co-editors of the Thorny Bush which is the local society's monthly newsletter. They are both Master Consulting Rosarians and have served as Chairs of Consulting Rosarians for the Colonial District of the American Rose Society. They are Co-Chairs of the American Rose Society Product Evaluation Committee having served in this position since 2006. They are both Bronze Medal recipients from their local society and Silver Medal winners from the Colonial District of the ARS.