



Redwood Empire Rose Society to Present Robert B. ("Bob") Martin Jr. "What's New in Roses - 2015"

"Flowers always make people better, happier, and more helpful; they are sunshine, food and medicine for the soul." Luther Burbank (1849-1926)

The Redwood Empire Rose Society welcomes renowned rosarian, Robert B. ("Bob") Martin Jr. to its meeting on Thursday May 21, 2015. The meeting, which is open to all – will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center, 2050 Yulupa Ave, Santa

Rosa, CA.

Bob will speak on "What's New in Roses - 2015" – an educational program on the newest rose introductions, including those reviewed in the most recent publication of *Horizon Roses* plus those of interest to all rose gardeners. It features photographs of the newest hybrid teas, floribundas, shrubs, climbers, minifloras and miniature roses. It also features some thoughts about the future of roses.

Bob Martin has been growing roses for more than 43 years. He and his wife Dona live in Escondido, California, where they tend more than 450 roses of all types. He is an ARS Master Rosarian, an Accredited Horticultural Judge, and an Accredited Arrangements Judge.

Bob is well known as a humorous and effective speaker and rose evangelist, having spoken at 21 American Rose Society national conventions, at district conventions in 17 of the 18 ARS districts and at rose societies and garden clubs throughout the U.S.

Bob is also a prolific writer, having authored more than 600 published articles on roses. He is the Editor of the ARS quarterly publication, *Rose Exhibitors' Forum* and National Editor of *Horizon Roses*, an annual review by the nation's top exhibitors of new exhibition roses. Bob is also the author of the book "Showing Good Roses", and maintains a website covering U.S. rose shows at www.roseshow.com. He was honored for his lifetime contribution to rose education as a 2009 recipient of the ARS Klima Medal.

Bob is an active rose exhibitor at all levels and the 2007 recipient of the ARS Guy Blake Hedrick Jr. Award for lifetime achievement in rose exhibiting. He is also a hybridizer with eleven registered varieties, including the show roses, 'Butter Cream', and 'Dona Martin'.

A past President of the San Diego Rose Society, Bob has also served as the Pacific Southwest District Director of the American Rose Society, on the ARS Executive Committee and in numerous local, district and national rose society positions. Bob is the recipient of the ARS Silver Honor Medal for Service to the District, and three ARS Bronze Honor Medals for service to the San Diego Rose Society, Los Angeles Rose Society and Pasadena Rose Society.

Bob is a candidate for Vice President of the American Rose Society. Further information on his candidacy is available at <http://www.bobmartinarsvp.com/>