

2010 Fall Conference Schedule of Events

Saturday September 25th

- 4:00-10:00 Rose Show Entry Room (Pavilion Room)
- 6:00-10:00 Rose Show Entries Accepted (Dock of the Bay)
- 10:30-1:00 Rose Show Judging (Dock of the Bay)
- 1:00-2:00 Judges Lunch
- 1:00-4:00 Show Open to Public (Dock of the Bay)
- 10:30-11:30 **Speaker** – Judy Eitzen (Top of the Bay)

Judy is a retired librarian who has been a volunteer in the Historic Rose Garden (located in Sacramento's Historic City Cemetery) for more than 10 years. Along with the usual garden volunteer tasks, Judy edits and publishes a quarterly newsletter, "Cemetery Rose," and manages the Historic Rose Garden's website, www.cemeteryrose.org. She is also on the Old City Cemetery Committee Board, a private non-profit that supports the cemetery. Judy is a Sacramento County Master Gardener and on the Board of the Elk Grove Community Library, where she has a demonstration rose garden and manages their website, www.elkgrovecommunitygarden.org. She is also a member of both the Heritage Rose Foundation and the Heritage Rose Group, two organizations that support the preservation of antique and old garden roses.

Topic – The Development of the Historic Rose Garden in Sacramento's Historic City Cemetery, including information on the types of old garden roses and how to grow them

- 11:30-1:30 Lunch On Your Own
- 1:30-2:30 **Speaker** - Ann Marie Harris (Top of the Bay)

Ann Marie Harris is the current President of the Reno Rose Society and a recipient of the Bronze Medal from the American Rose Society. She is also an ARS Master Rosarian, ARS Horticulture Judge, ARS Arrangements Judge, and rose hybridizer. Ann Marie has achieved the rank of Assistant Professor in the Ikenobo Ikebana School of Flower Arranging. She holds degrees in Geology and has done research in climatology and plant genetics over the last 25 years. Her talks and articles explore the off-beat side of gardening and flower arranging because as she puts it, the same old talks on fertilizing, planting, and such get just plain boring.

Topic - Roses, Fire & Ice --- An exploration of how roses came to be and got 'pushed around' by Mother Nature. Ann Marie will also explain the mysterious explosion in rose distribution and variability starting 20,000 years ago.

- 2:45-4:15 District Meeting (Top of the Bay)

- 4:30-5:00 Show awards (Dock of the Bay)
- 7:00-9:00 District Awards Banquet (Top of the Bay)

Speaker - John Bagnasco

John is a graduate of Michigan State University with a degree in horticultural marketing. He has been in the gardening industry for over 40 years starting at Frank's Nursery and Crafts in Detroit where he was a buyer and asst. Director of Marketing. After publishing his first book in 1976, Plants for the Home Vol. I, he moved to California and took a position as buyer and regional manager for the Nurseryland division of Sunbelt Nursery Group. Bagnasco then became the head buyer for Armstrong Garden Centers based in Glendora, CA.

In 2000, he joined Garden Compass as senior editor of the magazine and co-host of the weekend radio show. Bagnasco has also taught horticulture classes at Palomar College and San Diego State University. He is the host of the DVD, The Essential Guide to Roses, which also features Bryan Main and Bruce and Sharon Asakawa.

As an amateur rose breeder, John has now introduced about a dozen varieties to the marketplace. He is responsible for the Little Rascal series that now includes, Spanky, Darla, Alfalfa and Buckwheat. A special interest in polyantha roses has led to his creation of Marshmallow Fluff, Cotton Candy, Tooth Fairy and Gwen Cleary. His 2010 introductions are the polyantha, Miss Crabtree and the floribunda, Elsin Dean. Fresh from the AARS rose trials, his new orange floribunda will be pre-released in the Edmund's 2011 catalog

Topic - "Makers of Heavenly Roses". It comes from the title of a Jack Harkness book and will be a presentation on the history of rose breeding from the end of the 19th century to the present. It will feature little known photos of some of the world's best breeders and the roses that they developed.

- 9:00 – Until District director's Award Recipient Reception (Director's Suite)

Sunday September 26th

- 11:00-4:00 Garden Tours

Tour directions are included in your goodie bag

Home of Gregg Cook
Home of Cynthia Bradley Beers
Home of Jim Donoso