

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-NEVADA-HAWAII DISTRICT (NCNH)  
OF THE AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY (ARS)  
Fall Business Meeting Minutes- September 29, 2019  
Hosted by Gold Country Rose Society  
110 Grass Valley Highway, Auburn, CA 95603**

**CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME- SUE BENNETT**

- The meeting was called to order by Sue Bennett, District Director at 9:33am

**ROLL CALL- CINDY PHIPPS**

- Roll Call was conducted by Cindy Phipps, Secretary.
- Rose Societies present: Butte, East Bay, Gold Country, Golden Gate, Humboldt, Lodi-Woodbridge, Marin, Motherlode, Mount Diablo, North Bay, Peninsula, Redwood Empire, Reno, Sacramento, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Shasta, Sierra Foothills, Woodland Library.
- Rose Societies absent: Contra Costa, Honolulu, Monterey Bay, San Francisco.

**MINUTES OF SPRING BUSINESS MEETING (3/2/19)- CINDY PHIPPS**

- Minutes from the Spring Business Meeting were sent to all Rose Society Presidents and Board members prior to the meeting. Several copies were provided at the meeting.
- There was one correction to the minutes sent from Betty Mott, Photography Chair, prior to the meeting and included in the copies provided at the meeting.
- The minutes were reviewed and approved by the delegates with corrections. Once corrections have been made the minutes will be put on the NCNH website.

**TREASURER'S REPORT- LOU EVANS**

- Steve Steps has completed the audit of the District's treasury for 2018.
- The current amount in the checking account is \$16,441, compared to approximately \$13,000, same time last year; so we are in good shape financially. However, current amount includes funds resulting from Rose Society's closing.
- District has 18 month CD; 2.4% interest rate; matures October, 2020.
- A donation of \$1,000 was sent to ARS Research Endowment Trust.
- Treasurer's report will be filed for audit.
- The District received \$172 from Gold Country Rose Society as a result of rose sale/donations received at the conference.
- It's time for rose societies to send in \$50 fee for electronic version of the The Criterion Newsletter.
- Current expenses are \$261 vs. approximately \$1,800 when hard copies of the newsletter were mailed out.
- The Criterion is sent out to the designated publisher/newsletter of each local society for distribution to their members.
- The raffle at the business meetings is the biggest source of income/donations for the District during the year.

#### **NOMINATIONS AND AWARDS REPORT- MARIANNE JAMESON**

- Marianne coordinated the Silver Medal awards process for the District and announced the winner of the 2019 Silver Medal at the awards banquet held on September 28<sup>th</sup>. Winner was Betty Mott.

#### **DEPUTY DISTRICT DIRECTOR REPORT- SCOTT BECKER**

- Scott has been charged with growing local society membership.
- He has 16 members on the committee so far.
- He will be sending out a survey requesting “what membership is interested in learning about” to local society presidents soon.

#### **DISTRICT DIRECTOR REPORT- SUE BENNETT**

- Sue will be attending the ARS National Miniature/Miniflora Conference and Board Meeting in Nashville, TN next week.
- She discussed an internet/email “phishing”. These are targeted/fraudulent attacks that attempt to obtain money or other sensitive formation that they are not privy to. We all need to be vigilant to these attacks.

#### **PARLIMENTARIAN REPORT- RICK SYDOR**

- No report

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **IMMEDIATE PAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR- JOAN GOFF**

- No report

##### **CONSULTING ROSARIANS- JOLENE ADAMS**

- Consulting Rosarian (CR) School was held on July 20<sup>th</sup> in Pleasanton; several CR’s attended to audit and 6 new CR’s passed the test.
- Currently 143 active CR’s; and 47 Emeritus CR’s.
- The CR Manual is being revised by ARS. Two big changes:
  1. To be eligible, a CR candidate has to be a member of ARS for 2 consecutive years; prior was 3 years.
  2. CR credit can be earned for writing and publishing an article in an ARS publication or The Criterion. One credit will be issued.
- Outstanding District CR awarded at the banquet on September 28<sup>th</sup>. Winner was Dave Coop.

##### **HORTICULTURE JUDGES- MARTINE LABELLE**

- There are 53 active judges; 1 Emeritus judge and 3 Apprentice judges.
- There were 23 attendees at the seminar offered after the Spring Business meeting. Topic was Challenge Classes.
- There are 13 judges are in jeopardy of losing their active status due to lack of points.

- A Judges School is being offered in San Francisco on November 2<sup>nd</sup> on Old Garden Roses. Steve Jones will be the instructor.
- A full Judges School will be offered on April 18, 2020 and held at Baldo Villegas' home in Orangevale.

#### ARRANGEMENT JUDGES-MARTIN KOOI

*Martin was unable to attend the Business Meeting. Cindy Phipps read his report as follows:*

- As of August 15<sup>th</sup>, there are 14 judges; 10 are active judges; 2 apprentice judges and 2 inactive judges.
- Annual judges reports are all in.
- All judges except 2 are current on points until 2022. A seminar is planned for Fall in order to get the remaining 2 judges current on points.
- A seminar will be held in Glen Ellen in October or November timeframe for audit only. National Chair has agreed; waiting on date confirmation.
- Many schedules have included arrangements that are greater than 10 inches.
- Arrangements greater than 10 inches are not eligible for ARS awards.
- Local Rose Society can award their own Certificate for arrangements greater than 10 inches.
- The National Chair is looking into extending the Mini Arrangements to 12 inches but this will only take place in the next Guideline revision, if agreed upon.
- Examples of Arrangement Types located on the NCNH Website are planned for Winter, 2019.
- A combined workshop may be planned with Photography Chair on photographing arrangements.
- No workshops are planned for balance of 2019.

#### PHOTOGRAPHY JUDGES- BETTY MOTT

- Held photography workshops at Marin, San Mateo, Sierra Foothills and North Bay rose societies.
- As of September 20<sup>th</sup>, Bruce Monroe the ARS Horticulture Judges Chair confirmed ARS seminars on photography are eligible for Horticulture Judges credit if the presenters are ARS accredited judges and follow all applicable rules and guidelines for photography.
- The Criterion has several articles on photography as does the American Rose. Please read to learn more about exhibiting photos.
- All are encouraged to read the ARS guidelines for exhibiting photography; there are still several exhibitors and judges who are confused on how they are judged.
- All rose show schedules must include the ARS point score guidelines for photography and disclaimer for Intellectual Property.
- Include a Junior Class to local rose society rose show schedules.
- Winter months are a perfect time to organize your photos and pare down the amount.

#### THE CRITERION- LINDA AND TED BURG

- Encouraged all to write articles; suggested topics included membership, arrangements, youth, growing our rose societies, in addition to growing and exhibiting roses.
- Next deadline is December 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### WEBMISTRESS- GAIL TRIMLE

*Note: Gail is filling in on a temporary basis until another member fulfills this committee position.*

#### TROPHIES AND AWARDS- DAVE COOP

- No Report

#### RAFFLE- SUE MAGILL AND CHERILYN DUNCAN

- The Spring Business Meeting raffle netted \$922 in donations.

#### ROSES IN REVIEW (RIR)- JERRY GEORGETTE

- Deadline to complete RIR was September 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Of the 650 people who completed the report, 125 were from the NCNH District
- Jerry will get more data November 1<sup>st</sup> timeframe.
- A complaint about the new report format was you could not print what you submitted.

#### DISTRICT DIRECTORY- KATHY PIFARI

- Each rose society is encouraged to send in the names of the 2020 president's and board for the directory update.
- NCNH Website has an update form for this information that will be "turned on" soon. There have been issues with "spam" which is why it's currently not functioning.
- Notify her of any deaths in your local society.

#### HISTORIAN- ANN MARIE HARRIS

- Continuing her efforts to digitize all reports. Please save any old hard copy reports so she can digitize them.
- She is looking for the "Show Book" for all District Rose Shows so she can digitize them, but who has it?

#### YOUTH- DEBRA KINNICK

- Looking at ideas for encouraging young people to enjoy roses:
- Mount Diablo Rose Show had a successful bouquet making event per Marie McGarvey who is their Youth Champion. All youth made and took home a bouquet. It helped that the show was held at the Public Library.
- If you would like to have a Youth event at a rose show or other venue, let Debra know. She can send you supplies and ideas for projects that will inspire and to have fun.

#### UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS

##### SPRING BUSINESS MEETING- MARCH 14, 2020

- North Bay Rose Society is hosting the spring business meeting.
- It will be held at the Florence Senior Center 333 Amador Street, Vallejo.
- Eileen Jackson is the chairperson.
- There will be a CR Program for credit after the business meeting.

##### FALL CONFERENCE- TBD

- Peninsula Rose Society is interested in hosting the Fall Conference and Rose Show
- Stuart Dalton presented ideas of venues for the conference:
  1. Rose Show at Filoli Gardens and Museum and then a tour of the property
  2. Cañada College
  3. Nearby Hotel and then tour of Filoli Gardens and Museum
- A decision will be made in the next month; they would like to somehow tie the conference to Filoli Gardens and Museum if possible.
- Need to consider logistics for prepping for rose show exhibitors, and parking

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Need a sponsor for the 2021 Fall Conference and Rose Show
- Open Committee Positions that need to be filled:
  1. Membership; 2. Website Administrator; 3. Site Development; 4. Memorial Fund; 5. Programs and Speakers.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- No Discussion

Meeting Adjourned: 11:05am after which the raffle was held.

Respectfully Submitted  
 Cindy Phipps  
 NCNH District Secretary