

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-NEVADA-HAWAII DISTRICT (NCNH)
OF THE AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY (ARS)
Fall Business Meeting Minutes- September 24, 2022
Hosted by North Bay Rose Society
Florence Douglas Center, 333 Amador Street, Vallejo, CA**

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME- SUE BENNETT

- The meeting was called to order by Sue Bennett, District Director at 9:39am

ROLL CALL- CINDY PHIPPS

- Roll Call was conducted by Cindy Phipps, Secretary.
- Rose Societies present:
- Butte, East Bay, Gold Country, Humboldt, Marin, Mount Diablo, North Bay, Peninsula, Redwood Empire, Reno, Sacramento, San Francisco, Santa Clara, Shasta, Sierra Foothills, Southwest Oregon and Woodland Library.
- Rose Societies absent: Honolulu, Lodi-Woodbridge, Monterrey Bay, Mother Lode and San Mateo.
- A quorum was established.

MINUTES OF SPRING BUSINESS MEETING (3/26/22)- CINDY PHIPPS

- Minutes from the Spring Business Meeting were posted on the NCNH website and emailed to everyone ahead of the meeting (Local Rose Society Presidents and Board Members) and copies were provided at the meeting.
- Sue asked the delegates if there were any corrections, additions or deletions needed and there were none. Therefore, the minutes will be filed as presented and will remain on the NCNH website.

TREASURER'S REPORT- SUE BENNETT FOR LOU EVANS

- Sue read Lou's treasurer's report that had been emailed to everyone. The current balance of the checking account and certificate of deposit is \$31,524.61.
- Lou wrote a donation check to ARS in memory of Eleanor Ackerman and Linda Burg who passed away in 2022.
- The District paid ARS \$500 in "seed" money for their convention in May 2023.
- The report will be filed for audit.

NOMINATIONS AND AWARDS REPORT- JAN BURNHAM

- The Silver Medal is for outstanding service at the District level, which is equivalent to the Bronze Medal at the local society level. The Gold Medal is for meritorious service at the national level.

- Each local society has a representative and votes are via secret ballot. The recipient doesn't have to be from the representative's local society.
- This year's recipients were nominated from six different rose societies. They are known for doing video and hosting zoom presentations. They are Master Consulting Rosarians and have been/are active in the local society in various capacities. They can't be here today but Jan congratulated John and Lynett Petrula for being 2022 Silver Medal award recipients. Barbara Gordon accepted the award for John and Lynett.

DEPUTY DISTRICT DIRECTOR REPORT- LESA LANE

- Nothing to report

PARLIMENTARIAN REPORT- SUE BENNETT FOR RICK SYDOR

- Sue mentioned that everyone was emailed the documents for the Bylaws and Standing Rules that had been revised and discussed recently.
- A vote was taken by the local society delegates at the meeting for approval of the Bylaws. All voted to accept as presented except one delegate who abstained.
- On Standing Rules, it was mentioned under Section 8. Photography Judge Chair that including the word "Judge" is not accurate as ARS has not sanctioned a separate school for photography yet. The word "judge" was removed.
- A vote was taken by the local society delegates at the meeting for approval of the Standing Rules as corrected. All delegates voted yes and no one opposed.

IMMEDIATE PAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR- JOAN GOFF (EXCUSED)

- Nothing to report

DISTRICT DIRECTOR REPORT- SUE BENNETT

- Sue thanked North Bay rose society for hosting the meeting, specifically Eileen Jackson and the other volunteers. The meeting site had been changed recently and she appreciated the flexibility to get the meeting host on short notice.
- Hybrid meetings which are in person and virtual may be the norm in the future.
- She raised several points for discussion: 1) There is no "I" in Team; 2) Be Kind; 3) Need to establish a connection between us and the younger generations; 4) Have fun; 5) Make ourselves known to the general public, e. g. have an ARS License Plate Holder.
- We have a few new Chairmens: Judy Frederick (Horticulture Judges), Lesa Lane & Barbara Gordon (Arrangement Judges co-chairs), and Debbie Arrington (The Criterion Editor).
- Sue mentioned that some of the President's need to send out communication from NCNH where they lack a newsletter editor or where the newsletter editor fails to send out the communication.
- The next ARS Board meeting is on October 12th; they meet every 10 weeks

- The ARS Member meeting is October 17th. She urged all to attend to show we care.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONSULTING ROSARIANS (CR)- REBECCA SHAW

- Rebecca encouraged everyone to complete the Roses in Review even if you don't grow any of the rose on the report. Just indicate that fact so we get credit. The deadline is September 26 at 5pm
- Rebecca recognized Kleyton Jones who is a new CR.
- Rebecca needs to know who will be Master Rosarian and who will be nominated for Outstanding CR
- The annual CR report is due at the end of January.

HORTICULTURE JUDGES- JUDY FREDERICK

- Judy thanked Karen Ernsberger for her help in getting her up to speed
- The 2021 Judging Guideline Changes- you can download from the ARS website. All rose societies must conform to these guidelines for their rose shows.
- Currently have 42 judges and 6 are inactive.
- Judges can get audit credits to keep active by watching the August ARS judging school webinars on YouTube.
- Judy encouraged local societies to have their rose shows on different days if possible and invite different people to judge so new judges can gain needed experience.
- Judges who have gone Emeritus can't judge rose shows.
- Judy awarded the ARS Outstanding Horticulture Judge to Betty Mott. She met all the stipulations for the award.

ARRANGEMENT CO-JUDGES- BARBARA GORDON & LESA LANE

- Both Barbara and Lesa thanked Karen for her help and assistance as they take on the duty of Arrangement Co-Chairmen.
- Lesa mentioned that there are 11 judges. Dolores Moffet who is an Emeritus judge moved to Texas recently.
- The National chair, Norma Booty, extended timeframe through 2022 to keep judging credit points active. She also indicated that a Virtual Judges School was planned for 2023 but no date has been set.
- Locally, there are discussions to have an Arrangement workshop/school, possibly in the first quarter.
- Barbara awarded the ARS Outstanding Arrangement Judge to Martin Kooi. He met all the stipulations for the award.

PHOTOGRAPHY JUDGES- EILEEN JACKSON

- Eileen stated that exhibitors need to make sure they included EG- Exhibitor Grown on their submissions for rose shows. Then they are eligible for ARS awards.

DISTRICT EDITOR- JOLENE ADAMS FOR DEBBIE ARRINGTON

- Jolene reminded the local societies to pay their dues for the Criterion
- Cindy read Debbie's report as follows:
Debbie plans to get the fall issue done in October after returning from a trip. So the rose shows will not be included but the results of the shows will. The winter issue will come out some time in December, right before Christmas. Things will be back on track soon.

ROSES IN REVIEW (RIR)- DEBBIE ARRINGTON (EXCUSED)

- Cindy read from Debbie's email:
Don Swanson who keeps tabs on reports nationwide is also on vacation. He will have updated statistics after October 10th. So as of August, that are 61 NCNH members who have completed RIR. At least 20 more have told me they have completed theirs. I expect the final total to be 100 plus. The deadline is Sunday, September 26th.

PROGRAMS AND SPEAKERS- CHARLEY MALARKEY

- Nothing new to report.

WEBSITE ADMINISTRATOR- GAIL TRIMBLE (EXCUSED)

- Nothing to report

TROPHIES AND AWARDS- DAVE COOP

- Nothing to report

RAFFLE- SUE MAGILL (EXCUSED) AND CHERILYN DUNCAN

- The raffle at the Business Meeting in March netted \$665 in donations.

DISTRICT DIRECTORY- SUE BENNETT

- Local Society presidents got back to Sue with several changes for the Directory.
- Sue will send out a reminder for the next Directory for 2023.

HISTORIAN- REBECCA SHAW FOR ANN MARIE HARRIS

- Ann Marie is currently scanning the old rose show schedules to digitize them and will publish missing ones in The Criterion.

MEMORIAL FUND- ROSE GILARDI

- Rose explained what the District does with the funds. They are to help new societies get set up.

YOUTH- SUE BENNETT FOR JULIE MATLIN

- Sue reported there was an event held in Chico on September 10th. Several parents and kids attended (toddlers to teens) and held from 10-2. Topics included Vermiculture, Pollinators, Photographing roses, Arrangements and they had a Kids Growing Strong bag with activities. They had activity tables and guided tours of the Stansbury House.
- Jan Burnham mentioned that there were Youth Activities planned for their October Rose Show.

MEMBERSHIP- BARBARA NORKUS

- Barbara shared the Mt Diablo "PR" card they use for membership. They also have a magnetic sign for the car announcing the rose society and license plate holder. She also shared where to get a pin (pincrafters.com) for your rose society. We could order for the District and get a bulk discount.
- A Show and Tell of what other rose societies are doing to attract and keep members was held during the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Sue Bennett mentioned San Francisco Rose Society donation to the Texas A&M University for Rose Rosette Research.
- Sue presented the ARS Presidential Citations for local rose society anniversaries:
 - 40th anniversary to Gold Country Rose Society
 - 60th anniversary to Sierra Foothills Rose Society
 - 75th anniversary to East Bay Rose Society and San Mateo Rose Society

NEW BUSINESS

- The Spring Business Meeting will be held on March 25, 2023. Hosted by the San Francisco Rose Society and will meet at the County Fair Building Auditorium, Hall of Flowers. Located in San Francisco at 9th and Lincoln.
- There is usually a speaker after the meeting, topic yet to be determined.
- Fall Conference, 2023: Need local rose society to step up and volunteer to hold it.
- ARS National Convention is May 5-7, 2023 in Shreveport, LA

Meeting Adjourned: 11:55AM

A RAFFLE WAS HELD AFTER THE MEETING

SPEAKER AFTER MEETING: REBECCA SHAW

- Rebecca Shaw spoke after the Business Meeting about the Consulting Rosarian Program. CR's in attendance received credit.

Respectfully Submitted
Cindy Phipps
NCNH District Secretary