

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-NEVADA-HAWAII DISTRICT (NCNH)
OF THE AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY (ARS)
Spring Business Meeting Minutes- March 20, 2021
Hosted by Sierra Foothills Rose Society via Zoom**

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME- SUE BENNETT

- The meeting was called to order by Sue Bennett, District Director at 9:01am
- No additional items or changes were requested to be put on the Agenda.

ROLL CALL- CINDY PHIPPS

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

MINUTES OF FALL BUSINESS MEETING (9/26/20)- CINDY PHIPPS

- Minutes from the Fall Business Meeting were emailed to everyone ahead of the meeting (Local Rose Society Presidents and Board Members).
- 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 be posted on the NCNH website.

TREASURER'S REPORT- LOU EVANS

- Lou asked if there were any changes or questions to the Treasurer's Report that was emailed ahead of the meeting (Local Rose Society Presidents and Board Members). This includes the 2020 Year End Actuals and the 2021 Preliminary Budget. No changes were requested.
- Lou stated that the current balance in the checking account is about \$15,000.
- One check was deposited for the Criterion (\$180); 12 local rose societies have paid to date the \$50 subscription fee which is for the electronic mailing of the Criterion to each local rose society and the NCNH Trophy fund.
- The CD was rolled over in October, 2020 and again in early February for another 4 months expiring in June 2021. Interest rates continue to be very low.
- Lou is open to ideas to make up missing revenue due to the pandemic.
- Lou made a motion to approve the 2020 Year End Actuals Report and 2021 Budget and Garry Chin seconded it. All delegates voted unanimously to adopt the Budget for 2021.
- The 2020 Year End Actuals Report will be filed for audit and the approved 2021 Budget will be posted on the NCNH Website.
- The 990N form is due in May; ARS will send out a reminder.

NOMINATIONS AND AWARDS REPORT- JAN BURNHAM

- Jan reported that there is a delegate from each local rose society to suggest a candidate from their rose society if applicable. She has received 4-5 candidates so far. The deadline is today.

DEPUTY DISTRICT DIRECTOR REPORT- LESA LANE

- Nothing to report

DISTRICT DIRECTOR REPORT- SUE BENNETT

- Sue thanked Sierra Foothills Rose Society for hosting the meeting
- Each local society was notified of the meeting and the need for 2 delegates from each society for voting purposes 30 days prior to the meeting.
- For the next meeting Sue requests full participation which includes the local society Presidents, District Officers and Committee Chairs.
- On April 3rd Sue attended a webinar hosted by the Antique Rose Emporium, Michael Shoup
- On June 4th Sue attended a memorial presentation sponsored by ARS entitled "Never Forget Garden" memorial.
- There are two candidates running for ARS Vice President this year and ARS has 6,967 members.

PARLIMENTARIAN REPORT- RICK SYDOR

- Rick reported that there is a 12th Edition of the Robert's Rules of Order. He is making sure that our By-laws are in compliance.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS- SUE BENNETT

- The Nominating Committee was composed of Rick Sydor (Chair), Jan Burnham, Ann Marie Harris, Otto Lund and Maryanne Razzo.
- Rick Sydor reported and read the slate of Officers for Fall 2021-2024 and Sue opened up the floor for other candidates
 - Deputy District Director- Lesa Lane
 - Treasurer- No Candidate
 - Secretary- Cindy Phipps
 - District ARS Nominations and Awards Chair- Jan Burnham
- Since there were no nominations for these candidates, they are now closed.
- The Treasurer is currently open. Sue asked if there any nominations for Treasurer and there were none submitted.
- All of the delegates voted and the slate of officers (except Treasurer) were unanimously approved.
- Sue mentioned that the Executive Committee can fill vacancies except the District Director. As such, Sue appointed Lou Evans as Treasurer as he had maxed out his term limits.
- All of the delegates unanimously approved the appointment of Lou Evans as Treasurer.
- The Officers will be officially installed at the Fall Business Meeting in 2021.

IMMEDIATE PAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR- JOAN GOFF

- No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONSULTING ROSARIANS- JOLENE ADAMS

Note: Audio wasn't working on the Zoom call. Following is Jolene's report submitted prior.

Consulting Rosarian (CR) School was held virtually using Webinar last year, sponsored by the American Rose Society. NCNH had 4 candidates and they all passed the test. Another CR School is in progress, using Webinar. NCNH has 3 candidates enrolled. Several CR's are auditing the school to earn CE credit.

Seven CR's requested Emeritus Status and ARS approved their requests. I have received their Emeritus Certificates and as soon as I can obtain Sue Bennett's signature on each they will be delivered to their local society Coordinator for presentation. The new CR Emeritii are: Thomas Bonfigli; Laverne Cottet; Janice Hedman; Karen Mahshi; William Reynolds; David Shaw and Sandra Simon.

Starting in the summer we will begin the process of choosing Master Rosarian and the District Outstanding Rosarian-these are "service based" designations.

All NCNH CR's who needed to complete their audit in 2020 have done so. Several more have completed their audit this spring.

The CR Manual is being revised- chapter by chapter. As a reminder, two "big" changes are already approved: 1. Candidates for CR Schools must have been an ARS member for TWO consecutive years and 2. One Continuing Education credit can be earned if a CR writes an article that is published in the ARS magazine or the District Bulletin and is approved by the Editorial Advisory Committee, the District CR Committee and the National CR Chairs. The NCNH District CR Committee for approving articles for CE credit is our Gold Medal editors Linda Burg and Maryanne Razzo, along with the District CR Chair. And it helps if the article is reprinted in other newsletters and bulletins and the local newspaper (if your area still has printed newspapers).

The CR Status table on the NCNH District website will be updated at the completion of the CR School to reflect the completed audits, participation in Roses in Review (RIR) 2020 and the Annual Report and the added (new) CR's. NCNH District at this time has 134 active CR's and 57 Emeritus CR's. Only two CR's did not complete the RIR and two others did not send in an Annual Report (one sent it in after missing the deadline).

Submitted by Jolene Adams, NCNH District CR Chair

HORTICULTURE JUDGES- MARTINE LABELLE

- Martine mentioned per Bruce Monroe, ARS Chair- make sure that you invite Apprentice Judges to rose shows.
- There were no other changes from the last report.

ARRANGEMENT JUDGES-MARTIN KOOI

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

The National Arrangements Chair has worked hard at updating and rewriting sections for the Arrangement Guidelines. The District Chairs have just approved the section changes for the East Asian

arrangements. There is a lot of more information, history, guidelines and resources about East Asian arrangements in the new version. I will let you know in the next report when the changes are going to be rolled out.

I have created an Instagram account where I can post arrangement photos. You can find it under NCNHROSEARR on Instagram. There are only a few posts at the moment but I will populate when I get a chance.

I have also created a Gmail account for the arrangements group. Arrangers can send me photos of arrangements that you would like to share. Please note where possible the type of arrangement and name of the arranger. The email address is: NCNHARRANGEMENTS@GMAIL.COM. I will check it every few weeks and will update posts.

Planning for a website in the future but it might be a while given my current schedule.

Submitted by Marin Kooi, NCNH District Arrangements Judges Chair

PHOTOGRAPHY JUDGES- BETTY MOTT

- Several NCNH photographers were honored for their rose photography in the 2020 ARS Digital Photo Contest: Lou Evans, Master Class, received 6 awards and his photograph of Violet's Pride was featured on the cover of the 2021 January/ February Issue of the American Rose; Judy Frederick, a first time entrant won four awards in the Novice Class; John Petrulla received three awards including the Bronze Award for his photo of Lynn Anderson; Lynnette Petrulla received 3 awards; Linda Berg won an award in the Masters Class; Ann Kamioka won 2 awards and Jerry Georgette won an award with a photo of Butchart Gardens. All of the information about these awards is the Spring 2021 issue of The Criterion.
- The Photography Guidelines were updated in 2020; chapters 4-10 had the most changes. Disqualifications and penalization are now aligned with Horticulture judging. All upcoming Rose Show Schedules must be in compliance with the updated judging guidelines.

PROGRAMS AND SPEAKERS- LESA LANE

- Lesa has contacted everyone on the Speakers Bureau list except 1 person.
- Lesa is in the process of updating the list including if the program is in person or virtual or both; what programs should be added or deleted. She hopes to update this in the 2021 District Directory,

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 May 1st instead of April 17th.

WEBSITE ADMINISTRATOR- GAIL TRIMLE

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

- Sue thanked Gail for her continued support as our temporary website administrator.

TROPHIES AND AWARDS- DAVE COOP

- No Report

RAFFLE- SUE MAGILL AND CHERILYN DUNCAN

- No Report as we haven't had any in person meetings in 2020.

ROSES IN REVIEW (RIR)- JERRY GEORGETTE

- We had 201 reporters; 627 reviews of 912 roses grown.
- NCNH Website has the results posted and this information was also sent to local society newsletter editors and The Criterion.

Note: At this point in the Business Meeting, Sue Bennett introduced our speaker, Terry Smith who is a STEM Education Specialist and spoke on behalf of the group "Pollinator Posse" of which she is also a co-founder.

DISTRICT DIRECTORY- SUE BENNETT

- Each society receives two directories at no cost and each additional one is \$6.00 each to cover mailing costs. No spiral Directories were distributed this year only stapled copies.

HISTORIAN- ANN MARIE HARRIS

- Ann Marie reported that she doesn't have any Criterion issues for 1972-1983; most of the other ones have been scanned.
- The District Directory from 1960 is the oldest one she has; only missing 1974.
- Ann Marie doesn't have complete records for Roses In Review; there's a huge gap prior to 1980,
- NCNH Secretary notes; Rose Show schedules, results and tabulations missing. She needs help filling in the gaps. She also needs local rose society Newsletters.
- Ann Marie wanted to know who gets the discs when she's finished?

THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE POSITIONS ARE OPEN:

Social Media; Membership; Site Development; Youth

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

FUTURE MEETINGS/CONVENTIONS?

- Sierra Foothills Rose Society will host the Fall Conference virtually
- Sue Bennett, Baldo Villegas, Charlotte Owendyk and Linda Knowles along with President Garry Chin are working on the Agenda.
- Trying to make it close to what it would be like in person. No date has been set yet.
- The conference will be 1 ½ days with a Friday night speaker, Saturday virtual rose show and then the business meeting in the afternoon and possibly virtual garden tours.
- Please send comments and ideas to Garry Chin; the conference will be free to attendees.

2022 BUSINESS MEETING

- Plan to have this meeting in person, if possible

Meeting Adjourned: 11:13am

Respectfully Submitted

Cindy Phipps

NCNH District Secretary