

Northern California-Nevada-Hawaii District Of the American Rose Society

Spring Meeting – March 20 2004

Jackson, CA

Host Society – Mother Lode Rose Society

Call to Order

Jolene Adams, District Director

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 am.

Welcome

Elsina Dean, MLRS President

Elsina welcomed everyone to the Spring NCNH Meeting on behalf of the Mother Lode Rose Society.

Roll Call of Societies

Judy Jones, Secretary

All societies were represented except for the Peninsula, San Mateo County, and Stockton Rose Societies.

Minutes of Fall 2003 Meeting, Oakland **Judy Jones, Secretary,**

A motion was made by Rose Gilardi and seconded by Marianne Jameson to accept the minutes as submitted. There was no discussion and the motion was passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report **Ken Jones, Treasurer**

A revised treasurer's report was submitted at the meeting. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Gary Gustman and seconded by Rose Gilardi. There was no discussion and the report was accepted unanimously.

District Director's Report **Jolene Adams, District Director**

Jolene gave the ARS Report which included information from the Leadership Summit in Pasadena. Benny Ellerbee is working to improve communication and management at the ARS Headquarters. He is initiating outreach efforts to obtain Funding and Grants. Membership is still dropping and monthly incentives will be offered to encourage new members. The effort to begin a Youth Branch of the ARS was shared and Bill Reynolds, Butte Rose Society, volunteered to chair that effort for the NCNH since he was already working with youth. The budget year ended with a surplus and the Klima Center is funded. A symbolic Ground Breaking Ceremony for the Klima Center will be held at the San Diego Convention. There will be a Member's Choice Award decided by the RIR ratings. The Horticulture Judges will be on a four year timetable for continuing education like the Consulting Rosarians. The new Guidelines for Judging Roses and Guidelines for Editors are now available.

New information from the district included the many new and excellent articles found in *The Criterion*, putting the NCNH Officers on the website, and an update on the History Project with a request for all societies to send in their information so the project can be completed. New 'keeper trophies', donated by Ben Williams for mini-flora classes were announced. There is a crystal vase for 5 mini-floras, each a different variety in individual vases and a silver jewel box for an arrangement using 5 or more mini-floras. Earl asked if the new trophies had been voted on. They were approved by the Executive Committee. When writing an arrangement schedule, the terms mini or mini-flora are to be used instead of the words "small" arrangement. Attention was

called to the printout on NCNH Job Descriptions. This will be maintained as a list for information available for all. Tom Bonfigli suggested that an item be included under the Trophy Chair Job Description giving the NCNH ownership of donated trophies and therefore the discretion to retire the trophy or to redesignate it to a new class if the original class is no longer viable, or if the trophy has not been awarded for a period of time.

Committee Reports

Education -- Dean Davis – No specific report.

Consulting Rosarian Chair, Horticultural Judge Chair, and Arrangement Judge Chair are under this category and reports are given under their committees.

Consulting Rosarians Chair -- Joel Mattox

There are currently 190 CRs in the NCNH. Education for re-certification is needed by 32 CRs . There will be a CR page on the district website which will give the status of each CR. There is now more flexibility for continuing education with events allowed at the local levels for 1 or 2 points. Schools such as college classes in horticulture, Master Gardner schools, etc. will count. CRs must be active for their local society which sets the criteria for activity. Joel prefers emails for communication. A CR annual report will be required and should be on the web site for next year. CR Emeritus Certificates were given to 3 CRs in recognition of long years of service. Bruce Phillips, David Lowell, and Saverio Archilletti were honored. Thanks were given to all who have worked to plan CR Seminars and Schools.

Membership -- Rosemary Sawyer

Rosemary reported on the efforts and incentives initiated by the ARS to recruit new members. She also noted that she forwards to each society the names and addresses of ARS members in their area so that they may be invited to the local society meetings. New incentives are announced at the beginning of each month, so check the ARS Website and enthusiastically recruit new members.

Horticultural Judges -- Beverly Rose Hopper

The NCNH has 12 new apprentice judges. Judges annual report forms have been emailed (if she has your current e-mail). These must be completed by March 31, 2004. She presented the new judging book and the changes in the guidelines. One of the rules is that shows are open to ARS members (actually to anyone) regardless of residence. A society should not be giving out ARS ribbons or certificates if shows are not open. If the show is open to the general public, all 'public' are novices. Santa Clara County Rose Society has some challenge classes that are open to members only for SCC certificates. Rules for disqualifications are now specified. The length of stem is also spelled out more clearly – 6 times is ideal. In the Stages of Bloom Class the stem lengths are not all the same. They can go either long to short or short to long. In voting for the queen a plurality is required not a majority. There is to be no talking while balloting for queen – no undue influence exerted. We will have a seminar on the new guidelines and an open question & answer seminar – at the fall conference - 2 hours for 2 points. Shrubs will be the next hort seminar topic. A judging school will be offered within 3 years.

Arrangement Judges -- Dolores Moffat

Dolores Moffat was not present. Barbara Gordon presented the arrangement schedule for the fall meeting. The Chair's report was given by Earl Parsons. In reviewing the arrangement schedules for several societies, it became obvious that the terms "Large arrangements and small rose arrangements" needed to be clarified. According to the Glossary of the Arrangement Guidelines, the description of 'Standard Arrangements' is: *Standard arrangements are more than 10" in height, width, and depth. Miniature arrangements are less than 10" in height, width, and depth, and the term "Small arrangement" is no longer used by ARS.* Amateur arrangers are people who do not get paid for doing arrangements.

Webmistress -- Gail Trimble

The website is 91 pages. Thanks to Joel Mattox, Jolene Adams, and Dr. Lakshmi Sridharan for submitting their Award of Merit articles. Everyone is asked to submit articles to help make the website a winner. A trophy history page is being considered so send her the names of people on the trophies. A Conference History page with locations of the past conferences will be started. The local history pages for the website need information from any society which has not sent in their history report. The NCNH Board has requested a more interactive site and one which can do CR forms online and have password protected files. The current site provider offers these features for additional costs. Joan Goff moved that we stay at the current site and incorporate the new features, thus incurring the extra cost. Rose Gilardi seconded. The motion passed.

District Directory and Roses in Review -- Alice Affleck

Roses in review – See the Roses in Review Report (sent to each local society) for the total number of reports. NCNH was first in the number of reviews turned in, however we did not have 100% of our CRs reporting. (It is required of active CRs.) Correction: 'Amber Star' Miniature was best – not HT. The cost of \$120 was mainly for mailings.

Corrections were given for the District Directory. The two arrangement judges, Jim Crowther and Brenda Lienhart-Meyers, who passed the test but are not Horticultural Judges are eligible to judge arrangements only and have one year to take the Horticulture Judges test.

District Trophies -- Tom Bonfigli

Tom reported on the conditions and repairs of all trophies and the expansion of the color categories of the DJ Nichols trophies. For example, from yellow to light, medium, or dark yellow HT. Old and out-of-date trophies will be reclassified or retired. The new trophies for the mini-flora classes were also announced.

Nominations and Awards -- Muriel Humenick

Each society has a person on this committee. Notification was sent out to all societies for the names of the society's representative and only 15 responses have been received. Please turn in the names as soon as possible.

Programs and Speakers -- Jerry Crumrine

The Directory listing has been updated for speakers and topics. Thank you to all who have listed a program or programs they are willing to present. Please send all newsletters to Jerry so he can see the programs that have been given. He requests any changes in listing be given to him.

Historian -- Betty Ann Cassina

She was not present. The information was given out ahead in the delegate's packet. Any societies not yet submitting a short summary of their history are requested to do so in order that the District History Book may be complete and include the beginnings of all societies.

Criterion Editors -- Linda and Ted Burg

Thank you for all the new and great articles. There are only 180 subscribers and 200 are necessary to keep our mailing rate. Every society needs to help get new subscribers. Subscription is \$10 per year. If each society bought one subscription to be given out as a raffle or door prize, the number would increase by 28. All CRs, Judges, Officers, and exhibitors should subscribe. It is an award-winning publication and the new expanded format and articles make it even more valuable.

Show Advisory -- Ed Yesan

Call him if there are any problems with the show schedule. Have open shows so the public can participate and be educated.

Local and Community Involvement -- Earl Parsons

Awards should be for the unsung and for community involvement. The Unsung is for members who are always there and are always working but are not officers, also for those who are involved in community gardens. Non-member spouses can be included in the unsung. Write about them and send to Earl.

Memorial Fund -- Adena Kalal

There was no report but she explained the fund. It provides start-up money for new societies. Societies may send donations to Ken Jones, Treasurer, and he will notify Adena who will send an acknowledgement to the proper individuals.

Raffle/Site Selection -- Dave Coop

At the district meetings individuals may sell items, with 10% of the profits sent to NCNH. Locals may also raffle at the district meetings, also with 10% given to NCNH. Raffle donations are the only income for NCNH.

Old Business

2003 Fall Conference

Helen Moyot reported that there were 166 registered attendees and 93 attended the entire conference. According to the submitted budget report, the conference showed a positive balance of \$58.84. Conference books need to be kept and passed on to assist the other societies in the planning and administration of conferences.

2003 District Rose Show Report -- Sharon McColgan

The total number of entries was 506 from 49 exhibitors. Show expenses and donations for trophies and show expenses were reported. Keeper trophies as well as the regular trophies were given for each class of the show.

New Business

Federal Tax Breaks for Volunteers -- Steve Steps

Steve was out of the country. Diane Steps gave the talk with handouts. ARS is a charitable organization. This tax classification is therefore given to each society. This allows for deductions for us. Four page handouts giving details of allowable deductions are provided. Deductible things are: Dues, costs of refreshments for meetings, mileage. KEEP RECEIPTS. Time is not deductible, only out-of-pocket expenses. Delegates have an official role at meetings and any expenses incurred are deductible. Speakers, CRs, Judges can deduct costs for services and continuing education classes necessary to maintain their accreditation.

By-Laws Amendment -- Alice Affleck

She was the chair of the revisions committee to bring our By-laws into conformation with ARS. Major changes were in the election timing to conform to the ARS schedule. There were no changes made to the proposed By-laws. Rose Gilardi moved acceptance. Rosemary Sawyer seconded. Alice will make a final copy which will be posted on the Website to be downloaded by the local societies.

Standing Rules -- Alice Affleck

Here there were minor changes – no two of same house signing checks, maximum amount that can be spent by District Director w/o prior approval is \$100. Barbara Shula moved acceptance. Gary Gustman seconded. Under the discussion Tom Bonfigli added amendments under Trophies: #18 – engraving fees were added; #19 - trophies shall automatically become the property of NCNH. Glen Davis moved amendment be accepted, and Muriel Humenick seconded. Vote was unanimous. Vote for amended standing rules was unanimous.

Fall 2004 meeting -- Dave Coop

The Fall NCNH Meeting, October 22-24, 2004, in Sacramento was presented. The venue will be the Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza. Early registrations will get a reduced rate and parking paid. The list of speakers was given. Dr Tommy Cairns will be there for the awards ceremony. The Rose Show will be a miniature show and will include arrangements. Contact www.Sactorose.org for information.

Conference Bids for 2007 And 2008

There were no bids.

Ken Jones announced the new check request forms

Motion for adjournment – Mary Lois Welsh, seconded Jacob Oberlies.

District Raffle/Action

Dave Coop

12:00 Lunch Break

1:00pm CR Seminar

Loren R. Oki, PhD, Spreader

**Assistant Specialist, Landscape Horticulture
University of California Cooperative Extension**

**The topic of the seminar is: “Managing Irrigation
To Optimize Plant Growth”**

This District-level event will grant 2 points of the 4-point recertification requirement.