



Western New York Rosarian

Newsletter-August 2016

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Meetings and Events for August

Aug 17 - General Meeting 6 P.M.
Delaware Park Rose Garden
Host: Jim Styn

Aug 31 - Board Meeting 7 P.M.
Host: Doris Swan
3620 Main Street, Strykersville NY 14145

President's Message (Steve Styn)

Hello Rosarians.

Hello Rosarians, Make sure to keep up with your watering as the dry heat continues. The picnic was a great success. Lots of good fun & food. The August general meeting is at the Delaware Park Rose Gardens on the 17th @ 6:00. This is always a great time viewing the roses with fellow members. We also have our District Convention and Consulting Rosarians School at the end of the month in Syracuse. Get out and enjoy the good weather at these events before summer takes its turn towards fall.

See you at the picnic,
Steve Styn



August Birthday Wishes **8/3 Jim Styn, 8/20 Sandy Corrie Styn**

Notes from Meetings & Other News

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

The 2016 Roster has been published. We are encouraging renewals for 2 years or more.

Age (17-61) \$17 single, \$22 double.

Age over 61 - \$15 single, \$20 double.

A Lifetime Membership is \$150 per person.

2016 ROSTERS

They will be available for pickup at the General Meetings. If you are not able to pick one up in person, and would like one sent to you in the mail, please call or email Beverly Wright at 716-655-0358, or olliecat12@msn.com. Name Tags are also available at our meetings.

DASH'S RECEIPTS - Keep those receipts coming. So far, since joining the program, we have received checks for \$275.55 in 2014, \$250.00 in 2015 and \$125 so far in 2016. Thank you Areta for all your hard work in collecting, tabulating and filing the paperwork needed to benefit our society from this program.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Aug 17th - Delaware Park Rose Garden – 6PM. A brief business meeting and self guided tour.

Sept 21st - Educational Rose Show, judged by Gene Noto

JULY PROGRAM

Steve Styn gave out the awards for the June WNY Rose Society “Rose Show”.

NEW WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT

Our new website has been created and is being reviewed. It will be available for release sometime in August and will replace the old website. www.wnyrosesociety.net Keep checking. The old website is still out there.

ROSES IN REVIEW

Roses in Review forms will be in the current issue July/Aug of the “American Rose” Magazine. Forms can be filled out online. If you are not a member of the American Rose Society and wish to fill out the forms for the roses being reviewed, ask Richard Giese for a copy.

CALENDARS

Jane Wolf will take over sale of calendars. She has order forms.

ELECTIONS NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Maggie Connolly and Jim Styn will be on the nominating committee in Nov. Maggie has also volunteered to serve as interim 1st VP to the end of the year.

ARS NATIONAL MINIATURE CONVENTION

The next ARS National Convention will be in Harrisburg PA on July 29, 30, 31, 2016.

NEW YORK DISTRICT ANNUAL CONVENTION

The District Convention will be August 26-28, 2016 in Syracuse. There will be a Consulting Rosarian School; however this is not included in the price of the convention. More information to follow.

PALATINE

Steve got new brochures from Palatine Roses. See Steve if you would like a copy. You can also go to www.palatineroses.com to check out the roses.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT

Maggie Connolly & Shirlee Bowden completed the audit.

REQUEST FROM ANN GIBSON

It is time to sign up for the **New York State Fair Rose Booth** Last year your society (Richard Giese and Beverly Wright) covered the booth on Monday August 31 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. This year the date will be August 29. Are you interested and available to provide coverage for the booth on that day?

If so, provide me with a time slot that works for you. Time slots 10AM to 1:00 PM 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM An admission ticket and parking pass will be provided for each volunteer.

HOSTA/DAYLILY/IRIS SALE-BOTANICAL GARDENS

We are looking for a volunteer to sit at our WNY Rose Society table for the Hosta/Daylily/Iris Sale on Aug 20, 9am-2pm. There is free admission to sale in Administration Building.

ARS NEWS

Dr. George Samuel "Sam" Jones, 79, passed away on August 2, 2016, while attending a National Rose Society convention in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Sam was well known and admired by many members of the American Rose Society. He recently ran for Vice President and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

PAST WORDS OF WISDOM FROM BILL BLEYLE

Maintenance is the main theme for August! Water is most important! The excessive heat we have been having through this past July has taken a heavy toll on our rose plants as well as everything growing in our gardens. The brown lawns are a great example of just how dry it has been. Water is needed in large amounts and at least at least one inch per week should be applied if no decent rain occurs.

Insects and disease are most troublesome this month. Now is the time when 'blackspot' and 'mildew' will be most troublesome. Blackspot and mildew can be prevented by practicing regular use of modern fungicides and pesticides. Blackspot spores require only six hours of moisture to develop without fungicidal protection.

Mildew, however is another problem. In the past seasons it has occurred in spite of protection and supposedly good garden practices. The best time water your plants is in the morning to allow the water to dry on the leaves. Watering in the early evening is the second best time to water, providing you do it early enough that the plants dry off before nightfall. Watering during the day when the sun is at its highest is permissible, but great amounts of water will be lost to evaporation. Research on new chemicals is being carried out constantly, in the meantime, talk to our 'Consulting Rosarians' who will be more than happy to discuss any rose topics with you at our August meeting.

Do not feed dry, nitrogenous fertilizer after the middle of August. It encourages new growth and it now is that time in the growing season that we should be considering the start of the hardening of the rose wood. Foliar/ water soluble food may be used for the remainder of August as they are quick acting. You may also apply dry fertilizer such as 0-10-10.

September 1st is the time to stop deadheading your expired blooms. Instead, just remove the rose petals, leaving the hips intact. This practice encourages the plant to produce seed and encouraging the plant to continue the growing cycle thus preparing the plant to harden-off the canes for winter.



Gather ye rosebuds while ye may,
Old time is still a - flying;
And this same flower that smiles today,
Tomorrow will be dying.
- Robert Herrick

I often feel when God made pink
He must have also formed the rose -
Tinting with his tender ink
Cool flesh of petals added scent
As delicate as heaven knows;
And blood red thorns for covenant:
While in the blood, with infinite art
Was hid a golden crown for heart.
- Jane Carter